

St. Justin's Church, Bebejia

Bebejia, the centre of Assamese culture and tradition is situated in Assam's Nagaon District. It is 104.7 kilometres away from the state capital. The people of the place, even today, are rooted in their customs and practices, upholding their rich cultural heritage. Establishing a centre in this remarkable place was much thought about by the Archdiocese. It also considered the possibility of instilling in the people Christian values and principles.

The Archdiocese initiated the process by finding a suitable place to establish a school at Bebejia and entrusted the responsibility to Fr. Albert Peter OCD. He carried out the process and finally started a school in the locality, dedicated to St. Justin. Archbishop Thomas Menampampil officially inaugurated it in 2010. Inclement weather conditions and language barrier made the stay of Fr. Albert rather difficult. Hence, he was transferred and Fr. Joby Mundackal was appointed in his place.

Fr. Joby who had mastery over Assamese language was able to get close to the people, communicating to them in their own language. It was during his time the construction work of the school began. The newly built two-storey building with 16 classrooms and other facilities was blessed in 2012. Since 2013, Fr. Luke Maniangatt is in-charge of the mission.

Ever since its inception, St. Justin's School has been imparting quality education and it gives emphasis on values and morals. It has grown in status and number with increasing demand for admissions every year. The public is appreciative of the educational mission of the Church and the various services rendered.

The Sisters of Mary Immaculate (SMI) came to the mission on 20 February 2011. They help in the management of the school and carry out other activities.

The area is mostly inhabited by Srimanta Sankardev groups of the Hindus. They hold their religion dear to their heart, giving utmost importance for its practices. Hence, establishing a Catholic community remains challenging.

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