LARMEY PROVINCE [SIVAGANGAI] JUNIORS' CIRCULAR March -2020

STORY/INCIDENT TO READ

There was a Master who was searching for a vessel one day to use. He saw many vessels in front of him. First he saw Gold vessel. It cried and said to the Master that I am shiny, bright, great value and also added that "Gold would be the best!" But Master passed on with no words and looked at silver urn. It was very narrow and tall. The carvings on it were true and graceful. It also added that silver would always compliment you. Unheeding, the Master passed on the brass. It was Wide-mouthed, shallow and polished like glass. It cried that my transparency shows my contents so dear and I will serve you with pride. Then the master went next to a vessel of wood. It was polished, carved and solidly stood. The wooden bowl said, use me for fruit, not for bread". At last, the master looked down and saw a vessel of clay. It was empty, broken and helplessly lay. The master went through each vessel and each one displayed their contents so proud; but at last he chose the vessel of clay which was filled with power and might. Then, gently he lifted the vessel of clay, mended and cleansed it, and filled it that day, spoke to it, kindly

"There is work you must do –

"Just pour out to others, as I pour into you".

(B.V.Cornwall)

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

- God chooses whoever he wants.
- God does not need us, but he wants us.
- God's choice for us is always a gift. We cannot deserve it.
- God's way of choosing is not ours. We choose by appearances, He chooses looking at the heart.
- God's value system is not ours. It is deep and unreadable.
- For his greatest work the Redemption and Salvation of mankind he chooses what seems the least suitable means: Namely:

A country: Palestine.

- A village: Bethlehem.
- A place: a stable.

As a mother: a young illiterate village girl.

As a caring father: a simple village carpenter.

As helpers: ordinary, uncultured fisher folks.

As a language: a local and unknown dialect" Aramaic".

As means: poverty, honesty, sacrifice.

As an instrument or weapon of victory: a crib, a cross.

As signs of royalty: a crown of thorns and a red rag as a mantle.

As a program or manifesto for action: Happiness, Poverty, humility, meekness, forgiveness, persecution, suffering, purity, justice, forgiveness and charity!

BIBILICAL PASSAGE TO MEDITATE

| Mathew | 25:34-45 | The judgement of the nations |
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| Luke | 15:1-7 | The Parable of the lost sheep |
| Luke | 16:19-31 | The Rich man and Lazarus |
| 1 cori | 3: 18 - 21 | |

QUESTIONS TO EVALUATE

Am I simple in my behaviour? How do I show my simplicity?

MAY GOD BLESS YOU IN YOUR INWARD JOURNEY