



LET US ALSO GO, THAT WE MAY DIE WITH HIM *John 11:16*

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Newsletter of the Society of Saint Pius X, 1 Marcel Lefebvre Place, Annie Nagar, Seevalaperi Road , Palayamkottai, TN 627002, India

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

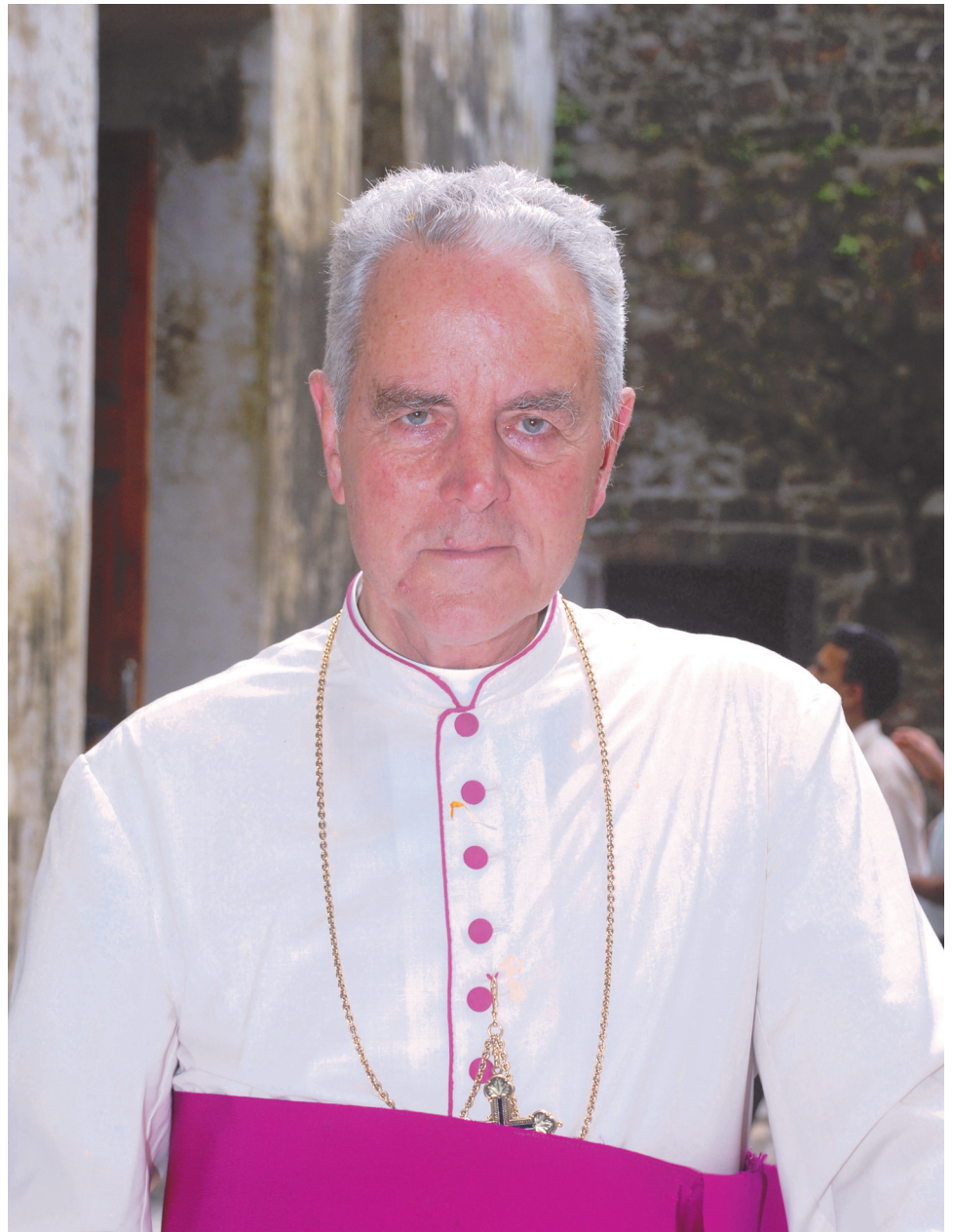
There never was anything so perilous or so exciting as orthodoxy. It was sanity: and to be sane is more dramatic than to be mad.

If G. K. Chesterton were a contemporary of His Lordship Bishop Richard Williamson, he might well have had the Bishop in mind when he wrote these lines, for His Lordship's orthodox view of the world is nothing if not dramatic. "There will be a great chastisement," His Lordship repeatedly warns, "natural or man-made, by which God will punish mankind for its infidelity to His law. He will purge the Church of its modern churchmen for they have lost the Faith."

Modern churchmen, as you might expect, are none too pleased by these calamitous prophecies, but history has reminded us time and time again: if you play fast and loose with the truth, with the sacraments and with souls, God will not be mocked; His justice will prevail.

G.K.C. appropriately continues:

It is always easy to be a modernist; as it is easy to be a snob. ... It is always simple to fall; there are infinity of angles at which one falls, only one at which one stands. To have fallen into any one of the fads from Gnosticism to Christian Science would have indeed been obvious and tame. But to have avoided them all has been one whirling adventure; and in my vision the heavenly chariot flies thundering



His Lordship Bishop Williamson in India.

through the ages, the dull heresies sprawling and prostrate, the wild truth reeling but erect.

In Jesu et Maria,
Rev. Robert Brucciani.

Veritas Academy



Volunteer Miss Florence Williams of Oxford, England helps remedy one of the consequences of Original Sin. Miss Williams is a professional teacher with a degree in physics. She has taken a sabbatical to come to India where she teaches all the sciences at Veritas Academy and is busy equipping the new science laboratory (well... it's a big cupboard really).

PRESS GANG SUCCESS

For a brief spell of six months (until February 2009) Veritas Academy has a enough volunteers to fill all the teaching posts at the school. The generosity of the staff (four local Tamil faithful and four volunteers from overseas) means that the thought of Monday morning is no longer the cause of dread. It means that lessons can be prepared thoroughly and books marked with plenty of red ink.

In the long term, however, we need to have greater stability among our staff and we really do need to separate the older boys and girls (they are reaching that troublesome age which is beautiful expressed in French as *la crise d'adolescence*, or even better, *l'age bête*). The plan is to build another school building on the site of the new orphanage for the juniors and senior girls and to teach the senior boys in the new school building due to be built at the priory ...oh to dream.

FROM ALL BUREAUCRATS

From all bureaucrats, Libera nos Domine! This is a cry that echoes across the world from the mouths of all who wish to do something useful (particularly in relation to schools).

After twelve months of document preparation, appointments, visits and even the payment of "special officer fees" in brown envelopes, planning permission for the new school building was denied.

Veritas Academy



"I really don't like homework," thinks Sesu of Singamparai.



Mary Rita is in trouble it seems. Kneeling down is the most minor of punishments. For the most serious offences the cane is still an option for the boys.



Mrs. Arokia, the Tamil mistress, and Mrs. Juliette, the kindergarten mistress relax at breaktime.

The reason: the building was less than 30 metres away from the neighbouring cemetery (even though the priory building is about 3.5 metres from the cemetery wall). This hitherto unsuspected regulation must now be accommodated; the

school building will now be redesigned to fit in another corner of the priory grounds and the planning process recommenced.

We must not be downcast, however, this delay might well turn out to be a generous act of Providence. The good Lord

foresaw from all eternity the plunge in building commodity prices (iron, steel and cement) at the onset of the current global recession and may have deliberately stayed our hand until those price falls filtered down to the Palayamkottai market. This is yet another example of how the Catholic Faith can make sense of the tumultuous world in which we live. Ω



One of the competitors on "Children's Day" at Veritas Academy. Throughout India, classes are replaced by games to give everyone the chance to make even more noise. The children enjoy it.

The Travels of His Lordship : Vasai



“Introibo ad altare Dei” before the high altar of St. Gonsalo Garcia Church.



Angelic orphans from the St. Gonsalo Garcia Ashram listen attentively to His Lordship’s sermon.



In the sacristy: “My Lord, do you mind if I borrow this crosier for a minute, I need to whack one of the boys over there?”

Having flown over the North Pole from the U.S. and changed planes twice, His Lordship eventually arrived in Bombay (Mumbai) in an unspoken state of extreme fatigue just after midnight on Saturday 16th August. He was welcomed at the airport by Fr. Francis Chazal and Fr. Joseph Pfeiffer, poured into a car and carried from there to a bed in the house of one of our kind benefactors.

The next day, Sunday, after many days of meticulous preparation, 15 souls received the sacrament of confirmation in front of 400 faithful at the partially restored St. Gonsalo Garcia Church in the Bassein Fort at Vasai (north of Bombay). His Lordship processed to the church from the sacristy located in the neighbouring ruins of the Church of the Immaculate Conception.



A shower of petals after Mass.

The Travels of His Lordship : Goa



Confirmations at Salvador do Mundo, Goa .

On Monday afternoon His Lordship, escorted by the two priests of the North, departed for Goa to visit the decaying splendour of what was once the 'Rome of the East.' It is heartbreaking to see how this verdant arm of the Church has withered since the Second Vatican Council and the annexation by India in the sixties (Hinduism is being heavily promoted by the state as a national religion).

His Lordship, guided by one of the faithful, visited many churches including the Cathedral and the Basilica of Bom Jesu where he was fortunate enough to celebrate the Mass on the tomb of St. Francis



His Lordship writes his memoirs.

Xavier. They were joined by Fr. Pancras, of perennial memory, midway through the tour and had the occasion to converse with some of the local clergy of the diocese. On 21st August, five members of the faithful were confirmed in the Society's chapel at Salvador do Mundo.

The faithful in Goa survive on one Sunday Mass per month but never cease to edify all those who visit.



Frs. Pancras and Pfeiffer looking decidedly at home in the palace of the Governor of Goa (Raj Bhavan).



The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass upon the tomb of St. Francis Xavier in Bom Jesu, Goa.

The Travels of His Lordship : Palayamkottai



Young confirmands from the orphanage and Mass Centres served from Palayamkottai.

The next stop on the pontifical tour was Palayamkottai. On Sunday 24th August, 30 souls received the sacrament of confirmation and were treated to a conference by His Lordship in the afternoon on the dangers of the modern world which are now changing the face of India (television, cinema, modern fashions,

consumerism) and the problems in the Church (a clergy given over to social work, false ecumenism, happy-clappy Masses and ignorance of the catechism).

On Wednesday a packed congregation rejoiced to be present at the marriage of Mr. Michaelas Raphael and Miss Josefin Pushpa. Michaelas, native of the village of



“In traditional families, grandmothers used to be the moral guardians of their grandchildren. No-one could escape their beady eyes!”

Christurajapuram, has lived and worked at the priory for the last 10 years since he was 18 years old. Without him, the Mission could not function. Miss Josefin’s family have been a pillar to the mission since it began. Miss Pushpa’s seminarian brother, Therasian was M.C., and her soon-to-be postulant sister was a bridesmaid. Fittingly, the marriage was witnessed by His Lordship.

May they be blessed to see their children’s children, even unto the fourth generation.



Miss Josephin Pushpa leaves her childhood home for the last time. Both mother and daughter were in silent tears.



“Late again,” thinks Michaelas to himself.

New Chapel at Trichy Unveiled



Solid Burmese teak doors inlaid with brass were donated to the chapel.

After two years of planning and construction, the new chapel at Trichy (300km north of Palayamkottai or six hours by train) was unveiled on the occasion of His Lordship's visit to India.

The chapel is cunningly disguised as an avant-garde town house from the outside, but is characterised by a certain simplicity thrown into relief by flashes of extravagance on the inside. It includes accommodation for a priest (Rev. Fr. Mathias) and a housekeeper (Mr. John Sarto). The project was managed by a devoted member of the faithful who gave up to four hours of his time every day to gain planning permission, inspect the site, liaise with the



Mr. John Sarto, housekeeper and factotum, stands in front of the interesting façade of the recently completed St. Joseph's Chapel, Trichy.

engineers, purchase and take delivery of all the materials (there were over 600 invoices generated by the project), hire labour, manage the accounts and install all

the utilities. This was while he was running his own demanding business at the same time. May God grant all those who helped a rich reward.



The interior of the new chapel. The floor is made of polished granite.



Floral decoration in polished granite.

The Travels of His Lordship : Trichy



"Terrifying is this place; it is the house of God, and the gate of Heaven." (Gen 28 v17)

On Friday 29th August, His Lordship blessed the new Chapel of St. Joseph before administering the sacrament of confirmation to 15 souls and celebrating a Solemn High Mass in front of 120 faithful. The ceremony was followed by a presentation, lunch and a conference on the roof of the chapel.

The new chapel will serve the 50 faithful who were previously compressed into the front room of a rented house not far from St. Joseph's.



Rev. Fr. Maria Michael Mathias, one of our helper priests, lives in the presbytery of the new chapel.



"I sign thee with the sign of the cross, I confirm thee with the chrism of salvation in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

A confirmand receives an eternal character upon her soul, designating her as a soldier of Christ.



The faithful during the sermon.

The Travels of His Lordship : R.N.Kandigai

The next day, His Lordship, was taken to the train station for another six hour northward journey. The destination this time was the house of a benefactor in Chennai, but, no sooner had the clergy fallen asleep that evening, they were rudely awoken at 3am on Sunday 31st August and shovelled into a taxi for a two hour southward journey to the village of R.N.Kandigai.

R.N.Kandigai, as explained in a previous *Apostle*, has been without a parish priest for eleven years on account of a caste dispute with the local bishop. The dispute has only simmered in recent years but the arrival of the apostolic Fr.Pfeiffer really upset the status quo of things. By celebrating Mass every Sunday in the parish church and teaching catechism after Mass, the village has been brought to spiritual life again with Mass attendances of 300 or more. News of this renaissance reached the local bishop and moved him to obtain a court injunction forbidding the use of the parish church a few days before the Confirmation ceremony was due to take place.

On the day, however, the victory of the local bishop rang rather hollow for, with a congregation of almost 1000 faithful, there were far too many to fit into the church anyway (it can hold about 300 at a push). 15 souls received the sacrament of Confirmation.

From R.N.Kandigai, His Lordship returned to Chennai, then flew to Delhi, transferred to the International Airport and then probably crawled on to a flight at a quarter past midnight bound for the U.S. How he manages at his age is cause of wonder to us all. Ω



“But David and all Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments made of wood, on harps and timbrels and cornets and cymbals.”(2 Kings 6 v5). His Lordship is borne in the ark from the door of the locked parish church to the temporary outdoor chapel at R.N. Kandigai.

Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart, Vigne, Italy



Miss Marie-Blanche Herault offers herself as a spouse to Christ



Some of the growing community of the Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart. Don Emmanuel was the celebrant, Don Chad the deacon and Don Davide the subdeacon at the religious clothing of Sr. Maria Consolata.

RELIGIOUS CLOTHING

On the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Miss Marie-Blanche Herault received the habit of the Consoling Sisters of the Sacred Heart at Vigne in Italy from the hands of Don Emmanuel Du Chalard. Her name in religion is Sr. Maria Consolata.

At the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity in Palayamkottai, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass was offered for her intentions; the festive day was closed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at the orphanage. May God continue to shower this community with the grace of vocations.

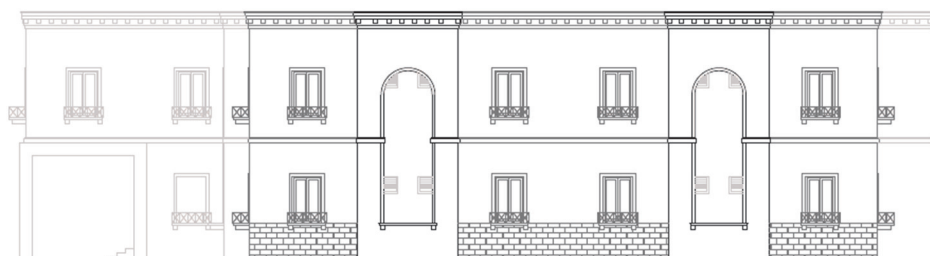
Orphanage



Miss Maria Xavier, a new postulant at the orphanage, and Misses Rosilda and Roselind who have both departed for the mother house in Italy to commence their novitiate with the Consoling Sisters in Vigne, Italy.



Nine young ladies became the first Children of Mary at Palayamkottai on the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The purpose of the Sodality of the Children of Mary is to encourage its members to become true "handmaids of the Lord" by imitating the virtues of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



Construction of the first phase of the New Orphanage Project is about to commence at the "New Land". Sr. Maria Immaculata was given six month's notice to leave the existing property in October which means that there has been little time for dawdling. Planning permission has been granted and contracts are about to be signed. The girls have been indulging themselves in some hand-wringing panic when they were told to save plastic bags to make a roadside shelter in case the new building was not ready.



The bright, shiny, new orphanage bus is a welcome addition to the orphanage fleet consisting of a jeep, 2 scooters and 4 bicycles.

THE TWO ROSES

On 16th September the 'Two Roses', Rosalind and Rosilda, embarked upon the journey of their lives. Nervously clutching brand new passports they both boarded an aeroplane for the first time to leave their native shores for a world completely different to their own. They were on their way to Italy to finish their two years of postulancy and commence their novitiate. They will be away from home for two years in all. It is hard to imagine what a huge sacrifice it is to change diet (pasta, olive oil, ciabatta and deep red wine instead of Indian spices, curry and rice), to change weather (5°C instead of a minimum of 18°C), change clothes (blouses and skirts and thick woolly socks instead of chudidah [see photo]), change language (Italian instead of Tamil & English) and not to see their family and friends for so long. Miss Roselind was reportedly wearing two thick jumpers when autumn was only just beginning!

IF YOU WANT TO HELP

Donations to the orphanage can be made through the SSPX (see back page of this newsletter), but please include a note "for the Orphanage". Ω

Holy Trinity Priory, Palayamkottai



Br. Francis (Anistas Santha Cruz) on the day of his taking of the habit stands in front of Fr. Vicente Griego, the seminary rector of Holy Cross Seminary.

▪ 22nd September: Mr. Anistas Santha Cruz became a novice brother of the Society of St. Pius X at Holy Cross Seminary, Golburn Australia. His new name in religion is Br. Francis. Br. Francis arrived at the Holy Trinity Priory, Palayam-

kottai in 2002 as a member of the hostel. He finished school in 2005 and was a pre-postulant brother at the priory until January of this year. He received the habit from the hands of the seminary rector Fr. Griego. The black habit symbolises



In manus tuas Domine. Savari gives the photographer a heart attack as he jumps elegantly into the well on the new orphanage land.



Fr. Valan translates the bishop's conference on "Bridges and Electricity in Goa", but we suspect that he actually spoke about something completely different.



On a visit to the south coast, the boys watch some fisherman shake the small fish (sprat) from their nets. Afterwards they spent two hours in the crashing waves.



Evan "Brother" Zerhusen of Kentucky, U.S.A. thinks happy thoughts. Last year he taught at Our Lady of La Salette, Illinois, U.S.A., but gave this up to teach at Veritas Academy and to find inspiration for his creative writing... In the background is Theresa who does not like having her picture taken.

Holy Trinity Priory, Palayamkottai



Fr. Emerson Salvador with some friends at the elephant orphanage in Sri Lanka.

death to the world (even though it will turn to white when he comes back to India in 2010). May he ever grow in grace and virtue.

▪ October. Influenza struck Palayamkottai as the monsoon season commenced. At one point, about 1 in 6 of the population were bedridden with fever, sore throats and plumbing trouble. The illness lasted for about three days.

Appendicitis has also struck the orphanage with vengeance; in one year there have been six operations (five girls, one boy).



Beware of the new priory guard dogs— you might trip over them by accident. Frankie tries to coordinate his back legs while Joey looks on with grave concern.

▪ 7th –14th November: Fr. Brucciani spent one week in Sri Lanka. The mission here usually survives on the presence of a priest (Fr. Salvador) for only one week each month. Sri Lanka is a beautiful, lush, green country with population of 16 million of whom 69% are Buddhist, 8% Muslim, 7% Hindu and 7% Christian. The Catholics display great devotion, but they are beginning to grow lukewarm in the post Vatican II spiritual and cultural desert. As usual, it is the clergy who are leading the decline. At the National Seminary in the old capital of Kandy, for example, the seminarians do not learn Latin (despite the wishes of the Pope) and the library is practically one big “hell” section (in seminary libraries there is always a “hell” section for books written by heretics). The rumoured return of the conservative Archbishop Ranjit from Rome, however, may mark the dawn of new era.... Ω



Winona Seminarian, Gabriel Pitassi, volunteered to spend a year on the Indian Mission. He teaches full time at the school and supervises the boys at the priory. May his confreres follow his example!



“Now listen Father! It’s either me or the computer.” Magnificat, the new priory rat catcher, puts her paw down.

St. Bartholomew's Priory / St. Gonsalo Garcia Orphanage, Vasai



His Lordship Bishop Williamson cuts the ribbon to enter the new St. Bartholomew's Priory assisted by the prior, Fr. Francis Chazal.

The new Priory of St. Bartholomew located within the grounds of the St. Gonsalo Garcia Orphanage was blessed by His Lordship, Bishop Williamson, two days' after its official opening on the feast of the Assumption.

The confirmation ceremonies took place on the 18th August and, as soon as all the excitement was over, work started

in earnest to build some additional accommodation for the priory on the historic site of the Bassein Fort.

The Northern Circuit continues to blossom anew. The first overseas teacher has been engaged at the St. Gonzalo Garcia Orphanage school to and plans to take-over the running of the orphanage and school are being discussed. Ω



Construction at the new priory is underway.



Fr. Pfeiffer stays dry in the Bombay monsoon.



On the feast of the Assumption, the faithful of Vasai process with a statue of Our Lady from the ruins of the Immaculate Conception Church in Bassein Fort.



Business as usual.

Mass Centres

SOUTHERN CIRCUIT

ASARIPALAM (TN)

Saint Anthony's Church, Nr. parish church
Melasaripalam, Kanyakumari Dist.
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity.
Mass: Every Sunday at 10:00 am

CHRISTURAJAPURAM (TN)

Christ the King Church
Christurajapuram, Irenipuram Post,
Kanyakumari Dist., 629 197
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity.
Mass: Daily

NAGERCOIL (TN)

Saint Thomas the Apostle Church
Near SP Camp Office
Thalavaipuram
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity
Mass: Saturday at 6:00pm, Sunday at 6:30am

PALAYAMKOTTAI (TN)

Priory of the Most Holy Trinity

8A/3 Seevalaperi Rd,
Annie Nagar, Palayamkottai, 627 002
Tel: (+91) (462) 257 2389 (priory)
Mass: Daily at 7:15am, Sunday at 7:30 am
Resident Priests: Rev. Fr. Robert Brucciani
Rev. Fr. Valan Rajakumar

PALAYAMKOTTAI (TN)

Society of Servi Domini,
No.10 The Bungalow, High Grounds,
Palayamkottai, TN 627011
Tel: (+91) (462) 257 3940
Mass: Most weekdays at 7:25 am

SINGAMPARAI (TN)

St Anthony's Church
Contact: Priory of the Most Holy Trinity.
Mass: Every Sunday at 11:00 am

TRICHY (TN)

North 3rd Street, Srienvasanagar 627 017
Tel: (+91) (431) 277 0042
Mass: Daily

TUTICORIN

St. Francis Xavier Chapel
88B Vettivelapuram
Near Murugan Theatre
Contact: Mr. Francis Kumar
Tel: (+91) 948 647 1966
Mass: Every Sunday 7:15am



Northern Circuit



Southern Circuit



Our Lady of the Snows, Tuticorin.

NORTHERN CIRCUIT

BANGALORE (KN)

Contact: Mr. Benny Joseph
Tel: (+91) (80) 2573 2662
Mass: Bimonthly

BOMBAY/BANDRA (MH)

Pioneer Hall, #9 St John Baptist Rd
Contact: (+91) 993 061 3080 **←N.B. NEW**
Mass: Every Sunday at 10:00am

BOMBAY/MALAD (MH)

1st floor, Gratias Mariae Building
Tank Road, Orlem,
Contact: (+91) 993 061 3080 **←N.B. NEW**
Mass: Most Sundays at 6pm, many weekdays,
1st Friday, Saturday at 6:00pm

BOMBAY/VASAI (MH)

Priory of St. Bartholomew

St Gonsalo Garcia Orphanage, Bassein Fort,
Thane District, Vasai, Maharashtra 401201
Contact: (+91) 250 232 5562
(+91) 993 061 3080 **←N.B. NEW**
Mass: Every Sunday at 7:00am
Daily 7:15am
Resident Priests: Rev. Fr. Francis Chazal
Rev. Fr. Joseph Pfeiffer

GOA - SALVADOR DO MUNDO

opposite bus stand,
Contact: Mr. Carvalho
Tel: (+91) 832 246 2013 **←N.B. NEW**
Mass: Every 3rd Sunday 5:30pm

CHENNAI (MADRAS) (TN)

St Anthony's School, Little Mount 600015
Contact: Mr Pothiraj
Tel: (+91) 994 135 3483
Mass: Every Sunday 6:30pm

CHENNAI/PURASIWAKKAM (TN)

St. Anthony's Chapel, Purasaiwakkam
Contact: Puspharaj
Tel: (+91) 44 2662 0403

KANCHIPURAM DISTRICT (TN)

Immaculate Conception Church
R.N.Kandigai Village
Contact: Mr Pothiraj
Tel: (+91) 994 135 3483,
Contact: Mr. Irudaiyaraj
Tel: (+91) 944 412 2316
Mass: Every Sunday 7:00am

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TEACHERS & SUPERVISORS

If you have six months or a year to give to charity and are in good health and are an upstanding traditional Catholic, why not consider coming to India. We need at least four volunteers at all times to teach at Veritas Academy and to help at the priory (men) or at the orphanage (ladies). All enquiries are welcome (email is best).

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Our Lady & St. Andrew's Church, 40 Ludstone Street, Hampton VIC 3188, Australia.
- **Europe** : St. Michael's School, Harts Lane, Burghclere, Hampshire RG20 9JW, United Kingdom.
- **U.S.A.** : Indian Missions Depot, 1223 Pawnee Drive, St. Mary's, KS 66536. U.S.A.

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Priesterbruderschaft St. Pius X; Menzingen, 6313, Switzerland.
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Regina Coeli House; 11485 N. Farley Road, Platte City, MO 64079, USA.
Automatic payments can be made to: *Acct.: "The Society of St. Pius X", Acct No.: 9870320746; Bank: UMB Bank (United Missouri Bank), SWIFT CODE: UMKCUS44, Telephone: [011] (816)860-8208 . Please put your name and "Indian Mission" in the reference field.*
- **UK** : please make cheques payable to "Cardinal Merry del Val Mission" in GBP and send to:
The Indian Mission, c/o 5 Fox Lane, Leicester LE1 1WT, United Kingdom.
By standing order: *Acct : 03112903 Sort Code: 30-94-97. Bank: LloydsTSB, 7 High Street, Leicester LE1 9FS.*
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