

ENDOWMENT LECTURE

Thiru.S.X.Swamikannu endowment lecture by Rev. Dr.V.Y.Dasappan, SJ was organised by the English department in the Life Hall, Life Science Building, Loyola College. The lecture conveyed a much needed introduction to the research thesis of rev Dr.V.Y.Dasappan who writes about the “spirituality and poetry in the era of post-truth” via the study of poems written by the renowned Jesuit poet G.M.Hopkins whose poems celebrate spirituality. The event was graced by Rev. Fr. A. M. Jayapathy Francis, S.J. Rector of the college and Rev. Dr. F. Andrew, S.J. Principal of the college as well as the respected Head of Department Prof K.S. Antonysamy.

The lecture was a commendatory event which witnessed a surprise address from the Rector who gracefully packaged the vast knowledge of the concept of post-truth into a small chewable proportion for this auspicious occasion to be delivered. His address was complimented by the light hearted address by the reverend principle. The addresses were followed by the release of the book “Spirituality and Poetry in the Era of Post-Truth, The agony and ecstasy of G.M.Hopkins” by the Rector and the first print being received by the Principal. The release of the book was followed by a heartfelt address by Fr Dasappan about his journey his inspiration and his work. Fr Dasappan did not shy away by letting the audience know that albeit being a Jesuit he had shortcomings and the journey of coming up with his thesis helped him grow up as a person as well as gain a new insight into the subtle line that differentiates religion and spirituality allowing him to enjoy the silver lining it has to offer. His lecture encouraged the attending young minds to be able to see beauty and the innate reality and nurture a virtue to see beyond and keep striving towards the horizon. Fr Dasappan was assertive in letting the audience know that poetry and spirituality go hand in hand and having the boon to patronize poetry only opens up avenues which otherwise evidently remains undiscovered. The lecture ended with a graceful vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Claramma Jose.