

Priory of the Most Holy Trinity, India

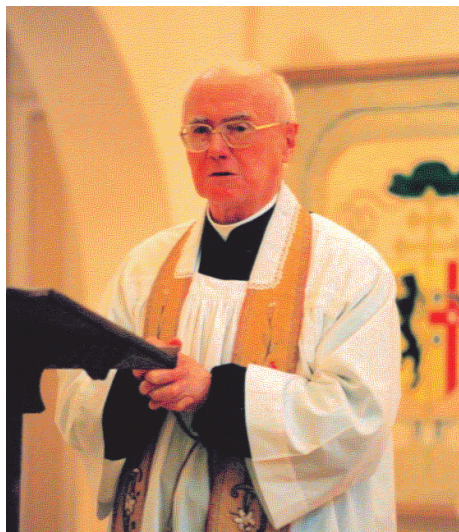


Palm Sunday at Palayamkottai.

Dear Friends and Benefactors,

Come Holy Ghost fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

A few years ago, while a seminarian at The Seminaire Saint Cure d' Ars in Flavigny, the venerable Père Baillif, our professor of Liturgy, was lamenting the blindness of the modern clergy—especially the bishops—to the errors



*“These men are wearing dark glasses...”
Père Baillif, Flavigny, France 1998*

which they were failing to fight, at best, and were even propagating, at worst. “These men are wearing dark glasses through which they cannot see!” his deep resonant voice boomed. “They should not be wearing dark glasses with black lenses, they need different glasses with different lenses, the colour of the lenses in their glasses should be.....green!” A bemused silence fell upon the seminarians and flicker of smile played across the round jovial face of Père Baillif. “Green is the colour of the Holy Ghost, green is the colour of hope!”

The thought of hundreds of prelates wearing green glasses, fixed the episode in my mind and, now that the Sunday vestments are green again and we live in the time after Pentecost, its memory is made actual once more.

After living through the drama of that supreme act of love on Calvary commemorated by the liturgy of Holy Week (and *re* - presented everyday in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass), now is the time of



Fr. Valan in procession during the Rogation Days.

hope in which have recourse to the Holy Ghost, sent by the Father and the Son, to beg that we may participate more intensely in His life and rejoice in His gifts—particularly that of Divine Charity which is none other than *being assumed into the act of God loving Himself*.

As the new school year is about to begin, our act of hope in Divine Providence is renewed and our petition to the Holy Ghost for the application of the treasures merited by Our Lord Jesus Christ is repeated.

May the meddling bureaucrats be kept at bay, may we have labourers sufficient for the harvest, and may we all have kindled in our hearts the fire of Thy love!

In Jesu et Maria

Father Robert Brucciani.

CHRONICLE

■ 4th February: A momentous moment in the history of the Indian apostolate: Rev.Fr.Gregory Noronha, a native of Bombay, returned to India after a year in the Philippines. He was officially posted to the Priory of the Most Holy Trinity, Palayamkottai, but has effectively been a replacement for Fr.Timothy Pfeiffer and then Fr.Joseph Pfeiffer in the north while they were away for their vacations.

■ 11th March: Therasian Babu Xavier received the first major order of the subdiaconate at St. Thomas Aquinas Semi-

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“The priest lays the end of his stole on the candidate as a symbol of his priestly authority, and admits him into the church building, which is the symbol of the Church of Christ.” On Easter Sunday morning, Mary Catherine Kala received the sacrament of Baptism.

nary, Winona. This was the cause of great joy among the faithful.

▪ 15th-18th March: Fr.Valan preached a men’s retreat for the Apostles of Mary (a lay pious group) in Tuticorin.

▪ 22nd-25th March: Fr.Valan then preached a women’s retreat for the Apostles of Mary at Tuticorin.

▪ 26th March: Miss Clare Yeo, a volunteer of 3 months, returned home to Singapore. She enjoyed herself immensely and sheepishly admitted to buying 8 different saris!

▪ 28th March: Miss Monica Marshall, another volunteer, returned to Scotland for 2 months. She will return again in June. God bless her.

▪ 29th March: Miss Margaret Clark returned home to the USA after one year in India. India is becoming a preferred destination for charitable souls.

▪ 27th-6th April: Fr.Gregory went to Sri Lanka for Holy Week.

▪ 5th April: Fr.Brucciani left for 4 weeks of holiday which went too fast for everyone.

▪ 6th-15th April: Joseph Carron and the boys assisted with the moving of the orphanage to the new building and the moving of the school to the old orphanage.

▪ 11th-18th April: Fr.Couture, the District Superior, visited Palayamkottai to see the new orphanage and generally check up on things.

▪ 26th-1st May: Fr.Valan organised a summer camp for boys of the Mass Centres to teach them the Catechism and how to serve Mass.

▪ 11th May: Joseph Carron returned to Switzerland after nearly six months in India. He will be missed by all of us, but we pray that he will return.

▪ 16th May: A young man from the Mass Centre of Trichy arrived at the priory as a pre-seminarian. This is a cause for measured rejoicing.

▪ 26th May: Fr.Gregory returned to



First Holy Communicants, Mary, Gemma and Joyce, make their thanksgiving on Easter Sunday.



The young ladies’ choir of the orphanage is directed by Sr. Maria.

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Francis, Fr. Couture, Dominic and Joseph Carron looking very pleased with themselves at the top of a hill about two hours west of Palayamkottai.

the priory after a month on the road replacing Fr. Joseph Pfeiffer who has been out of the country. On one “weekend” circuit, Fr. Noronha took three flights,

one return train journey, and two 12 hour overnight bus journeys to bring the sacraments to needy souls. Ω



Joseph Carron and the boys proudly parade their new “longhi” in front of the priory.



Fr. Gregory Noronha, a native of Bombay, finds his place at the Priory of the Most Holy Trinity, Palayamkottai.