

CIRCULAR

NAGPUR PROVINCE



TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PROVINCE

"WHY DO YOU SEEK THE LIVING AMONG THE DEAD? HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN."

(LUKE 24:5-6)

DEAR CONFRERES,

GRACE AND PEACE TO YOU IN THE RISEN LORD.

The celebration of Easter stands at the very heart of our Christian faith. It proclaims the victory of life over death, hope over despair, and light over darkness. For us as MSFS priests and religious, Easter is not merely a liturgical celebration but a profound reminder of our missionary calling—to witness to the power of the Resurrection in our lives and ministries. As disciples of St. Francis de Sales, we are invited to be bearers of hope, gentleness, and compassionate presence in a world that often longs for healing and reconciliation.

In today's world, the message of Easter becomes even more urgent and meaningful. We live in times marked by war and violence, social polarization, and increasing divisions among people. Many societies are wounded by hatred, intolerance, and the exclusion of individuals and communities on the basis of caste, creed, religion, language, and culture. Political exploitation and manipulation often deepen these divisions, creating mistrust and conflict among people who are called to live as brothers and sisters.

We also witness other troubling realities of our times: the spread of misinformation and indoctrination through media, growing economic inequality, migration and displacement, the isolation of the elderly and vulnerable, environmental degradation, and the increasing tendency of individuals and communities to live in fear and suspicion of one another. In such a context, the Resurrection of Christ challenges us to become credible witnesses of hope, unity, and reconciliation.

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Easter reminds us that God's love is stronger than hatred, truth stronger than falsehood, and life stronger than death. The Risen Lord breaks the chains that bind humanity and opens new paths of renewal and transformation. As MSFS missionaries, we are called to respond to these realities with the spirit of the Gospel—by building bridges where there are divisions, offering compassion where there is suffering, and standing for truth, justice, and dignity for every person.

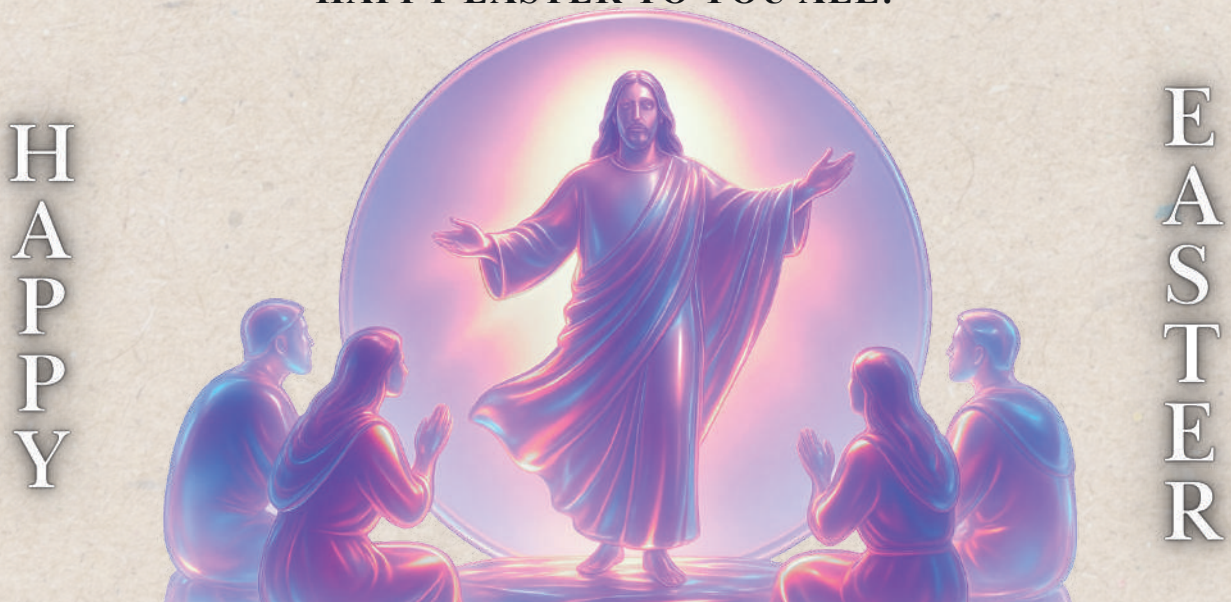
We can make this Easter meaningful by renewing our commitment to our vocation and mission: by being instruments of peace in our communities, by welcoming and accompanying those who feel excluded, by promoting dialogue and understanding among people of different backgrounds, and by living the values of humility, simplicity, and charity that St. Francis de Sales taught us. Our witness, our pastoral care, and our daily interactions should reflect the joy and hope of the Resurrection.

As we celebrate this great feast, I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the confreres who have accepted their recent transfers and appointments in a spirit of religious obedience and availability for the mission. Your willingness to place yourselves at the service of the Church and the Congregation is deeply appreciated. As you begin a new chapter in your ministerial life, may it be filled with new expectations, renewed hopes, and deeper zeal for the mission entrusted to you. May the Lord accompany you and bless you abundantly in your new places of appointment.

With gratitude for your dedication and with prayerful good wishes to each one of you, I extend to all the members of the Province my heartfelt Easter greetings.

May the Risen Christ fill your hearts with joy, renew your missionary zeal, and bless each one of you with His peace and grace.

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL!



IMPORTANT DATES OF THE PROVINCE

TALLY PROGRAMME FOR THE LOCAL BURSARS

06TH AND 07TH JUNE 2026

ALL SOCIETY SECRETARIES MEETING

26TH JUNE 2026

MID - TERM ASSEMBLY

17TH EVE, 18TH 19TH AND 20TH AUGUST 2026

ANNUAL RETREAT I

07TH OCTOBER - 12TH OCTOBER 2026

ANNUAL RETREAT II

06TH NOV - 11TH NOVEMBER 2026

ANNUAL RETREAT GROUPS 2026-27

ANNUAL RETREAT I 07TH OCTOBER - 12TH OCTOBER 2026

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| 1. ABHIJIT BHENGRA | 21. EMMANUEL VATTAMATTAM | 40. MICHAEL TOPPO |
| 2. ABIN BABY | 22. FEBIN TOM | 41. NEVIN TETE |
| 3. AMBROSE MINJ | 23. GOLLAPUDI JOSEPH | 42. OSCAR KUJUR |
| 4. AMIT BAA | 24. IGNATUS D'COSTA | 43. PETER DOMINIC |
| 5. AMRIT LAKRA | 25. JAGADEESH TETE | 44. PHILIP MALEPARAMBIL |
| 6. ANAND KULLU | 26. JOHN BRITTO MUTTUSWAMY | 45. RAKESH KERKETTA |
| 7. ANIL PANDIT | 27. JOHN CARVALHO | 46. RANJIT LAKRA |
| 8. AMALRAJU BANDANADAM | 28. JOHN PETER | 47. SANJAY LAKRA |
| 9. ANTO DEEPAK | 29. JOHN RUPTAKE | 48. SANTHOSH KUMAR |
| 10. ANTO THOMAS | 30. JOHNSON P | 49. SEBASTIAN A |
| 11. BARNABAS XALXO | 31. JOSE MUDAVANKUNNEL | 50. SHANTWAN KUTEKHER |
| 12. BATTULA KALYAN | 32. JOSEPH PLATHOTTAM | 51. SOLOMON SAHAYARAJ |
| 13. BIJAY KERKETTA | 33. KULANDAI RAJ | 52. TELESFOR LAKRA |
| 14. BIMAL TIRKEY | 34. LALJI PATTATHIL | 53. THOMAS KUTTIANCKAL |
| 15. BIMAL TOPNO | 35. LAMBERT EKKA | 54. WILLIAM ANTONY |
| 16. BIRAJ MINJ | 36. LIJOHN KACHAPILLY | |
| 17. BOSCO P | 37. MARCUS RUPTAKE | |
| 18. DAVID PAUL | 38. MATHEW THAYIL | |
| 19. DOMY THOMAS | 39. MELROY ALMEIDA | |
| 20. EMIL TIRKEY | | |

ANNUAL RETREAT II**06TH NOV - 11TH NOVEMBER 2026**

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| 1. ALBIN JOSEPH | 20. JONNOY KOPLY | 39. SAIJU V |
| 2. ALLAN GONSALVES | 21. JOSEPH KAILAMANGALAM | 40. SAINJIN BENNY |
| 3. AMIT TIRKEY | 22. JOSEPH KALEKKATIL | 41. SANDEEP TIRKEY |
| 4. ANIL GEORGE | 23. JOSEPH PULLOPILLIL | 42. SANTHOSH SORENG |
| 5. ANSON KALIYATH | 24. KAMIL TETE | 43. SCARIA KADAMKULAM |
| 6. ANTHONY AMALDOSS | 25. LALIT TIGGA | 44. SILVEASTER KULLU |
| 7. ANUP PILLAI | 26. MANOJ TIRKEY | 45. SYLBESTAR XALXO |
| 8. ARUN EKKA | 27. MARIANUS KUJUR | 46. VINAYANAND KATRU |
| 9. ARUN P | 28. MATHEWS KODAMULLIL | 47. VINCENT MINJ |
| 10. AUSTIN CORREIA | 29. NOBIT BABY | 48. VISHAL BARSE |
| 11. CHRISTU RAJA | 30. PATRAS TIRKEY | 49. VISHWAS TORNE |
| 12. CYPRIAN DUNG DUNG | 31. PETER KUJUR | 50. WILSON A |
| 13. DEEPAK BAA | 32. PETER PAUL | 51. YESUDOSS |
| 14. DEEPAK KINDO | 33. PETER THOMAS | |
| 15. GNANAMANI SIMON | 34. PETRUS KULLU | |
| 16. HILARUS TIRKEY | 35. RAJAT KUMAR DIGAL | |
| 17. JOHN DIVE | 36. RAMESH DAMALA | |
| 18. JOHN PARKHE | 37. ROSHAN MINJ | |
| 19. JOMON MATHEW | 38. ROSHAN T | |

Note: The dates of the retreats will remain unchanged; however, there may be slight modifications in the list of members participating in the retreats, which will be communicated in subsequent circulars.

**CORE COMMITTEE FOR THE
MID-TERM ASSEMBLY**
FR. BOSCO P**CONVENOR****MEMBERS**

FR. WILSON ABRAHAM
FR. AGNELO FERNANDES
FR. ARUN P
FR. SILBESTER KULLU
FR. GOLLAPUDI JOSEPH

**APPOINTMENT OF
FRANSALIAN ASSOCIATES**

FR. JOSEPH KAILAMANGALAM
FR. SOLOMON SAHAYARAJ
FR. ANTO THOMAS

DELHI
BHUSAWAL
CHOTA- NAGPUR

TRANSFERS AND APPOINTMENT 2026

S. No.	Names	Place	Designation	w.e.f.
1	Fr Petrus Kullu	Ambapani	Superior & Parish Priest	01 st June 2026
2	Fr Oscar Kujur	Sini	Parish Priest	01 st June 2026
3	Fr KV Joseph	Mahima, Janakpuri	Superior & Parish Priest	01 st June 2026
4	Fr Anson Kaliyath	Khamgaon	Principal	01 st June 2026
5	Fr Bimal Tirkey	Latapara	On the staff	01 st June 2026
6	Fr Hilarus Tirkey	GMVV	On the staff and Asst. PP	01 st June 2026
7	Fr Jagdish Tete	Ambapani	Assistant Parish Priest	01 st June 2026
8	Fr Anand Kullu	Nanded	Superior	01 st June 2026
9	Fr Emmanuel	Suvidya	Spiritual Director	01 st June 2026
10	Fr Sandeep Tirkey	Dhyana Ashram	Director of Novices	01 st June 2026
11	Fr Wilson Abraham	Provincialate	Superior and Estate Office (Society) In-Charge	01 st June 2026
12	Fr Anup Pillai	Khamgaon	Local Bursar, Asst. PP.	01 st June 2026
13	Fr Domy Thomas	Prakash Bhavan	Rector and Superior	01 st June 2026
14	Fr Nevin Tete	Dhyana Ashram	Asst. Director of Novices	01 st June 2026
15	Fr Santosh Soreng	Divya Jyoti Ashram	Superior/Rector Latapara	01 st June 2026
16	Fr Abhijeet Bhengra	Darkona	Asst. Parish Priest	01 st June 2026
17	Fr Febin Tom	Raidihi	Asst. Parish Priest	01 st June 2026
18	Fr Bimal Topno	Baradurgapur	Asst. Parish Priest	01 st June 2026
19	Fr Abin Baby	Prakash Bhavan	Local Bursar	01 st June 2026
20	Fr Ramesh Damala	Sini	Superior	01 st June 2026
21	Fr Sanjay Lakra	Badnera	Office Admin./Local Bursar	01 st June 2026
22	Fr Anil Pandit	SFS Jhajjar	Office Admin. & priest in charge of Mass centre	01 st June 2026
23	Fr Johnson Parikapally	Seraikella	Superior/In-charge of Mass centre	01 st June 2026
24	Fr Kulandai Raj	LCI, Arusha	On the staff	01 st June 2026
25	Fr Sainjin Benny	Bhusawal	Mess In-charge (Local Bursar)	01 st June 2026
26	Fr Richard Tirkey	Vailankani	Hindi Confessor	01 st June 2026
27	Fr Anil George	FTI Aurangabad	Superior	01 st June 2026

DELEGATES FOR HANDING OVER

S. No.	Place	Delegate
1	Ambapani	Fr Anto Thomas
2	DJA Latapara	Fr Anto Thomas
3	Sini	Fr. Johnson P.
4	Khamgaon	Fr Nobit
5	Nanded	Fr Ignathi K.
6	Provincialate	Fr Selbestar Xalxo
7	Aurangabad	Fr Melroy A.
8	Badnera	Fr John Dive
9	Jhajjar	Fr Allan Gonsalves

Note: In places where there is a change of Local Bursar, the Local Superior will act as the delegate for the handing-over process.

REGENTS

S. No.	Names	Place	w.e.f.
1	Abhyanjit Kerketta	DJA Latapara	5th May 2026
2	Sailesh Surin	Mannarkkad	5th May 2026
3	Sameer Tete	Kandore	5th May 2026
4	Pramod Xess	Badadurgapur	5th May 2026
5	Sanjay Xalxo	Panderpalli	5th May 2026
6	Asmit Kandulna	Bamra	5th May 2026
7	Pawan Xess	Provincialate	5th May 2026
8	Raphael Tirkey	Nimkheda	5th May 2026

DEACONS

S. No.	Names	Place	w.e.f.
1	Praful Dungdung	Panderpalli	After the Pastoral Course
2	Sameer Xess	Raidihi	After the Pastoral Course
3	Sunandan Senapati	Baradurgapur	After the Pastoral Course
4	Saurav Topno	Ambapani	After the Pastoral Course

**PROMOTION OF SCHOLASTICS TO NEXT STAGE OF
FORMATION AND APPROVAL FOR RENEWAL OF VOWS.**

1. ADMISSION TO THE NOVITIATE.

- 1) ABHISHEK SRIKAKOLLU
- 2) AMANDEEP BECK
- 3) ANKIT ROSAN JOJO
- 4) ASWIN LAKRA
- 5) BRITTO SAMINATHAN
- 6) CRESSANT ANTHONY FRANCIS
- 7) KORNELIYUS MURMU
- 8) PRABHIN LAKRA
- 9) SEBASTIAN PADRA
- 10) SOBAN HEMBROM
- 11) SUDEEP TIRKEY
- 12) SAGAR SORENG
- 13) SANDEEP BESRA
- 14) SURAJ PRATAP KULLU
- 15) YUVARAJ UPPULURI

2. APPROVAL FOR FIRST PROFESSION AND FIRST YEAR PHILOSOPHY:

- 1) AVINASH KUJUR
- 2) ANUP LAKRA
- 3) ARYAN TIGGA
- 4) INBARASAN M
- 5) MILAN KUJUR
- 6) PRAMOD KONGARI
- 7) PRINCE SAGAR MINJ
- 8) SHAHIL KUJUR
- 9) AMAN EKKA
- 10) NAMAN TOPPO

3. RENEWAL OF VOWS AND APPROVAL FOR SECOND YEAR PHILOSOPHY:

- 1) ASISH KERKETTA
- 2) ANAND TOPPO
- 3) AKASH BALIARSINGH
- 4) ELIAS EKKA
- 5) JYOTIN DIGAL
- 6) MANISH SANGA
- 7) LIBIN TIGGA
- 8) RASAL TETE
- 9) MUKESH DAHANGA
- 10) SUNIL KUJUR
- 11) BINIT TIRKEY

4. RENEWAL OF VOWS AND APPROVAL FOR THIRD YEAR PHILOSOPHY

- 1) AMARJOSHAN MINJ
- 2) BRAJIL BAA

5. RENEWAL OF VOWS AND APPROVAL FOR REGENCY:

- 1) ABHAYANJIT KERKETTA
- 3) ASMIT KANDULNA
- 5) PAWAN XESS
- 6) PRAMOD XESS
- 7) RAPHEL TIRKEY
- 8) SAILES SURIN
- 9) SAMEER TETE
- 10) SANJAY XALXO

6. RENEWAL AND APPROVAL FOR FIRST YEAR B.A.

- 1) NABIN SORENG
- 2) BIKRAM DUNG DUNG
- 3) SUJIT BILUNG
- 4) PRAMOD KULLU
- 5) BISHAL TETE
- 6) JOYWIN RAJU KALAYATHINAL

7. RENEWAL OF VOWS AND APPROVAL FOR FIRST YEAR THEOLOGY:

- 1) SACHIN TIRKEY
- 2) BARLIYUS TUDU
- 3) BINAY MINJ

8. RENEWAL OF VOWS AND APPROVAL FOR SECOND YEAR THEOLOGY:

- 1) ABHIJEET TGGA
- 2) RAKESH RAJ XESS
- 3) AMAR DEEP LAKRA
- 4) SUNIL MINZ
- 5) SUDEEP BARLA
- 6) LIBIN AUGUSTIN
- 7) BARLA PRASHANT
- 8) AMIT KUMAR TIRKEY

9. RENEWAL AND APPROVAL FOR THIRD YEAR THEOLOGY:

- 1) AJAY KERKETTA

10. APPROVAL FOR THE ORDINATION OF DIACONATE:

- 1) SAURAV TOPNO

HIGHER STUDIES

1. ROSHAN TIGGA	B.ED. - RAIPUR
2. JOMON MATHEW	B.ED. RAIPUR
3. LIJOHN JOSE	P.HD. PHILIPPINES
4. SANTHOSH KUMAR	P.HD. VISCOM - CHENNAI

INFORMATION

1. **The MSFS in Ireland:** Fr. Issac John MSFS has been appointed to the Holy Cross Parish of Tramore and Carbally under the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore as a Curate with effect from 31st March 2026.
2. **Fr. Kulandairaj MSFS**, from the Nagpur Province, will be attending the De Sales Mermierian Heritage Retreat 2026 to be held in Annecy, France.
3. **Fr. Sabu Francis MSFS** has been appointed as the new Rector of Suvidya College, Bengaluru. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to him and assure him of our prayers as he assumes this important responsibility. May the Lord guide and strengthen him in his ministry and leadership.
4. **Fr. Patrick Jayaraj MSFS** has been appointed as the Chairman of the Governing Body of Suvidya College, Bengaluru. We extend our sincere congratulations to him and assure him of our prayers as he takes on this significant responsibility. May God bless him with wisdom and strength in his service.
5. **Bro. Rajat Kerketta**, who was doing his regency at Darkona, has taken a one-year break. We keep him in our prayers during this period and wish him well.

6. THE NEW PROVINCIAL CURIA OF THE GUWAHATI PROVINCE

- Fr George Thomas Poovanthunkal : **Provincial Superior**
- Fr Athnas Kerketta : Councillor in charge for Formation & Admonitor
- Fr Joe Varghese : Councillor in charge for Education
- Fr Marcelinus Riawed War : Councillor in charge for SAJM
- Fr George Pekkadan : Councillor in charge of Mission
- Fr Lijeesh Kaduthanathu : Provincial Bursar

We offer our heartfelt congratulations to Rev. Fr. George Thomas Poovanthunkal, the Provincial, and his Councillors on assuming the leadership of the Province. We assure them of our prayers and invoke God's abundant blessings upon their ministry.

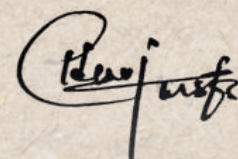
OBITUARY

1. **Mr. Martin Kujur**, 80 Years, the Father of Fr. Sudhir Kujur, who passed away on 24 December 2025
2. **Ms. Sabina Xalxo**, elder sister of Fr. Alex Tigga, who passed away on 26 December 2025
3. **Mr. Abraham Varghese**, 82 years, Father of Fr. Anto Varghese, who passed away on 30 December 2025
4. **Mr. Francis Tirkey**, 54 years, father of Bro. Binit Tirkey, who passed away on 16 January 2026
5. **Mr. Simon Sekar**, 66 years, Father of Fr. Gnanamani, who passed away on 16 January 2026
6. **Mr. Jose Nellicery**, 70 years, Maternal uncle of Fr. Lona, who passed away on 19th January 2026
7. **Mrs. Sonali Xess, 38 Years**, Cousin sister of Fr. manoj Tirkey, who passed away on 06th February 2026
8. **Mrs. Shashikala Rupeka**, 62 years, elder sister of Bro. John Ruptake, who passed away on 06th March 2026
9. **Mr. Gnana Kathir**, 45 years, younger brother of Fr. Christu Raj, who passed away on 09th March 2026
10. **Mrs. Mary Sebastian Palathadathil**, 72 years, elder sister of Fr. Joseph Kalekattil, who passed away on 09th March 2026.
11. **Miss. Monika Ruptake**, 75 years, elder sister of Fr. Marcus Ruptake, who passed away on 17th March 2026

*Never be in a hurry; do everything
quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose
your inner peace for anything
whatsoever."*

- **St. Francis de Sales**

Rev. Fr. Manoj Tirkey MSFS



Provincial Superior
Nagpur Province