

Chapels of the South

priests at the Bethsaida Carmelite Monastery in Kerala (the neighbouring state to Tamil Nadu).

On the same day Mr. Jack Fox arrived from Australia. He was pressed into action immediately as a teacher.

▪ 24th January: A pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima was brought to Palayamkottai on 15th January by Fr. Couture. The following Saturday it was carried in solemn procession for two miles from the orphanage to the priory through the town.

There is a great respect for the Blessed Virgin Mary in India, not only among Catholics, but among Hindus too! By the time the procession reached the priory, the number of participants had doubled. The ceremony was concluded with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

In the days that followed, the statue made a tour of the houses of the faithful so that it might be the object of special devotion. It is now at St. Thomas' Chapel in Nagercoil and will be venerated at as many chapels as possible before it must be returned. Fr. Couture would like it to visit every chapel of the district.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us who have recourse to thee!

▪ 12th—16th February: Fr. Emeric Baudot, the General Bursar of the Society, was kind enough to visit the priory with Fr. Couture to check all our accounts. Fortunately he found nothing untoward: no reckless borrowing or lending, no complex sub-prime debt insurance derivatives, no outrageous bonus schemes. It's fair to say that we are safer than a bank—any bank—at the moment!



A new altar made of Burmese teak and inlaid with elaborate brasswork was installed at St. Joseph's Chapel Trichy.



Gerald Selwyn Rajakumar and Lourdes Angeline Abilaksha emerge from the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity, Palayamkottai on 2nd February as husband and wife.



Vincent Anton Remy of Chennai took Maria Therese Anita of Nagercoil for his lawful wedded wife on 26th January. In the picture, Remy adorns his bride with the customary wedding necklace.