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## **CELEBRATING 25 YEARS: SILVER JUBILEE OF JMJ SCHOOL AND CONVENT, SHIGGAON**

JMJ School and Convent, Shiggaon, joyfully celebrated its Silver Jubilee, marking 25 years of committed service in education and value formation. As a meaningful prelude to the celebrations, an Alumni Gathering was held on 03 October 2025, bringing together former students, teachers, and Sisters.



The gathering was filled with joy and gratitude as alumni shared their memorable experiences and expressed appreciation for the guidance they received. Sisters and teachers also spoke on the occasion, reflecting on the institution's journey and mission. Outdoor games added fun and togetherness to the event, followed by a shared lunch that strengthened the spirit of unity. The Alumni Gathering set a grateful and joyful tone for the Silver Jubilee celebrations, highlighting the strong bond of the JMJ family across generations.

Yet another joyful and heart-touching event was held on October 1st, when we honored our drivers, who are truly second parents to our students. They carry the important responsibility of safely bringing children to school and taking them back home. Through this meaningful gesture, we also taught our students the value of respect for every individual. It was a memorable occasion for both the students and staff, and the genuine joy on the drivers' faces was truly heart-warming.

The main Jubilee celebrations were held over two days, on December 9th and 10th. The public function took place on December 9th, followed by the solemn Thanks giving Eucharist on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

The public function, held on 9/12/25, began at 5.15 p.m. and captivated everyone, as almost all the students from KG to PU participated in the cultural programme, beautifully depicting the unique cultural specialties of the major districts of Karnataka. The day was graced by the esteemed presence of dignitaries, including local leaders, officials from the Department of Education, and many well-wishers. The campus overflowed with joy as parents, alumni, and all those associated with us in one way or another gathered to share in the celebration.

On 10th the solemn Eucharistic procession began from the convent at 10:25 a.m. The procession was led by the class leaders, and it was made grand and colourful by the school band. Most Rev. Dr. Derek Fernandes, Bishop of Belgaum, was the chief celebrant. Many priests joined in concelebrating. After the Holy Eucharist, a felicitation ceremony was held in honour of the Bishop, the Provincial Council, fathers, and sisters. Thereafter, everyone moved to the church campus for the blessing of the renovated presbytery. Immediately after this, a festive lunch was served for all.

We are ever grateful to Sr. Mary Karickakunnel and her council for their good wishes, and to Sr. Thresiamma and her council for their valuable presence on this occasion, which made the day all the brighter and more meaningful.

We are deeply indebted to all the sisters who have rendered their selfless service in carrying forward the mission here in Shiggaon. We are truly happy that many of you made the effort to join us and share our joy on this auspicious occasion of the Silver Jubilee of the convent and school at Shiggaon. Let us continue to spread His Kingdom by serving the people of this locality with dedication and love.

**JMJ Sisters & Staff Shiggaon**

## **JMJ Hospital, Nagavara Celebrates Golden Jubilee.... From Mission to Milestone – 50 Years of Blessings**

JMJ Hospital joyfully celebrated its Golden Jubilee on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025, marking 50 years of its dedicated service in the healing ministry. The day was filled with gratitude, remembrance, and celebration, reflecting the hospital's unwavering commitment to compassionate healthcare.

The celebrations began with a solemn Thanksgiving Eucharist at 7:00 AM in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Conference Hall of JMJ Provincialate. The Holy Mass was presided over by Rev. Fr. CM Francis. In his homily, he highlighted the significance of gratitude, faithful service, and the healing mission entrusted to healthcare institutions. He appreciated the selfless dedication of the sisters, doctors, nurses, and staff who have carried forward the legacy of compassionate care over the past five decades. The Eucharistic celebration was a moment of prayerful thanksgiving for all the blessings received and a renewed commitment to continue serving the sick and the needy with love and excellence.



At the arrival of the invited guests, the Public Function commenced at 5:30 PM in front of the hospital



premises with great enthusiasm. The event began with a graceful prayer dance presented by the staff of JMJ Hospital, invoking God's blessings upon the institution and the gathering.

Sr. Elizabeth, Administrator of JMJ Hospital, delivered the Welcome Address and presented the Hospital Report, highlighting the remarkable journey of growth, achievements, infrastructure development, medical advancements, and outreach services rendered over the last 50 years. The Chief Guest, Dr. Alex,

addressed the gathering and commended JMJ Hospital for its commitment to quality healthcare and ethical medical service. He appreciated the hospital's contribution to the community and congratulated the management and staff on reaching this significant milestone. He was honored by Sr. Thresiamma, Provincial Superior. Sr. Thresiamma, Provincial Superior and President of the function, shared an inspiring message reflecting on the founding vision, missionary zeal, and the faith that sustained the institution through challenges and successes. She encouraged everyone to continue the mission with renewed dedication. She was honored by Sr. Elizabeth.



The Guests of Honor included Dr. Shankar Prasad, Medical Director, SPH; Mr. Kiran B, Circle Inspector, Govindapuram was absent for the function; and Sr. Sandhya Pyreddy, Provincial Councilor. Each shared words of appreciation and encouragement, acknowledging the hospital's service to society. They were honored as a token of gratitude. Fr. Kiran Kumar delivered the Christmas message, beautifully connecting the spirit of Jubilee with the message of hope, peace, and love brought by the birth of Christ.

The occasion also witnessed the honoring of Provincial Councilors, special guests including Sr. Gemma MJM and Mrs. Sophy, previous Superiors, and former Administrators who played a vital role in shaping the institution's legacy.

The evening continued with vibrant cultural performances. A touching Dance Drama on the Christmas theme was presented by the hospital staff, followed by performances by children from MJM Sadan, Kogilu, and various dance presentations by staff of the hospital. A special highlight of the evening was the honoring of dedicated doctors and long-standing staff members in recognition of their loyal and committed service to the hospital. The celebration concluded with a heartfelt gratitude and sharing of agape with all dignitaries, organizers, staff, benefactors, and well-wishers who contributed to the success of the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

The Golden Jubilee celebration was not merely a remembrance of the past but a reaffirmation of MJM Hospital's mission to serve with compassion, competence, and Christ-centered love. As the institution steps into the future, it continues to remain a beacon of healing and hope for the community.



**Sr. Elizabeth Rani. K, Superior and Administrator**

### **Safeguarding Policy: Book release**



The Safeguarding Policy Book was officially released on 14 February 2026 during a special program held at St. Philomena's Hospital, Bangalore. The event was organized to promote awareness and commitment towards safeguarding practices within the institution and its ministries.

The book was formally released by Sr. Thresiamma, Provincial Superior of Bangalore Province, in the presence of sisters, staff members, and invited guests. In her address, Sr. Thresiamma highlighted the importance of safeguarding policies in creating safe, respectful, and nurturing environments for all, especially children and vulnerable adults.

The program emphasized the congregation's dedication to upholding the dignity, rights, and well-being of every individual. The release of the Safeguarding Policy Book marks a significant step towards strengthening safeguarding standards and fostering a culture of accountability and care.

The event concluded with words of gratitude to all who contributed to the preparation and publication of the policy book and to everyone who participated in the program.



## **International Women's Day Celebration at JMJ SSC, Devera-Hipparagi – Bijapur**

International Women's Day, is not only a time to appreciate the achievements of women but also an opportunity to reach out to those who continue to struggle for basic rights and recognition. In rural areas, many women remain uneducated, economically dependent, and unaware of their rights. Celebrating this day among such women became a meaningful step toward empowerment and transformation.

The JMJ Social Service Centre, Deverahipparagi, has been actively working for the empowerment of women in North Karnataka, a culturally rich region of Karnataka. In Vijayapura (Bijapur), many women continue to live in deprived conditions due to poverty, lack of education, and limited opportunities. Despite these challenges, they show remarkable resilience and strength in their daily lives.

The Centre reaches out to various marginalized groups, including Devadasi women, agricultural labourers, construction and brick kiln workers, slum-dwelling women, widows and deserted women, migrant workers, school dropout women, child marriage victims. These women often face social exclusion, financial instability, and lack of awareness about their rights and opportunities.

To address these challenges, a meaningful Women's Day celebration was organized at JMJ SSC, Devarahipparagi on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Around 350 women from 10 nearby villages participated in the program, along with HIV support groups, youth, and the Child Ambassador Group.



The celebration began with a prayer, followed by a warm welcome, creating an atmosphere of dignity and inclusion. Awareness sessions formed the core of the program. Topics such as women's rights, health and hygiene, importance of education, and financial independence were discussed in a simple and practical manner. Women were encouraged to save money, join self-help groups, and explore small income-generating activities to become self-reliant.

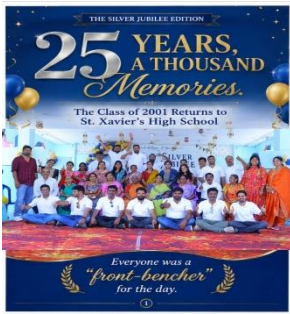
The invited guests shared inspiring messages, highlighting the importance of equality, dignity, and justice. They encouraged women to recognize their own worth and actively participate in building a better society. The cultural programs added colour and enthusiasm to the celebration. Performances by the Child Ambassador Group, including dances, songs, and skits, beautifully portrayed the struggles and achievements of women, delivering strong messages in an engaging way.

The program concluded expressing gratitude to all who contributed to the success of the event. The celebration was also covered by 5 local media, extending its message to a wider audience. These initiatives remind us that Women's Day is not just about celebration but about transformation. Empowerment is a gradual process that requires continuous support through education, awareness, and skill development. When rural women are empowered, they uplift their families and strengthen their communities.

The intention of celebrating women's day is not to end with one day. It should motivate continuous support through educational programs, skill training, and regular awareness activities. Empowerment is a gradual process, and even small efforts can bring big changes in the lives of rural women. Celebrating Women's Day with underprivileged women brings hope, dignity, and confidence into their lives. It is a call to build a society where every woman is respected, valued, and empowered, not just on one day, but every day.

**Sr. Hrudaya Mary, JMJ  
Devera-Hipparagi – Bijapur**

## St. Xavier's School, Ongole



The Silver Jubilee Reunion of the Class of 2001 at St. Xavier's High School was a memorable celebration of friendship, gratitude, and shared memories. Twenty-five years after leaving their alma mater, the alumni returned to the campus that had played a significant role in shaping their lives. The reunion offered an opportunity to reconnect with classmates, revisit familiar places, and relive the cherished moments of their school days. The atmosphere was filled with joy, nostalgia, and appreciation as former students gathered to celebrate their enduring bond with the school.

A special feature of the event was the heartfelt tribute paid to the teachers and mentors whose guidance and dedication had profoundly influenced the students' lives. The programme included an inaugural ceremony, cultural performances, and a moment of silence in memory of departed teachers and classmates. As the celebration came to a close, the alumni left with renewed friendships, treasured memories, and deep gratitude for their school. The reunion reaffirmed that while years may pass, the spirit of St. Xavier's continues to unite its students, truly reflecting the motto: "Once a Xavierite, Always a Xavierite."



### Diamond Jubilee Celebration – A Grace-Filled Milestone of Faith and Service

The JMJ Provincialate, Bangalore Province, joyfully celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of six beloved Sisters on 14 May 2026 at the Provincialate, Nagavara, Bangalore. Marking sixty years of dedicated religious life, the occasion was a profound expression of gratitude to God for His unfailing faithfulness, reflected in the inspiring lives of the jubilarians.

The celebration was centered on the theme inspired by the words of Scripture: *"The One who calls you is faithful, and He will do it"* (1 Thessalonians 5:24). The Diamond Jubilarians were honored on this special occasion

- Sr. Annie Mathew Pottanani
- Sr. Germaine Gayam
- Sr. Jose Mary Chennakattukunel
- Sr. Lucilda Panadan
- Sr. Marina Yeruva
- Sr. Regina Guvvala

The day commenced with a solemn Thanksgiving Holy Eucharistic Celebration at 11.00 a.m., presided over by Rev. Fr. Basil MI. The liturgy was a moving expression of praise and thanksgiving for the abundant blessings bestowed upon the jubilarians throughout their sixty years of committed service in the Congregation and the Church.



Following the Eucharistic celebration, a felicitation program was held in honor of the jubilarians. Sisters, family members, friends, and well-wishers gathered to celebrate their remarkable journey of faith, sacrifice, and dedicated ministry. Through heartfelt tributes, prayers, and words of appreciation, the gathering acknowledged the invaluable contributions of the jubilarians in the fields of education, pastoral care, social outreach, and community building.

The celebration concluded with an Agape meal, fostering fellowship and joyful communion among all present. The occasion was not only a tribute to the jubilarians but also an inspiring reminder of God's enduring faithfulness and the beauty of a life wholly dedicated to His service.

May the witness of these Diamond Jubilarians continue to inspire younger generations to respond generously to God's call and to serve with courage, commitment, and love. Their lives stand as a shining testimony to the enduring grace of God and the charism of the JMJ Congregation.

**JMJ Provincialate, Bangalore**

### **Psycho sexual integration and formation of consecrated celibacy**

St. Mother Theresa once said "If you wish to see a change in others first change yourself." Many of us lack clarity in life, we are succumbed to many hardships in life and are heavily burdened and have no room for change. We tend to forget that the situation can be changed only through me. And few of us think on the contrary that our comfortable life will be disturbed if we try to do some alterations in life. So what is 'change' in your understanding?

I define CHANGE as...

- C - Clarity
- H - Honesty
- A - Awareness
- N - Newness
- G- generous
- E - Enthusiasm

So to have clarity of your own decisions, to be honest in making them and become aware of the whole scenario which is before you and start with the newness of spirit. To do all this and to attain that Change in life we need the most basic thing that's nothing but the enthusiasm. This small reflection is to make a simple but very deep expression towards a day of recollection (9<sup>th</sup> March) which signifies our own lives through the Gospel passage of parable of the Samaritan woman who left herself into the hands of the divine Lord to make it new and to be changed. The passage was full of deep expressions of conversion and a personal reflection It was well explained and made to make it our own by Sr. Shyamala who took us to the reality of our being. The reflection continued with the seminar held for the Temporarily professes sisters on March 10th to 13th hosted by Sr Violet (Congregation of Aloysius Gonzaga sisters) a trained psychologist who helped all of us to know the importance of the worth of our consecrated celibacy and the meaning of being set apart. The sessions were very simple to understand but very vast to interrogate. They were to make us understand the death of our human weakness in the area of sexuality and the ways and means of overcoming them. She was very specific in her explanation and was turned with our capacity to help us work on our weak paths. The eye-opening realities of that we all have sexuality and must use them in an affective was a real truth in it. Everything seemed to have a great lesson for each of us to know, the room for change always present but it is enough to make a effort. We were given a wonderful time to look into the core of being and understand where do I stand and she challenged each of us to show to the world that we are women of deep faith and unfailing Love.



A million thanks to our Provincial Sr Thresiamma Kudiyruppil and council and TPS Mistress Sr. Ruby for their thoughtfulness and interest to make us better people for tomorrow. We the TPS are here to ask you to

continue to help us in our journey of life to Follow the Lord and His Footsteps with a humble heart so that the people we serve may enjoy our presence with them.

### **Temporarily Professed Sisters Bangalore Province**

#### **“Oyster Becomes a Pearl”:**

The congregation of Jesus Mary Joseph Bangalore celebrates the day of Venerable Mary Glowrey. The Catholic Church’s declaration of Mary Glowrey as Venerable was marked with a Bangalore Province-level celebration held on 21 January 2026 at St. Xavier’s Cathedral, Bangalore. The event highlighted the life of heroic virtue and selfless service lived by Mary Glowrey, an Australian-born medical doctor and missionary. Mary Glowrey dedicated her life to healthcare and missionary service in India, serving the sick and the marginalized with compassion, faith, and professional commitment. The title Venerable is conferred after the Church formally recognizes that a person lived the Christian virtues to a heroic degree.

The solemn Holy Eucharist began with entrance procession from the presbytery of the priests of the Cathedral and was presided over by Archbishop Rt. Rev. Dr. Peter Machado, Archbishop of Bangalore. The Auxiliary Bishops of Bangalore concelebrated the Eucharist along with a large number of priests. Members of the JMJ Congregation, other religious congregations, and significant lay collaborators of JMJ sisters were also present for the celebration.

The breaking of the word of God by Archbishop was based on the theme “Oyster Becomes a Pearl,” symbolizing how a life shaped by sacrifice, perseverance, and grace is transformed into a radiant witness of holiness. The theme reflected Mary Glowrey’s journey of quiet dedication and faithful service, which continues to inspire the Church today. The faithful were encouraged to continue praying for her beatification and to draw inspiration from her example of commitment to service, compassion, and Gospel values.



Sr. Jolly George, on behalf of the Provincial Council, expressed heartfelt gratitude for the Church’s recognition of the life and mission of Venerable Mary Glowrey. Rev. Sr. Thresiamma Kudiyruppi, Provincial Superior of Bangalore Province, felicitated the Archbishop and the Auxiliary Bishops. Sr. Showrilu M.R., Superior of St. Stanislaus Convent, honoured Rev. Fr. Xavier Manavath, Episcopal Vicar for Religious; Rev. Fr. Christopher Whites, Parish Priest of the Cathedral; and Dr. Mario Vaz of St. John’s Medical College, who provided medical assistance during the exhumation and is a devoted admirer of Venerable Mary Glowrey. Words of appreciation were extended to all who dedicated their time and service to the successful organization of the event. The celebration concluded with a fellowship meal.

#### **Mary Glowrey’s Kith and kin in India**

As part of the celebrations honoring Venerable Mary Glowrey, a group of eight pilgrims from Australia—Lizzie Jewell, Pauline Adams, Louise McGrath, Kath Box, Marita Seville, Andrea Nolan, Fiona Powers, and Karin Clarke—visited India from 8th to 16th February. Their pilgrimage covered significant places associated with the life, mission, and legacy of Venerable Mary Glowrey in Hyderabad, Guntur, and Bangalore.



The visit was a meaningful journey of remembrance, faith, and appreciation for the remarkable contribution of Venerable Mary Glowrey, whose dedication to healthcare and service continues to inspire people across the world.

During their stay in Bangalore, the pilgrims visited several important institutions connected with Mary Glowrey's life and mission. One of the most moving moments of their visit was paying homage at Mary Glowrey's burial ground, where they spent time in prayer and reflection, remembering her extraordinary commitment to serving the poor and the sick.



The group also visited St. John's Hospital, where they learned about the continuing healthcare ministry inspired by Christian values and service. Their visit to Dharmaram College provided an opportunity to understand the educational and spiritual formation offered by the institution and its contribution to the Church and society.

A special program was organized at St. Philomena's Hospital, where the visitors interacted with the staff and Sisters, gaining deeper insights into the healthcare services rendered in the spirit of compassion and dedication exemplified by Mary Glowrey. They appreciated the commitment of the hospital community in carrying forward the mission of healing and care.

The pilgrims also visited the St. Stanislaus Campus, where they were warmly welcomed and introduced to the various ministries and activities carried out there. The visit fostered a spirit of friendship, cultural exchange, and shared appreciation for the legacy of Venerable Mary Glowrey.

Throughout their pilgrimage, the Australian visitors expressed their gratitude for the hospitality extended to them and for the opportunity to experience firsthand the places and institutions connected with Mary Glowrey's life and mission in India. Their presence enriched the celebrations and strengthened the bond between the Australian and Indian communities who cherish the memory and legacy of this remarkable woman.

The visit concluded with heartfelt thanksgiving and renewed commitment to promoting the cause of Venerable Mary Glowrey, whose life remains a beacon of faith, service, and compassion for future generations.

### **Mary Glowrey Convent at Nandipalli**



Following the successful completion and inauguration of Dr. Sr. Mary Glowrey Ananda Nilayam for Intellectually Challenged Children on 27 April 2024, a community of three sisters was established to serve the institution. Rev. Sr. Anthony Mary, Provincial Superior, appointed Sr. Lucy Gade as Superior, Sr. Sleeva Rani Kommareddy as Accountant, and Sr. Divya Rani Kavadi as Special Teacher. As the need for a separate convent became evident, plans were initiated for the construction of Mary Glowrey Convent. The foundation stone was blessed by Rev. Fr. Jala Vijay Baskar, Parish Priest and Dean of Porumamilla, and ceremonially

laid by Rev. Sr. Thresiamma, Provincial Superior, on 29 October 2024.



The inauguration of Mary Glowrey Convent took place on 5 May 2026. The celebration was attended by the Provincial Superior Sr. Thresiamma Kudiyiruppil, members of the Provincial Council, sisters from neighbouring communities, and several priests from the deanery and surrounding parishes. Most Rev. Dr. Saginala Paul Prakash, DD, Bishop of Kadapa, presided over the occasion. The programme included the blessing of the convent, ribbon-cutting, unveiling of the commemorative plaque, and the formal inauguration, followed by a solemn Holy Mass in the newly established chapel, concelebrated by the priests. After the Eucharistic celebration, guests were felicitated, words of gratitude were expressed, and a festive lunch was served to nearly 200 participants.



The successful organization of the event was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the sisters who coordinated the liturgy, choir, decorations, hospitality, and other arrangements. Special gratitude is extended to the Provincial Council for supporting the chapel interior and furnishings, and to the benefactors, priests, and well-wishers whose generous contributions helped meet the expenses of the inauguration. The completion and inauguration of Mary Glowrey Convent stand as a testimony to God's providence and the collaborative efforts of many generous individuals. With grateful hearts, we thank Almighty God for His abundant blessings, guidance, and faithful presence throughout this journey.

**Sr. Lucy Gade & community**

### **Congratulations! Nirmala Hs Masa Peta**

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1. **Technical Excellence**
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## In Loving memory



### **Guntur: -**

Sr. Herminia Mummadi 22.03.2026

### **Hyderabad: -**

Sr. Annie Kannampuzha 28.03.2026

### **Family Members: -**

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| Father of Sr. Mounika Ballavarapu        | 10.12.2025 |
| Brother-in-law of Sr. Gracy Marokky      | 10.12.2025 |
| Brother of Sr. Lucilda Panadan           | 11.12.2025 |
| Aunty of Sr. Meghana Madugula            | 19.12.2025 |
| Uncle of Sr. Lilly Matthew               | 29.12.2025 |
| Sister-in-law of Sr. Anacleto Boreddy    | 12.01.2026 |
| Brother of Sr. Marium Jincy              | 13.01.2026 |
| Father of Sr. Shantha Kumari Yamani      | 17.01.2026 |
| Grand Father of Sr. Mary Prasanna Pudota | 06.02.2026 |
| Father of Sr. Margaret Mary Gothi        | 22.02.2026 |
| Brother of Sr. Jolly Arimboor            | 10.03.2026 |
| Brother-in-law of Sr. Nirmala Padmavathi | 11.03.2026 |
| Father of Sr. Jolly George Pottanani     | 18.03.2026 |
| Brother of Sr. Annie Mathew Pottanani    | 18.03.2026 |
| Uncle of Sr. Hrudaya Mary Arogyaswamy    | 26.03.2026 |
| Sister of Sr. Rosily Kannampuzha         | 28.03.2026 |
| Mother of Sr. Anthony Mary Dasari        | 04.05.2026 |
| Nephew of Sr. Lavanya Bellamkonda        | 04.05.2026 |
| Nephew of Sr. Lilly Dominic              | 08.05.2026 |
| Niece of SR. Thresa Madhavaram           | 05.06.2026 |

We extend our heartfelt condolences and sympathetic wishes to our dear sisters and their family members. May the Lord give them comfort and consolation.

**Eternal rest grant unto the departed O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.**

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