

Priory News



Miss Theresa Montgomery returned home for Easter in the U.S.A. after giving 18 months of hard work and happiness to Veritas Academy and to the orphanage. Deus benedicat te.



Mr. Evan Zerhusen discovered a new side to himself after spending 9 months at the Priory and Veritas. We are very grateful for all his work. He too has returned home to the U.S.A..



Mr. Gabriel Pitassi returned to St. Thomas Aquinas Seminary, U.S.A., at the end of his year in India. May he persevere to become a great missionary one day.

- 29th March: Fr. Valan preached a retreat for ladies in Tamil in Nagercoil. A total of 17 attended.

- Good Friday: A new Calvary was unveiled after the Solemn Afternoon Liturgy at the priory (see photos)

- Easter Monday: Fr. Methodius, one of our helper priests celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood by a Solemn High Mass in Tuticorin.

- Easter Tuesday: Fr. Valan staggered through the front door after having bin-nated much of the Sacred Triduum between Nagercoil and Christurajapuram, and after having being called to a funeral about 12 hours journey away on Easter Monday.

- 15th April: Fr. Patrick Summers arrived for a week at the priory. Such was the rejoicing that we packed our bags and left for a three day holiday on the beach next to Christurajapuram. As usual the boys were happy to jump in the waves for most of the day.

- 22nd April: Fr. Brucciani left for a four week holiday in the U.K. to enjoy the cold and rain, roast beef, a pint or two of bitter, green fields and of course, seeing his family.



Fr. Methodius reads the "Libera me" over the mortal remains of Miss Josephine Aruna who died on Sunday 17th May. R.I.P.



On Sunday 15th March, Cecilia of the orphanage died after 21 years of suffering. At the age of 14 she contracted a deforming bone disease which caused her increasing pain. Abandoned by her family, she was rescued by Sr. Maria Immaculata five years ago, converted to the True Faith from Hinduism and died fortified by the rites of Holy Mother the Church. R.I.P.

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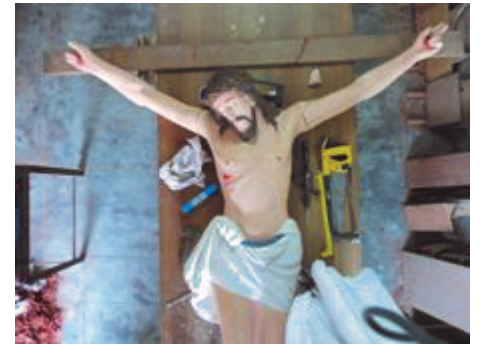
▪ May: The village boys of Veritas Academy were sent home to their villages. They usually go with great reluctance because their parents put them to work in the fields. The orphan boys stayed at the priory to be enrolled in a one month typing course. This was described by one of the boys as “simply boring.”

Also during May, Mr. Jack Fox organ-

ised some child labour for painting classrooms at Veritas Academy and, together with Mr. Evan Zerhusen, they took the boys to the mountains (about 1½ hours east of the priory), to the New Land, to the dam, to the beach, and to the Infant Jesus Engineering College to see an aeroplane. Fr. Valan says that we spoil them, but wait till the new school year begins ..



On 26th May, Reagan Amulraj of Chennai and Dyvia of Elayirampannai (1 hour north of Palayamkottai) were married at the Chapel of the Most Holy Trinity, Palayamkottai.



A damaged Corpus was repaired, a cross was made and a shelter built just in time for Good Friday at the Priory.