



Happenings in the Sacred Hearts Community, Danga Dighila

Lay People Participating in Way of the Cross



Lay people around Dangadighilla Sacred Hearts community participate in way of the cross on Fridays of Lenten season. Good numbers of people come over here to remember the passion of Christ followed by the Eucharist presided over by Fr. Radhe ss.cc along with Fr. Raja ss.cc, and Fr. Felipe ss.cc. It is convenient for the people to come to our chapel since it is nearby. They also come here for Sunday masses. The SS.CC brothers, and the Fatima sisters do the needful to let these liturgical events happen. We thank God as we

journey with the lay faithful and enhance our faith in Jesus.

Celebrating Good Father's Feast Day

The SS.CC members from Kolkata area communities celebrated the feast of good Father Fr. Pierre Coudrin SS.SS on 27th March. Fr. Umakant ss.cc from Dum Dum community, and Fr. Arul ss.cc from Serampore community joined the celebration. The invited SS.CC Sisters from Anjali Bhavan participated in spirit since they were busy with their service. In the evening the Blessed Sacrament was exposed by Fr. Felipe. We remembered good Father's adventurous spiritual journey, and prayed for the



peace around the world especially between Russia and Ukraine. The gathering ended with the dinner prepared by our lay staff Mr. Benjamin. We thank God for this fraternal gathering as SS.CC members.

Painting the Building



The painting work was delayed due to the pandemic and its restrictions. The community is able to actualise the plan as the restrictions are called off gradually. There are some renovations which are being done in the house. The contractor Mr. Mark and his workers have been working to complete the painting. We thank the regional government for their support. Special thanks to our SS.CC benefactors for their generosity.

- Nahshon, SS.CC.

Lenten Revival Retreat, St. Damien of Molokai, Dum Dum

The Parish Pastoral Council members of St. Damien of Molokai Church, Dum Dum had decided to organize Lenten Revival Retreat. On 19th and 20th of March 2022 the Lenten Revival Retreat was conducted under the guidance of Fr. Umakant.ss.cc., and Fr. Arockia. The theme of the Retreat was taken from book of Acts Chapter: 3:19 “**Repent and come back to the Lord**”. It was one and half day’s event. The Retreat was preached by **Rev. Fr. Pradeep Mondal**, CSsR who is a Redemptorist Priest. We also had Fathers Pappu Swamy & Radhe Lal Jatwar.ss.cc, who assisted for hearing the confessions. There were a good number of parishioners who participated in the retreat. We also had parishioners from other different churches who participated in the Retreat.

Day 1 of the retreat i.e., 19th March 2022 started at 2:45 pm with welcoming the preacher Rev. Fr. Pradeep Mondal, CSsR followed by amazing praise and worship by the choir followed by talks from Fr. Pradeep Mondal. The day concluded with mass at 5:15 pm which set the tone for the following day.

Day 2 of the retreat i.e., 20th March 2022 started at 8:00 am with praise and worship and talks from Fr. Pradeep Mondal. The day concluded with mass at 6:00 pm. On both the days the talks touched mainly on:

- Importance of The Holy Eucharist.
- Importance of confession. How, why and when to make confession.
- How to make a proper confession.
- Importance of family prayers.
- Meaning of one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.
- The church reminds us of the birth, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Overall, the Lenten Revival Retreat has prepared us for a better celebration for Easter as the retreat touched upon spiritual talk and reflection, confession, inner healing and adoration.

- Mr. Nigel D’Souza

(PPC member)

DSDI NEWS IN BRIEF

Celebration of Utkal Divas in Non-Formal Education Centres



Utkal or Odisha became a separate state during the British India on April 1, 1936 and Odia became its mother language. Fondly the Odia people call their mother land "Utkal Janani" - Mother Utkal and the statehood day that is celebrated is called “Utkal Divas”. The day is commemorated and celebrated each year by the people of Odisha with much pride, devotion and reverence to their mother land and to their mother language. In order to mark the day, different programs are conducted in different state

Government offices and institutions across the state of Odisha, and wherever the Odia people are across India and international.

In the spirit of the day, Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) Non-Formal Education teachers and students celebrated Utkal Divas by conducting various activities in their respective tuition centres in and around Bhubaneswar, Pipili and Choudwar. Among the motivational activities conducted by the teachers for the students in different Non-Formal Education Tuition Centres were: speeches, singing, dancing and drawing. This was to motivate and promote among the present generation of students their love for their mother land Odisha and for their mother language Odia.



Celebration of Holy Week in DSDI



DSDI community has been taking care of the pastoral needs of a few Catholic families living in its neighbourhood. This is a way of our participation in the pastoral ministry of the local church aside from our social ministries among the poor and marginalized who are mostly Hindus. The small Christian faith community calls itself “Damien Family” as they gather for prayer and worship in our Damien Chapel on Sundays. The faith community

has been very active, enthusiastic and participative in giving witness to its faith and nourishing each other in its Christian living.

The celebration of Holy Week 2022 in DSDI was a testimony to the dynamism of the faith community. Among the pastoral and spiritual activities that were made available to the faithful during the Holy Week were: a day of renewal (retreat), confession and Eucharistic adoration. The faithful actively participated in the liturgies on Passion Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and on the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. We as Sacred Hearts Brothers in DSDI – Choudwar are happy to serve the community and be nourished by its faith life. It has been our joy to accompany them pastorally in their Christian living.



Celebration of St. Damien of Molokai Feast Day in DSDI



The feast day of St. Damien of Molokai was celebrated in Damien Social Development Institute (DSDI) on 10th May 2022. Both the Sacred Hearts family of Brothers and Sisters, and the DSDI co-workers sharing in the ministry and mission of DSDI came together to commemorate, recount and to celebrate the legacy of St. Damien of Molokai – the icon of service to humanity without any form of discrimination and “the shining witness of love” for humanity without any boundaries according to the model of his master Jesus. As a faith community of Brothers and Sisters of the Sacred Hearts, we celebrated his faith in the holy Eucharist; and as a community of service to the poor

and marginalized, with our co-workers we paid our homage to the “Great Soul of Molokai” and recounted his self-giving love and service to humanity.

Celebrating the faith, love and service of St. Damien of Molokai, we draw our inspiration from him for the continuation of his spirit and legacy in our ministries and mission among the poor and marginalized and for building a human community of inclusivity without any discrimination and boundaries in a world of division and exclusion in which we live today. May the spirit of the “Great Soul of Molokai” live on in our lives and in our mission!



- Alexis, SS.CC

Feast of St. Damien of Molokai, Dum Dum

On 8th May 2022 at 8.30 am the Feast of St. Damien of Molokai & Mother's Day was at St. Damien of Molokai Church, Dum Dum. It started with welcoming the Priests, Sisters & Mothers with a traditional entrance dance by mothers. Many Priests & Sisters we invited to be part of this celebration. We had more than 200 people who were part of this wonderful celebration of St. Damien, the patron of our church.



The Holy Eucharist was presided by Rev.Fr. Felipe,ss.cc. From the Homily the message that we got was that we must act selflessly just like our good shepherd Jesus Christ who gave his life for others. In the same way Fr. Damien also spent his entire life for the

people of Molokai who were affected by deadly disease called leprosy. The mothers too give up their entire life to their family with selfless act of love and service. During the Mass we had wonderful hymns sung by the choir in all 3 languages i.e., English, Bengali & Hindi.

After Mass we had breakfast followed by cultural program. The program began with the lighting of the lamps in front of the portrait of St. Damien. After this the cultural program began with prayer dance performed by the children, followed by youth & song, followed by a song by the men. Finally, a dance performance by the mothers & daughters which was enjoyed more by the. After the cultural program reached to an end, we had delicious lunch and departed to our homes filled with joy and happiness.



The overall celebration of St. Damien's feast and Mother's Day was beautifully arranged because of the active participation of the children, youths, adults, zonal leaders, PPC members and our Parish Priest Rev.Fr. Umakant.ss.cc.

- **Mrs. Joyshree D'Souza (Parishioner)**

Blessing of New Chapel at Kolameri

"For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God". (Heb 3:4)



With gratitude to God, the Parish Priest and Parishioners along with the people of God celebrated the oneness and unity of the Parish as they joyously thanked God for the New Chapel at Kolameri.

Fr. Ajith Kumar, the Regional Superior of India inaugurated the newly built Church by cutting the ribbon. It was blessed by Bishop Dr. Sarat Chandra Nayak, accompanied by Fr Valerian, the Dean of Mohana Deanery, Fr. Bimal, former Parish Priest, and Fr. Francis Subal Nayak, Parish Priest of Ludru

and a number of priests from Berhampur Diocese, religious men, women and the parishioners from the neighbouring parishes. 15 Priests and more than 1500 people participated in this venture of love.

This was followed by the solemn Mass which was concelebrated by several priests. Bishop Sarat Chandra Nayak highlighted the meaning of the place of worship (temple or church) and traced the origin and development of places of worship since ancient times and pointed out that it was King David who thought of building a grand temple for God. However, he was not destined to complete the temple and it was his son Solomon who built a grand temple in honour of Yahweh (God).

After the Mass, a public felicitation programme was held.

- **Robert, SS.CC**

News in Pictures



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Diaconate Ordination of
Suraj, SS.CC
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