

## 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.

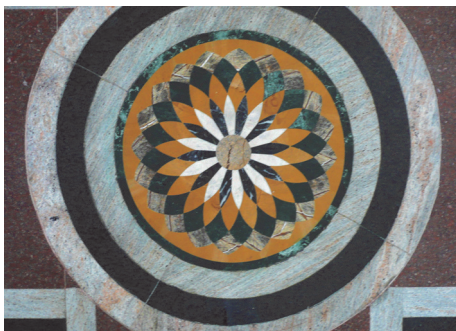
The chapel is cunningly disguised as an avant-garde town house from the outside, but is characterised by a certain simplicity thrown into relief by flashes of extravagance on the inside. It includes accommodation for a priest (Rev. Fr. Mathias) and a housekeeper (Mr. John Sarto). The project was managed 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.



*Floral decoration in polished granite.*



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