

## **201st Foundation Day of Dumdum St. Stephen's Church**



One of the famous ancient and historic churches in India is St. Stephen's Church, Dumdum under the Diocese of Barrackpore. The 201st foundation day was celebrated in a grand ceremony on the 4<sup>th</sup> November at 6 pm. Guests are welcomed and felicitated and inaugural song and dance performed. Honorable Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty, Honorable MP of Dumdum Lok Sabha, Professor Dr. Saugata Roy, Rev. David Roy (Diocesan Vice President), Sukalyan Halder (Diocesan Secretary), Smt. Chaitali Mondal (Diocesan Treasurer), local municipal representatives and other dignitaries are attended the auspicious programme. The entire program was conducted by Reverend Arbinda Mondal (PIC, Dumdum Pastorate)

## **168th Foundation Day Celebration at St. Paul's Church, Keorapukur and Confirmation Service**



The most important and historic church in South Twenty-four Parganas under Barrackpur Diocese is St. Paul's Church at Keorapukur. Once the London Missionary Society started the mission work i.e. the work of spreading light in the dark and backward public life. The work is still going on and has been accelerated by the courage of Hon'ble Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty. The 168th Foundation Day was celebrated on 4th November in a grand ceremony. Honourable Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty and diocesan leadership were present. Greetings are given by giving garlands to everyone. Honourable Bishop gave spiritual advice to the devotees present. PIC Rev. Dipendu Pramanik presided over the entire program. On that day the Holy Communion service was held. The honorable Bishop conformed 43 people, among them 20 boys and 23 girls.

### **All Saints Day Celebration at Jhajra Pastorate**

Jhajra All Saints Church is one of the oldest churches in South Twenty Four Parganas. All Saints' Day was celebrated with Holy Worship at 7 o'clock in the morning on November 1st. That morning, Honorable Bishop Subrata Chakraborty participated in the holy worship as the chief guest. He spiritually enlivens the devotees present with relevant sermons and conducts the holy communion.

### **All Souls Day Celebration at Sholua Pastorate**



All Souls Day celebrated at Maliapota Church Cemetery under Sholua Pastorate on November 2nd, the Honourable Bishop attended the Holy Worship at 3.30 pm and beautifully explained the relevant teachings of the day through his sermon. 250 people were present in this holy worship. At 5 pm the honourable bishop attended the All Souls Day Celebration at St. Mark's Church, Baliura village and preached a holy sermon to the devotees. 200 people were present in this worship. After the worship the Honourable Bishop participated in a meeting with the Local Church Committee and gave advice and feedback. Besides, he attended the worship of four other churches.

### **Institution Head's Convention at Dumdum**

With the initiative and planning of the honorable Bishop, the annual convention of the principals/Head Masters/ Head Mistresses of the public and private schools and Secretaries of all schools within Barrackpore Diocese was held on 17<sup>th</sup> November at William Carey Hall of St. Stephen's School, Dumdum. Hon'ble Bishop inaugurate the Convention and delivered the relevant necessary speech. After lunch, the program concluded.

## Priests and Diocesan Office Staffs families gather together at Kalimpong



Family get together of priests and Diocesan office Staffs was held cordially from 26th to 30th November at 'Sud's Himalayan Vista' Hotel at Ninth Mile, Kalimpong and visited various places of interest. This event was organized with the initiative and inspiration and well planned by Honorable Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty. The Honourable Bishop wishes that all the priests and office staffs of his diocese spend a few days together with their families in their busy lives to re-energise themselves mentally and serve the church and the diocese well. These few days the honourable Bishop and his youngest daughter Sushovita Chakraborty were present and gave everyone great joy as a caring head father of the Diocese family on every issue such as travel to the destination by personal hired car, standard hotel accommodation, timely food, etc. Honourable Bishop was very caring towards everyone. Morning and evening prayers along with Christmas program and gift exchange are also done among themselves. The honourable bishop gives relevant and practical advice on the gospel in our lives. The overall tour program went well. After the tour the Hon'ble Bishop returned in the sleeper coach of the train along with priests and office workers and carefully supervised the facilities.

## 68th Barrackpore Diocesan Festival



The 68th Barakpur Diocesan Festival was held on 24th November with the encouragement and planning of Hon'ble Bishop Subrata Chakraborty at St. Bartholomew's Cathedral at 11 a.m.. Honorable Bishop Subrata Chakraborty and chief guest Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning and retired Bishop Brajen Malakar and other guests, clergy, representatives of the Pastorate, Diocese leadership, school students, women's association, youth association. reached the cathedral in procession. Honourable Bishop Subrata Chakraborty and Bishop Dr. Paritosh Canning delivered the word of God and at the end of the Church Service, the second phase of the program began at the 'Bishop Bryan Mukta Mancha'. Invited guests are honoured with gifts on behalf of the diocese and are greeted with Christmas and New Year greetings. Christian cultural programs are held in the open air on the grounds of the cathedral. Students who promoted in the Sunday School Examination were awarded by the Diocesan Sunday School Committee. Various Christian organizations were present at 33 stalls. The joyous presence of many people was particularly noteworthy. Since last year guests have been assigned separate dining areas. The festival ended at 4.30 pm because many people came from long distance. More than seven thousand people attended the festival.