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**Theme : The Glory of the Messiah**

Glory Latin gloria, fame, renown is used to describe the manifestation of God's presence as perceived by humans according to the Abrahamic religions. The Hebrew word which is used for glory in the Old Testament has the simple meaning of "heaviness" or "weight". It was used in everyday speech to express the worth of a person in the material sense, and then to express the ideas of importance, greatness, honour, splendour, power and so on. God's glory reflects his essential nature. Moreover, God is the source of all good things. He actually shares his glory with us. When we receive his plentiful gifts with gratitude, when we use thyme to enhance his honour, when we acknowledge him as the source of all goodness, then we are glorifying him. What is the glory that God gives us?

The word glory in the Bible always means something or someone who deserves great adoration, something or someone who deserves great thanksgiving, something or someone who deserves great honour and something or someone who is highly worthy to be praised! But we could ask what is there to be happy about. After all, there are so many things that depress us and make us sad. Yet we are asked to rejoice, to be a Christian we have to have joy in our lives. Isaiah 61, points out that we should rejoice in the Lord! Isaiah believes he has been chosen to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken hearted, to bring liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison, to proclaim the joyful news that God will do all these things for us through the Messiah. Many people spend their lives in obscurity. They live in small communities and hidden places waiting to see the glory of the Lord.



**Rev. Samuel Halder**  
Diocese of Durgapur,  
CNI

He was in the world that had its beginning through him, and the world did not know him. John said, "There stands among you-unknown to you the one who is coming." Jesus the Messiah will come again. He will come in his glory for all of us to be judged, therefore let us do good to others and share the good news on this Christmas.



**Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

**Diocesan Day of Prayer & Thanksgiving**

On 1st December 2022, the Diocesan family celebrated Diocesan Day of prayer and Thanksgiving service. The service was held at the premises of St. Michael's and All Angels Cathedral. It was indeed a day of thanksgiving to God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon our Diocese. There have been challenging times but God guided us through all that and enabled us to come together as One and celebrate this beautiful and meaningful day. We are very blessed to have The Rt. Revd. Sameer Issac Khimla as our Bishop who guides and encourages each one of us into betterment. We are very thankful to God for all the ministerial activities that take place under the Diocese of Durgapur so that through all these may God be glorified. We were blessed to have the presence of Revd. Amos Massey with us who gave meaningful insights from the Bible depicting the significance of Christian unity. He spoke about the importance of faith and service in the Diocese and how these were two essential aspects of the Christian life. Our Bishop highlighted the present day turmoil in the Church of North India but also assured that in Christ we will rise again as a resurrected church. Many people from different Pastorates, Institutions and all Clergy participated to enhance the celebration.





# Bishop's Meditation

## The Glory of the Messiah

Merry Christmas! What a wonderful time of the year, and it is indeed such an amazing time for us to express to others a little extra reflection about Jesus' love and the joy of this Christmas season. When we talk about our Messiah, His glory is central to everything that He does. The glory of the Messiah are the invisible attributes of our Messiah which are displayed in the visible ways. Isaiah 6:3 states, "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" We are aware that the custom of celebrating Christmas with songs and carols is as old as Christianity itself. The very first carol was sung by the angelic choir over the hills of Judea to announce the birth of the Child- "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men." Christmas makes us feel so many things all at once, joy, singing, devotion, glorifying our Messiah, ignites a holiday spirit within us and many more. Christmas is about the Good News of God's love. The Good News of Christmas is that God sent Jesus to seek and save the lost. The joy and glory of our Messiah wants us to make others feel and experience God's love through us. Isn't it a wonderful Christmas gift to offer someone? Because when we do a little extra for others it not only brightens their life but it also fills us with happiness. There is joy in our Messiah's arrival. The good news in our gospel is a constant reminder of our Messiah's glory. The glory of Christ is a glory of his superiority to and fulfilment of the law and the prophecies. The glory of Christ is a glory of his perfect humanity and his undiminished deity in one person. Finally the glory of Christ is the glory of God's sovereign purpose.



By The Rt. Rev. Sameer I. Khimla, Bishop, The Diocese of Durgapur (CNI)



# Awareness Program on legal matters

On 8/11/2022, The Anti-Human Trafficking Project under the Diocese of Durgapur organized an event at Kaliaganj Church Compound on legal matters. The training was delivered by the honourable Trishant Bhowmik, an advocate of Raiganj Court. About 50 people from 5 churches of CNI and IMS Mission were trained on that day. The Projector Coordinator Mr Raja Moses attended the training camp along with Rev. Bijay Lakra, In-charge of Congo Mission -Father S.M.David, Rev. Santosh Mardi and others. We are very delighted that awareness programs on legal matters are accepted by the people wholeheartedly.



# 50TH Golden Jubilee Celebration at Seacoast United Church Khejuri- Purba Medinipur

On 8th Of November, 2022 At Seacoast United Church Khejuri organised a HEALING WITNESS AND REVIVAL MEETING, where 5 Churches gathered- (Kharagpur) All Saints Church, (Medinipur) St. John's Church, Bankura Central Church, Bishnupur Church & Khejuri – Seacoast United Church. The service started with holy communion service at 10:00 am. The service was officiated by the Revd. Samuel Halder, Rev. Sumanta Naru, Revd. Swagata Das, Revd. Deacon Santosh Soren and Revd. Bijay Nayak. The sermon was delivered by Revd. Sumanta Naru. The theme of the service was prayer. He also shared how CNI has maintained unity with its member churches for so many years and how this blessing of God has united us as we work in the name of our Lord through prayer. Revd. Samuel Halder also shared a message on the theme of healing. He shared how to heal through the blessing of God. Believers from different Churches share their testimonies. There were 145 participants assembled in this programme. They were very happy to hear the words of God. It was really a memorable programme first time for the Seacoast United church - Khejuri. (Rev. Dn. Santosh Soren)



## Highlights from the observance of CNI Day Celebration at St. Michael's Church under the Diocese of Durgapur.



# A GREAT ACHIEVEMENT TO GET AN ADMISSION INTO IIT KHARAGPUR



To accomplish the most difficult tasks, we need to put in a lot of hard work, extra perseverance and concentration on a single objective. We should have patience and faith in ourselves. We must have determination, dedication and devotion to attain success. We are bound to face obstacles en-route to success, but with courage and enthusiasm, we can only master them. Chhoton Karmakar cleared class XII from Bankura Christian Collegiate School, under the management of Diocese of Durgapur this year with a score of 479 out of 500. He will do BTech in industrial and systems engineering. He has cracked the JEE main and the JEE advance and secured an admission in IIT Kharagpur. However, he said that he had heard about the IITs only in class XI but did not know that the IITs were the best place to study engineering. He also said that he could not have made it without the help

from his school teachers and friends in Bankura. We the teachers of Bankura Christian Collegiate School are proud to have such a student and ask God to be with him throughout his journey in future. He also recalled that as a boy he would watch his father, a primary school dropout, leave their home in Pabra on his rickety bicycle everyday to sell jewellery, ribbons, hair bands and cosmetics in neighbouring villages. He says he will not let his father down. But his first objective is to earn enough to make sure that his father does not need to hop on his bicycle any more to sell his wares in the village of Saltora, Bankura. He is truly an example and inspiration for our students and for society. (Swarup Pailan)



Editorial

**The Glory of the Messiah**

Glory brings to mind brightness and light. As we approach Christmas we can picture the sky full of angels, a very bright light, maybe so bright we cannot look but we can hear them praising God singing, "Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth" (Luke 2:14) as they look down on this new little baby, a very special baby, the promised Messiah, lying in a manger stall. This little baby that would change the world then and is still doing so today.

Pictures and paintings often portray Christ with a halo of light around his head, showing his glory as a manifestation of light; Jesus is the light of the World. His glory, his magnificence and great beauty from within shining out into this world, shining out for us, looking for every knee to bow and every tongue to confess that Jesus is Lord of lords and King of kings.

Jesus the Messiah is still manifesting his glory today through the Holy Spirit working in us and through us into this world. Jesus wants the world: 1) To see his wonder, through our lives, through his love, through our praise and worship. "Do all we do for the glory of God bestowing honour and praise on him. (1 Cor. 10:31) 2) To see his goodness in helping those who are broken and suffering in this world just as he did and showed us how to live for him and like him. 3) His desire for personal intimacy, to be in communication with each of us, to spend time with us each day in his glorious presence. It is not often with blinding light like Saul had on the road to Damascus that changed him into the faithful servant Paul who brought the good news to so many people even when in prison. We can follow his example and we can still feel his presence and his glory when we set time aside. We can find places where his presence comes and we know he is with us and we are in his presence, we feel him and his glory surrounding us.

Charles Wesley (1707 -1788) writes in one of his hymns:

- Christ whose glory fills the skies,
- Christ, the true, the only light,
- Sun of righteousness, arise,
- Triumph o'er the shades of night;
- Day-spring from on high, be near;
- Day-star, in my heart appears.
- Visit then this soul of mine;
- Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
- Fill me, radiancy divine;
- Scatter all my unbelief;
- More and more Thyself display,
- Shining to the perfect day. ■



By Rev. Dn R.M.M.Pugh  
Diocese of Durgapur (CNI)

**One Day Sunday School Zonal Program**

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14)

This phrase is used to underline the importance of child evangelism. While this is a relatively simple phrase, it profoundly reveals God's affection for children. As it is, the Diocese of Durgapur, has a long standing history of its ministry towards the children- the blooming buds in God's Garden on this earth. In accordance with its commitment, the Diocese has arranged for a day of fun and frolic for Sunday School children belonging from the five churches in and around Durgapur region.

The program was organised as part of the fifty years (Golden Jubilee) celebrations that are undergoing throughout the Diocese. Rev. Anthony Amair and Rev. Dr. Ashish Archer, who facilitated the program, kept all the children engaged on their toes throughout the whole day. There were around 140 children who had come from Kalna, Bardhaman, St. Michael's Church Durgapur, Durgapur United Church and St. Michael's and All Angels Cathedral.

This program was much needed for the children as they have passed almost two years in confinement, restrictions and all other sorts of constraints due to the Covid pandemic. The event was lauded by one and all in the Durgapur zone and thanked our Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Sameer Issac Khimla for taking up the initiative of materialising such an event. The children look forward to programs of such kind in the near future also. ■ (By Mr Banty Kabiraj)



**Children's Day**

In India, Children's Day is celebrated on November 14, the birthday of Jawaharlal Nehru, who was fond of children. On the occasion of the day, various programs were organised in our Durgapur Diocese at its Child Development Centre. Hostel boys and girls participated in dance. The teachers spoke on the life and work of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. The headmasters of St. Michael's School, St. Peter School along with our Bishop Rt. Rev. Sameer Issac Khimla gave valuable talks to the children on the issues related to the life and ideas of Jesus' childhood. It is necessary to mention that the children of our Purulia, Bankura, Malda hostels under The Diocese of Durgapur also organised various cultural programs on this day. Children's Day is a day to celebrate the joys of childhood. It is a day to remember the rights of children and promote their welfare. It is also a day to promote international peace and understanding. ■



**WOMEN'S VOICE**

**The Glory of the Messiah**

As we approach the holiday season, let us take a moment to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. For Christians, Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, the Messiah who came to save us from our sins. For many of us, the holiday season is a time of joy, with family, friends and also a time of giving. But this year, let us also remember the glory of the Messiah and what He represents for women everywhere.

Jesus Christ was born into a world that did not value women. He was born into a society that treated women as second-class citizens yet He treated women with dignity and respect. He saw the worth in every woman, and He loved us unconditionally. He showed us that we all are valuable and are loved by God. The Messiah came to give us hope. He came to show us that we are not alone. He came to show us that we are loved and valued by God. This holiday season, let us remember the glory of the Messiah and what He represents for women everywhere.

1. The Messiah will bring glory to all women in the world.
2. The Messiah will be a source of light for all women in the world.
3. The Messiah will be a source of strength for all women in the world.
4. The Messiah will be a source of hope for all women in the world. ■



## YOUTH BEACON

### The Glory of the Messiah

Isaiah 6:3 says Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. In attempting to write on the glory of the lord Jesus Christ (The Messiah) is the magnificence, worth, allure, and grandeur of his many perfections, which he exhibits in his creative and emancipating acts in order to make his glory known to those in his presence. The Bible is the tale of God's glory. God is described as a sovereign King, whose kingdom extends over all the earth. God created people in his image to share his glory and he endured them with gifts. In Psalm 24 David asked the question "who is the King of glory? And answered with the resounding affirmation of God's strength and might". We can experience God's glory in nature, in the moral order of life, in the churches, in the lives of his people. The hope of glory is the fulfilment of God's promise to restore us and all his creations. Jesus is "the Lord of glory" and, since he is continually being revealed to the church through scripture and by the Holy Spirit, Christians have the unbelievable exemption of seeing the very glory of God through "the face of Christ". Christ is in our hearts, and we know that there is life beyond this earthly existence-a life that will be glorious beyond all imaginations. 1 Timothy 1:17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever. Amen. ■ (By Ms Rituja Guria).

## Healing Prayer Workshop program



We praise God for helping us with various programs in the year of golden jubilee celebration. We had a healing prayer workshop on 17th November 2022 at Mangalpur pastorate, Dakshin Dinajpur. There were more than 70 people from three different churches. Presbyter in charge Rev. Santosh Mardi started with welcoming guests followed by opening prayer. Our respected guest from diocesan office, the vice president Rev. Subendu Kumar Soren and treasurer Mr. Hemant Marandi was present. Also on this event Rev. Sudhir Hembrom, Rev. Dn. Manoj Tudu and AHT staff were present. The young stars of Mangalpur Pastorate welcomed us and presented cultural dance. Brother Martin Hansda led us in worship. Rev. Dn. Manoj Tudu shared the first session, The ministry of Lord Jesus Christ. Rev. Subendu Soren led a healing workshop and during prayer the participants filled the Holy spirit, many of them cried out to repent for their sin. Many of them shared that during the hour of prayer God gave them new tongues to praise Him. Rev. Soren shared the "The power of His blood". Lord has healed various people in this program. Rev. S. Soren encouraged participants to seek first the Kingdom of God and righteousness and for any activities keep Lord Jesus Christ in first place in our Life. Also he urged the congregation to pray and support the local Church to communicate gospel for lost souls. We praise God for Rev. Santos Mardi and his team brought success to this program. Pastor of IMS missionary closed with a word of prayer. ■ (By Rev. Dn. Manoj Tudu).

## Youth Convention at Bishnupur Church



On 15th November, 2022 At Bishnupur Church we organised a Youth Convention. Four Churches gathered there namely (Medinipur) St. John's Church, Bankura Central Church, Bishnupur Church & Khejuri Church for the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of our Diocese of Durgapur. The Service Started at 10:00 Am with the inauguration of two washrooms and one water purifier by Rev. Samuel Halder and Rev. Sumanta Naru. Mostly all the sessions were led by The Revd. Samuel Halder (Secretary Of The Diocese), Rev. Sumanta Naru, Special guest- Malay Das (Bankura Christian college), Rev. Dn. Abhijit Mahata, Rev. Bijay Nayak and Rev. Dn. Santosh Soren. There were three sessions which were led by Rev. S. Halder, Rev. S. Naru and Mr. Malay Das. The theme of the session was "Being Youth." During their sessions, they shared about Youths and their Christian lifestyle. In that session Rev. Dn Abhijit shared his testimony and a Bible quest was led by Rev. Dn. S. Soren. There was also a special choir from Bankura Pastorate youths-Band of Jesus. They sang and filled the spirit of praise and worship. There were about 50 participants assembled in this programme. They were very happy to hear the words of God. It was really a memorable programme for the Bishnupur Church. ■ (By Arpon Chakrabarty)

Wish you a very peaceful christmas in the Golden Jubilee year of our Diocese in the Company of your friends and family and the New Year brings you His promises and your wishes for the Happy New Year.

- Rev. Samuel Halder

“আমার নয়ন খুলিয়া দেও, যেন আমি দর্শন করি, তোমার ব্যবস্থায় আশ্চর্য বিষয় দেখি”

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- Shefali Hansda

Merry Christmas! and Best wishes for 2023

- William Soren

May the spirit of Christmas infuse your life and that of your family members with hope, positivity and joy.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Sandip Dukuria & Priti Dukuria

“May your heart and home be filled with all of the Joys the Festive season brings. Here is a toast to a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year !”  
Cheers to a lovely Christmas Season.

- Ardhendu Banerjee

“Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Jerusalem”  
This is Christmas which brings to all people of the World-Peace, Joy & Harmony.

So... Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

Subhas Chandra Bansriar & Family



## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Christmas-"The glory of the Messiah'. We have witnessed the glory of the Messiah who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. Rejoice! For the glory of the Messiah dwells in us."

**MAY YOU FEEL THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS AND HAVE  
A BLESSED NEW YEAR 2023.**

With Best Wishes,  
Rt. Rev. Sameer Issac Khimla  
Bishop of the Diocese of Durgapur (CNI)  
&  
The Durgapur Diocesan Family

"Let us give love this Christmas season to have a blessed Christmas with lots of Joy, Peace and Fun. May the true spirit of Christmas shine in our heart and light our path."

**- Subrata Gorai**

Merry Christmas to all of us. I wish this Christmas brings not only all round abundance but also purge our mind, body and soul. I pray to Mother Mary and Jesus for their blessings so that we all can give our fullest potentiality to serve here with dedication and mental peace.

**- Maitri Chakravarty**

"Wishing all Diocesan Family That's Merry and Bright "

**- Tarun Kr. Pal**

### God Bless to all

**- Mrityunjoy Mukherjee**

Merry Christmas from all of us !  
Here's to a season of Love and Harmony!

**- Debonmita Biswas & Family**

Merry Christmas! May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you all through the Year. Wishing you a season of blessings from heaven above.

**- Raja Moses & Family**

The whole universe has been waiting for this beautiful day to honor our savior's birth. May peace and joy fill your home this festive season !  
Merry Christmas !

**- Niraj Lal & Family**

Wishing all a very Happy Christmas & Happy New Year - 2023

**- Paromita Mukherjee**

"May the true spirit of Christmas Shine in your heart and light your path. Wishing you a season that's merry and bright with the light of God's love."

Best wishes from

**- Jhulan Bapari & Family**

Wishing all a very Happy Christmas & Happy New Year - 2023

**- Paromita Mukherjee**

Christmas, Let the light of faith and the warmth of family make the season extreme bright. Happy New Year.

**- Gangadhar Dey & Family**

"Christmas is a time for family, food and fellowship Wishing you all the best the season has to offer"  
Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

**- Lipika Nandi**

Best wishes for a Joyous Christmas filled with love, happiness and prosperity.  
May your holidays sparkle with joy and laughter.

**- Astami Mondal**

May the Spirit of Christmas infuse your life and that of your family members with hope, positivity, and joy Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**- Jayasree Chowdhury**

'Merry Christmas'

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not : For, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."-Luke 2:10

**- Hemant Marandi**

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

**- Revd. Shyamal Pal**

Always pray and be faithful to God and Men.

**- Rev. Goutam Haldar**

May God bring this Christmas with Lots of Joy, Happiness, Love & Prosperity

**- Rev. John Petu Makhal**

Wishing you a very happy and blessed Christmass

**- Evn. Supriya Chakraborty**

May God bring this Christmas with Lots of Joy, Happiness, Love & Prosperity

**- Rev. John Peter Makhal**



## HEALING HAND

St. Michael's School, Raniganj had organised an eye screening and health check-up camp in the school campus in collaboration with the Good Shepherd Eye Hospital on 19/11/2022. Mr. Raja Moses along with his team was present there from The Good Shepherd Eye hospital, Diocese of Durgapur. It benefitted the students of Pre-Nursery to Class -X. They also provided the Health Card to all the students. St. Michael's School, Raniganj is Thankful to the Bishop Rt. Rev. Sameer Issac Khimla-Bishop, Diocese of Durgapur and The Good Shepherd Eye Hospital for their kind gesture. ■  
(By Manisha Solomon)



## PRAYER REQUEST

- Mr. Rohit Toppo is completely on bed rest after the accident and has no strength in both the legs.
- Mrs. Latika Sarkar is suffering from a physical problem.
- Mrs. Anjulika Sant's left hand is broken and she needs prayer for its speedy recovery.
- Snehalata Sarkar is suffering from heart problems.
- Philoman Das needs prayer for a baby.
- Prakash John and Bikash John both are suffering with mental issues. ■

**Collect for the Month :** Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

তোমার কাৰ্য্যের ভার সদাপ্ৰভুতে অর্পণ কর, তাহাতে  
তোমার সংকল্প সকল সিদ্ধ হইবে।

- *Permina Hansda*

Philippians 4:6 Donot be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God

- *Ashis Kujur*

“সমস্ত পৃথিবী ! সদাপ্ৰভুর উদ্দেশে জয়ধ্বনি কর, সানন্দে  
সদাপ্ৰভুর সেবা কর, আনন্দ গানসহ তাঁহার সম্মুখে আইস”

- *Revd. Suniti Kumar Hansda & Family*

Warmest Greetings of this Festive Season &  
Best Wishes for Happiness in this  
Christmas

- *Asit Chowdhury*

Wishing all a very Happy Christmas &  
Happy New Year - 2023

- *Prasenjit Sardar*

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have  
everlasting life. Dear friends, Jesus is the reason for the season.  
May God's peace, Joy and Good will be with You and your loved ones.  
Be blessed! Merry Christmas

- *Dr. Gifta Angeline Kumar*

Wishing you a season that's Merry and  
bright with the light of God's love.  
Be blessed! Merry Christmas

- *Rev. Dn. Romena Gorai*

Best wishes for a Season full of light,  
Love, Laughter.

- *Sameer Masih*

Joy to the World  
The Lord has come

- *Sangeeta Lippert*

With Best Wishes  
Happy X-Mas and New year

- *Rev. Samiran Sinha, Mrs. Supra Sinha, Rev. Sandipan,  
Mrs. Sharon & Baby*

For the angel of the Lord guards all who fear  
him, and He rescues them". Wish all Merry  
Christmas and Happy New Year 2023

- *Pranab Kashyap and Family*

Wish you a Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year 2023

- *Uttam Kashyap*

**L**-Lord is My Saviour, **I**-I am the Resurrection  
and the life, Jesus Said, **G**-God is Light and Merciful  
**H**-Honourable person may enter into the Heaven  
**T**-Truthfulness is the real way of Salvation.  
Wish you all the readers of the LIGHT a very Happy  
Christmas and the prosperous NEW YEAR 2023  
- *Brojendra Kumar Sanjel*

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Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord my Soul, I will praise Him as long  
a I live I will sing to my God all my Life (Psalm 146:1-2)  
Wish you all a very happy Christmas and  
the bright & prosperous New Year.

- **Abhijit Mazumar**

“শুভ বড়দিন” এই পবিত্র উৎসবটি আমাদের সকলের হৃদয়ের উৎসব, মন এবং হৃদয়কে আনন্দে  
ভরিয়ে তুলে শীতের আমেজে কেকের সুগন্ধে, ভালোবাসার মালায় ভরিয়ে তুলুক প্রভু যীশুর  
আগমনী ২৫শে ডিসেম্বর ২০২২ এবং আগামী বৎসরগুলোও বয়ে নিয়ে আসুক আমাদের জীবনে  
অসংখ্য সাফল্য, প্রেম ও ভালোবাসা এবং গৌরব। সর্বপরি সার্থক হোক প্রভু যীশুর আশ্রয় বালি-  
দানের উদ্দেশ্য, তা হলেই বড়দিন সার্থক এবং সাফল্যমণ্ডিত হবে।

- **Manoj Kr. Sanjel**

May your days be merry and bright with the light  
of God's Love

**Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year**

- **Moumita Sanjel**

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Let the Magic of Christmas,  
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**Somesh & Payel**

## BIBLE QUIZ-128

### Question

1. Who was Samson's Father ?
2. Which is the Key verse of Mathews ?
3. Who is the image of invisible God ?

### Answer of Bible Quiz 127

- 1) Zipporah (Exo 2:21)
- 2) Moses and Elijah (Math 17:3)
- 3) By faith (Romans 3:28)

Name of those who submitted the Correct Answer

**Brajendra Sanjel, Mamata John, Swapna Mihir**

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The COVID-19 pandemic has led to a dramatic loss of human life worldwide and presented an unprecedented challenge to public health, food systems and the world of work. The economic and social disruption caused by the pandemic was devastating exposing persistent inequalities by income, age, race, sex and geographic location. The CDP Project area covering most of the rural communities of Sarenga and urban slums of Durgapur also suffered the scarcity that ruled their livelihoods. Most of the people were out of employment and went through a huge economic breakdown. To overcome the desperate situations CDP under Diocese of Durgapur focused completely on diminishing the ongoing crisis and took the initiative to support the community with the immediate necessities such as food kits, medical equipments (digital thermometers, sanitizers, masks etc.), educational supplies and nutritional snacks (for study centre children) etc.

Despite the hurdles the project has successfully completed the previous phase and is on the present phase with inclusion of additional project areas and new interventions (Safeguarding, Gender Equality, Disability Inclusion, Adolescents, etc.). The past 2 years were quite difficult but we also got to adapt new ways to stay connected and carry on with the purpose of the project. Most of the work was accomplished through online meetings and workshops. In 2021, the CDP covered an external evaluation conducted by ASK as per the suggestion of UnitingWorld which came up with various learnings and recommendations to be incorporated in the next project plan. Recently Ms. Shreshtha Kumar, International Programs Manager, UnitingWorld visited the CDP project areas and she appreciated the service the Diocese has extended through this project with the marginalised communities. She has been connected with UnitingWorld since 2021 and due to the pandemic situation the communication remained virtual. It was her first visit in CDP, Durgapur project area and it was a wonderful experience for her to be able to connect with the community people as well as the staff and witness the transformation created through the untiring initiation. We together also contributed our views and ideas for preparing the next project design plan so that we can meet the needs of the community to its fullest. She also expressed greetings on behalf of the Uniting World, Australia during her meeting with the Bishop, Diocesan Office Bearers and other dignitaries as well as appreciated the progressive efforts of the project in building a better and stronger community to lead a life with dignity. ■ Debonmita Biswas



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