



# NAVA SPURTHI

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Nava Spurthi extends her greetings and good wishes to our newly elected Superior General, Sr. Jane Livesey and her Counsellors, Srs. Elena Gatica Romero, Prisca Vadakepoondikulam, Elizabeth Kampe and Cecilia Yeom Jaeyoung. We thank God for you and pray that you be guided by His Spirit in all your undertakings. We promise you our whole hearted support.

Nava Spurthi gratefully remembers the outgoing General Team for their relentless and untiring service to the Congregation. Thank you, dear Sr. Mechtild and your team for walking with us and for leading us through the last nine years. You have been our guiding star that led us to what we are today as CJ. Be assured of our prayerful support wherever you may be.

## The Regional Level Jubilee Year Closing Ceremony at Mumbai

The conclusion of the Jubilee Year Celebrations, on September 16 & 17, was a wonderful and gracious occasion for all us in Bangalore Region. The representatives from all our communities and schools, the ex-students of SMC, Mumbai and some of the parents, had gathered in the campus of St. Mary's School, Mulund, to honour our Venerable Mother Mary Ward, the great woman who founded the Congregation of Jesus in the year 1609.



## Inter State Competitions

Ten Students from each school took part in various competitions which were held to make known Mary Ward and her daring Spirit which enabled her to take the bold step of introducing the active apostolate for women.

The competitions held were Group Songs, Quiz, Speech based on the life Mary Ward and pencil sketch of the portrait of Mary Ward. The teachers too were busy getting ready for a written quiz competition.





The grand finale on 17 Sept. began with the unveiling of a picture of Mary Ward by Sr. Feby, our Regional Superior, and by invoking God's presence by lighting the lamp.

Today internet, communication and technology have an important place in the life of everyone. Keeping this in mind, our website, [www.cjblore.org](http://www.cjblore.org) was launched to provide better and faster information to the members, friends and well wishers. From now on you can view Nava Spurthi News and the Regional Letters - (private) from the website.

**Dance Drama on the Life of Mary Ward**

The dance drama representing the life and work of our Mother Mary Ward and further developments to CJ at present, were enacted in six phases by the ten students each from our six Schools.



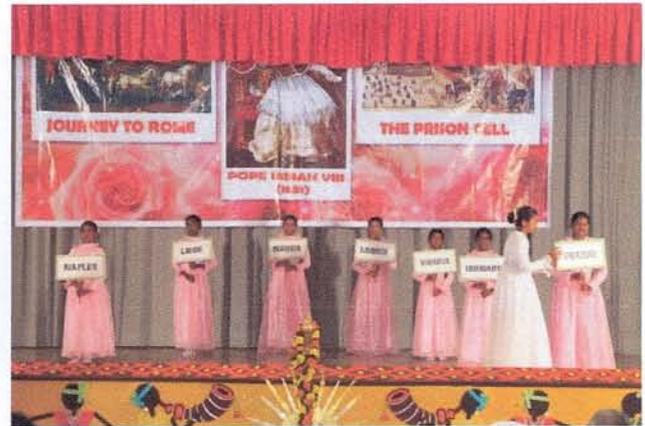
**Part-I:** Background and Introduction; Conflicts in England; Birth of Mary Ward; Childhood; Fire at Mulwith - 1585 – 1595 *By St. Mary's School, Alakode.*



**Part-II:** Marriage Proposals; Holy Communion; Mary's Journey begins; Influence of Margaret on Mary Ward; Desire for Martyrdom-1600 – 1609 *By St. Mary's School, Begur.*



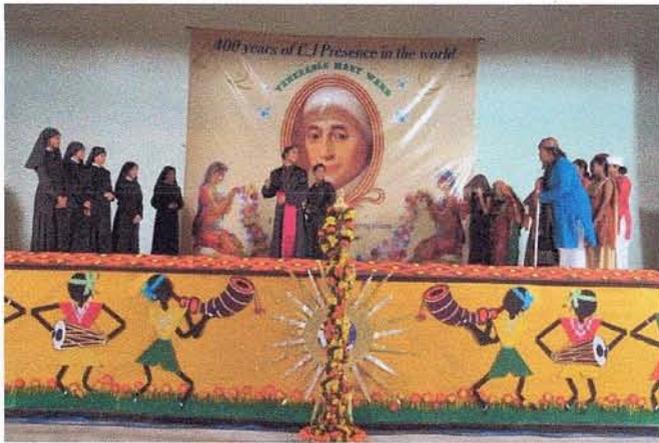
**Part -III:** Her Journey to St. Omer with her companions; Take the Same of the Society; Schola Beatae Marie; First Plan; Just Soul. 1609 – 1615 *By Nirmala Public School, Pizhaku.*



**Part -IV:** Move on to Rome; Accusations; Seeking Approval; Various Foundations; Second Journey to Rome; Suppression - 1516 – 1630 *By Mary Ward School, Mittappally.*



**Part -V:** Third Journey to Rome; Papal Audience; Last Years in Rome; Rome to England; Three Years in England – Death - 1631 – 1645 *By Mary Ward School, Puthenvelikara.*



**Part-VI:** Growth and Developments; CJ at present - 1645 – 2011 *By St. Mary's School, Mulund.*

All those who watched the spectacular dance drama, depicting the life and struggles that Mary Ward had to undergo, in order to fulfill God's Will in her life, could get easily into the spirit of Mary Ward. Everyone had a word of appreciation for Mary Ward.

**The Holy Eucharist** in the evening at St. Pius X Church was the high point of our celebration. Gratefully we remembered Pope St. Pius X, who acknowledged Mary Ward and restored her to the CJs and declared her the Foundress of Congregation in 1909. We have enough reason to be grateful to God for the marvellous ways He has led us through up to this moment. The Mass was officiated by His Lordship, Bishop Percival J. Fernandes, the Auxiliary Bishop of Bombay Archdiocese. We feel proud of our Mother Mary Ward and our Congregation as we were privileged to be part of this celebration.

### St. Mary's School, Mulund

The prison ministry in our parish of which Sr. Lucia is an active member, conducted a medical camp in the prison to help the inmates. Sr. Lucia interviewed and wrote the history of each patient and found that majority of them were young people aged between 18 and 25, suffering from

diseases due to unhygienic conditions. This camp is conducted every month.

On Teachers' Day, that is, 5 Sept. the students wished the teachers with a meaningful prayer service, cultural program and hand-made cards and bouquets from waste materials which were artistically fashioned.



Sr. Mary Jude is on a mission to spread the message of Education through the eyes of Mary Ward and Ignatian Pedagogy in all our schools of the region. We wish her all the best for her untiring efforts.

*Sr. Lucia C.J.*

### Mary Ward School, Puthenvelikara

Sr. Feby arrived here on 19 August. The purpose of her visit was to have a clear picture of the progress of the new construction (school) and to meet the candidates at Thuruthipuram. The main concern with regard to the building is that we run short of finance. Sr. Feby met the community and requested us to raise some fund for construction with the help of the students and their parents.

The Teachers' Day and the Onam (harvest festival) were celebrated on Sept. 5 in the school. The students honoured and appreciated their teachers by



*Alpana Competition*

conducting an organized prayer service and a short cultural programme and as part of the Onam Celebration, an Alpana (Pookalam) competition was conducted for the four houses.

All the children were given 'payasam', a special sweet dish, and the teachers were given token gifts and a good lunch. The teachers had 'Onappattu' (songs) competition in groups followed by organized games which were enjoyed by all. On a Sunday the parish too had Onam celebration with different competitions followed by lunch.



The students who went to Mumbai

The long awaited trip to Mumbai to celebrate the fourth centenary of CJ foundation became a reality when 10 students, one teacher and three sisters left for Mumbai.

The students performed every item well and the group returned hale and hearty, on 20 September. The Lord took care of the group so well that all kept perfectly well and thanks to ours at Mulund for the hard work put in and hospitality rendered. Part of the cash award our teacher and students coveted, was given to the school as a contribution to the building fund and with the rest they had a treat for the teachers as well as students concerned. We do appreciate such spontaneous responses.

*Sr. Alma*

### St. Mary's Convent, Begur

After a long struggle, we got the School Code for our state board. We are grateful to God and to all of you for your prayers. We witnessed a lot of healing and miracles at the Dharmaram Prayer Centre when we attended a day of recollection, a day of God experience. Sr. Linda experienced healing of her leg pain. If you get an opportunity, don't miss it.

Congratulations to Sr. Suma and our students who returned from Bombay after the grand celebration of Mother Mary Ward's Jubilee. They secured three prizes. Well done! Thanks to

Srs. Teresina, Elsa and Denny Sir who trained our students for the competitions.

We were happy to have a community picnic along with Srs. Feby, Manju and Suchita to Our Lady of Lourdes at Royakottai in Tamil Nadu, about 90 km. away. We shared a well prepared lunch at a spot close to the Shrine. We are grateful to G.C. 2011 for the daily bulletin.

*Sr. Linda*

### Mary Ward School, Mittappally

The teachers were honoured with a flower followed by a short prayer service and colourful items, presented by the students on 5 Sept. Sr. Mercy appealed to the teachers to live up to their call as teachers, by narrating a story. The management served them with a sumptuous lunch and presented a gift as a token of their service to the Institution.

The jubilee celebration in Mumbai was an eye opener and a rich experience for our children. Some of them are from interior villages and travelled in a train for first time. The parents were happy that their children had this exposure.

On 15 October, the parents met the management and expressed their desire that we begin classes XI & XII. It was decided that the parents would have an orientation programme, so that they would be able to give their children parental care and build up a family bond.



A competition in drawing was held for our students, the theme being biodiversity and greening the earth in order to develop their aesthetic sense and to make them aware of the ill effects of global warming, pollution, destruction of the environment, etc.

*Sr. Mercy*

## St. Mary's School, Alakode

The teachers' day celebrations began with a solemnly celebrated Holy Mass in our Parish.



The Senior students took initiative to conduct various programmes for their beloved

teachers. Our joy was doubled by the presence of Sr. Feby, our Regional Superior from Bangalore and some of the CJ sisters from different convents. Sr. Feby wished and thanked the teachers for their dedicated service at our school. Sr. Deepti, the Manager and Sr. Daisy, the principal appreciated the teachers with a token of love, gift and agape.

On 7 Sept. our School celebrated the Kerala Festival, Onam with various competitions including Tug o' war. On the same day, our sisters from other communities joined us for the retreat which was directed by Rev. Fr. Jacob Madakkekuzhi SJ from Calicut.

**Sr. Daisy** along with two of our teachers and 10 students went to Mumbai for the celebrations to mark the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Mother Mary Ward's Foundation.

It was an occasion to know Mary Ward better and to prove the talents and



ability of our students. The students were happy that they stood second in the competitions.

On 23 September our school band was privileged to welcome St. Don Bosco's relic, to our parish, the teachers and students took part in the service in the church and got his blessings for themselves and for their families.

**On 2 October**, Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary, his views and principles were upheld by our Social Club.

The students took the initiative to clean up the bus stand in Alakode.



Three of our students took part in speech competition conducted by YMCA, Kannur, the subject being 'Is Gandhism prevailing or not, in our society'. Three categories got 1<sup>st</sup> prize and cash award.

Our students participated the All Kerala Basket Ball Meet held at Cannanore.

On 10<sup>th</sup> October Balajanasakyam Unit was inaugurated by the Malayala Manorama unit advisor, Mr. Jose Poonthottam and the administrator, Mr. Augustine Kulathoor in his speech explained the activities and importance of the organization. The Principal, Sr. Daisy thanked them for starting this unit at our school. Mr. Siby Abraham was selected as the animator of the school.

On 15<sup>th</sup> October, 80 of our students took part in various cultural/ literary competitions organized by the CBSE Schools at Kannur. Number of students won the first position and different grades.

Our teachers and students took part in a speech competition, organized at Payyanoor and the students secured first position and teachers second and third positions.



St. Mary's School family celebrated the feast Sr. Daisy, the principal, with a meaningful prayer service and cultural

programmes. They thanked her for her untiring and dedicated service.

### **Your Prayers For –**

Sr. Mary Jude's brother, Joy who expired on 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Sr. Sheetal's cousin sister who died of silent attack. Sheetal is not told about it as the family has requested us not to tell her now, as she is making her long retreat.

Sr. Francisca's brother, Thommacham who is 70 years old and is admitted in Amala Hospital in Trichur.

Sr. Nelcy's father who has to undergo dialysis twice a week.

Sr. Feby's niece who expired on 21<sup>st</sup> Oct.

Srs. Eugenia and Cresence who are sick and need our prayers

Sr. Francisca's Cousin brother and Sr. Christine's uncle Mr. Joseph who expired on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov. He was 73 years old.

