

## The Epic Adventures Of Fr. Nély :Tamil Nadu & Kerala



*The baptism of Gemma Maria Josepha.*

Fr. Brucciani on his trip to Singamparai to offer Mass. The road to Singamparai is so unsuitable for any form of transport that Fr. Nély, in a moment of alarm, offered to send the mission the funds to buy a 4x4. It was a good trip.

Christmas Eve is always a busy day and one of the most urgent jobs here was to teach the boys how to tie the ties that Father had bought for them for Christmas.

Father celebrated Midnight Mass at the priory and, after the Dawn Mass and the-



*Dominic risks his life with a smile.*

Mass of the Day, set about preparing Christmas Dinner and, my word, it was worth at least one Michelin Star!

The feasting and celebration continued on 26th December to welcome home the northern missionaries, as did the unrelenting pace. Over the following few days, a visit was made to Christurajapuram to see Fr. Pancras and visits were also made to Tuticorin and Palayamkottai to speak with the local bishops about the Motu Proprio. The Bishop of Tuticorin was unavailable but the Bishop of Palayamkottai said that he would allow his priests to offer the Tridentine Mass but that nobody had yet asked him...

Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament saw in the new year at the priory and, after a Solemn High Mass the next morning, the entire priory and orphanage departed for a four day holiday in Kerala (see Priory News below).

No sooner had the holiday finished and



*"Ziss is really good!" (It was too).  
Christmas dinner in preparation.*

the party returned home than preparations began for a return to Kerala for the priests' retreat preached by Fr. Nély. And it was the close of the retreat on 11th January that finally brought to an end Father's tiring but fruitful visit to this land of promise. Father made his way to Chennai the next day and no doubt, after a silent prayer of thanks, fell quickly to sleep as the aircraft soared into the heavens, homeward bound.



*Fr. Couture and Fr. Nély relax after the retreat.*