

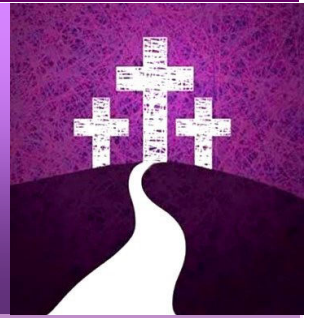


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Dear Friends,



Greetings of joy and peace in the Lord. I am writing this short reflection for this latest PIANO with a sincere wish for your wellbeing and happiness.

In a day or two we will be entering the joyful season of Lent, the *Kairós*, the opportune time for the renewal of our lives and the conversion of hearts. For this year's Lenten reflection Pope Francis invites us to reflect on Apostle Paul's exhortation to the Galatians: "*Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all*" (Gal 6:9-10).

One of the consequences of this pandemic time has been fatigue and tiredness. People are tired of being in isolation, tired of having to wear masks when going out, tired of not being able to mingle with friends and the loved ones in a normal way, tired of the many restrictions and tired of simply waiting for the pandemic to end!

Amid this fatigue and tiredness, the season of Lent is inviting us not to allow this fatigue to overtake and overwhelm us but to let the truth and beauty of our life to be found 'not so much in possessing as in giving, not so much in accumulating as in sowing and sharing goodness'.

The Lenten triad of Prayer, Fasting (Penance), and Almsgiving still holds much importance and relevance in this time of tiredness and fatigue. So, as the Pope invites us, 1) ***Let us not grow tired of praying***, 2) ***Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives***, 3) ***Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbour***.

I want to share a small story:

One day, the king went to meet a wise man and asked: "Is there such a person in this world who is great, but people don't know about him?"

The wise man smiled and politely told the king: "We do know most of the great people of the world. But there are many people in the world who are many times greater than great ones".

The king said: "But how is it possible?"

The wise man said: "I will introduce you some such persons". Then the wise man took the king towards a village. After some distance on the way, they met an old man sitting under a tree. That old man had a pot of water and some bread with him. The wise man asked the old man for some bread and water for himself and the king. Both the king and the wise man ate and drank and was satisfied. Then the king took out some gold to give to the old man. But the old man stopped him and said: "O king, I am not a seller. I am doing what I can do at this age. My son does the business of baking bread and I must stay at home alone. So, instead of staying home alone, I come here to provide bread and water to the passers by free of cost. This makes me very happy".

The wise man said to the king: “Such good deeds of this old man make him great”.

Then, as they reached the village, they saw a school. They both entered the school and met the teacher. Then the king asked the teacher: “how much do you make for teaching so many children?” The teacher replied: “Sir, I am not teaching for a salary. There were no teachers in the village to teach these kids and the future of these children was at stake. So, I decided to come and give them free education”.

Then the king asked: “Then how do you cover for your living expenses?”

The teacher replied: “From my childhood till today, by the grace of God, I was provided with food, clothes, house and everything else I need. I can manage with that”.

Then the wise man told the king: “People who never tire of doing good for others are great and there are many such people whose good deeds make them greater than the great and determine their fate”.

Dear friends, I wish you all a very fruitful season of Lent. May we never tire of doing good.

May the Passion of Jesus Christ be always in our Hearts!

Faternally,

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UPDATES

MARCH

Birthdays

Binod	02
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Congratulations Dear Fr. Gnana Devaraj CP on your Ordination to Priesthood. He was Ordained by Most Rev . Thomas Paulsamy, Bishop of Dindigul at His home Parish Metupatti, Dindigul.





Hearty Welcome Rev Fr. Gwen Barde CP, to THOM-Vice Province, India, General Consultor for PASPAC on his Canonical Visitation.



Cordial welcome on a golden chariot given to Fr. Gwen at Randham Mission and in Ladapady. (Above) Fr. Gwen made his visit to St. Gemma School and warmly welcome with some cultural programs by the children. (Below)





Feast of St. Gabriel celebrated at Ashram JXP, Kochi. Fr. Gwen on his visitation during the Feast at Kochi. (Above)

Fr. Binod celebrated Thanksgiving Eucharist at Jeevadhama, Bangalore (Right)



Thanks to Fr. Sony, Divine Mercy Pictures were distributed at Randham Mission. Fr. Gwen on his Canonical Visitation at Jeevadhama community. Feast of St. Gabriel celebrated at Randham Mission





Solemn Commemoration of the Passion celebrated at Jeevadhama community in Bangalore. Fr. Gwen presided over the Eucharist, Carmelaram community and Philosophy students joined the celebration. (Above)

Silver jubilee couple were facilitated at Palliport parish. Feast of St. Sebastian celebrated in the substation of Palliport parish joined by Fr. Gwen on his visitation. (Below)



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