

## **Resurrection Parish, Sonaighuli**

Resurrection parish Sonaighuli which fell within the Archdiocese of Shillong-Guwahati was erected in 1979 by Archbishop Hubert Rosario SDB with Fr. Thomas Macheril as its first parish priest. In the same year on 1 February, the Missionary Sisters of Mary Help of Christians (MSMHC) joined the mission. They started Don Bosco school on 5 February 1979 which was taken care by Sr. Susana Sangma with 54 children on the roll in KG I.

Sonaighuli was the second parish started in Guwahati city after St. Joseph's Parish, Panbazar. After the establishment of the diocese of Guwahati in 1992, the parish was bifurcated and several parishes were created: Don Bosco Parish, Boko (1993), St. Patrick's Parish Sonapur (1995), St. Francis De Sales Parish, Narengi (1997), St. Claret Parish Borjhar (1998), St. Peter the Apostle's Parish, Chandrapur (2000) and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Khetri (2016).

On 10 June 1980, the Salesians of Don Bosco of the then undivided Guwahati province of Northeast India, took over the mission and school with Fr. Mario Porku SDB as its parish priest and Fr. Lukose cheruvalel SDB as associate priest. Later, in 1992 the parish was handed over to the diocese and Fr. Luke Maniangatt was appointed as the new parish priest. On 1 November 2002 Fr. John Mulamgothra took over as parish priest and principal.

On 29 June 2003 St. Jerome Institute, the minor seminary of the Archdiocese began at the parish with Fr. Chacko Vellattukara SDB as its first rector with a few students from South India.

On 8 December 2004, the parish celebrated the silver jubilee of its establishment. Presently, the parish has 852 Catholics and eight sub-stations. Fr. John Mulamgothra, the parish priest and Fr. Trison Narzary, the Associate priest together with the MSMHC sisters carries out the pastoral and educational works of the parish.

The parish for the last 37 years has been an important centre of pastoral and educational services. It has been instrumental in reaching out to the far-flung areas of the states of Assam and Meghalaya. Its efforts to build faith and educate its people have borne much fruits, giving rise to many Centres and institutions.

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