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A tribute to our dear pioneer student, faculty, Chief of Medical Services and Dean - Dr. Mary Ollapally.

“Memories – Our Dear Mary”

A Special Issue Dedicated to Dr. Mary.M. Ollapally
(12/12/1945 – 26/06/2019)

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM

Dear All!

The St. John's Family is deeply grieved by the demise of our beloved Dr. Mary. M. Ollapally. Dr. Mary served this prestigious institution as a student, faculty, chief of medical services and the dean before she retired. She was a renowned doctor, academician and a motherly teacher.

We release this special issue 26(S) of "What's Up? @ St John's Hospital" magazine today dedicated to the great soul, Dr. Mary. We had created an online portal to compile this issue. Condolences, thoughts, memories and anecdotes poured in large numbers within a short span of time. We hence thank all the alumni and faculty of St. John's for timely reply to our request and made this issue possible.

We thank Dr. Srilakshmi Adhyapak (Associate Professor, Cardiology) and Dr. Jyothi Idiculla (Professor and Head, Department of Medicine) for composing a beautiful rhyme dedicated to Dr. Mary.

We express our deepest condolences to the family of Dr. Mary M Ollapally. Madam, St. John's will always remember you.

Editorial Team

OBITUARY



Dr. Mary. M. Ollapally
12th December 1945
to
26th June 2019





Rhyme Chime...

A REQUIEM TO A GENTLE SOUL

- Dr Srilakshmi M Adhyapak

An edifice massive, its stones grey gleam,
Gilded golden, by the Sun's Midas beam.

An edifice of learning, through its portals streamed,
Many a waif, of great healers dreamed.

A gem so rare strode amongst them,
Infusing qualities, in unique rhythm.

Skills sharp with talent unique,
Honed with piety, in disciplined seek.

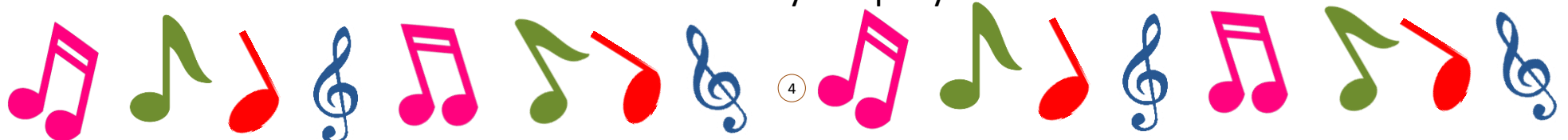
Eyes sparkling shone brilliant,
Laughter tinkling, in tones reverberant.

Lofty in stature, mildly she strode,
Tracing pathways of glory unto her divine abode.

Deeds unparalleled, a life exemplary,
Blazing a trail magnificent and solitary.



Dr. Mary Ollapally



“Memories – Our Dear Mary”

“May the soul of that great and wonderful individual who played a marvelous role in the development of St John's Medical College and Hospital be rewarded also wonderfully by Jesus whom she loved and served! I have tears in my eyes as I type these words! Love you dear Dr Mary Ollapally!!! RIP!

Dr Mary Ollapally was the first to earn the prestigious Pope Paul prize! She was the first Johnite to be its Dean! She was a tremendous support to me when I was the first Director and Chief Executive of that largest institution of the Catholic Bishops of India for 15 years! Thank You Mary dear! Thank You!”

- Rev. Fr. Percival Fernandez

(previous director of John's when ma'am was CMS and Dean)



PC: Dr. K. R. Anthony

“RIP dean, Mary . Remember her when she came to USA in the nineties. Took her to the Art Institute etc. Life on earth is too short!”

- Dr. Chou

“Memories – Our Dear Mary”

“Deeply saddened by the passing of an old friend and colleague Dr. Mary Ollapally. My professional association with Dr. Mary dates back to the year 1976 when I was an Intern in the Department of Anaesthesiology at St. Martha’s Hospital. It continued till she left St Johns over 3 decades later! Before that, as students, we had only heard of her and her enviable achievements during her student days. Later, she was my senior colleague when I was in Department of Surgery and she rose from strength to strength to become the Head of Anaesthesiology and then Vice Dean and Dean of St. John’s and thereafter Chief of Medical Services of SJMC hospital. I worked closely with her when I was Professor and Head of Surgery and later when she nominated me to the post of Additional Vice Dean. I became Vice Dean two years later. Mary dedicated her entire adult life to St. John’s, it’s staff at all levels and its students. She was generous, witty, friendly, kind and helpful. As Dean and as Chief of Medical Services she was an able administrator. My wife Dr. Kshma also worked closely with her in the Department of Anaesthesiology from 1989 till 2005 and for many years we were neighbours in the Staff Quarters of St. John’s. I have memories of happy days of hard work in an atmosphere of camaraderie, healthy competition close friendship and cooperation which Dr. Mary strove to foster in St. Martha’s and St. John’s. Her presence was sorely missed when she retired and she will be missed even more now that she is no more. May her soul rest in peace..”

- Dr. Arun Kilpadi (1970 Batch, Retired Professor and Head of Surgery and Vice Dean, St. John’s Medical College and Hospital)

“she was one of the nicest human beings...while we were in college, I remember this one time that we were having exams...as she was jus driving past us, she stopped her car n enquired bout our exams n wished us luck...such a small yet such a huge gesture...coming from a dean...she could ve driven away but she chose to stop by...so warm n thoughtful...RIP ma'am...there are very few who leave a mark on our minds n souls so indelibly...we ll miss u...heartfelt condolences to the family!”

- Dr. Debdutta, (batch 2001)

“Dear princi mam, you were there with me during the most difficult phase of my life. Thank you.till we meet again.”

- Dr. Dominic savio, (1995 Batch, Anaesthetics UK)

“Memories – Our Dear Mary”

“RIP Mary Ollapally, we were her first wards Uma Raja n myself n we attended her wedding. So beautiful it was. A lovely person who did so much in her life!”

- *Dr. Meenakshi Bharath (1976 batch)*

“Sad news. A wonderful doctor and a great warm person. Worked under her as an intern rotating in Anaesthesia, and interacted with her as an Orthopaedic Resident many times. Great teacher. Her sense of humour and laughter was great!”

- *Dr Thomas Chandy*

“She was the person who guided me into medical school. She was instrumental in making me into the type of doctor that i am. I am very proud to have known her and to be guided by her”

- *Dr Oliver Rodrigues*



“Memories – Our Dear Mary”

“I asked for a good character certificate from SJMC when I was to make my trip to the UK. At the time she asked about my history and I told her frankly that I had grown up in Kuwait up till the time of Saddam’s visit. I also mentioned I had to show documentation to SJMC that I had studied in India all my life as we lost all documentation of my education due to the invasion. She laughed it off and we had a long conversation about Kuwait and how she too lived there and grew up there herself for a time. That’s what I appreciated: she saw the person and not the rules and regulations when it mattered. She was a good person..”

- **Dr. Andrew Coutinho (Batch 1996)**

“I always seen her with smiling face Very motherly, down to earth, approachable Concerned towards other!”

- **Dr. Mary Margaret, (batch 1993, Anesthesia Consultant)**

“Dr. Mary was the dean during our 1st MBBS. I remember getting into quite a major road traffic accident and was taken to a different hospital until my college ID was found. It so happened that the treating doctor at that hospital was also a Johnite, and he immediately connected with the college. It was Dr. Mary, who personally co-ordinated my transfer to St. Johns and ofcourse, I made a full recovery. I personally owe a lot to her and shall always remember her gratefully. Here's hoping the family will find strength to move on, without her physical presence. Respect for you, ma'am! Rest in peace...!”

- **Dr. Rajashree Madabushi,
(batch 2003, Pain & Palliative Medicine Consultant)**

“Dr Mary was a motherly figure- she was always ready to listen to our problems , give us a shoulder to cry on, and console. None would leave her office without hope and comfort. She was an Angel on earth and today she has ascended to become an Angel in Heaven ! Dr Mary it is never going to be easy to forget you !”

- **Dr. Anita R Bijoor,
(PG alumnus 2003, Prof & Head, Biochemistry)**

“Memories – Our Dear Mary”

“A gem of a person, evoked love, respect and fear all at the same time. Helpful and approachable. A life well lived. Rest in Peace madam.”

- **Dr. Binu Kurian (Batch 1987, Associate Professor, Orthopaedics)**

“A loving person always with a smile, caring and soughts out problems in a very gentle way, yet sternly, loved by all. May your Soul rest in peace madam .!”

- **Dr. M J Vinod Kumar, (batch 2002, Consultant Physician)**

“Beloved Dr Mary was a great friend of mine when I was the principal of the St John's college of Nursing. She was an excellent leader and a good teacher.!”

- **Sr Fatima Puthenthopill,
(Chief of Nursing Services)**



“Maam Mary was simple and a jovial person,.she maintained a cordial relationship with everyone.!”

- **Dr. Shiny Mathew,
(1989 Batch, Professor, College of Nursing)**

“We are very saddened to hear about the passing of Dr Mary. She was an outstanding clinician, teacher, and administrator. Most of all she was a wonderful human being and one of the pillars of St Johns and the St Johns community. She is gone too early but memories of her will endure. RIP!”

- **Dr. Steve and Sandy Noronha,
(1980 Batch, Chicago, IL)**

“Memories – Our Dear Mary”

“Last evening, I was pained to hear about the sad demise of my close friend and colleague Dr. Mary Eapen Ollapally, whom I much loved and greatly respected. While I was Assistant, Deputy and then Associate Hospital Administrator and she was Head of Anaesthesia between 1981 to 1992, we were in constant contact professionally, and she was very very supportive. But more than that, we were good friends as I was residing at the Staff Quarters at B-2, and she stayed at B-5. We were in fact so close that, early one morning, when she got the sudden news of her husband Mathew’s death, I was the first person she reached out for help.

To me Mary was a person of the highest integrity. She not only had an extremely high IQ that earned her the academic and co-curricular awards, but she had an even higher EQ. Thus, while she could read through any situation and call a spade a spade, she was practical, pragmatic and patient, and had that sense of humor which resulted in understanding, acceptance and a positive approach towards negative events and people.

I quote from the lead article I wrote about Deans and Principals in the Alumni Association brochure which was published in July 2004 on the occasion of 40 Years of St. John’s Medical College: Most recently we have had Dr. Mary Eapen Ollapally, the first alumnus Dean. A Pope Paul prize winner, distinguished graduate of the first batch, competent anaesthetist, and devoted parent, she brought with her all the finer qualities of the previous Deans. One of her greatest advantages was that, since she herself had lived through the ups and downs of student and faculty life, none could bullshit her. She has thus been knowledgeable, fair, practical, kind and at the same time no-nonsense. It was during her term that St. John’s rose to be ranked as one of the finest Medical Colleges in India. Not surprisingly, she won back the confidence of the Management and had the Principal’s chair restored to its previous title of Dean.

Mary loved her three children, inspired and motivated them, and did everything to ensure their personal and professional success. To Anita, Ashwin and Anjali, and their families, my wife Elba and I offer our sincere and deepest condolences. May God grant them the strength and courage to bear this great loss. And may Mary’s soul rest in peace!”

- **Dr. Mario Carmo de Souza (1970 Batch
- Former Associate Hospital Administrator, SJMCH; Former Medical Superintendent, The Royal Hospital Oman; Former Advisor in Hospital Administration, Ministry of Health, Sultanate of Oman)**

“Memories – Our Dear Mary”

“May Almighty God Bless her Abundantly with Everlasting Joy & Eternal Peace & Happiness ! She was a very great inspiration and support for us all, both while we were at St. John’s & afterwards ! When we wanted to start DNB teaching at the then Jubillie Mission Hospital , Thrissur, no Medical College in Kerala, would give us an official letter to assure that our DNB students would be given training in “ basic specialties “ if necessary. (Required then). I contacted “MARY” and we got the letter from St. John’s & Thanks to her we started DNB Anaesthesia at JMH, even before it was started at Government Medical College, Thrissur & most other places in Kerala. When we had our SJMC Alumni meeting at Cochin, she found time to come and grace the occasion!”

- Dr. James J. Chethimattam, MD. (batch 1970, Managing Director, Metropolitan Hospital, Thrissur 680007, Anaesthesia, Critical care & Pain.)



“Dr. Mary Ollapally - A great teacher, kind and loving Johnite. Remember at the college grounds bringing her daughters for sprint track training! May her soul Rest In Peace!”

**- Dr. Sunny A O,
(1980 Batch, Clinical Associate Professor - University of Iowa, Neonatology)**

“Will never forget the friendly smiling face each time we entered Dean's office. She was such a wonderful human being, warm caring and motherly. St. John's is what it is today thanks to her. Her legend will live on, and will inspire generations of Johnites. .!”

- Dr. Kayur mehta, (2002 Batch, Infectious Diseases Fellow, Montreal Children's Hospital, Pediatrics)

“Memories – Our Dear Mary”

“There are too many memories and anecdotes - of incidents around organising events at Campus Day or crises faced and dealt with at the annual 1st MBBS “Orientation Programmes”. A poignant memory though will be of Independence Day 1998 - our infant son of 7 months bawled away all through the flag hoisting ceremony on the lawns of St John’s. My wife was at her wits end trying to pacify him. At the end of the ceremony Dr Mary walked across and gathered him into her arms and all at once the crying turned into a whimper and shortly thereafter total peace reigned. In a way, that’s what Ma’m meant to all of us - the mother who would be around to soothen nerves. And yet ensured that we all stayed in line. She was among the last few who demonstrated what I believe was really meant by the “family of St John’s”. And she epitomised what it was to be the head of that family. I’ll miss you Ma’m and your phone call on my birthday every year. Rest in Peace.”

- **Dr. Bobby Joseph,**
(1984 Batch, Professor, Community Health)

“She was an inspiration for me as a woman leader and good human being.”

- **Dr. Payal Keswarpu,**
(2005 Batch, Director,
Pathologist.)

“Dedicated, unassuming and an inspiration to all of us. We greatly miss you..”

- **Dr Donald Lobo ,**
(1980 Batch, Ophthalmologist,
Mumbai)

“I remember Dr Mary Ollapally as my first connect into St John’s, during my interviews and then right after joining. St Johns was an extended family, and Dr Ollapally, my Dean, was like a mother caring for her flock. Her warmth can be described as perhaps the most comforting thing one could experience. She has been many things to me - my Dean, my teacher, a concerned and involved parent when I taught her daughter later - but I’ll remember her as my Guardian through the formative years of my professional and personal identity. May you rest in peace, Dr Ollapally. And May the Force grant you eternal comfort for your kindness and your being. You’ll always be a part of us when we administer what we’ve gained through you. Respects!.”

- **Dr Arun Anand,**
(1996 Batch, Senior Director, Dr Reddy’s Laboratories Ltd.)

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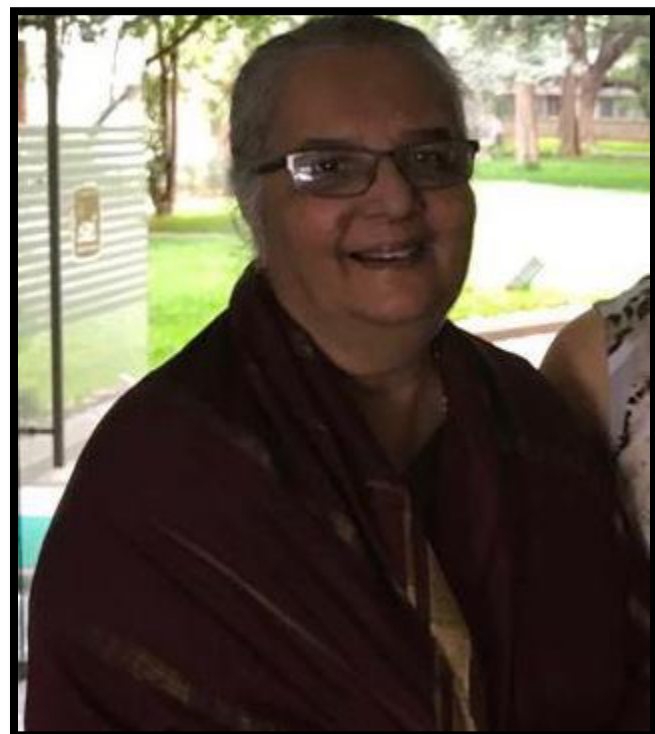
“Very sad to hear Dr Mary Ollapally is no more. Rest in peace dear madam. You were my first boss and great teacher, role model and taught us anaesthesia and helped us to specialise in this speciality. You were my mentor ,teacher, thesis guide, HOD and later Principal. I always remain indebted to you Ma’m. Most importantly, you were very kind, warm, helpful and will miss you Ma’m. You are a true role model and inspiration to many and a great administrator. May your soul rest in peace and heartfelt condolences to bereaved family members especially Anjali, Ashwin and other children of DrMary. Very shocking news. Rest in peace Dr Mary.”

- **Dr. Derick Dsouza, (batch 1982, Consultant Anaesthetist)**

“With the Batch of 92 for our 25 th reunion on campus in 2017. She came and celebrated mass with us... no formalities... found the time ... came by herself... even though she was not well.. all I did was send her a WhatsApp message telling her we would love to see her ... So humbled!”

- **Dr. Maya Therratil (1992 Batch)**

PC: Dr. Maya Therratil



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“She was an amazing, encouraging teacher and very inspiring. I was doing internship when one of the days I was called to ma'am office. I was scared contemplating the reasons to be called. There she met me in a very calm manner and handed over a letter to me that was sent to her by a patient who had complained about the hospital and one of the names mentioned in the letter were mine too. She asked me to go through the letter and then in a very calm tone she told that she is not going to take any action as she understands that interns are in learning phase and many a times they are overworked. She asked me to take it as a learning that being a doctor one has to always show patience and be polite even although one may not be at fault. A lesson she taught me in such a reassuring way that till today I remember it. Truly inspiring how she taught a life lesson without even raising a voice.”

- **Dr Shilpi Sarwan (2000 Batch, Marketing Head)**

“She was like a mother to me. I would never forget her valuable advise when I finished my DCH and was about to start my practice in the village hospital. It is really a great loss. May her soul rest in peace.”

- **Dr.Sr.Poulin, (1987 Batch, Pediatrician)**

“A great & humane person.”

- **Dr Srilakshmi, (Associate Professor, Cardiology)**

“Dr.Mary has been like a Mother to all the Young MBBS Johnites at the time of Admission during her days as Dean...Very supportive , understanding, Truly a Mother away from home...I have seen her as a Faculty member in Anaesthesia , as a Dean during my MBBS days and as Chief of Medical Services during my PG days.... Condolences to the Entire Family of Dr.Mary....Our Prayers are with you always... Always remembered in our Thoughts and Prayers.”

- **Dr G.Niranjan Vaz, (2000 Batch, Senior Specialist Anaesthesiologist, MOH , Sultanate of Oman)**

“May d soul b Rest in Jesus Our Lord... Prayers... .”

- **Ms. Josmy, (2017 Batch)**

“Memories – Our Dear Mary”

“It was with great sorrow that I learned of the sad demise of our beloved Dean Dr. Mary Ollapally. It was a moment of great pride and joy to me to witness the installation of the first Student, Doctor, Staff Alumni and Lady as Dean of this Prestigious Institution St. John's Medical College and Hospital. Having served the institution as Personal Secretary to the Dean from 1968 to 2000 it was what I had hoped for and dreamt to have this great privilege to serve the First Lady Alumni as Dean. Dr. Mary Ollapally was a woman of great integrity with values of humility, simplicity; and compassion, besides being a brilliant Student, a Dynamic Teacher and Staff. She was loved by all teaching and non teaching staff, Alumni and Students. In her they found an understanding and loving person. She was loyal and dedicated to the Institution from its inception giving of herself to make and keep this great institution among the first top 10 in the country and on the world map. For me personally it was a great joy and privilege to serve her as well as the first founder Dean Dr. Louis Monteiro, Dr. C.M. Francis, Dr. Gerry Mascarenhas, and Dr. Alfred Mascarenhas, who have all contributed in their own way to make this Institute great and produced the best doctors who are dedicated and recognised world wide for their great values living up to their Moto '**He shall live because of me!**' My heartfelt condolences and deep Sympathies to her beloved children Anita, Dr. Anjali and Ashwin and families and loved ones. May our beloved Dr Mary Ollapally's soul rest in Peace.”

- **Mrs. Geraldine Ryan, (Ex. Personal Secretary to the Dean SJMC.)**



Convocation Day - Dr. Mary Ollapally.
PC: Dr. John Stephen
(Professor and Head,
Dermatology)

“Memories – Our Dear Mary”

“Dr Mary was the brain behind setting up a pain and palliative department in John's. She trained for the same under the father of palliative medicine in India Dr. M.R. Rajagopal in Calicut, Kerala. She headed the department too at inception. We the batch of 98 contributed our Autumn Muse(2000) profit for this cause. "Put life into their days and not days into their lives" was suggested by her as our motto during the voluntary donation drive. Remember her as a motherly figure who was always available for her students and was always compassionate. Condolences to her family and everyone in the Johnite family. May her soul rest in peace.”

- **Dr. Renoy A Henry,**
(1998 Batch, Associate Professor, Internal Medicine, AIMS, Kochi.)

“Dr Mary Ollapally has a special place in my life. She was so warm and caring both during my PG days and later as faculty. Thank you Ma'am for making feel like I belonged 😊🌻🌻🌻”

- **Dr. Indira menon,**
(1989 Batch, Senior consultant medicine and head of critical care.)



PC: Dr. John Stephen

“Dr. Mary will remain in my heart as a dear friend. Her persona radiated warmth and determination. Our families lived in the Staff quarters campus and I have seen Mary take on difficult times with her faith in God and fortitude. "her children will rise up and call her blessed". Working with her in the Dean's office was memorable. We shared a deep concern for the students and did the best planning the curriculum and other activities for them. Mary loved to laugh and one always felt comfortable interacting with her. She was kind as she was straight forward. She was so much a part of the St John's family, and we will surely miss her. There us so much to share.. The staff entertainment when she was carried in on a palanquin as Cleopatra and Rev Father Percy came in to ask her for a donation.. Mary was superb. I will miss you Mary, we will meet on that golden shore. Until then goodbye dear friend.”

- **Dr. Ragini Macaden,**
(Professor, IDU SJRI.)

“Memories – Our Dear Mary”

“She is an inspiration for all to follow, with a heart that gave love and care through our lives. She will truly be missed and remembered, forever. Our heartfelt condolences to the family and relatives. May her soul rest in peace.”

- **Dr Ryan Fernandez, (Asst. Professor, DMI, SJRI)**

“I did my elective in the Department of Anesthesiology during my internship under the guidance of the Late Dr.Mary Ollapally. She was an inspirational teacher and more importantly a kind and humble person. She was a role model Johnite and brought dignity to the numerous posts she held. RIP Dr.Mary O.”

- **Dr. Joseph N Monteiro,
(1981 Batch, Director Neuroanesthesia,Hinduja Hospital Mumbai)**

“Memories- Dr. Mary always use to say, "In our days" when we meet her for our college council purpose. I quoted this in my farewell welcome speech to batch 1994. When she gave her speech during the function she mentioned my quote and then said it is just a sign of getting old. She was always fun and empathetic to us. We love you madam. May your soul find paradise.”

- **Dr Rajesh Jeniton Fernando, (1996 Batch, Associate Professor,
Department of Physiology. Pondicherry Institute of Medicinal Sciences..)**

Mother
Theresa's
Visit.
Dr. Mary O.
PC: Dr. John
Stephen



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COUP DE GRÂCE

FROM THE DEAN'S DESK



This comes with many good wishes to all of you especially the outgoing batches. As you come closer to completing your course and leaving St John's, I am sure you have imbibed the values that we have tried to teach you and what it is that St. John's stands for. I have no doubt, watching you over the years that you have grown into caring, humane, honest and capable young people and have taken success and failure with humility and courage and that I think is the ultimate proof of becoming a "whole" person.

God bless each one of you. All of you will remain in my prayers.

Dr. Mary M. Ollapally MD, DA
DEAN
St. John's Medical College

“I have a very short association with Dr. Mary. She was holding the post of Dean at that time. Very receptive to our concerns and down to earth in her approach. May her soul rest in peace.”

- **Dr Kannan R, (Consultant in Gastroenterology)**

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“Very hard to put in words. Dr Mary was- I will say is a true Johnnite icon. An inspirational person- in her personal achievements, her immeasurable contribution to St John's and as a loving mother. I will miss her sense of humour and her wisdom. Rest in peace, Ma'am.”

- **Dr Sunita Simon Kurpad (1984 Batch, Professor, Psychiatry)**

“Thank you mam for all that you were in John's. Pray that your soul may rest in peace.”

- **Sr Dr Lijo, (2012 Batch, RMO)**

“I am forever grateful to madam for being an excellent mentor and guiding me in difficult times. She was a perfect role model and an inspiration to take up Anaesthesia speciality as my career. She will forever remain in the hearts of all the Johnnite Anaesthetists. May her beautiful soul rest in peace..”

- **Dr. Moses Charles Dsouza, (1987 Batch, Professor, Anaesthesia and Critical care)**

“A remarkable, no nonsense, open minded and wonderful human being. Encouraged me to participate in and take up leadership responsibility in Infection prevention and quality at St Johns(15 years ago).May her soul rest in peace.”

- **Dr Savitha Nagaraj, (Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology)**

“Dr Mary was a down to earth person. She was very pro-staff, supporting the doctors in their efforts. Even after her retirement, whenever I had come across her, she always had a smile of recognition and a kind enquiry. My heartfelt condolences to her family”

- **Dr. Rajeswari, (Junior consultant, Plastic surgery)**

“Remember your motherly, welcoming, non-judgmental personality. Thank you ma'am for being such a humble yet tough teacher, leader and senior faculty. Blessings as you go.”

- **Dr. George Clarence, (1990 Batch, Senior Administrative Officer, Landour Community Hospital, Mussoorie, Orthopaedics)**

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“Thank you for providing support to my parents when they moved out of state when I was in my 4 th year of medical school in 2000. I became a full time hostelite. Your kind words made a big difference to them and gave them a lot of courage. I was touched.”

- Dr Meera Sunder (1996 Batch Family Physician, USA)

“Kind hearted selfless leader. The Johnite community will always be indebted to her for her sacrifices. She will be missed by all. Thank you professor Ollapally, for all your contributions to us and to St. John’s.”

**- Dr. Roy Maliakkal Joseph,
(1980 Batch, Consultant, Gastroenterology)**

“Mary was a friend. I met her on the first day I joined SJMC in July 1964 and have known her as a helpful senior, a colleague on the faculty, as Dean (when I was vice Dean) and as CMS. She was/is a wonderful person - kind, warm, always ready to help. She could be tough when needed but always reasonable. Mary was also full of laughter, always ready for a good joke. And yes she was top of her batch in academics and the first Pope Paul Medal winner. i'll miss you Mary .”

**- Dr. Prem Pais,
(1964 Batch, Ex Dean, SJMC, Adjunct Professor SJRI)**

Handing over the Cheque (Profit from Autumn muse 2K) to the HOD of Pain and Palliative Medicine, Dr. Mary. PC: Dr. Renoy A Henry (1998 Batch, Associate Professor, Internal Medicine, AIMS, Kochi)



“Memories – Our Dear Mary”

“Authoritative yet motherly, always approachable, she was loved and respected by all of us. Her memories will continue to inspire her family, friends, students and well wishers.”

- **Dr Kishore GSB**

(1995 Batch, Senior Consultant HPB Surgery & Liver Transplantation)

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- **Dr. Roy Maliakkal Joseph,**

(1980 Batch, Consultant, Gastroenterology)

“Thank you for your service to St Johns and to all of us your students. May the risen Lord be with your soul. Rest in peace Dr Mary Ollappaly.”

- **Dr. Jeffrin Anthony, (1995 Batch, Clinical Director of Cardiology)**



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“Dr Mary is my inspiration. I started anaesthesia under her guidance at St Martha's Hospital in 1981. She taught us the ability to have self confidence while doing a case independently as early as 3 months of posting. This was the period of using ordinary needles, red rubber tubes, old Boyles Machine, no advanced monitoring gadgets and the good old ether. Words cannot express my gratitude to this great kind lady who has been a teacher, friend and advisor. She will always continue to be my guide and inspiration. Thank you Ma'am May you soul rest in peace ..”

- **Dr Aurita Rebello Kamat (1974 Batch, Sr Consultant Narayana Multispeciality Hospital Whitefield, Anesthesiology)**

“Dear ma'am, your passing away cannot take away what your guidance and inspiration meant to all your students and colleagues...you lead from front and your legacy will remain embraced in Johnite memory.. My deepest condolences to your family. RIP.”

- **Dr. Joylin d' souza, (2000MBBS, 2009 MD Batch, Assistant professor, Anaesthesiology)**



PC: Dr. Brian Martis

“Dr. Mary will remain in my heart as a dear friend. Her persona radiated warmth and determination. Our families lived in the Staff quarters campus and I have seen Mary take on difficult times with her faith in God and fortitude. "her children will rise up and call her blessed". Working with her in the Dean's office was memorable. We shared a deep concern for the students and did the best planning the curriculum and other activities for them. Mary loved to laugh and one always felt comfortable interacting with her. She was kind as she was straight forward. She was so much a part of the St John's family, and we will surely miss her. There us so much to share.. The staff entertainment when she was carried in on a palanquin as Cleopatra and Rev Father Percy came in to ask her for a donation.. Mary was superb. I will miss you Mary, we will meet on that golden shore .. Until then goodbye dear friend..”

- **Dr. Ragini Macaden, (Professor, IDU. SJRI, Microbiology)**

“Memories – Our Dear Mary”

“An example of calm authority at all times whose mere appearance at times of student difficulties ensured that the troubles would be taken care of and students could go back to being students and then doctors. Thank you Dr Ollapally..”

- **Dr. Anand Moncho Fernandes**
(1992 Batch, Consultant public health, Community medicine)

“Deeply greived.”

- **Dr. Vimalraj, (1995 Batch, Professor, Orthopaedics)**

“Dr. Mary was THE motivating factor for me to continue in anesthesia department and complete my post graduation. The day I met her in October 1978 at St. Martha hospital she had her trademark big bindi and her entry was preceded by the soft jingle of her anklets. She made it very clear on the very first day that she should be addressed as 'Mary'. No madam, or Dr prefixes. Initially it was difficult to address our boss by her name without any prefixes. But that built up the rapport with the students. She was strict with us professionally but at the same time down to earth at other times narrating or listening to jokes etc. Even though I had lost touch with her since I left St. Johns hospital I always used to remember her words of guidance while administering anesthesia. RIP MARY..”

- **Dr. Shashidhar,**
(1980-87 tutor/lecturer, Freelance Anesthesiologist)

“She was a good anesthetist to have while doing a tough case because she was a tough person, and never shy to call out surgeons who were not at the top of their game. While she was Prof. Anesthesiology and later Dean, we started complex HPB surgery in St John’s, revamping the Blood Bank and Starting Surgical ICU. With her we planned the transplant program to start deceased donation and liver transplant. All of the above were firsts in a teaching Institute in India. Dr Mary was a beloved leader.”

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- **Dr. Philip Thomas**

“Memories – Our Dear Mary”

“A teacher, mentor, pillar of support, guide, mother, friend. Cannot imagine that she is no longer there. But her spirit lives on and she will be with us now just a prayer away. Madam I know you are peaceful and watching over us.”

- **Dr. Mabel Vasnaik**
(1980 Batch, Consultant Emergency Medicine, Manipal hospital)

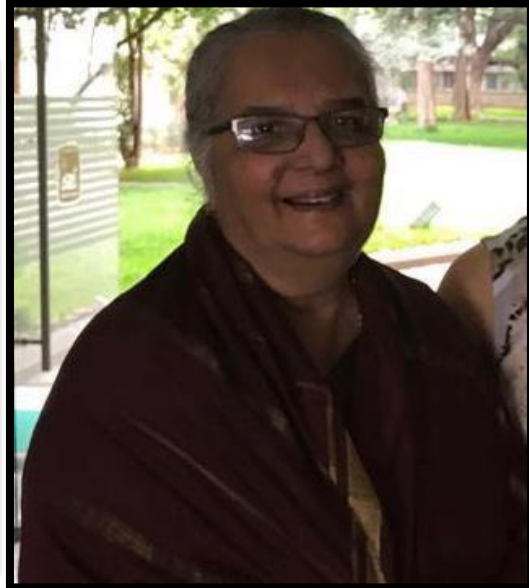
“I can never forget Dr Mary who was my right hand when I was serving St. John’s as director. Her professional competence was sweetened by her maternal instinct in solving problems. In a way, Dr. Mary sacrificed her life for St. John’s. May the Lord keep her close to His heart!”

- **Rev. Fr. Thomas Kalam,**
(Directorate, Pastoral service in Tennessee, USA)



“Memories – Our Dear Mary”

Dr. Mary’s Mortal remains were kept in St. John’s Mortuary on 28th June 2019. Funeral mass happened in St. Anthony’s Friary Church. St. John’s Remembrance service is organised on 1st July 2019.



Rhyme Chime...

A star is gone – Remembering dear Ma'am

- Dr Jyothi Idiculla



Dr. Mary Olapally

A luminous star has taken the road
Onward to her blissful heavenly abode

Embarking as a first generation Johnite
She graduated with many honours bright

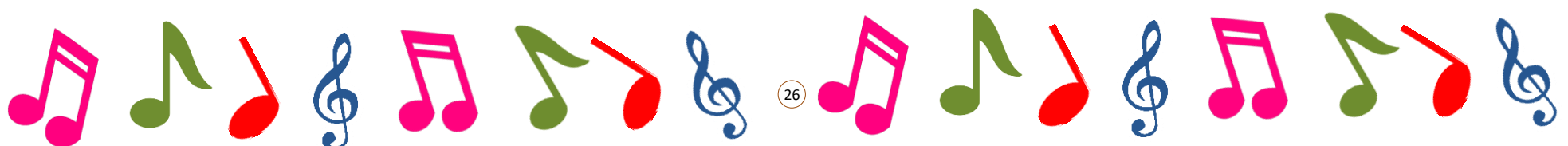
Served her alma mater in every sense
Anaesthetist, principal, dean and CMS

Embodied with beauty inside and out
Impressions on everyone without doubt

The charismatic persona of this dame
Has lighted many an incandescent flame

Deep in the hearts of the Johns ménage
Never will it evanesce with any age

Shine bright on us beings, terrestrial
Gazing from your high seat celestial



**A TRIBUTE
TO
DR. MARY. M. OLLAPALLY**



12th December 1945 to 26th June 2019

*“The Song is ended, but
the melody lingers on.....”*

