

# EPHREM NEWS



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## MONTHLY RECOLLECTION



The monthly recollection of the month of August was conducted on 10<sup>th</sup>. Rev. Fr. Thomas Manjalankal MST inspired the seminarians with his spiritually enriching talks and exhortations. The recollection day was concluded with confession and adoration.

## PSALM COMPETITION



Kennar - Mar Abraham D. Mattam Memorial Psalm Competition was held for the first time in St Ephrem's Theological College on 4<sup>th</sup> August, the feast of St. John Maria Vianney. It was inaugurated by Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Ottapurackal, the chancellor of the eparchy of Satna. The Four batches of the seminary participated in the competition, in which the Second Year Theologians won the first prize.

## INDEPENDENCE DAY



ETC celebrated the feast of the Assumption of Mary and the Independence Day on 15<sup>th</sup> of August. Fr. George Managalapilly celebrated the solemn Holy Qurbana. Fr John Kudiyirippil MST hoisted the national flag after the mass. Dn. Amal Thaipparambil gave a beautiful message of that day. Sr. Melvina CSN was the chief guest of the meeting of the day. Bro. Amal Malayil gave a good message on Independence Day.

## ONAM CELEBRATION



Onam is one of the popular festivals in Kerala. It is the most cherished cultural festival of every Malayali. The ETC family also celebrated the festival of Onam with great joy and enthusiasm on 29<sup>th</sup> August. The Onam Pookkalam was decorated by the Third Year Theologians. The First Year Brothers conducted many cultural programs and Onakalikal

such as lemon race, chakkilottam, vaalupari and so on. Fathers and brothers participated in all the games. The most exciting game was vadam vali (tug of war). The Second Year

Brothers won the game and the ever-rolling trophy as well. Onam sadya is another indispensable part of Onam. The sadya was prepared by the Second Year Brothers. All the members of the ETC had a sumptuous Onam sadya.

## NEW PRIEST DAY



On 23<sup>rd</sup> August, the ETC conducted the convocation day of her newly ordained sons. Very Rev. Fr Thomas Thelakkattu, the Vicar General of the diocese of Satna, presided over the function. Rev. Fr Joseph Aryankalayil, the Vice-Rector, welcomed all to the function. All the eleven new priests were awarded with the degree of B.Th. On 24<sup>th</sup>, all of them celebrated their First Holy Qurbana in their Alma Mater. Rev. Fr Varghese Thannickaparayil was the main celebrant.

## SPORTS DAY



In the seminary formation, the physical formation is also an important aspect besides the intellectual and spiritual formation.

On 16<sup>th</sup> of August, the ETC conducted the Sports Day of the present academic year. The programme started with the march past of the

teams followed by the display. V. Rev. Fr Mathew Kazhuthadiyil, the Rector, inaugurated the Sports Day and gave the message. There were many competitions conducted such as 100 meters and 200 meters race, relay race, shot put, discus throw, Marathon, etc.

## ARTS DAY



Arts Day 2023-24 of ETC was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> of August. Artistic talents and abilities of brothers competed vigorously for the victory of their group. There were many competitions like solo, group song, fancy dress, mono act and declamation.