



The Regional Superior and all the members from the region wish all our readers
a Happy Feast Of St. Ignatius Of Loyola.



St. Ignatius Pray for Us

“ALL For The Greater Glory of God”

Jamaica- Marcus Garvey Basic School



Children from the School

The Marcus Garvey Basic School is an initiative of the Jesuits in Jamaica to assist in delivering quality basic education to inner city children. The school is known for having a tradition of academic excellence in that part of the inner city. After a great commencement in early 2020, the school was closed from March as other schools on the island, to contain the spread of the coronavirus. However, during the closure of the basic school during the four months, March to June, lessons were sent daily from the teachers to parents via whatsapp, to deliver to the children.

From July the country gradually began re-opening of some sectors and activities are slowly returning to normal. Some schools opted to offer summer classes as a supplement to children to catch up on lessons they have missed out over the four months. From the 6th to 22nd July, the basic school also re-opened to keep summer lessons for three weeks for 25 children of classes one and two. The lessons are held from 9am to 12 pm three days a week Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The school staff, parents and the Jesuits hope and pray for all to go as planned for school reopening in September, so that the school continue its mission to provide quality education to the children. ADMG

-Medino Abraham

Barbados

Michael Barrow celebrated his final Masses in Barbados and St Francis of Assisi church was handed over to the diocese there on 28th July. This brings to an end the British Province's 163-year involvement with the island. Michael will be returning to Britain and will join the Boscombe community. He had been parish priest at St Francis since 2012. Barbados first appeared in the British Province Catalogue's listing for 1857, at the same time as the Guyanese mission was established. In that year there was one Jesuit stationed there, a Fr Henry Segrave. Please remember the parish and the island, where British (and other) Jesuits have ministered for so long, in your prayers.



St. Francis of Assisi Church

-Paul Nicholson

Berkeley- The fruits of my Arrupe month

A pandemic requires a pandemic response. This phrase has stuck with me for the past week since I first heard it during an Arrupe Month Presentation. The central question that I have been reflecting on is: “what kind of Church should we be after the pandemic? Intimately connected with this question is: “what kind of priests does the Church need during and after the pandemic? I want to ensure that I am being formed to respond to the needs of the Church at this time.

How have we been Church during the pandemic? My reflection at this time is that COVID-19 is an invitation to discernment – what is the Church and its pastors for? There is an opportunity here to evangelize and be evangelized by the poor. This means proclaiming the Gospel in word *and* deed. Perhaps parishes might not only celebrate the Eucharist and facilitate biblical reflection but give Christian witness by charity, community and solidarity with the excluded within and outside of our communities. My hope is to be a priest who is attentive to the real needs of the faithful, especially the poor and the excluded.

-Joel Thompson ●

Coastal Guyana

As we move into the fourth month of the Covid Crisis parish life has settled into a new rhythm with many activities taking place on line. In an earlier newsletter I commented on the success Fr Packiraj was having with online adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. I was fortunate to have the opportunity to experience this first hand. Around 25 people from the parishes of St Theresa's and Holy Rosary took part in the half hour of prayer. I was also invited to participate in an on-line meeting for young adults. This group gathers every Saturday. They are young professionals who have by and large educated themselves in the faith by navigating their way through the vast amount of material available online. What stuck me was their thirst for devotional practices to nourish that faith. The meeting began with five decades of the rosary and also the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The whole experience was one of great prayfulness and devotion.



Fr. Paul Martin Celebrating an Online Mass.

- Paul Martin ●

Interior Guyana

During this Covid-19 pandemic the Toshao and the village counselors are serious about their duties and responsibilities. There are few positive cases in Region 9. All of us are taking extra protective measures from this pandemic. All the schools and the churches are closed. The Parish Lay Assistants are helping and encouraging the faithful to continue their small group prayers and the family prayers.

The Jesuit had a community faith sharing on 7th July in St. Ignatius Mission, Lethem, with Paulose Vellacada from Aishalton participating through Zoom. We are also having the novena to St. Ignatius and it is streamed live on Catholic Media Facebook page.

The means of communication has improved in most of the villages in the interior, besides Radio, there are Government free Internet in the villages. We are connected with our parishioners. Every Sunday the Holy Eucharist is live streamed in Facebook and in Radio which is well appreciated.



Praying the Novena together.

- Elais Surin ●

