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*From the Provincial's Desk...*

*A Very Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year!*



May the blessings of peace  
The beauty of hope  
The spirit of love  
The comfort of faith  
Be your gift this Christmas!

## **Request for Prayers**

**For those who have gone for their eternal reward:**

- Sr. Caroline's brother, Joseph 74 on 18<sup>th</sup> December

**For those who are ill:**

- Sr. Shalini's Sister who is critically ill due to diabetes and other complications
- Sr. Mary's mother who is growing weaker day by day and is in the ICU

## NEWS AND VIEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES

### ST. FRANCIS, JHANSI

The month of November was filled with various programmes and co-curricular activities such as Inter House Debate, Skit, Inter Class 'Panel Interview' and Choral Recitation competitions etc. It was a joy to see the students doing their best and growing up with confidence and boldness.

The internal athletic meet was held on 5<sup>th</sup> November. This offered opportunities to all those who wish to make it big in the Sports field. It was a huge success. Thanks to the efforts of our P.T. teachers and the encouragement and support of Sr. Jessy.

*Celebrations never die, they just experience declining rates.*



Mrs. Lily Ahluwalia and Mrs. Neelam Arora on the 'Silver Screen'.

*25 years of nurturing,  
25 years of loving and caring,  
25 years of dedicated service!*

11<sup>th</sup> November was a red letter day in the lives of Mrs. Arora and Mrs. Ahluwalia as they completed 25 years of service in the school. The felicitations began with an inspiring prayer service which began with a warm welcome extended to them and their family members. The cultural programme was awe inspiring. Through skits, songs and dances the students showed the inner beauty of these two wonderful teachers and expressed their gratitude to them. Their endearing words and mesmerizing performance gave great joy to the jubilarians. As a token of their love, appreciation and gratitude, they honoured them with a beautiful gift. A little later the staff (management included) put up an entertainment programme to share their joy with them: bouquets and gifts followed.... The celebrations came to a close with a sumptuous lunch hosted by the management.

After a few weeks of hectic activities the students of Class 12 along with some of their teachers and Sr. Jessy went on a picnic to Gwalior. They visited the Sun City and other places of importance and interest. They had a good time there and returned with full of life and experience.



Sr. Shalini who had gone to Malaysia to attend 'XSEED Conference' returned on the 14<sup>th</sup> enriched by exposure and experience.

**¶ dream comes true!**

It was our dream – our deepest desire to do something beautiful for God. This dream came true on 18<sup>th</sup> when we got a house built, blessed and handed over the key to Mrs. Mary Coutinho. We are grateful to the priests who were with us on this occasion.



### **Orange Day Celebrations: 25<sup>th</sup> November**

**Orange Day** is a day set apart by the UN Secretary General to bring awareness, to highlight the ways by which we can prevent and end violence against women and girls. To mark the importance of the day the teachers wore orange coloured sarees and shawls. To make the function colourful and effective the open stage was used to arrange pictures depicting violence against women, the protest

marches and the candle light procession. The function began with the welcoming of the Chief Guest Dr. (Ms.) Nithi Shastri – a famous Local Social Activist who works for the welfare of women and children. The assembly conducted by Class 10-A was inspiring and educative. Through action songs, skits, music and dance the students beautifully and creatively depicted the problems (gender inequality, harassment, eve teasing, acid attacks, domestic violence etc) women face in their daily lives. It was a wonderful presentation which reawakened in them the need and urgency to protect themselves and others.

Ms. Shastri started her speech explaining the



choice of colour – ‘orange’. Orange can be compared with the Sun rays which are bright and energy giving and every child is born with this brightness and has the potential to make her life and the lives of others bright and beautiful. With constant care and commitment, we can make them confident, courageous, competent, committed, assertive and vibrant women who can work for the empowerment of women. She challenged the girls to be ‘women on fire’, women who are powerful, invincible and unstoppable. Her magnificent and inspiring speech touched their hearts and minds.

## 26<sup>th</sup> November

**The Constitution Day** was celebrated with great enthusiasm and pride. An impressive and informative assembly was organized by Class 7-B. The most important words Sovereign, Socialist, Secular, Democratic and Republic were highlighted and their meanings made clearer through skits and placards. Patriotism inspiring songs and dances, showing unity in diversity added beauty and colour to the show. Sr. Reena in her speech stressed the importance of the above mentioned words and exhorted the students to keep the spirit of the Constitution alive.

28<sup>th</sup> November – We kept up 28<sup>th</sup> November as the Environment Day. Besides showing the importance of saving the environment and the earth, the students took a pledge not to waste water, not to litter paper around and to throw the waste into waste paper bins. Well done girls!

November also saw the Parents’ Day Celebrations of Class 3, 2, 1 and UKG on 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> November respectively. The show was very spectacular and the little ones earned words of praise for their enthralling performance.

A big ‘thank you’ to Srs. Bhawana, Bernadette and Amala for their short but sweet visit! It was lovely to see them and be with them after what seemed ages.

Our heartfelt condolences and prayers go to those who have lost their dear ones.

- Sr. Shalini’s brother-in-law on 8<sup>th</sup> November
- Mrs. Monica Vig’s (teacher) father on 10<sup>th</sup> November
- On 16<sup>th</sup> November, our dear Ms. Annie Vaz went for her eternal

reward. She was our teacher for 37 years! May her soul rest in peace

Congratulations to the students and the teachers who made us proud by bringing laurels to the school:

- The dancers who bagged the 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the Biblical dance competition held at Varanasi.
- The student who bagged the 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (Senior Group) and the other who got the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (Junior Group) in the Rangoli making Inter School Competition organized by the D.P.S. Sr. Jessy was all praises for them.

We had a day of recollection on 27<sup>th</sup> November just before we actually got into the season of Advent. We listened to the Word of God preached by Fr. Vallooran and spent the rest of the day in prayer and reflection before the Blessed Sacrament.

**❧ Very Happy Christmas!**

*May the grace and peace of our Incarnate  
God,  
The presence of Jesus Christ as one of us,  
Flow through our lives!  
May the world witness the Birth of the Lord,  
In the joy and celebration,  
The love and forgiveness in our lives!  
And may Jesus Christ remain the central  
reality of our lives.*

**GOD BLESS YOU**

**MARIA BHAWAN (HOSPITAL  
COMMUNITY) MAURANIPUR**

“**Fallen flowers** can’t blossom back but if the roots are strong new flowers will come.”  
Thank you, Lord, for everything in our life -

the good and the bad, the blessings and the lessons. That is what happened lately. Mrs. Priya got admitted for a normal delivery late in the evening, and by all means they needed a normal delivery. As the pain increased she, her husband and the relatives made demands that we conduct surgery within 10 minutes. That day our surgeon was out. We told them that she would deliver within 1-2 hours normally. They demanded normal delivery without pain. She would not lie down to take any injection to reduce pain. A normal delivery without pain is impossible. They did not want the normal delivery and started using bad words, created commotions and collected many people to fight; and they demanded that she be taken to Jhansi immediately. They would not go by themselves. We had to reach her to Jhansi. They were very violent and demanding. Around 7.00 p.m. Sr. Julita took her in our ambulance to St. Jude hospital, Jhansi and within 10 minutes she delivered normally. Mother and baby both were perfectly alright. On the way to Jhansi they created a lot of problems for sister. All through the way sister was praying the rosary. We often experience God’s presence in a tangible way in our life especially in times like this.

Sr. Suchita had swelling on her both legs and ankles. Many doctors tried their level best to find out the cause, but could not. At the end we went to the Nazareth hospital to consult Dr. Shukla. Sister underwent many investigations and at the end they diagnosed it as the dilation of the deep veins. She is undergoing treatment and is feeling much better with the medicines and compression socks. The swelling is completely gone. We are grateful to Sr. Rosily and the 32 community for their hospitality, care and support given to Srs. Suchita and Julita who accompanied her. They always felt at home there.

Sr. Sushmita along with Sr. Pushpita went to Ambikapur to get her post basic B.Sc. Nursing Certificate and submitted in Raipur Nursing Council for registration and later she has to get herself registered in UP Nursing Council at Lucknow for the UP Registration. On 17<sup>th</sup> October she had gone to UP Nursing Council after Sr. Liz IBVM's programme in Lucknow and got the form. Again she has to go back to Raipur and to Ambikapur and then back to Lucknow to complete the process. It is like going from pillar to post – time consuming!

Srs. Gladys and Sujata joined the annual retreat in Delhi under the guidance of Sr. Inigo SSA. They experienced God's Spirit moving in them and came back with new vigour and enthusiasm for the mission. Since we do not have many parishioners we sisters participated in the Bible quiz organized at the parish level and Srs. Lorna, Alka, Suchita, Sushmita and Pushpita were selected for regional level and got some prizes from the diocese.

On the feast of St. Jude all of us went to St. Jude's shrine except Sr. Suchita who attended to the emergency cases.

On 19<sup>th</sup> November Srs. Suchita and Pushpita went to Allahabad for the Sesquicentennial Celebration of St. Mary's Inter-college. The whole programme was very enriching and inspiring. We were happy to meet all our sisters there and renew our bond of love. Sr. Suchita met the doctor who advised her to continue taking medicine for another month and return for further consultation.

On 20<sup>th</sup> November Sr. Joselette from Rajapur Community came to us for an exposure programme and learn about social work and its functioning. She took classes for the animators and B. Tech students. We learnt

many things from her and we enjoyed her company. She returned to her community on 29<sup>th</sup> November. We wish her all the best in her mission.

We wish you all a prayerful and grace filled advent and a happy Christmas, and a peaceful and prosperous New Year 2017.

## **ST. ANTHONY'S CONVENT JEOLIKOTE**

Through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother Mary our parish received many blessings and graces. Most of the sisters in turn prayed the daily Rosary in the homes of our Catholic families along with their neighbouring families.

Our school children were very excited to join the CJ fest at Jhansi in October. It was an enriching experience for them. Mrs. Kavita Singh accompanied them.

Sr. Annette CJ spent a month with us during her cataract eye operation and the retina treatment. Her eye sight has improved but she needs further treatment for the retina. We say a big thank you to Sr. Prathibha for her kindness in providing Sr. Annette with the best care.

This year nine of our students had the opportunity to attend the Leadership Training Programme for 7 days at Indore USM centre. Sr. Deepika CJ and Mrs. Kavita Singh accompanied the students. Our students gained much and learnt useful things for life and have developed self-confidence. It was a great surprise that Ekta Saxena, one of our

class 8 students received the award as the best participant and also for honesty.

Our senior youth joined for the 3 days retreat at Bareilly Cathedral. Sr. Sherly extended her help to the youth during their retreat.

12<sup>th</sup> November 2016 was a great day for the entire St. Anthony's Inter College. The

teachers and students worked very hard to put up an excellent Science, Art



and Craft and other learning subjects including scouts

and guides exhibition. The main theme of the exhibition was 'St. Mother Teresa of Kolkata'. St. Mother Teresa's life and mission was well displayed artistically by charts, models, and writings. There was a video clipping and commentary relayed on the stage throughout the exhibition. It was a simple way of bringing Christ's message of love and service to all our parents and children. Even the LKG and UKG children were active and well appreciated by all. The parents were taken up with the little ones ability to display and exhibit with great

confidence. The science models and the experiments of the juniors and seniors were well done. The handwork and craft pieces of work were excellent as the students made use of the waste material. Most of the parents came to see the Exhibition and were very happy and appreciated their children's performance. We congratulate our students and teachers for their hard work and creativity.

The Feast of Christ the King - all the parishioners and boarders joined the procession with the Blessed Sacrament. The choir sang well and all of us walked and prayed through the market with devotion. We made use of this opportunity for us to bear witness to the presence and love of Jesus to all the residents of Jeolikote.

An exciting event for our parish on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent was the Bible Quiz on the Gospel of St. Mathew. Chapters 1-10. Sr. Vinita CJ and Mrs. Renu Bernard prepared the Quiz in an interesting way. Well done Sr. Vinita CJ and Mrs. Renu Bernard! We had 4 groups and the winner of the day was the St. Anthony's Ward. We have decided to have the Bible Quiz every month. Our parish is very keen in learning the Bible.

Sr. Sherly CJ and Mrs. Kavita Singh organized an advent prayer for our Catholic students. They had a prayer service separately so that they can prepare meaningfully for the birth of Christ. This will be continued in the coming three weeks.

This year the Child Fund has taken a restricted stand for funding. Only a few activities are approved. The project will be

phased out slowly stage by stage. However, the two main programmes are approved. Those are mainly meant for the Youth Entrepreneurship Development and Employment. 14 enrolled youth got trained in Bee Keeping by RSETI – Rural Self Employment Training Institute, Haldwani. Each one got 6 boxes among them three with bee hives. At present 27 youth are attending 6 days' training on Animal Husbandry by the above mentioned organization. This training is to encourage our youth to develop dairy and have a regular income. The National Office has asked us to depart the children who are away from the project area for their study and work. Slowly Child Fund project will also be phased out.

Christmas greetings and all good wishes to all our sisters from Jeolikote Community! May the Christmas Season be filled with His Joy and Love!

Sr. Laura CJ

## **RAMNEE**

The month of November began with praying for the departed; the Sacred ground where our dear sisters rest in peace was visited often, reminding ourselves of the day we need to respond to the final call of our dear Master, Jesus. Sr. Caroline, receiving the news of her dear brother's serious illness, rushed home to be with him and returned after a week.

On 8<sup>th</sup> November the Bishop of Bareilly, Bp. Ignatius D'Souza gave the community a talk based on the gospel text Mk 9:14 – 29: 'The father of the boy said to Jesus, 'they could not do'. The challenging question before us is, are

we like the disciples – 'we cannot do because of our shallow faith?' On 10<sup>th</sup> November Sr. Deepa was asked by Bishop to give a talk to the regents of the diocese on 'What are our expectations of them?'

In the second week of the month the whole school was in a picnic mood; we visited Ramnagar Resorts, Bhimtal, Rajbhawan, Snow View etc. Everyone enjoyed the outing thoroughly and it was a time of relaxation for all the children, teachers and the sisters.

All- teachers and children - enjoyed the class picnics and teachers' picnic prior to entering the serious time of examination, correction and result preparation.

The month of December began with activities and prayers that put us in the spirit of Advent. Meaningful advent services, pilgrimage to Bazpur and the carol singing etc. helped us to have an inward introspection of heart and mind to prepare ourselves for the great sacred event - CHRISTMAS. The Junior School put up a wonderful Christmas play for the entire school. Class 12 students were given a simple and meaningful farewell on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Sisters celebrated Christmas with the boarders on 5<sup>th</sup> and conveyed the relevance of Jesus' Birth in the present scenario of our country and the world at large. All the boarders went home on 6<sup>th</sup> December while the school closed on 10<sup>th</sup> with the PTM of the day-scholars.

Mrs. Renu Arora was given a befitting farewell on her retirement and was well appreciated and thanked for her dedicated service to Ramnee for the past 14 years. Christmas prayer for the teachers was indeed

a spirit - filled one and the satisfaction of being a Ramnee staff was reflected on their faces as their names were taken to the altar of God in prayer and thanksgiving.

As usual the Christmas joy and spirit of sharing was creative and quite satisfying. To



begin with, the SUPW things prepared by children were distributed among Government school children and in the hospital. We shared the joy of Christmas with the rag pickers, rickshaw pullers, coolies and also with the inmates of leper colony on different days. Rag pickers, rickshaw pullers, coolies were found relaxing and enjoying in front of the Holy Crib.

Our Friends of Mary Ward – 57 of them, guided by Sr. Deepa and Ms. Kusum went to B.D Pandey Hospital. The joy of the children

and the patients was our reward. The group also had the opportunity to share with the entire school about their outreach programmes in both Nainital and Haldwani.



Nirmala School had its annual function on 15<sup>th</sup> December under the guidance of Sr. Shobha. Dr. Ajay Rawat, a local social activist, was the chief guest for the day and he appreciated the efforts of the principal and staff in moulding the students in a perfect manner through the field of education and co-curricular activities.

The home birds of our community left for Kerala to meet their dear ones while Srs. Deepa and Digna went to Punjab for vocation fostering.

## **JHAJJAR**

After a long gap the Jhajjar community comes to share with you some of the recent events. As per our action plan for the year of mercy, we started the evening tuition for our students from July. Many parents were not able to reach and fetch their wards after an hour. So finally we stopped it by the third week of October. Sr. Anjali left for Delhi on 20<sup>th</sup> October for her retreat and was back on 28<sup>th</sup>.

27<sup>th</sup> October was a red letter day in the history of St. Mary's, Jhajjar for on this day the foundation stone of our convent was laid by Rev. Fr. Joseph Kochupura, SJ in the presence of CJ-SJ community, our co-workers and others.

Sr. Mary John left for the council meeting on 28th Oct. While Sr. Mary John celebrated the festival of lights with the Provincial house members, Srs. Kanula and Anjali enjoyed the day with our co-workers.

We had our first P.T display cum sports day on 16th November. We express our gratitude to you Sr. Joseline for gracing the occasion and for being the chief guest. Thank you, Sr. Marisha, for your supportive and encouraging presence. Each class was prepared for different drills - ribbon P.T, lazium, fan dance and yoga coupled with different sports items. On 17th Sr. Kanula left via Delhi for Allahabad to join the jubilee celebrations of St. Mary's 32. She was back on 21st November with sweet memories of the event. Sr. Anjali's feast was celebrated on 22nd November. On the same day the foundation stone of the first block cum administrative wing of the school building was laid in the presence of the community, teachers, students and workers. The work is progressing fast. Both parents and students are happy about it.

On 2nd December Sr. Mary John began her retreat in Jesu Bhawan and she stayed on for the council meeting and was back on 12th December.

Three of our teachers are coming from Delhi spending four hours on the road. On 10th December Ms. Anupa, our LKG teacher was

coming to school along with her brother. A buffalo turned and came in front. With the sudden break she was thrown off the bike and broke her left arm. She is advised to take rest for over a month. We were fortunate to get a substitute for her.

On the eve of St. Nicholas' feast we distributed the dresses collected from our students to the children of our construction workers. We have admitted 10 of them in the school. They show much eagerness and interest to learn.

The XSEED teacher trainers conducted training programmes and model lessons for our teachers four times. These sessions have been a great help to our teachers.

At present we are in the midst of the last formative assessment (FA4). Sr. Kanula is fully involved in preparing and getting ready for the Christmas Programme.

We have begun with the paper work for the NOC from the Haryana Education Department. Kindly keep this intention in your valuable prayers.

The SJ-CJ community is getting ready interiorly and exteriorly to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Wishing you a Very Happy Christmas and a grace filled New Year 2017!

**JESU BHAWAN, DELHI.**

Greetings from Jesu Bhawan to all the readers! The month of November was quiet, but we were kept busy getting ready to welcome our last group of retreatants.

On his return from Rome after the GC, the three communities-Jesuits and CJs at Shahabad gave a fond farewell to Rev. Fr. Sebastian Jeerakassery SJ, the Provincial elect of the Delhi Province as he was moving out to take up his new mission on 1st December. We thank him for all his generous help we have received during the past three years in a very special way. We wish him all the best and God's blessings in his new mission. Demonetization affected us too. We were part of the struggles of our people. We spent a lot of time and energy waiting in queue to get cash.

Srs. Joseline and Sanjita attended the feast of Christ the King at Sacred Heart Cathedral, Delhi. On 22nd the community spent a day in prayer.

Once again from 2nd to 8th December, Jesu Bhawan became the centre for 28 of our sisters to meet the Lord personally in retreat



directed by Sr. Inigo SSA.

We hope and pray that the Word of God will take deep roots in our being and our lives will give expression to His Word. The sisters returned to their respective communities and

reached their destination after a delay of 8-10 hours due to fog.

While our sisters were enjoying the silence Sr Sanjita was busy writing her B.A. Part II examinations in Nainital.

We were happy to welcome Mrs. Jessintha Anthony who came all the way from Florida, to celebrate her aunt, Sr. Manju's (Patna) 80th birthday; she spent a day with us on her way back home.

May all experience God's presence at Christmas and the wonder of His abiding love as He guides us, through each day of the coming year 2017.

**AMDG**