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Our Lady of Mount Carmel: A Loving Mother for Troubled Times

In a world filled with noise, stress, and uncertainty, many people long for peace – a quiet place in the heart where they can find rest and reassurance. That's exactly what Our Lady of Mount Carmel offers. She is a spiritual mother who gently leads us closer to Jesus, giving us strength, hope, and protection in everyday life.

The title "Our Lady of Mount Carmel" comes from Mount Carmel, a beautiful mountain in northern Israel mentioned often in the Bible. In the 12th century, a group of Christian hermits chose to live on that mountain, inspired by the prophet Elijah, who once lived and prayed there. These men dedicated their lives to prayer, silence; following the example of Mary, the Mother of Jesus. They became known as the Carmelites.

Mary became known to them as the "Lady of the Place" – their spiritual mother, guide, and protector. They believed that just as she quietly followed God's will during her life, they, too, were called to do the same. Over time, Mary's special role with the Carmelite Order became recognized around the world.

A turning point in this devotion came in 1251, when St. Simon Stock, an English Carmelite, received a vision of Mary. She appeared holding the Brown Scapular two small pieces of cloth joined by strings, worn over the shoulders and gave him this message:

"Whoever dies wearing this Scapular shall not suffer eternal fire."

This promise wasn't meant as a magic guarantee of salvation. Instead, it was a sign of Mary's special protection and a call to live a life of faith and devotion to Christ. The Brown Scapular became a powerful symbol: wearing it meant placing oneself under Mary's care and

committing to live as a faithful follower of Jesus.

Today, millions of Catholics around the world wear the Brown Scapular as a sign of this devotion. It is often given during a short ceremony by a Priest, called "enrolment," and is meant to be worn every day.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is not a distant or dramatic figure. She is quiet, humble and strong. In art, she is often shown holding the child Jesus and offering the Scapular to believers – her way of saying, "I'm with you."

Spiritually, Mary, under this title, teaches us the values that our modern world often forgets:

The first among them is the value of Silence. Taking time to pray and listen to God, even just for a few minutes a day can bring a spiritual revolution in our lives.

The next one is Trust, which consists in believing that God is at work, even when we feel confused or afraid.

She is especially close to those who suffer – whether from illness, grief, anxiety, or loneliness. Many people have shared how turning to Our Lady of Mount Carmel gave them a deep peace in the middle of pain. She reminds us that we are never alone and that God's love is always present, even in silence.

Today's world is fast, loud, and full of distractions. People are overwhelmed, tired, and spiritually hungry and fatigued. Many are searching for meaning, calm, or just a place to breathe. That's why Our Lady of Mount Carmel is more needed now than ever.

Her message is simple but powerful: slow down, pray, and trust in God. We don't need to be perfect we just need to be willing to follow Jesus, as Mary did. She calls us not to escape the world, but to bring God into our daily lives into

our work, our families, and even our struggles.

She also reminds us of the importance of belonging. Wearing the scapular connects us to millions of believers across centuries who have trusted Mary's care. It reminds us that faith is not something we carry alone – it's something we live together as the Body of Christ.

Here are a few simple and practical ways to deepen our relationship with Our Lady of Mount Carmel:

Daily prayer, even short prayer like, "Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us" can bring comfort, peace and clarity.

Wearing the Brown Scapular is a quiet reminder of Mary's love throughout our day. A small but significant effort of asking the Parish Priest of being enrolled can bring great spiritual fruit into our lives. As we celebrate her feast on July 16, we may participate in the Holy Mass, say a Rosary, or light a candle in her honor.

The practice of even five minutes of quiet each day can help us hear God's voice more clearly.

Through humility, faithfulness and charity, we may live like Mary, imitating her holiness.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is not just for religious people or mystics. She's for everyone for students trying to figure out life, for parents juggling endless responsibilities, for seniors seeking peace, and for those who feel lost. She comes to accompany us not with judgment, but with love.

Let us welcome her into our lives. Let us wear her Scapular with faith. And let us say with open hearts:

"Our Lady of Mount Carmel, walk with us, protect us and lead us closer to Jesus."

+ Shyamal Bose

INSTALLATION OF PARISH PRIEST

The Feast of Ascension marked a beautiful beginning for Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes as he was installed as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, Thakurpukur by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose on June 01, 2025! The ceremony was a beautiful blend of tradition and faith, with garlanding, Aarti and heartfelt hymns. Fr. Tushar took his oath in front of the sanctuary and received symbolic gestures of authority of the parish. The Bishop's homily highlighted the significance of the Ascension and the vital role of parish priests. Fr. Tushar's heartfelt request for cooperation from the parishioners set the tone for a wonderful journey ahead.

- Mr. Aritra Sen



CONFERRAL OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY CONFIRMATION

Pentecost Sunday, June 08, 2025, was a day of immense joy for the Hogalkuria Parish community! 21 children received the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation from the loving hands of Most Rev. Shyamal Bose. This joyous occasion marked a significant milestone in their faith journey, empowering them with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to proclaim God's Word with courage. The parish community rejoiced and grateful for the Bishop's presence and the spiritual renewal it brought. May these young confirmands continue to grow in faith and serve as beacons of hope!

- Fr. Jansing Shobhapati CM

BLESSING OF A RESIDENCE FOR THE CONGREGATION OF CATECHIST SISTERS OF ST. ANN

The blessing of a residence for the Congregation of Catechist Sisters of St. Ann by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose on June 12, 2025 marked a significant milestone in the history of St. Paul's Church, Canning. This rented house to sisters from the Congregation of Catechist Sisters of St. Ann, is poised to make a real difference in the community through their teaching ministry at De Paul School and strengthening the community's spiritual foundation. While we welcome the three pioneering sisters of the Congregation, Sr. Kusuma Kunti CSA, Sr. Nirmala CSA and Sr. Amulya CSA for this endeavour we express our gratitude to Sr. Alphonsa Pothireddy CSA, Assistant General, Sr. Showrilu Vjyuda CSA, Provincial of CSA congregation and Fr. Libin Varghese CM, Assistant General of CM congregation, during the blessing of the residence.

- Mr. Sourav Naskar



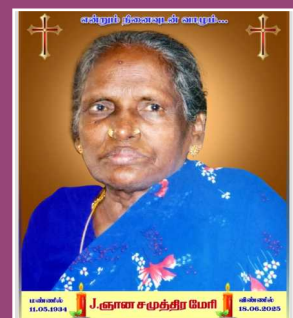
BLESSING OF RENOVATED ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH, KEORAPUKUR

June 13, 2025, was a momentous day for St. Anthony's Church, Keorapukur, as Most Rev. Shyamal Bose blessed the renovated church during the parish feast! The Bishop commended the faithful for their generosity and love for the church. Around 800 faithful, 8 priests and 15 sisters attended the Mass. Parish Priest and Vicar General, Fr. Kanauj Roy, thanked the Bishop, priests, sisters, contractors and faithful for their contributions to the renovation. The celebration concluded with sweet treats being distributed, spreading happiness and fostering a sense of community.



Fr. Abonindro Das

R.I.P.



Mrs. Mary, mother of Fr. Santhanam, passed away on June 18, 2025, at 11:45 p.m. at the ripe age of 90. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Fr. Santhanam and his family during this time of bereavement. May her soul rest in peace, and may God grant her eternal peace and a place among the saints. We pray for her eternal repose and offer our prayers and support to the family.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka

SPIRITUAL MILESTONES AT ST. THERESA OF CHILD JESUS PARISH, BASANTI



St. Theresa of Child Jesus parish in Basanti celebrated two significant events in June. On June 02, 56 children received their First Holy Communion. Fr. Sisir Khan inspired them with a reflection on Jesus' real presence. Later, on June 22, 97 candidates received the sacrament of Holy Confirmation,

presided over by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, marking a profound moment in their spiritual journey. The Bishop's words ignited a deeper passion and profession for faith in Jesus. The newly confirmed received religious articles and the day was filled with joy, refreshments and spiritual renewal.

- Sr. Stephy Albin FC

ZONAL YOUTH ORIENTATION PROGRAM



Baruipur Zone's Zonal Youth Orientation Program was held at Sonarpur Parish on June 29, 2025. 52 enthusiastic youth attended, exploring "Principal Factors Causing Psychological Stress and Discomfort Among Young People and Community Building." Fr. Kanauj Roy and Fr. Rajen Singh led insightful sessions, fostering a supportive community. The event wrapped up with laughter-filled bonding activities, leaving everyone energized and inspired youth to face challenges with faith and resilience.

- Mr. Andrewdeep Gomes

LAITY SUNDAY CELEBRATION



Laity Sunday was observed on June 29, 2025, in parishes across the diocese under the direction of Most Rev. Shyamal Bose. The occasion highlighted the vital role of the laity in parish communities, reflecting on their shared baptismal call to ministry and service. The contributions of lay faithful in various ministries and apostolates were acknowledged and applauded. St. Devasahayam Pillai, being India's first lay saint, was honoured.

- Mr. Joachim Ashim Campoo

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE AND WORKSHOP



The June 2025 workshop at Dishari Pastoral Centre was a poignant reminder of the importance of nurturing healthy relationships. Eight couples came together, delving into the 'Responsibility of a husband/wife'. They dived deep into the importance of mutual respect, trust and communication, recognizing the need to prevent violence and promote healthy relationships. The workshop was fruitful in empowering couples to build strong foundations for their families and future generations.

- Fr. Uttam Naskar

PALLI UNNAYAN SAMITI BARUIPUR HIGHLIGHTS

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur made significant strides in June 2025:

Climate Change Adaptation Training: PUS Baruipur organized a Climate Smart Farming training for 76 Sundarbans farmers from June 12-14 and June 17-19, 2025 equipping them with climate-resilient agriculture and natural resource management with expert guidance from Dr. Sarbeswar Ghosh and Sanjib Mandal.



Beautician Training Course: on June 20, 2025, 26 young men and women from backward families received certificates and practice kits after completing a Beautician Training 6-month course, empowering them for income generation.

These initiatives aim to enhance livelihoods and promote sustainable development in the region.

- Fr. Saumen Malik

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

JULY

10	Fr. J. Pathinathan
12	Br. Soumen Kanji
14	Fr. Sisir Khan
23	Br. Subilash Bar
23	Fr. Meghnad Singha
23	Fr. J. A. Santhanam
28	Fr. Sirnus Topno

**Happy Birthday
Dear Fathers and Brothers**

*Priestly
Ordination
Anniversary*

JULY

10	Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes
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Congratulations Dear Father

NOTICE BOARD

Paribar Jyoti

- # Marriage Preparation Course from 1st August to 2nd August 2025.
- # Young Couples Programme from 22nd August to 23rd August 2025.

Memorable & Admirable Month of July

12	Fr. Watteyne Jackues, S.J.
27	Most Rev. Henry D'Souza
28	Fr. De Steenhault Yves, S.J.

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer - Month of July 2025

For formation in discernment: Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

DISHARI AT A GLANCE

Dishari Pastoral Centre revitalized the Basic Ecclesial Community (BEC) movement through a series of unit meetings across parishes, facilitated by Fr. Goutam Naskar, Mr. Dipankar Sardar and Mr. Ajoy Naskar. These meetings aimed to foster greater awareness, encourage grassroots-level participation and strengthen the foundational elements of the BECs, which are vital to the Church's mission of communion, participation and evangelization. One of the key outcomes of this effort was the formation of several new BEC units in different parishes, particularly in areas where such communities were either absent or inactive. This development marks a significant step forward in building a more vibrant, participatory and mission-oriented Church at the grassroots level.



- Fr. Goutam Naskar

TRANSFERS AND NEW ARRIVALS OF RELIGIOUS IN THE DIOCESE

Place	Arrival	Outgoing
Missionaries of Charity, Mariapolli (Kumrokhali)	Sr. M. Benicitta M.C. (Superior)	Sr. M. Fiateres M.C.
Holy Cross Convent, Baruiapur	Sr. Manjusha Thomas SCC (Superior)	Sr. Sasmita Parichha SCC
	Sr. Sanjeeta Dundung SCC	Sr. Leema Varghese SCC
Holy Cross Convent, Hogalkuria	Sr. Manisha Dundung SCC	Sr. Martha Soren SCC
St. Joseph Church, Raghobpur	Fr. Joseph Pulickal, S.J. (Curate)	
Missionaries of Charity, Kacharibazar, Baruiapur	Sr. Ann Rose MC Sr. Elise MC	Sr. M. Stanislette M.C.
Hogalkuria Parish	Fr. Sanjit Lakra CM	Fr. Jansingh Shobhapati CM

Appointment:

Rev. Fr. Joseph Toppo, S.J. – The Diocesan Ecclesiastical Assistant for Christian Life Community (C.L.C.)

Bishop Shyamal Bose's Programme for the Month of July 2025

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Tue		MSC, Barrackpore	Mass and Inauguration of the Academic Year 2025-2026, Morning Star Regional Seminary
02	Wed	04.00 p.m.	Bishop's House, Baruiapur	Meeting of St. Mary's Educational Trust
12	Sat			Meeting of Laity Commission
15	Tue		Dishari, Baruiapur	G.B. Meeting of Dishari
16	Wed	11.30 a.m.	Budge Budge	Feast Day Mass of Our Lady of Mount Carmel
17	Thu	10.00 a.m.	Dishari, Baruiapur	G. B. & A.G.M. of Baruiapur Gyan Deep
26	Sat		Kalikanon, Baruiapur	Feast Day Mass of St. Joachim and St. Anne
29-30	Tue-Wed		Dishari, Baruiapur	Priests' Recollection