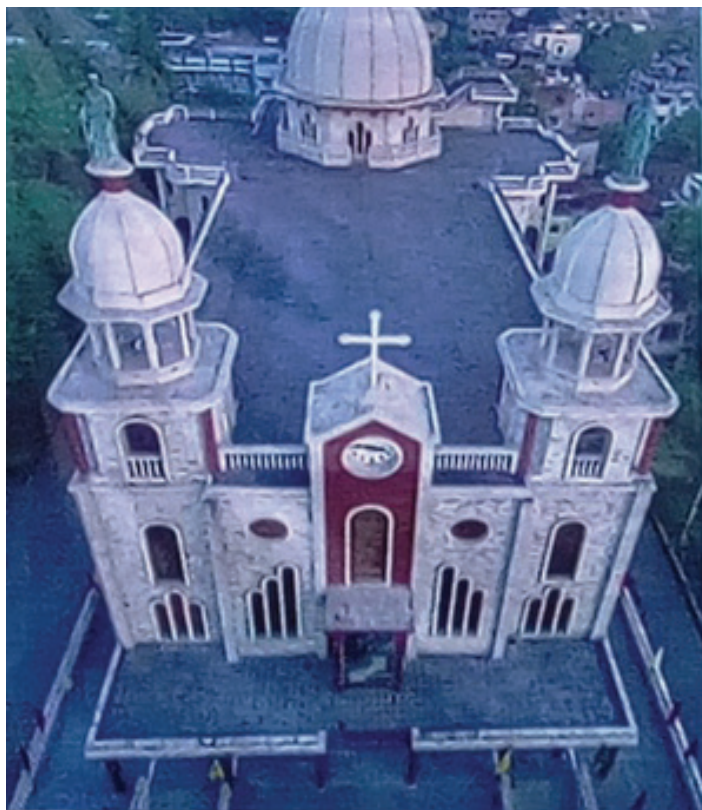


AUXILIUM SPEAKS



অক্সিলিয়াম সমাচার

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SON OF THE SOIL DEACON-POET ROBI ANTHONY SARKAR GETS ORDAINED

This issue of AUXILIUM SPEAKS is primarily dedicated to Deacon-poet Robi Anthony Sarkar who was ordained a Priest of the Salesian Order on Saturday 29th December 2018. Born on 4th January 1987 to Dilip Phillip and Laxmi Teresa Sarkar, according to senior parishioners, he is the first Bengali from the parish (Katgola, Motijheel Sub-centre) to be ordained a priest. Therefore 29th December was a red letter day for Fr Robi, his parents, relatives and the Bengali Community at large for promoting local vocation.

In a packed Auxilium Parish Church, Archbishop Thomas D'Souza, along with concelebrants Fr Nirmol Gomes-Salesian



Provincial (Kolkata), Parish Priest Fr John Chalil and 50 other priests offered a befitting Eucharist. The highlights were: Dedication of Deacon Robi Anthony Sarkar by his parents to God, Oath-taking, prayer for the wellbeing of Deacon Robi, Archbishop and all concelebrants putting their hands on the Deacon's head to invoke God's special blessing on him, Deacon Robi wearing the priest's vestment, the Archbishop putting Chrism Oil on Fr Robi's hands as the final seal of ordination and all concelebrants congratulating Fr Robi on his ordination. After the Holy Eucharist, there was a short felicitation and a sumptuous lunch.

- ISAAC HAROLD GOMES

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Archbishop Thomas D'Souza, Archbishop of Calcutta, ordains Fr Robi Anthony Sarkar son of Auxilium Parish.

২৯ ডিসেম্বর ২০১৮তে মতিঝিলের কাঠগোলাবাসী শ্রী দিলীপ ফিলিপ ও শ্রীমতী লক্ষ্মী তেরেজার পুত্র কবি ও হিসাবশাস্ত্রে পারদর্শী ডিকন রবি আন্তনী সরকার অগ্নিজলিয়াম প্যারিসে কলকাতা মহাধর্মপল্লীর আর্চবিশপ থমাস ডি'সুজার হাতে পুরোহিত পদে অভিষিক্ত হলেন। এই প্যারিসের প্রথম বাঙালী পুরোহিত হওয়ার সুবাদে তিনি আমাদের প্যারিসবাসীদের ধন্য করলেন। মানুষের সেবা, বিশেষভাবে গরীব মেধাবী ছাত্র-ছাত্রীদের পথ দেখানো, এবং পরিবেশ রক্ষায় তাঁর যাজকজীবন পূণ্যময় হোক এই আমাদের প্রার্থনা।

REPUBLIC DAY CELEBRATION IN THE PARISH - ২৬ জানুয়ারী প্রজাতন্ত্র দিবসে প্যারিসে অনুষ্ঠান



Students of Auxilium Parish School put up colourful & rhythmic dance performances on Republic Day 26 January.

MASSES

PARISH CHURCH: Sunday: Hindi 06.30 am, English 08.00 am, Bengali 09.30 am & 5.00 pm. Saturday: 06.00 pm. Weekdays: 06.30 am.
MOTIJHEEL: Sunday: Bengali 07.00 am & 06.00 pm. **DHAPA:** Sunday: 8.00 am. **NITIKA:** Sunday: 8.30 am.

PARISH PRIEST'S MESSAGE



Though late, I take this chance to wish you a very Happy Easter Season. May the Risen Christ shower his choicest blessings and gift of peace on you and on your dear ones.

One of the doubts that we have is about the day of Resurrection. How many days after his death, Christ rose to life? St. Paul as well as St. Luke

mentions it as on the third day. The count of the day for the Jews was quite different from ours. For us the day begins at midnight and ends at midnight. For the Jews, the day began and ended at 6.00pm (in the evening). Jesus died on the cross at 3.00pm. The followers of Jesus had only three hours to take down the body of Jesus from the Cross and bury in the tomb belonging to Joseph of Arimathea. The Sabbath was to begin at 6.00pm on Friday and end at 6.00pm on Saturday. So, the count of the day was as follows: Friday 3.00pm to 6.00pm – the first day; Friday 6.00pm to Saturday 6.00pm – second day; Saturday 6.00pm third day began.... So Jesus who rose on Sunday early morning rose on the third day.

Another aspect of Resurrection is the lack of eye witnesses. The only possible witnesses were the Roman soldiers who were entrusted with the security of the tomb. But they were paid to give a different story. The most glaring sign of the resurrection is the empty tomb.

God the Father had arranged a well furnished tomb belonging to Joseph of Arimathea for the burial of Jesus. Gospel presents two apostles, Peter and John, and a few women as witnesses to the empty tomb. In the first letter to Corinthians St. Paul writes about the resurrected Jesus appearing to Peter, then to the twelve, then to over 500 people. (1 Cor 15: 3-8) Another proof of Resurrection that we see from the early church is the shift of the holy day from the day of Sabbath (Saturday) to the day of the Resurrection (Sunday). The most powerful witnesses to the resurrection were the Apostles themselves. The disciples who abandoned and denied Jesus became very courageous in proclaiming the truth of the resurrection and they were ready to lay down their lives.

The resurrection of Jesus is the foundation of our Christian belief. St. Paul says, "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain." (1Cor. 15:14) Again in verse 17 of the same chapter he says, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." We believe in Christ who is alive today and very much present in our lives. He comes to our lives as the resurrected Lord at every Holy Eucharist. Let us receive him worthily and prepare ourselves for our own resurrection in Christ. "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day". (Jn. 6:54).

RESULTS OF THE AUXILIUM SPEAKS LUCKY DRAW HELD AT AUXILIUM PARISH ON SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2019

| PRIZE | NAME | TEL. NO. | COUPON NO. |
|--|--------------------------|------------|------------|
| FIRST: Prestige Hard Anodised Cookware | Marilyn Gomes, New Delhi | 9891966796 | 0353 |
| SECOND: Prestige Omega Granite Deluxe Cookware | Ledha Murmu | 9674711071 | 0459 |
| THIRD: Cello Opalware Royale Collection | Sisir Dhara | 8482066235 | 0130 |
| CONSOLATION PRIZES Wellberg Multi-utility 3-piece Storage Jar Set | Pratima Thapa | 8981413842 | 0152 |
| | Rimil Tudu | 9674711071 | 0469 |
| | Jeremy Ansh Tirkey | 8017937087 | 0097 |



Congratulations to the winners and all the participants! Thank you Fr Ibrahim and your overseas friends for picking up the winners of AUXILIUM SPEAKS Lucky Draw. Thank you Fr Ramesh for announcing the winners!

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION IN AUXILIUM PARISH



Mrs Sandhya Vincent, Secretary of the Archdiocesan Women's Commission shares her thoughts on the Role of Women in the Church and Society on International Women's Day which was observed in Auxilium Parish on 24th March 2019. Please read the report in Hindi by Mrs Agatha Tirkey.

২৪শে মার্চ আমাদের প্যারিসের মহিলারা আন্তর্জাতিক নারী দিবস পালন করেন। এই দিনের অনুষ্ঠানে প্রধান অতিথি শ্রীমতী সন্ধ্যা ভিনসেন্ট (ছবিতে মাইক হাতে) প্যারিসের মহিলাদের উদ্দেশ্যে বিশেষ বক্তব্য রাখেন।

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस - 2019

अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय महिला दिवस हर वर्ष 8 मार्च को मनाया जाता है। यह दुनिया की महिलाओं की सामाजिक, आर्थिक, सांस्कृतिक, धार्मिक और राजनैतिक स्थिति पर गौर करने का दिन है। इसकी शुरुआत सन् 1911 में हुई जब आस्ट्रिया, डेनमार्क, जर्मनी और स्विटजरलैंड के लोगों ने इसकी स्थापना में अहम भूमिका निभाई। इसके पहले अमेरिका और ग्रेट ब्रिटेन की सोशलिस्ट पार्टी के नारी मताधिकार के समर्थकों ने इसकी नींव डाली थी। इस तरह आज से करीब एक शताब्दी पूर्व महिलाओं के लिये एक मंच बना, जिसमें दुनिया की सभी महिलायें अपने को सम्मिलित करती आ रही हैं।

अपने देश के ख्रिस्तीय महिला कंसिल (CCW) के कलकत्ता महाधर्मप्रान्त शाखा ने इस साल 3 मार्च को बैठकखाना गिरजा प्रांगण में महिला दिवस मनाया। जहाँ विभिन्न पारिश की महिलाओं ने सक्रिय भाग लिया जिसमें हमारे अक्कजिलियम पारिश की महिलाएँ भी शामिल थी। यह उचित ही था कि हमारे पारिश की महिलाएँ अलग से महिला दिवस मनायें और अपने अधिकार कर्तव्य और धार्मिकता को जानें, पहचानें।



पल्ली की महिलाओं से विचार-विमर्श करने के बाद अक्कजिलियम पारिश के पल्ली पुरोहित जोन चालील, sdb ने 24 मार्च 2019 को पारिश में महिला-दिवस मनाने की घोषणा की। घोषणा के बाद से ही यहाँ की महिलाओं, बेटी, बहुओं में जान आ गई। मिस्सा पूजा के लिये

गीत से लेकर स्टेज में नाच-गान, खान-पान, नाश्ता-पानी की तैयारी शुरू हो गई। निश्चित दिन और समय पर 9.30 बजे सुबह धूमधाम से मिस्सा शुरू हुआ। मिस्सा के अनुष्ठाना पल्ली पुरोहित जोन एस. डी. वी. और फा. रोशन तिकी, एस. जे. थे। अपने उपदेश में फा. रोशन ने चालीसा-काल में परस्पर क्षमा और दानशीलता पर जोर दिया। महिला-दिवस के इस मिलन

में हिंदी, बंगला, इंगलिश ग्रुप की महिलायें थी, जिन्होंने मिस्सा के साथ-साथ सांस्कृतिक प्रोग्राम, नाच-गान, खान-पान में समान रूप से सहभागी, सक्रिय रही हैं। चालीसा के समय में महिला-दिवस के इस दिन खाने-पीने, आनन्द मनाने में किसी को कोई आपत्ति और बाधा नहीं हुई, इसके लिये ईश्वर को धन्यवाद!

अगाथा तिकी

ANOINTING, HEALING AND DELIVERANCE RETREAT



Auxilium Parish has opened a refurbished 24-hour Renewal Centre for the faithful. The centre was inaugurated by Archbishop Thomas D'Souza and began with an Anointing, Healing and Deliverance Retreat from 22 to 24 February 2019 (9 am to 5 pm). The Retreat was conducted by Rev. Fr. Dr. Jose Vettiyankal, Director, Lagos Retreat Centre, Bangalore. Many from near and far thronged the Church to benefit from this retreat. From 13-15th April, there was another retreat conducted in Hindi by Fr Sanjay Kujur. Many, particularly, members from the Hindi-speaking community, attended this Lenten Retreat.

MOBILE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP – FIRST EVER - AT NITIKA DON BOSCO

From 11-13 April 2019 Fr Nirmal Toppo and Fr Gilbert Choondamal conducted a Mobile Photography Workshop at Nitika Don Bosco, Kolkata. It was the first time such a workshop was conducted in the Archdiocese of Calcutta. For the participants in the age group 82-16 years of age, it was a novel experience with all the sessions comprising theory and PowerPoint presentation followed by practical exercises of photo-shooting and their critical appraisal by the two trainers.

Both the trainers made it clear that mobile cameras are not a match with Digital SLR cameras where shutter speeds, aperture, etc. can be controlled for depth and quality. Most mobile cameras are preset, with limited manoeuvre facilities. Many features of the mobile phone which most participants did not know of were explained. First they were taught the art of holding the camera steady between two arms, kneeling and even lying on the ground to take photos, and to use selfie stands/ tripods to reduce camera shake. They also said that mobile phones being much lighter than Digital SLR cameras tend to shake. For enhancement of the quality/depth of mobile

photography, they demonstrated different types of low-cost lenses available on the market.

The different types of mobile photography taught were Close-up, Action, Candid, Silhouette, Rule of Thirds & Framing, Composition, Patterns, Panorama, Depth of field (foreground, middle ground and background), 3-dimensional photography of buildings, Bokeh Effect and

HDR photography. During appraisal at the end of each session, participants were instructed to take care that head of the object was not cut and there was ample space above the head. It was explained that the best Candid Photography comes out when the object is not conscious of being photographed and that the best photographs are taken in natural light



without the use of flash. Participants were also asked to do 30-second video shoots. Each video was clinically analysed by the two experts. They instructed all videos be taken in landscape mode and the mobile held steady.

The organisers are deliberating on an online course for further upgrade of skills of mobile photography.

– by Isaac Harold Gomes

HOLY WEEK (14-21 April) OBSERVED IN THE PARISH
১২-২১ এপ্রিল অঞ্জিলিয়াম প্যারিসে পূণ্য সপ্তাহ পালনের বিভিন্ন ছবি



14th April – Palm Sunday: Parish Priest Fr John Chalil blesses the Palm and leads the Procession around the Church.

HOLY THURSDAY 18th April 2019 – Fr Prabhu Dayal Ekka washes the feet of the disciples
পূণ্য বৃহস্পতিবারের মহাস্মীষ্টিয়াগে বারো শিষ্যদের পা ধোয়ানোর ছবি



পূণ্য শুক্রবারে যীশুর যন্ত্রণাভোগের ও তাঁর ক্রুশের আরাধনা



Good Friday 5 pm - Parishioners take out a solemn procession with the Crucifix. Devotees sing in unison during the solemn procession around Auxilium parish locality.

পূণ্য শুক্রবার বিকাল পাঁচটায় প্যারিসবাসীদের শোভাযাত্রায় খ্রীষ্টভক্তদের একটি দল প্রাণ খুলে বাংলা ধর্মীয় সঙ্গীত গাইছেন। যীশুর ক্রুশ ও মরদেহ সহ এই শোভাযাত্রা অগ্নিজলিয়াম গীর্জার প্রাঙ্গণ থেকে বেরিয়ে মোল্লাপাড়া, শিবতলা মাঠ, বামনপাড়া বাজার, কাজী নজরুল ইসলাম স্কুলের পথে গান ও প্রার্থনার মাধ্যমে পদযাত্রা করে। শোভাযাত্রার শেষে খ্রীষ্টভক্তদের মধ্যে ঠান্ডা সরবত, বন রুটি ও আলুর দম সহযোগে উপায়ে খিচুরী বিতরণ করা হয়।

Fr Ramesh blesses the Fire, the Candle and the Water at the 9 pm Easter Eucharist on Holy Saturday

শনিবার রাত ৯টায় ইস্টারের মিসায় ফাদার রমেশ আগুন, ইস্টারের মোমবাতি ও জল আশীর্বাদ করছেন।



On the occasion of Easter and the Fourth Anniversary of AUXILIUM SPEAKS, the Editors wish Archbishop Thomas D'Souza, Fr Provincial Nirmol Gomes, Parish Priest Fr John, Fr Prabhu Dayal, all other priests and religious in different congregations and all parishioners a very fruitful and blessed Easter.

THE ...E... LIFE !!!!!

In this world of E-mails, E-ticket, E-paper, E-recharge,
E-transfer and E-Governance
Never Forget "E-shwar (God)"
who makes e-verything e-asy for e-veryone e-veryday.

"E" is the most Eminent letter of the English alphabet.
Men or Women don't exist without "E".
House or Home can't be made without "E".
Bread or Butter can't be found without "E".
"E" is the beginning of "existence" and the end of "trouble."

It's not at all in 'war'
but twice in 'peace'.
It's once in 'hell' but twice in 'heaven'.

"E" represents 'Emotions'
Hence, all emotional relations like Father, Mother, Brother, Sister,
Wife & friends have 'e' in them.

"E" also represents 'Effort' and 'Energy'
Hence to be 'Better' from good two "e"s are added.

Without "e", we would have no love, life, wife, friends or hope
and 'see', 'hear', 'smell', or 'taste'
as 'eye' 'ear', 'nose' & 'tongue' are incomplete without "e".

Hence GO with "E" but without E-GO.

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