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## FROM THE DESK OF HEADMASTER



The management of St Clare School is delighted to present the sixth edition of the newsletter, Waves of St Clare School, Akuluto. This newsletter aims to highlight and share the various activities organized under the St Clare Institution, including **St Clare School, St Clare Catholic Church, St Clare Hostel, and our collaborative initiatives with Nagaland University.**

St Clare Institution is committed not only to academic excellence but also to the spiritual, psychological, and holistic development of students, as well as the spiritual growth of all believers in Christ. Through education, faith formation, and community engagement, we strive to nurture well-rounded individuals rooted in strong values. The school management extends its heartfelt gratitude to all parents, students, the youth of Nagaland University, the Catholic community, and the people of Akuluto for their continued cooperation, support, and encouragement. Your unwavering support inspires us to move forward with renewed dedication and purpose.

**“The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace.”**

**(Numbers 6:24-26)**

**Fr Stephen Dsouza, B Ph, B Th, BA, MA, MJMC, B Ed**

## FROM THE DESK OF ASST HEADMASTER



Education is one of the most powerful and beautiful gifts in life. It is not only about books, exams, or grades, but about shaping our minds and opening our hearts to the world. Through education, we learn how to think, question, explore, and understand. It helps us make wise choices, face challenges with courage, and value hard work and determination. Every new lesson makes us stronger and wiser. Education builds confidence and gives us the skills to solve problems, communicate clearly, and dream big. When you study with dedication, you invest in your future. No one can take your education away it becomes part of who you are. The journey is not always easy. Some days feel tiring, and progress may seem slow, but real growth happens during these challenges. Like a small seed growing into a tall tree, your daily efforts will lead to future success. Every mistake teaches a lesson and brings you closer to your goals. Education also teaches important values such as kindness, respect, honesty, and responsibility. It helps us understand different cultures and ideas, and reminds us that learning continues beyond the classroom. Education can change lives, open doors, and give freedom to choose your own path. Learning has no age limit—it is a lifelong journey. Keep learning, keep believing, and keep moving forward, because education is the light that guides you toward a meaningful and successful life.

**Fr Antony Melvin Pradeep, B Ph, B Th, BA, MA**

## ST CLARE PARISHIONERS' NEW YEAR CELEBRATION IN TISHI RIVER BANK

St Clare church Akuluto celebrated New year on Tishi River Bank on 1st January 2025. All the Parishioners left to Tishi River in four vehicles at 7 am. Tishi river is very close to Akuluto which has beautiful natural surrounding along with flowing of water and clean environment. Around 70 Catholic members gathered celebrate the New Year in a unique way by being with the nature to share the faith as well as to cherish the company of one another. As soon all reached the destination, all began go around to find out the place for cooking as well as to get the firewood to prepare the food. After a while as mothers were busy getting ready for cooking, some of the youngsters entertained the children by conducting some games. Around 11 am Tea was served to all, thereafter the youngsters went around to explore the nature, children played volleyball whereas the elders spent time in talking to one another. Sumptuous meal that was prepared by the mothers was served to all at 2 pm. Immediately the meal all gathered for a Prayer service led by Sir Vikram and Mrs Lika, during which Br Edumund gave a reflection on the word of God saying, "Make use of the New year for the betterment of the Kingdom of Heaven, do not gossip rather appreciate one other. Support one another in need." On this occasion, Fr Stephen Dsouza the Parish Priest celebrated the Eucharist in the nature. In his introduction he said, "In the acts of Apostles the first Christians gathered around to break the bread as well as to share whatever they had. In the same way we have gathered around to share the new year Joy as well as to cherish the company of one another." In fact, it was a memorable day to all as everyone enjoyed the day, making it meaningful one by being with one another.



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# ST CLARE HOSTEL - CLASS X PICNIC TO TISHI RIVER

St Clare Hostellers of Class 10 2025 batch who are preparing for their final exams, had the opportunity to go to Tishi River in order to relax and enjoy the company of one another on Saturday, 01st February 2025. Around 12 students along with Sir Joyful, Br Edmund, Ms Limasenla and Fr Stephen left to the destination at 8 am in two vehicles. As soon as the students reached the river all students marveled at the scenic view of the river and surrounding. Girls gathered together to prepare the food for the day. The boys went around to collect the firewood. Rice, Pork, Salad and other items were prepared within few hours. Thereafter all gathered to have fun with several games conducted by Br Edmund & Fr Stephen. At 2 pm all had the meal, sitting together around the banana leaves. Having spent several hours near the river all returned back to St Clare Hostel at 4 pm.



# **MOTIVATIONAL CLASSES TO CLASS X, 2025**

Students of Class 10 had an opportunity to have some motivational sessions conducted by Fr Stephen Dsouza, Headmaster of St Clare School Akuluto on 21st January 2024. All Class 10 students gathered in the Auditorium at 8.30 am for the sessions. Fr Stephen making known about the hardships of life asked the students to be courageous to face the failures and achieve the goals of life. During the session he showed several videos on famous people who were failures but have become famous people in the world because of never giving attitude. The sessions were conducted from 8.30 am to 2 pm. On the occasion a motivational Movie “12th Fail” was shown to students. 12th Fail is based on the real story of IPS officer Manoj Sharma, who failed in all subjects except for Hindi in the 12th standard, but didn't allow that to deter his dream of clearing the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC exams).



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# **SOCIAL WORK FOR REPAIR OF PRIMARY SCHOOL ROAD BY PARISHIONERS OF ST CLARE CHURCH AKULUTO**

Parishioners of St Clare Church gathered together on 4th February 2025 for a social cause of repairing the Primary Road... Morning around 9 am around 20 people gathered together with spades, pickaxes and sacks to set right the road which was in bad condition. All worked till 2 PM thereafter gathered for a meal prepared by the women of the Parish. It was a great work for the betterment of the school and society.



## VISIT OF FR ALWYN DIAS, PROVINCIAL MINISTER OF HOLY TRINITY PROVINCE, KARNATAKA TO ST CLARE INSTITUTION, AKULUTO - NAGALAND

Fr Alwyn Dias Provincial Minister came to St Clare institution on 28th March 2025 at 8 pm. On his arrival, Fr Stephen Dsouza Guardian of St Clare Friary, Fr James Furtado the Treasurer, Br Edmund Mughavito Regent brother along with St Clare Hostellers and Teachers welcomed the Provincial with Flower a bouquet, traditional shawl and with the welcome song sung by the hostellers.

On 01st March at 6 am Fr Provincial celebrated mass in the chapel and 8.15 am he took part in the welcoming ceremony arranged by the Headmaster of St Clare school. Fr Alwyn Dias addressing the students said, "we must be energetic, innovative, active and must have love for the education. Education is like a lamp which lightens our path throughout our life. "



# ST CLARE SCHOOL AKULUTO NAGALAND

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## CLARITE CARNIVAL - 2025

PARENTS' DAY, FOOD FEST  
&  
SPORTS EXTRAVAGANZA

**CHIEF GUEST : REV FR JOHNSON AYILA**

Principal, St Anthony School Zunheboto

&

Parish Priest, St Anthony Catholic Church Zunheboto

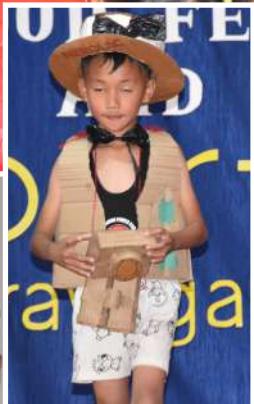
**ON MONDAY, 07<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025**

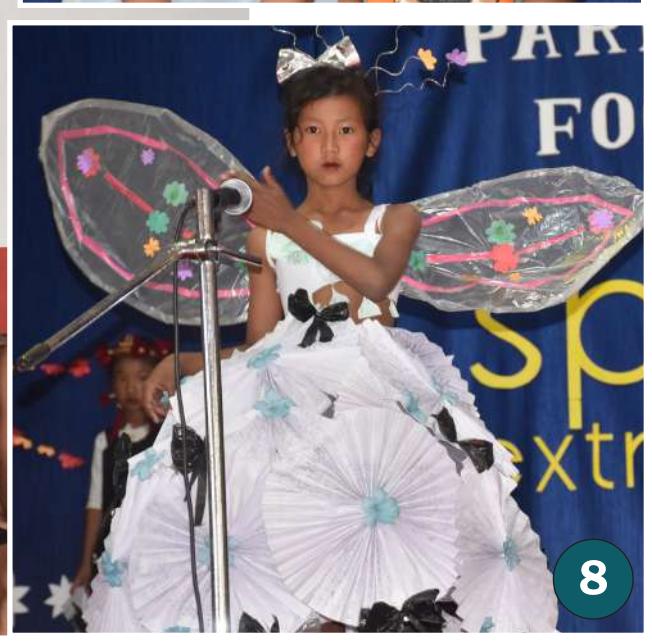
**Venue :**

**St Clare High School Auditorium**

**Time : 9 a.m.**

**SPORTS MEET : 8TH - 10TH APRIL 2025  
8.30 AM - 2.00 PM**







# CLARITE CARNIVAL 2025 KICKS OFF IN ST CLARE SCHOOL AKULUTO WITH PARENTS DAY, FOOD FEST & INAUGURATION OF SPORTS MEET

St. Clare School came alive with joy and vibrant celebrations on Monday April 07, 2025 as the much-anticipated Clarite Carnival 2025 commenced with Parents Day, a colorful Food Fest, and the inauguration of the Annual Sports Meet. The event, held at 9 am in the school auditorium, witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 300 parents and well-wishers. The day's proceedings were graced by Fr. Johnson Ayila, Principal of St. Anthony School, Zunheboto, who served as the Chief Guest. The programme began with a solemn prayer by Br. Mughavito Edmund, followed by a melodious Welcome Song by Class 5. Students from various classes put up a series of engaging and meaningful performances, including choreographies, mime shows, traditional and couple dances, a fancy dress tribute, and theatrical skits each celebrating values such as gratitude, environmental awareness, kindness, and biblical teachings. In his address, Fr. Johnson Ayila expressed appreciation for the school's efforts in nurturing talent and fostering parent-student relationships. He officially inaugurated the Sports Day 2025, scheduled from April 8–10, with an inspiring message on sportsmanship and unity. Headmaster Fr. Stephen Dsouza, in his speech, thanked the parents for their unwavering support and acknowledged the dedication of the staff and students. The programme also featured interactive games for parents organized by Sir Vikram, which added to the fun and laughter. Following the cultural segment, the school campus transformed into a bustling fairground as the Food Fest kicked off. Parents, students, and guests enjoyed an array of homemade delicacies, traditional dishes, and sweet treats, lovingly prepared by different classes and parent volunteers. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Nili H. Chishi and benediction by Beno M. Assumi, marking a successful start of Annual Sports Meet. With cheers, performances, and shared meals, the day stood as a beautiful celebration of family, culture, and community.





## PALM SUNDAY CELEBRATED WITH FERVOUR AT ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The faithful of St. Clare Church, Akuluto, came together in a spirit of devotion and celebration on Palm Sunday on April 13th 2025, marking the beginning of Holy Week with a solemn and vibrant Mass held at 9:00 AM. The celebration was graced by the presence of Rev. Fr. Kokto Kurian, Director of the Nagaland Catholic Youth Movement (NCYM), who served as the main celebrant.

Fr. Kokto was accompanied by key office bearers of NCYM, including Dr. Rosou Pohena (President), Ms. Veronica (Secretary), Ms. Esther (Joint Secretary), Mr. Leo (Treasurer), and Mr. Stephen (Vibes Editor). The occasion was further enriched by the participation of enthusiastic youth from Nagaland University, adding to the sense of unity and spiritual fervor. During the homily, Fr. Kokto spoke eloquently on the significance of Palm Sunday, reminding the congregation of Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem and its deeper meaning for Christians today. His sermon offered a thoughtful reflection on humility, sacrifice, and the path toward resurrection. Fr. Stephen D'Souza, the Parish Priest of St. Clare Church, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the visiting team for their presence, guidance, and encouragement. He acknowledged the blessing it was for the local community to witness and participate in such a spiritually enriching celebration.

Immediately following the Mass, an outreach program organized by NCYM was held. Fr. Kokto once again took the stage to address the gathered faithful, offering insightful teachings on the Catholic faith and sacraments. His talk emphasized the importance of a deep-rooted and active faith life. Concluding the event, Mr. Vixshe Peter extended a vote of thanks on behalf of the community, appreciating the NCYM team for their visit and meaningful contribution to the spiritual life of the parish. The Palm Sunday celebration at St. Clare Church stood as a powerful testament to unity in faith and the vibrant role of youth in the life of the Church, setting a reverent tone for the days leading up to Easter.





# EASTER CELEBRATION AT ST. CLARE CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Clare Catholic Church joyfully celebrated Easter on Sunday, April 20, 2025, with a solemn 9:00 AM Mass presided over by Rev. Fr. Stephen D'Souza, the Parish Priest. Students from Nagaland University enriched the celebration with their enthusiastic participation. In his homily, Fr. Stephen highlighted the profound meaning of Easter, stressing Christ's victory over death and the hope His resurrection brings. After Mass, the community offered a warm farewell to Br. Edmund Mugavito, who had served the church and school as a regent and had become an integral part of the community. Fr. Stephen, speaking on behalf of all, expressed deep gratitude and encouraged him with the words: "Don't just become a priest, become a devout priest." The celebration concluded with a fellowship meal lovingly prepared by the Catholic community, fostering unity and Easter joy.



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# ST CLARE SCHOOL AKULUTO - NAGALAND



**HSLC EXAMINATION 2025**

**100 % RESULTS (5 CONSECUTIVE YEARS)**

**Congratulations!**

**SPECIAL THANKS  
SCHOOL MANAGEMENT & ALL TEACHERS**

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**HSLC EXAMINATION 2025**

**100 % RESULTS (5 CONSECUTIVE YEARS)**

**LIKUPU K. CHISHI**



**TOTAL - 88%**

**SANGLIRO SANGTAM**



**TOTAL - 78%**

**TOTOKA KIBA**



**TOTAL - 76%**

**ESTHER SHIKHU**



**TOTAL - 72%**

**LIVIA T. SWU**



**TOTAL - 70%**

**Congratulations!**

**FIRST DIVISION : 23 STUDENTS**

**SECOND DIVISION : 3 STUDENTS**

**THIRD DIVISION : 5 STUDENTS**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

## NAGALAND UNIVERSITY CATHOLIC YOUTH HOLDS FAREWELL MASS TO SENIORS, WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

St. Clare Church, Akuluto held a warm and prayerful farewell for the outgoing Catholic youth members from Nagaland University during an 11:30 a.m. Eucharistic celebration on May 25, 2025, presided over by Fr. Stephen D'Souza. Outgoing members Barnadette, Chunchun, Angela, Colin Mary, Vincent, and Avupi were honored for their dedicated service, and Fr. Stephen encouraged them with the message: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." The celebration also included the joyful baptism of Adrian Hing Ki, son of Mr. Peter Ki and Mrs. Theresa Ki, marking a moment of blessing for the entire community.

A new team of youth leaders was installed and prayed over, including President David, Liturgy Secretary Catherine, Assistant Liturgy Secretary Hanrita Lucy, Music Secretary Effort, and Assistant Music Secretary Grace. The community expressed heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing leaders and welcomed the new team with encouragement and hope. The program concluded with fellowship, symbolizing unity, renewal, and a shared commitment to continue serving in faith.



# CATHOLIC YOUTH MOVEMENT

## NAGALAND UNIVERSITY, LUMAMI

Catholic Youth Movement  
Nagaland University, Lumami  
2025  
2026

PRESIDENT



GENERAL SECRETARY



LITURGY SECRETARY



Batch of  
2023-25

FINANCE SECRETARY



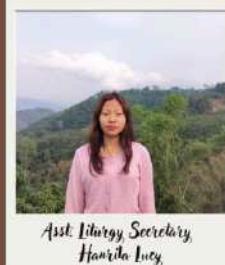
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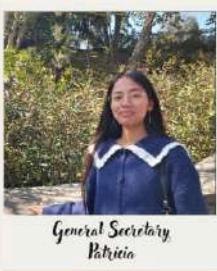
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Effort



Asst. Music Secretary  
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THANK YOU  
FOR  
YOUR SERVICE

CONGRATULATIONS  
&  
ALL THE BEST

WE WILL MISS YOU

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# ST. CLARE SCHOOL'S WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2025: A CELEBRATION OF GREEN COMMITMENT

On June 5, 2025 St. Clare School Akuluto - Nagaland marked World Environment Day with a vibrant celebration that underscored the importance of environmental stewardship. The event brought together students from classes 5 to 10, each contributing to the green initiative by bringing a plant to school. The day commenced with a special assembly where Headmaster Fr. Stephen Dsouza addressed the students, emphasizing the significance of preserving our environment. He highlighted the teachings of St. Francis of Assisi, the Patron of Ecology, inspiring students to adopt eco-friendly practices in their daily lives. For the primary students, Sir Moa delivered an engaging talk on the importance of saving nature. His interactive session included stories and activities that resonated with the young audience, fostering a sense of responsibility towards the environment. A unique feature of the celebration was the plant exchange program. Students exchanged plants with their peers, symbolizing unity and shared responsibility in nurturing the environment. They were encouraged to plant these in their home premises, aiming to create a ripple effect of environmental awareness within their communities. On this occasion 52 plants were planted in the school premise. 180 plants were exchanged by the students among themselves to plant in their home premises.

The event concluded with students taking pledges to continue their efforts in protecting the environment. The school plans to monitor the growth of these plants and the students' ongoing commitment, reinforcing the message that every small step counts towards a sustainable future. St. Clare School's World Environment Day celebration stands as a testament to its dedication to fostering environmental consciousness among its students, laying the foundation for a greener tomorrow.



# ST. CLARE CHURCH, CELEBRATES FATHERS' DAY AND FEAST OF THE HOLY TRINITY

In a spirit of reverence and festivity, St. Clare Church, Akuluto celebrated Father's Day and the Feast of the Holy Trinity on Sunday, June 15, 2025. The occasion brought together the faithful community to honour the fathers of the parish and to reflect on the deep mystery of the Triune God, a central doctrine of the Christian faith.

The celebration began with the Holy Mass at 9:30 a.m., presided over by Fr. Stephen D'Souza, the parish priest of St. Clare Church. The Eucharistic celebration was solemn and prayerful, marked by thoughtful participation from the congregation and beautifully animated by the parish choir. The homily was delivered by Fr. James, who eloquently spoke about the Feast of the Holy Trinity, calling it "the greatest mystery of the Church." He explained how the unity and mutual love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit serve as the divine model for all human relationships, especially within the family. Drawing from the theme of the day, he offered a heartfelt reflection on the role of fathers in society.

Fr. James commended fathers for their silent sacrifices, steadfast love, and tireless dedication to their families. He said, "Fathers are often the unsung heroes — their strength provides stability, their decisions guide the family, and their prayers lay the foundation of a faith-filled home." His message resonated deeply with the congregation, many of whom were visibly moved by his words.

Following the homily, Fr. Stephen D'Souza took a moment to express his own appreciation for the fathers of the parish. "Our Catholic community in Akuluto is blessed with responsible and faith-filled fathers," he said. "Your contribution to the growth of the Church and your leadership in your families are deeply valued. You are not just providers, but protectors and spiritual role models for the next generation."

After the conclusion of the Mass, the celebration continued with a felicitation programme organized by the Catholic mothers of the parish. Held within the church premises, the event was a vibrant expression of love and gratitude. Mothers and children led the programme with songs, words of appreciation, and short performances dedicated to the fathers. Each father present was called forward and honoured with a gift as a token of appreciation for their role in the family and parish community. The atmosphere was filled with joy and emotion as many fathers were seen smiling, some even tearing up during the thoughtful gestures extended by their families.



# ST. CLARE SCHOOL OBSERVES INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY WITH ENTHUSIASM

St. Clare School, Akuluto joined the rest of the world in celebrating International Yoga Day on June 21, 2025, with great enthusiasm by organizing a special yoga session for students of Classes 7 to 10 in the school auditorium. The session was led by Sir Krishna Panika, who conducted the program with energy and clarity, leaving students physically refreshed and mentally uplifted. Observed worldwide since its initiation by the United Nations in 2015, the International Day of Yoga aims to spread awareness about the numerous benefits of yoga, and true to this spirit, the school used the occasion to promote physical well-being, mental peace, and spiritual discipline.

The event began with a brief introduction on the importance of yoga in daily life, especially in today's fast-paced world marked by stress, anxiety, and sedentary habits. Sir Krishna then demonstrated simple breathing exercises (pranayama), explaining their role in calming the mind and improving lung capacity, followed by a guided practice of various yoga asanas such as Tadasana, Vrikshasana, Bhujangasana, Trikonasana, and Shavasana, with detailed explanations of their benefits including better posture, digestion, muscle strength, and relaxation. Students followed the instructions attentively and performed the postures with discipline and enthusiasm. A key highlight of the session was the interactive explanation of the connection between breath, mind, and movement, during which Sir Krishna emphasized that yoga is not merely physical exercise but a holistic practice for a healthy life, encouraging students to devote at least 15 minutes daily to yoga. Through this meaningful observance, St. Clare School not only aligned itself with a global initiative but also reaffirmed its commitment to nurturing healthy minds and bodies among its students.



# CATHOLIC YOUTH CONVENTION IN MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS CATHEDRAL KOHIMA

The 5th ICYM North East Regional Youth Convention, held from June 27–30, 2025, at Mary Help of Christians Cathedral Kohima, brought together over 3,000 youth from 15 dioceses under the inspiring theme "Pilgrims of Hope." The four-day gathering was a vibrant celebration of faith, culture, and youthful commitment, blending rich Northeast traditions with deep spiritual experiences.

Through Eucharistic celebrations, prayer services, workshops, panel discussions, and cultural evenings, the convention renewed the identity of young Catholics as witnesses of Christ in today's world. Bishops, priests, religious, and experts guided the youth on faith, leadership, mental health, and digital responsibility.

A special presence was Fr. Stephen D'Souza OFM Cap., Parish Priest of St. Clare Church, Akuluto, who participated as a delegate representing the Catholic community and youth, offering encouragement and spiritual solidarity.

The convention concluded as a true pilgrimage strengthening hope, unity, and mission among the youth, who stand not as the future, but the present of the Church.



# ST. CLARE SCHOOL STUDENTS GO ON MEMORABLE EXCURSION TO KOLKATA

Students and teachers of St. Clare School, Akuluto, undertook a memorable educational excursion to Kolkata from 22–29 July 2025, with 30 participants experiencing a journey that blended learning, fun, and spiritual growth. Traveling by school bus to Dimapur and onward by the Kamrup Express, the trip fostered unity and excitement from the start. In the City of Joy, students explored Digha Beach, Nicco Park, Science City, Kolkata Zoo, Victoria Memorial, and St. Paul's Cathedral, gaining exposure to science, history, biodiversity, and culture. A deeply moving visit to St. Mother Teresa's Tomb inspired reflection on love and service. For many first-time travelers beyond Nagaland, the tour broadened horizons, nurtured confidence, adaptability, and life skills such as responsibility and teamwork. Guided by dedicated teachers, students balanced discipline with joy, fellowship, and prayer. The school sincerely thanks parents, teachers, and students whose trust, care, and enthusiasm made this enriching journey a lasting success.







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## **BR. MELRISH NATHAN NORONHA BEGINS REGENCY AT ST. CLARE FRIARY, AKULUTO**

Br. Melrish Nathan Noronha has officially begun his regency experience at St. Clare Friary, Akuluto, marking an important milestone in his religious formation and missionary journey. He arrived at the friary on July 24, 2025, and will remain in the community until April 2026.

A special welcome was held on Sunday, August 3, 2025, during the Holy Mass at St. Clare Catholic Church, Akuluto. The Parish Priest, Fr. Stephen D'Souza, along with Fr. James Furtado, warmly welcomed Br. Melrish on behalf of the parish community. He was presented with a bouquet and gift, and a special prayer was offered for his intentions and mission.

Hailing from Mangalore, Karnataka, Br. Melrish has come to the Northeast to gain community experience, learn local culture, and assist the friars in pastoral, educational, and missionary ministries, especially among youth and school children.

The parish community joyfully assures him of prayers, support, and fraternity during this formative period.



# FEAST OF ST. CLARE CELEBRATED AT ST. CLARE CHURCH, AKULUTO

St. Clare Church, Akuluto, joyfully celebrated the Feast of St. Clare on Sunday 10th August 2025 with great devotion and enthusiasm. The Holy Eucharist was solemnly presided over by Fr. David Sale, the Chief Celebrant. The homily was delivered by Fr. Johnson Ayila, Parish Priest of St. Anthony Church, Zunheboto, who reflected on the life, virtues, and inspiring example of St. Clare.

The celebration was graced by the presence of several priests, including Fr. Ashiko Abraham, Parish Priest of St. Peter Church, Atoizu; Fr. Sajimon, Parish Priest of Queen Mary Church, Mokokchung; Fr. Regin CMI; Fr. Manoj D'Souza, the newly elected Delegate of the Infant Jesus Capuchin Delegation, Nagaland-Manipur; Fr. Paul Inashe, Parish Priest of St. Francis Church, Lazami, along with community members from his parish; Fr. Gerald Viegas; Fr. John Peter from the Capuchin House in Dimapur; and Fr. Brayan D'Souza, Headmaster of Genesia School, Kuhuboto. Sisters from Atoizu and Mokokchung also joined the celebration.

After the Holy Mass, Fr. Stephen D'Souza, Parish Priest of St. Clare Church, felicitated the Chief Celebrant Fr. David Sale, the preacher Fr. Johnson Ayila, and Delegate Fr. Manoj D'Souza. A short cultural programme followed, coordinated by Mrs. Lika Chishi, featuring a choreography by the St. Clare Hostellers and Catechism children. Mr. Vixeshe Peter, the Chairperson, warmly welcomed everyone. The Delegate encouraged the faithful to support the centre, and Mr. David, representing NU students, shared a few words. Fr. Ashiko Abraham prayed over the meal.

Fr. Stephen D'Souza delivered a heartfelt thanksgiving address, appreciating the tireless efforts of the Catholic community in arranging the decorations, food, and other preparations. The celebration concluded with a sumptuous fellowship meal, enjoyed by all.



# STUDENTS LOVING THE COUNTRY AND INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day is not merely a date on the calendar; it is a reminder of the sacrifices made by our freedom fighters who gifted us the precious freedom we enjoy today. Celebrated every 15th August, the day invites students to reflect on their role as responsible citizens.

Patriotism begins in the heart. It is not limited to flag hoisting or singing the national anthem, but is shown through discipline, honesty, compassion, and respect for others. By studying sincerely, helping the needy, and following moral values, students contribute to building a strong nation.

The lives of leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Bhagat Singh, and Sarojini Naidu inspire courage, unity, and selflessness. As young citizens, students must protect the environment, promote harmony, and serve society through small yet meaningful actions.

Independence Day is a call to action—to live with integrity, stand for truth, spread peace, and work daily to keep alive the dream of a united, just, and prosperous India.



# TEACHERS' DAY 2025

On the special occasion of Teachers' Day, the students of St. Clare School came together to celebrate their beloved teachers with love, joy, and gratitude. The programme began with the charming hosts, Nili and Anguvito of Class 10, who warmly welcomed everyone. A soulful prayer by Lea (Class 10) set a divine tone for the day, invoking blessings for all teachers.

The celebrations continued with a vibrant patriotic dance by the primary students, followed by a melodious original composition written, composed, and sung by Lea and Lina of Class 10, dedicated to teachers. A heartfelt skit titled "The Teacher Who Changed Me" by the primary students deeply touched the audience, after which Viboka of Class 9 delivered a moving thanksgiving address.

Adding creativity, 26 students explained the values behind each letter from A to Z. The cultural highlight was a colourful fusion of traditional dances representing Ao, Assamese, Rongmei, Kannada, and Sumi cultures, honouring teachers from every background.

Sir John inspired students with a message on hard work and dedication. The high school boys' rap performance, task games for teachers, and a touching thank-you video added joy and laughter. Teachers were presented gifts and humorous Certificates of Appreciation by Rev. Fr. John Peter and Fr. Melvin. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Fr. James, a benediction by Brother Melrish, a group photo, and a fellowship meal.





# ST. CLARE SCHOOL BIDS FAREWELL TO FR JAMES FURTADO

St. Clare School hosted a heartfelt farewell ceremony for its beloved Assistant Headmaster, Fr. James Furtado, on Friday, 26th September, at the school auditorium. The programme began at 9:00 a.m. and was attended by advisory board members, distinguished guests, teachers, and students who gathered to honour Fr. James for his dedicated service to the institution.

The event was graced by advisory board members Mr. Vikeshe Peter and Mr. Kughato Justin, along with other guests. The programme was smoothly conducted by the Masters of Ceremony, Ms. Kali and Mr. Isabe, whose coordination maintained a warm and respectful atmosphere.

Students presented a series of cultural performances through songs, dances, and skits, creatively expressing their gratitude and affection for Fr. James. A significant moment of the ceremony was the formal welcome of the new Assistant Headmaster, Fr. Melwyn Anthony, who was warmly received by the Headmaster, Fr. Stephen D'Souza.

In his farewell address, Fr. Stephen highlighted Fr. James' sincerity, discipline, humility, and commitment to the holistic development of students. Mrs. Lika, speaking on behalf of the teaching staff, expressed deep appreciation for his guidance and support.

The programme concluded with a farewell meal, allowing everyone to share memories and good wishes. The ceremony reflected the strong sense of gratitude, unity, and family that St. Clare School proudly upholds.





# ST. CLARE SCHOOL SHINES IN CEDOK SPORTS MEETS AND SEPAK TAKRAW STATE LEVEL TOURNAMENT

The students of St. Clare School actively participated in two major sporting events this October, showcasing their talent, determination, and team spirit.

On 10th October 2025, St. Clare athletes took part in the CEDOK Athletic Meet held at St. Joseph's Higher Secondary School, Chümoukedima, where schools from across the district competed with great enthusiasm. Participants from St. Clare included Kupu Shohe, Lea H. Kathu, Anguvito Shohe, Ilino V. Yesca, K. Opeka Chishi, Tovinoli T. Aye, Vpu Zhimo, Tovinoli K. Chishi, Franklin Achumi, Dinah A. Achumi, Loino T. Aye, Isabe V. Aye, Samuel Shohe, and Asuli V. Yesca. The students competed in various track and field events such as the 100m and 200m races, three-legged race, long jump, high jump, shot put, relay race, obstacle race, and bamboo climbing. A proud moment for the school came when Vpu Zhimo (Class 10) won the silver medal in the high jump event, bringing honor to St. Clare.

Following this achievement, from 14th to 16th October 2025, a team of St. Clare students participated in the State-Level Sepak Takraw Tournament held at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima. The team comprised Akinato Chophy (Class 7), Tonoka Yetho (Class 5), Toto (Class 7), Tiasunjem Longchar (Class 7), and Isukha Chophy (Class 7). Though the team did not progress beyond the league matches, they exhibited remarkable skill, discipline, and teamwork throughout the tournament.

The school management congratulated all the participants for their dedication, sportsmanship, and commendable performances, encouraging them to continue striving for excellence in future competitions.





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# **U-14 SEPAKTAKRAW**

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**13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2025**  
**Hall B, Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima**



## FUN AND FROLIC AT ST. CLARE SCHOOL, SPORTS FOR CLASSES A-2

St. Clare School conducted a fun-filled Sports Day for Classes A to 2 on October 18, 2025, bringing excitement and cheer to the young students. The event began at 8:30 a.m. and continued until 11:30 a.m., filled with laughter, energy, and friendly competition.

Under the guidance of Fr. Melwyn Anthony and Bro. Melrish, the teachers Ms. Kisheli, Ms. Akuminla, and Ms. Hukheli organized a series of lively games such as Running Race, Balloon Race, Sweets Bite, In and Out Game, Frog Jump, and Tug of War. The young participants showed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the morning's events.

The playground echoed with cheers as students participated with full spirit, encouraging one another and celebrating every effort. The teachers ensured smooth coordination of all activities, making the day both enjoyable and memorable for the children.

The event concluded with the distribution of snacks and eatables, much to the delight of the little ones. The Sports Day not only provided a joyful break from routine classes but also helped instill the values of teamwork, discipline, and fair play among the students.





## ST. CLARE SCHOOL AND ST. PETER SCHOOL HOLD FRIENDLY SPORTS MEET

In a spirit of camaraderie and sportsmanship, St. Clare School, Akuluto, in collaboration with St. Peter School, Atoizu, organized a friendly inter-school sports meet at the St. Peter School ground on Saturday, 25th October 2025. The event was well coordinated under the guidance of Fr. Ashiko Abraham, who made all necessary arrangements for the matches.

The visiting team from St. Clare School, led by Fr. Stephen D'Souza, Headmaster, along with Br. Melrish and two teachers, arrived at the venue at 9:15 a.m. The day began with a short inaugural program organized by the host school's management, setting a cheerful tone for the matches.

The friendly games included volleyball (girls and boys) and football (boys). In the girls' volleyball match, St. Clare School emerged victorious, followed by another win for St. Clare in the boys' volleyball match. However, in the football match, St. Peter School put up a strong performance and claimed victory with a 2-0 scoreline.

A short closing program was held after the matches, where both schools expressed appreciation for the opportunity to strengthen bonds through sports. The visiting team from St. Clare School departed for Akuluto at 4:00 p.m., marking the end of a day filled with healthy competition and friendship.





# ST. CLARE HOSTELLERS CELEBRATE “COOK AND LEARN FEST” WITH TEAM SPIRIT AND FLAVOR

The St. Clare Hostellers organized an exciting “Cook and Learn Fest” on Sunday November 9, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the football ground of St. Clare School. The event was a vibrant blend of teamwork, creativity, and fun.

All 21 students of the hostel were divided into three groups, each taking up the challenge of preparing delicious dishes under the open sky. The aroma of spices, the sound of laughter, and the cheerful cooperation among students made the event a lively and memorable experience.

Once the cooking session concluded, the spirit of competition continued with a friendly volleyball match between the three groups, in which even the teachers enthusiastically participated. The match added energy and excitement to the afternoon, strengthening the bond between students and teachers alike.

As the clock struck 4:00 p.m., everyone gathered together to share the meal prepared by the students. The delicious spread was enjoyed by all, marking the perfect end to a day filled with learning, teamwork, and joy.

## The Need for Children to Learn Cooking

Learning to cook is not just about preparing food it's a vital life skill. Cooking teaches self-reliance, creativity, patience, and teamwork. It helps children understand the value of nutrition and healthy eating habits, while also encouraging them to take responsibility for their well-being. Moreover, when children cook together, they develop communication, cooperation, and problem-solving skills qualities that extend far beyond the kitchen.

Through events like the Cook and Learn Fest, St. Clare School continues to nurture not just the minds, but also the life skills of its students, helping them grow into confident and capable individuals.



**“We Learn from failure, not from success!” - Bram Stoker**



## ST CLARE SCHOOL CELEBRATES CHILDREN'S DAY WITH JOY AND ENTHUSIASM

St Clare School marked Children's Day with great enthusiasm on 14th November 2025 at 8:30 a.m. in the school auditorium. The event was filled with vibrant performances and heart-warming moments that celebrated the spirit, joy, and promise of childhood.

Teachers took centre stage with a series of entertaining programmes, including energetic dance performances and beautifully crafted presentations that mesmerized the students. Their efforts added colour and warmth to the celebration, reflecting the special bond between teachers and students.

Fr Stephen Dsouza, Headmaster and Sir Vikram, who addressed the children, highlighted the significance of Children's Day. They emphasized the values of responsibility, discipline, and compassion that children must cultivate as they grow into responsible citizens.

As part of the celebration, certificates were awarded to the winners of the Sports Meet 2025, acknowledging their hard work and achievements in various disciplines.

A special moment of honour was extended to the parent of Ms Likupu K. Chishi, the topper of the HSLC Examination 2025 from St Clare School. Although the student herself could not be present due to Children's Day programmes at her current school, her accomplishments were warmly recognized by the school community.

To conclude the event, a fellowship meal was served to the teachers as a gesture of gratitude and togetherness, strengthening the spirit of unity within the staff.

Overall, the celebration reflected St Clare School's commitment to nurturing its students with love, encouragement, and a joyous learning environment.





# FAREWELL PROGRAMME HELD FOR CLASS 10 STUDENTS AT ST. CLARE SCHOOL, AKULUTO

St. Clare School, Akuluto, organized a touching farewell ceremony for the Class 10 students on 15th November 2025. The programme was beautifully presented by the Class 9 students, who put in great effort to make the day memorable for their seniors. Beno confidently and gracefully anchored the entire event, keeping the audience engaged throughout.

As a gesture of gratitude and love, the Class 10 students presented meaningful gifts to all the teachers. They also donated several dustbins to the school as a sign of appreciation and gratitude.

In his farewell speech, Fr. Stephen D'Souza encouraged the students to remain positive, face challenges boldly, and never give up on their dreams. Speaking on behalf of the teachers, Sir Krishna advised the students not to lose themselves in the world but to preserve their originality and values.

Class 9 students also gifted their seniors as a token of love and best wishes. All arrangements for the farewell ceremony were efficiently handled by Class 9 students under the guidance of their class teacher, Sir Dingtanlung. The event concluded with a farewell meal prepared for the Class 10 students, making the day even more special and memorable.

The ceremony reflected love, gratitude, unity, and the true spirit of St. Clare School. The event ended with smiles, warm memories, and best wishes for the outgoing batch as they step into a new chapter of life.





# CATHOLIC YOUTH MOVEMENT OF NU HOLDS PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The Catholic Youth Movement (CYM) of NU gathered on 21 November 2025 for a joyful pre-Christmas celebration held from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Members arrived as early as 5:30 a.m. for a special day of fellowship and preparation, strengthening their bond as a united youth community.

The event was coordinated under the leadership of David, President of CYM NU, and Catherine, the General Secretary, with the support of the executive committee. In his introduction, David expressed gratitude to all members for coming together and contributing to the success of the celebration.

Fr. Stephen D'Souza, Spiritual Director of the youngsters of NU, delivered an inspiring message, reminding everyone not to lose sight of Jesus amid the external festivities, decorations, and dancing that often accompany Christmas. His words encouraged the youth to embrace the true spirit of the season.

Adding to the festive atmosphere, Fr. Melvin and Bro. Melrish presented soulful renditions of Christmas carols. Mr. Effort also performed a heartfelt song, further enriching the evening's cultural segment.

Before the meal, Fr. Melvin led the gathering in a prayer of gratitude, invoking blessings on the food and fellowship. The youngsters had prepared a festive meal, which everyone enjoyed together, marking a beautiful moment of unity and celebration.

The program concluded with a strong sense of togetherness and joy, reflecting the spirit of Christmas and the vibrant community life of CYM NU.





# ST CLARE SCHOOL CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS SPIRIT WITH CAROL SINGING AND DANCE COMPETITIONS

St Clare School organized a vibrant Christmas Carol Singing and Dancing Competition for students of Classes 3 to 10, spreading joy and festive cheer across the school community. The event provided a wonderful platform for young students to showcase their musical and dancing talents while celebrating the true spirit of Christmas. The performances were recorded in the school auditorium and later uploaded on the official St Clare School YouTube channel. Adding a modern and exciting twist to the competition, winners were decided based on the highest number of views received on YouTube up to January 5, 5:00 PM. This unique approach encouraged students, parents, and well-wishers to actively support and appreciate the participants. Students displayed remarkable confidence, creativity, and enthusiasm through melodious carol singing and energetic dance performances. Their talents reflected not only hours of practice but also their love for music, rhythm, and celebration. The event proved to be a great opportunity for students to gain exposure, boost self-confidence, and express their artistic abilities beyond the classroom. The winners were rewarded with attractive prizes and Christmas gifts, making the occasion even more memorable. All participants were appreciated for their efforts and dedication, reinforcing the message that every talent deserves recognition. The Christmas Carol Singing and Dancing Competition was a grand success, filling hearts with joy, harmony, and festive spirit, and truly highlighted the hidden talents of St Clare School students.



# PRE-CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION FOR TEACHERS AT ST CLARE

St. Clare School, Akuluto, organized a joyful Pre-Christmas Celebration for all teachers on 11th December 2025 at 4:00 PM. The programme began with prayer and Christmas carols sung by Br. Melrish and

Fr. Melvin, creating a festive and prayerful atmosphere. All teachers gathered together to celebrate the spirit of Christmas in an atmosphere of joy and togetherness.

A special highlight of the evening was the lighting of the bonfire, done in a unique way by bringing down fire through a wire onto the firewood. Fun games conducted by Br. Melrish, sharing of delicious dishes brought by teachers, and distribution of Christmas gifts by the school management added to the joy of the celebration. The programme concluded with a sumptuous festive meal, making the evening memorable and meaningful for all.



# *Christmas Carol & Dance*

**St Clare School students' Christmas Carol and Dance Competition videos will be released on **6th December at 8:00 AM** in the **St. Clare School Akuluto YouTube channel.****

**Watch, Share, and Support our talented students!**

**Three videos with the highest views in both Carol and Dance categories by **5 pm on 1st Jan 2026** will receive the Cash Prizes.**



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