

Muktidata Church, Hojai

Muktidata Church and Don Bosco School have been a source of inspiration and hope from its inception. The mission had been a part of Catholic Mission, Salana, in Tezpur Diocese. Fr. G. K. Prakash who visited the place frequently for the pastoral care of Garo Catholics who migrated from Bangladesh started it in 1971. When the parish was erected, he was appointed as its first parish priest. In 1972 Fr. Prakash started Christ Joythi School which was later renamed Don Bosco School.

Hojai Parish had a vast geographical territory initially. Later, it was bifurcated into several parishes: Our Lady of Fatima Church, Lumding, St Thomas the Apostle Church, Kathiatholi, St Thomas Church, Kaki and St Vincent De Paul Church, Derapathar.

Fr. Augustin Panomkatt, Fr. T. P. Antony, Fr. Nazarene Acharya, Fr. Mathew Kanath, Fr. Luke Maniangatt, Fr. Mathew Achukandam, Fr. Joseph Kalikatt, Fr. Alex Kalayathinal, Fr. Shibu Ezhanikatt MSFS, Fr. Shaju SCJ and Fr. Subesh SCJ are among those who served as parish priests. And, the present parish priest is Fr. Yesudas SCJ.

The Congregation of the Sacred Heart joined the mission in the year 1989 and has since been rendering service in the parish and school. Since the arrival of Notre Dame Sisters in June 2006, the parish has been giving special care to girls, especially the dropouts.

Today, the parish consists of faithful from Udmari (Garo Catholics), Singari Basti (Saura Catholics) and Borboha (Karbi Catholics). Its educational services have been a great success in helping the people become intellectually and morally sound and self-sufficient. The school has been instrumental in producing many doctors, engineers, social workers, lawyers, businessmen and women from all sections of the society.

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