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BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR AUGUST 2021

- 2 09.00 a.m. Meeting the New Priests, Pastoral Institute
- 3 09.00 a.m. Inaugural Mass, Provincial Chapter, Bethany, Vamanjoor
- 6 11.30 a.m. Commissioning the New Priests, Pastoral Institute
- 03.00 p.m. Graduation Ceremony, Homoeopathic Medical College, Deralakatte
- 11 10.00 a.m. General Body Meeting, CBE, Bishop's House
- 05.30 p.m. Festal Mass at Adoration Monastery
- 12 09.00 a.m. Training for Commission Secretaries on Pastoral Plan, Pastoral Institute
- 15 02.00 p.m. ICYM, Commissioning New Office Bearers, Cordel Hall
- 18 03.00 p.m. Graduation, Allied Health Sciences, FMCI
- 19 09.00 a.m. Diocesan Pastoral Parishad Meeting, Bishop's House
- 20 09.30 a.m. Blessing and Inauguration of the Church, Vorkady
- 26 05.00 p.m. Governing Board Meeting, FMCI
- 27 03.30 p.m. Bandhavya meeting at CODP
- 05.30 p.m. Blessing of the Renovated Church, Milagres
- 28-29 Pastoral Visit, Milagres
- 30 07.00 a.m. Festal Mass at Little Sisters of the Poor

Bishop meets in the forenoon:

Diocesan Clergy, 5; Religious Priests and Sisters, 10;
Lay Faithful, 17

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR AUGUST 2021

1. National Prayer Service: The Office Bearers of the Conference of the Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) have sent a circular inviting all members of the Latin Catholic Church to participate in the National Prayer Service with Eucharistic Benediction to pray for the Covid-19 affected families. It will be conducted on **Saturday 7 August 2021, from 8.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.** at the churches which house the tombs of Saints and Shrines. The Prayer Service will be telecast through Catholic satellite television channels and streamed through leading Catholic YouTube channels. Let us pray as one family to Our Lord and seek the intercession of our Blessed Mother and our beloved Saints to help us in this time of pain and suffering.

2. The Feast of Assumption of Our Lady and Independence Day, August 15: Mother Mary's Assumption into heaven epitomizes our total liberation from all shackles of sin, suffering, and death. God has granted her this unique privilege of assuming into heaven with body and soul. Her assumption foretells our own bodily resurrection and eternal life with God, as St Paul says "our citizenship is in heaven" (Phil 3: 20). Mary is the torchbearer of our hope. Pope Pius XII in 1950, through the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, pronounced, declared and defined it to be a divinely revealed dogma. We are fortunate, in India, to celebrate the Independence of India on the same day, which makes us to rejoice about our freedom and citizenship on this earth. This year we complete 74 years of Independence

and step into the 75th year. We gratefully remember those who have sacrificed their life for our freedom and acknowledge the contribution of those who govern us. Let this day make us deeply reflect on our double responsibility towards our nation and our God. I suggest that we join with people of goodwill for common action that builds up the nation and the people beyond all borders.

3. Training of the Parish Pastoral Councils to Execute the Pastoral Plan: We had planned the training of the Parish Pastoral Councils (PPC) to execute the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. However, the pandemic and lockdown did not permit us to go ahead. In this month, we shall train the various Commission Secretaries, and they, in turn, train their executive team. Thus, having prepared the personnel, we can reach out to all the deaneries and instruct the PPC members. I request the Vicars Forane to contact V. Rev. Fr Joseph Martis, the Coordinator of the Pastoral Plan, to organize training programmes for the PPC members in their deanery.

4. Systematization of Parish Documents and Digitization: The Estate Manager and his team is checking the parish documents and systematizing them. Already 45 parishes' documents are systematized. Some Parish Priests have done an orderly work and submitted the documents. Others are informed about the documents they need to procure. Please cooperate with the Estate Manager and come along with your property files so that we can expedite the process. Once all the necessary documents are with us, we can digitize them and keep the soft copies of the originals in our custody.

5. Catechism Classes: The Director of Mangala Jyothi, together with the members of the Commission for Catechetics has been organizing the online catechism classes. Many Priests and Catechism teachers are putting in hard efforts to prepare the video lessons to help in the faith formation of the younger generation. I am happy that many Parish Priests are taking a keen interest in this regard by attending to the organization of catechism in their parish. "There is nothing more beautiful

than to be surprised by the Gospel, by the encounter with Christ. There is nothing more beautiful than to know Him and to speak to others of our friendship with Him” (Pope Benedict XVI, during the inauguration of his pontificate in 2005). Let these words of the Emeritus Pope spur us into concerted efforts in imparting knowledge of the love of Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

6. Coming to the Aid of the Poor: Covid-19 pandemic has pushed many families to abject poverty. There have been some efforts on the part of the parishes, associations and individuals to attend to their needs. I am truly happy to note that many Parish Priests have taken a keen interest and initiative to construct or repair houses for poor families. I request the Parish Priests to find out the neediest families in your parishes and motivate the parishioners to help them as much as possible. If some more help is needed, please bring it to my notice, mentioning the type of help required.

7. Bishop Basil D’Souza 25th Death Anniversary: Our former Bishop Basil Salvadore D’Souza expired on 5 September 1996. We gratefully remember his 31 years’ Episcopal ministry for our local Church. This year is the 25th anniversary of his death. It is a God-given opportunity for us to remember him gratefully and pray for him. The College of Consultors suggested that we organize a Memorial Mass on **9 September 2021 at 9.30 a.m.** at the Our Lady of Holy Rosary Cathedral. You are cordially invited to participate in the Holy Mass. Every year, St Joseph’s Seminary Staff and Students organize Bishop Basil Memorial Lecture. This year, this Lecture would focus on the life and contribution of Bishop Basil D’Souza. After finalizing the date of the Memorial Lecture, the Rector of the Seminary would send you a separate invitation. Kindly participate in this programme when it takes place.

8. New Members of the Council of Priests: The transfers of this year are complete. A few Priests elected as representatives of the deaneries to the Council of Priests and Diocesan Pastoral Parishad may have also been transferred.

I request the Deans to call the Deanery Council Meeting, elect new representatives in their place and send the names of the newly elected representatives before 15 August.

9. Clergy Retreat: This year, we shall have the Annual Retreat in two batches in the Pastoral Institute. The first batch begins from 28 November to 3 December 2021; the second batch begins on 12 December to 17 December 2021. Kindly contact the Director of Pastoral Institute to register your names. Canon 276 § 2, 4 says that Clerics are “bound to make time for spiritual retreats according to the precepts of particular law”. Every Priest must make utmost effort to participate in the Annual Retreat to nourish the spiritual life and grow in holiness. Once you participate in the Retreat, please inform Bishop’s office about the date and place of your Annual Retreat. When you come for the Retreat, kindly hand over your Personal Mass Diary for Bishop’s perusal.

10. Diocesan Pastoral Parishad Meeting will be held at Bishop’s House on 19 August 2021 at 9.00 a.m. All the members are requested to participate with earnestness.

I wish you all a Happy Assumption Day of Our Blessed Mother and Joyful Independence Day.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF VISUAL DISPLAY SYSTEMS IN LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Introduction

Digital technology and other media are playing an increasing role in liturgy and community prayer. The Church has continually embraced emerging media in the service of its mission. Its use can enhance the ability of the assembly to more fully, consciously, and actively participate in the liturgy.

Many churches now have installed visual display systems- projectors and screens. This technology can be effective only

when used properly. The primary focus of the liturgical assembly should be where the ritual action takes place, not the projection screen. The use of projection should support the liturgy but not serve as a focal point.

There exists a significant difference between print aids (hymnals, hymn sheets, booklets, etc.) and visual display systems. The print-aids are *optional* by nature, whereas visual display systems are *impositional*. The user of a print aid can choose to close it or put it to one side if they do not require it. On the contrary, the nature of visual displays is such that it is tough to ignore what is displayed, even if it is superfluous to one's needs. Therefore, it is necessary to be alert to avoid imposing pictures and words on the assembly and consider the quality of the presentation and liturgical usefulness of the visual display.

Visual display systems, if used well, can encourage the participation of the assembly. But, if used without due care and consideration, they can be counter-productive. The danger of overuse of visual display systems over some period can make the assembly not respond or participate unless prompted on a screen. It can leave the assembly's attention rarely focused on the liturgical action.

The use of these systems should encourage "fully conscious and active participation" and should not lead people to passivity. They become counter-productive when used to entertain and keep us occupied rather than allow us to pray. Silence is an essential part of liturgical prayer, and in this technological age, this involves both audio and visual silence.

When technology is used, it must be used rightly and as a help to focus on the liturgical action and participation. Little guidance for the use of new technology has been given thus far, and liturgical norms do not specifically address many of the questions that have begun to emerge. We must carefully discern the opportunities available and, more importantly, the needs of the Church in the light of liturgical guidelines or norms for the digital age.

The guidelines on the proper use of video/digital/visual display are essential to preserve the dignity of the liturgical action and to use technology to its maximum potential to support the liturgy. Technology can serve the liturgy well, but we must be cautious not to put the liturgy at the service of technology. It is in this spirit we have developed and issued these guidelines.

I. Technical Aspects: Screens, Position and Projections

1. Screens and Their Locations

- a. Screens should be easily visible to the congregation but discreet enough so as not to dominate the liturgical space. They should not block the view of the altar, ambo, presider's chair, or main crucifix in the sanctuary.
- b. Placement of visual display screens should be as close as possible to the assembly's sight of the sanctuary without dominating their presence and minimizing the possibilities of them becoming a distraction.
- c. Screens and wall projections should be large enough for easy reading. Installation of TV/display monitors should be done professionally and aesthetically. The monitors/display should not diminish the sense of liturgical environment, where screens dominate in the place of liturgical and spiritual symbols.

2. Presentation and Projection

- a. Projection on to a blank wall is permissible. However, projection on to the wall directly over the main altar should be avoided as far as possible.
- b. Background graphics should be avoided since they may make the text more difficult to read and usually become a distraction. If background colours and text colours are placed in contrast, readability improves.
- c. Fonts should be simple and easy to read. The text should be large and clear enough to be read easily from all parts of the worship space. Large text blocks, such as the Nicene Creed are to be formatted according to proper sense lines in accord with the Roman Missal to ensure easier reading from line to line and screen to screen.

- d. Script, fancy, or ornamented fonts should be avoided. Use only one or two fonts throughout a presentation.
- e. Multiple colours and backgrounds can become a distraction. The selection of a colour taste should be sensitive to the art and environment of the church and be aesthetically pleasing.
- f. The use of a consistent theme throughout should be implemented. The use of one background colour, one text colour and size, discreet ornamentation, and the consistent position and placement of text throughout a presentation minimizes distractions and eye fatigue.
- g. Transitions between slides/screens should be simple, quick, and as transparent as possible. Distracting motions, such as bouncing balls, moving cursors, animated pictures, and flashing texts should also be avoided. Otherwise, they will cause the congregation to focus on the screen rather than on the liturgical actions.
- h. Text and images should only be displayed when they are needed. The screen should be blank at all other times.
- i. When deciding what should be included in a presentation/projection for use at a liturgical celebration, the Parish Priest should be consulted and his guidance sought.

II. Operating Visual Display Systems

- a. Presentations prepared for liturgical celebrations should always be clear, simple, professional, and consistent in their design and appearance to minimize distraction and better reflect the dignity and sacred nature of the liturgical celebration.
- b. The slide size should be correctly selected to suit the proportions of the visual display screens; otherwise, the presentation will appear distorted when displayed.
- c. Those who prepare presentations for liturgical celebrations need to have an understanding of the liturgy, the order of the ritual elements within a celebration, and of the potential for a presentation to affect the full, conscious and active participation of those who take part.

- d. Parishioners should be prepared adequately for operating the computer during liturgical celebrations. In particular, they should possess the following skills: (a) An understanding of the Order of Mass (i.e. what happens and when); (b) The ability to manage the visual display system as required (e.g. muting displays when adjustments need to be made); (c) The ability to operate the system accurately and efficiently, minimizing any distractions; (d) Basic computer troubleshooting.
- e. Computer/display operators need to fulfil their role in a quiet and discreet manner that prevents the assembly from being distracted. Computer operators are also part of the liturgical assembly and should actively participate in the celebration.
- f. The computer and display screen setup should take place in plenty of time before the celebration begins. Besides respecting the right of those who come early to pray before the liturgy begins, it will allow time to attend calmly to any unexpected technical issues that may arise.
- g. Operating a presentation during the liturgy should be efficient and discreet. Timing is crucial. Slides must be displayed so that the assembly can sing and respond confidently when they are supposed to. When a song or prayer has to be presented over multiple slides, the flow of the song or prayer needs to be maintained.
- h. Once the liturgy has begun, the visual display system should be used only when needed. At all other times, the screen should remain blank and static so that the assembly's attention remains focused on the liturgical action. Consideration should be given to mute the display screen's output if an unforeseen technical adjustment needs to be made on the computer during the celebration.

III. Visual Display During Mass/Liturgy

- a) An image may be displayed before or after the liturgical celebration as a means of focusing the assembly and encouraging personal reflection and prayer. Such image should be related to the particular season, feast day, or celebration. A single slide is recommended since multiple, rotating slides may be distracting.

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- b) People are encouraged to sing or recite known prayer texts from memory. The text of the Lord's Prayer, for example, is known well enough not to be displayed at school and parish celebrations. Texts should be provided only when necessary. The preference is for the assembly to pray and respond from memory.
 - c) During a liturgical celebration, the focus of the assembly should always be on the action taking place rather than on static, artificial representations. To avoid having peoples' "eyes glued to the TV," project only what is necessary to help the congregation to a fuller participation in the liturgy. See and follow the Appendix below: A Guide to Using Visual Display within the Order of Mass.
 - d) Prayers spoken by the Presiding celebrant (e.g., the Collect, Prayer of the Offerings, Eucharistic Prayer, Prayer After Communion, etc.) or by the Deacon or other ministers (e.g. petitions of the Prayers of the Faithful) and Scripture Readings at the Liturgy of the Word should not be projected. The assembly is encouraged to listen to the Proclamation of the Word.
 - e) If hymnals or song books are available in the pews, a simple slide reference to the name of the song and its number in the proper book may be sufficient.
 - f) The projection of parish announcements before or after Mass is tolerated. However, they also should be kept to a minimum so as not to intrude upon one's ability to prayerfully prepare for the liturgy or to give thanks after the liturgy. In order to preserve and promote the prayerful atmosphere of the church, avoid giving the impression of providing entertainment or "parish commercials" or advertisements and notices in the liturgical space.
 - g) Devotions in church, such as the Stations of the Cross, may be enhanced by using video slides to project a larger image of each station to the assembly. When the church is used for retreats or faith formation sessions, appropriate videos/slides may be projected, to aid the session facilitator and the assembly.

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- h) A 'slideshow' of images from a person's life at a funeral liturgy, wedding, jubilee or other celebrations inside the church is not possible immediately before, during and after the Mass/Liturgy. However, on such occasions, a single and the same image may be displayed before or after the celebration, preferably with religious art background. The prayer environment in the church must be maintained and the sense of the sacred must be fostered in the people who are present in the church.
- i) Occasionally, video presentations - recorded by the Bishop or others to promote certain programmes relating to Catholic life or to communicate essential information to the congregation - that the Bishop approves, may be shown before Mass or at the normal announcements or after Mass.
- j) When the church does not accommodate all the faithful due to their large number present on certain occasions, live video feeds of the Mass may be projected in overflow locations outside of the main church. However, live video feeds may not be used as a mere convenience. A valid overflow situation must be present. Otherwise, people should join the main assembly in church.
- k) Liturgical books are signs and symbols that point beyond themselves to higher realms. Their appearance is to be dignified and beautiful. For this reason, "The Missal is reserved for use during the Church's liturgy. iPads and other electronic devices have a variety of uses, for example, playing games, using the Internet, watching videos and checking e-mail. This alone makes their use in the liturgy inappropriate" (New Zealand Catholic Bishops' Conference).
- l) Cell phones and tablets should never be used at the ambo or the altar in place of the Missal, Lectionary or Liturgical Books. Care needs to be taken to prevent any distraction to the assembly. It is not appropriate for the assembly to use handheld electronic devices during liturgical prayer.

Conclusion

The liturgical act of offering praise and thanksgiving to God requires attentive and engaged eyes, ears, voices, and hearts. When our use of technology in the liturgy aids our attentiveness and active participation, its use is worthwhile. If a parish uses a digital/visual projector, the Priests and liturgy animators will do well to audit how well the liturgy is celebrated. Does the visual display preserve the liturgical and sacred environment? How often does people's attention wander to the screen? Is the visual display distracting? If people's attention is drawn away from the tables of the Eucharist and the Word, and also if it is drawn away from the community gathered to celebrate, the appropriate and the usefulness of visual display comes into question.

Liturgical worship takes place within a sacramental worldview, and sacramental worship is not primarily perceived but enacted. Digital visual projections/media has the potential to be an aid to communication and mutual revelation. However, it also risks becoming a means of separation and isolation. Its careful use can offer the possibility of drawing us deeper into the liturgical action; if not used with care and discretion, it can direct our attention away from the Lord, others, and the world around us.

Everything in the liturgy needs to have integrity. Liturgy is participatory; any use of media must support that. Therefore, the screens and what is projected need to be integrated into the worship space in a supportive and not dominant way. They need to make visible only that which will draw forth the integral reality of the assembly's participation in the liturgy as foundational to forming them in and as the Body of Christ in the world today. When our use of technology in the liturgy aids our attentiveness and active participation, its use is worthwhile.

Issued from the Bishop's House, Kodialbail, on July 31, 2021, the Feast of St Ignatius of Loyola.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

A GUIDE TO USING VISUAL DISPLAY SYSTEMS WITHIN THE ORDER OF MASS

[The guide is from the liturgy documents issued by Bishops' Conference of Canada, Australia, and various dioceses of the U.S.]

ORDER OF MASS	FOCUS	VISUAL DISPLAY
Before Mass	Personal preparation, gathering of the assembly	A single image may be used as a focus.

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance	Procession	The text of the entrance song
Greeting	Priest	Blank
Penitential Act	Priest/Assembly	Blank (unless the people's parts of the Penitential Act are not familiar to the assembly)
Kyrie	Priest/Choir/Assembly	Blank
Gloria	Priest/Assembly	Blank (unless the assembly is not familiar with it)
Collect	Priest	Blank

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading	Lector	Blank
Responsorial Psalm	Cantor/Lector/Assembly	The text of the response
Second Reading	Lector	Blank
Gospel Acclamation	Procession to Ambo	Blank
Homily	Priest/Deacon	Blank

Profession of Faith	Assembly	Blank (unless the assembly is not familiar with it)
Prayer of the Faithful	Reader	Blank (except for people's response, if it is unfamiliar)

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of the Gifts	Procession/Priest	The text of the hymn
Prayer over the Offerings	Priest	Blank
Eucharistic Preface-Dialogue	Priest	Blank
Sanctus	Assembly	Blank (unless the assembly is not familiar with it)
Memorial Acclamation		Blank (unless the assembly is not familiar with it)
Lord's Prayer	Assembly	Blank
Lamb of God	Assembly	Blank
Communion	Procession/Assembly	The text of the hymn
Prayer After Communion	Priest	Blank

THE CONCLUDING RITES

Announcements	Priest/Reader	Blank (may display only a few key points, if necessary)
Final Greeting	Priest	Blank
Blessing/Dismissal	Priest	Blank
Recessional Hymn	Assembly	The text of the hymn

PRIESTS' TRANSFERS AND ASSIGNMENTS – 2021

No.	Name	From	To	Date
1	Rev. Vincent D'Souza	Des. Secretary, CODP	Secretary, CODP	10-7-2021
2	Rev. Oswald Monteiro	Secretary, CODP	P.P. Kirem	12-7-2021
3	Rev. Victor D'Mello	P.P. Kirem	P.P. Panir	13-7-2021
4	Rev. Denis Suares	P.P. Panir	P.P. Niddodi	14-7-2021
5	Rev. Gregory Serrao	P.P. Niddodi	Permude	15-7-2021
6	Rev. Edwin Vincent Correa	P.P. Permude	P.P. Miyapadavu	16-7-2021
7	Rev. Anil Joel D'Souza	P.P. Miyapadavu	P.P. Fajir	17-7-2021
8	Rev. Sunil Veigas	P.P. Fajir	Udupi [Kerekatte]	18-7-2021
9	Rev. Gratian Alvares	Parochial Admin. Kuppepdavu	P.P. Kuppepadavu	31-5-2021
10	Rev. Peter D'Souza	Director, Pastoral Inst.	P.P. Agrar	12-7-2021
11	Rev. Gregory D'Souza	P.P. Agrar	P.P. Hospet	13-7-2021
12	Rev. Santhosh Rodrigues	P.P. Hospet	Director, Pastoral Inst. Bajjodi	14-7-2021
13	Rev. Maxim D'Souza (Seminary, Jeppu)		P.P. Jeppu	12-7-2021
14	Rev. Clifford Fernandes	P.P. Jeppu	P.P. Cordel	13-7-2021
15	Rev. Victor Machado	P.P. Cordel	Chaplain, Little Sisters of the Poor, Maroli	14-7-2021
16	Rev. John Baptist Crasta	Chaplain, Fr Muller Deralakatte	Designate Director St Antony, Jeppu	01-7-2021
17	Rev. Alban Rodrigues	Adm. St Antony, Jeppu	P.P. Neerude	15-7-2021
18	Rev. Assisi Rebello	P.P. Neerude	P.P. Mudipu	16-7-2021
19	Rev. Benjamin Pinto	P.P. Mudipu	P.P. Urwa	17-7-2021
20	Rev. Stany Pereira	P.P. Urwa	P.P. Bela	19-7-2021
21	Rev. John Vas	P.P. Bela	Chaplain, Fr Muller Thumbay	20-7-2021
22	Rev. Vincent Sequeira	Studies – Biblical Theology	Asst Director DBCLC (for Bible)	01-7-2021
23	Rev. Santhosh D'Souza	Socius, Pakshikere	P.P. Shamboor	27-7-2021
24	Rev. Gerald Pinto (Sr)	P.P. Shamboor	P.P. Mariashram	13-7-2021
25	Rev. Rocky Fernandes	P. Adm. Mariashram	P.P. Nainad	14-7-2021

No.	Name	From	To	Date
26	Rev. Jesudas D'Costa	P.P. Nainad	Mangalore - Africa Mission (Same)	16-7-2021
27	Rev. Alwin Serrao	Principal, Padua College, Nanthur	Principal, St Antony's College, Naravi	12-7-2021
28	Rev. Arun Wilson Lobo	Principal, St Antony's College, Naravi	P.P. Kadaba	13-7-2021
29	Rev. Ronald Lobo	P.P. Kadaba	Chaplain, Fr Muller Kankanady	14-7-2021
30	Rev. Daniel Veigas, OP		P.P. Ashoknagar	24-5-2021
31	Rev. Henry Sequeira	Seminary, Jeppu	Socius, Urwa	01-7-2021
32	Rev. Rohith D'Costa	Asst Dir. SJEC, Vamanjoor	Chaplain, St John Paul II Shrine, Bajpe	12-7-2021
33	Rev. Stany Monteiro	Chaplain, Bajpe	Chaplain, Olavinahalli	13-7-2021
34	Rev. Lawrence D'Souza	Chaplain, Olavinahalli	P.P. Tannirbavi	14-7-2021
35	Rev. Elias D'Souza (Jr)	Paroch. Administrator, Tannirbavi	P.P. Arva	15-7-2021
36	Rev. Naveen Pinto	P.P. Arva	On Staff, St Joseph Seminary, Jeppu	16-7-2021
37	Rev. Harry D'Souza	Gulbarga	P.P. Kayyar	12-7-2021
38	Rev. Ivan Peter D'Mello	P.P. Kayyar	P.P. Bambil	13-7-2021
39	Rev. Peter Gonsalves	Paroch. Adm. Bambil HM, Loreto School	HM, St Lawrence School, Bondel	04-8-2021
40	Rev. Clifford Simon Pinto	HM, Bondel	HM, Holy Redeemer School, Belthangady	02-8-2021
41	Rev. Jason Vijay Monis	HM, Belthangady	HM, Loreto School	03-8-2021
42	Rev. Sunil George D'Souza	Lecturer, St Phil. College, Puttur	Lecturer, Pompei College, Aikala	28-5-2021
43	Rev. Suraj Joseph Lobo	New Priest	Asst P.P. Bejai	01-7-2021
44	Rev. Pramod Crasta	Asst P.P. Bejai	Asst Manager, Codialbail Press	30-6-2021
45	Rev. Jovin Vishwas Sequeira	New Priest	Asst P.P. Cordel	30-6-2021
46	Rev. Lawrence Cutinha	Asst P.P. Cordel	Asst P.P. Angelore	02-8-2021
47	Rev. Flavian Rajkiran Lobo	Asst P.P. Angelore	Higher Studies, Rome (until then at Seminary, Jeppu)	03-8-2021
48	Rev. Roshan D'Cunha	Asst P.P. Udupi	Asst P.P. Bajpe	01-7-2021
49	Rev. Kevin L. D'Souza	New Priest	Asst P.P. Puttur	30-6-2021

No.	Name	From	To	Date
50	Rev. Larry Franklin Pinto	Asst. P.P. Puttur	Asst Director St Antony, Jeppu	05-7-2021
51	Rev. Ozmond Roshan D'Souza	Asst. Dir. St Antony's, Jeppu	Asst P.P. Permannur	02-8-2021
52	Rev. Santhosh D'Souza	Asst. P.P. Permannur	Asst P.P. Vamanjoor	05-7-2021
53	Rev. Ronson Pinto	New Priest	Asst P.P. Bendur	30-6-2021
54	Rev. Steevan Nelson Peris	Asst. P.P. Bendur	Udupi [Asst PP, Shirva]	30-6-2021
55	Rev. Ivan Ashwin D'Souza	New Priest	Asst P.P. Milagres	30-6-2021
56	Rev. Anil Francis Pinto	Asst. P.P. Milagres	Udupi [Asst PP, Pangla]	30-6-2021
57	Rev. Rohan Michael Dias	Asst. P.P. Shirva	Asst Admin., Fr Muller, Deralakatte	01-7-2021
58	Rev. Nelson D'Almeida	Seminary, Jeppu	P.P. Maniampare	12-7-2021
59	Rev. Richard D'Souza	Director, CCC	Asst PP, Mudipu	30-7-2021
60	Rev. Anil Ivan Fernandes (Rector, Gladsom Home)		Director <i>ad Interim</i> , Canara Com. Centre	29-7-2021
61	Rev. Stany Pinto	Asst Dir., St Joseph Workshop Jeppu	Lecturer & Campus Dir., St Phil. Puttur	30-6-2021
62	Rev. Deepak Leo D'Sa	HM, St Antony's School, Mogarnad	HM, Sacred Heart School, Madanthyar	02-8-2021
63	Rev. Rupesh R. Tauro Asst P.P., Bondel		Director, Pontifical Mission Organisations	30-7-2021
64	Rev. Vishal Melwyn Monis (P.P. Peruvai)		Asst Manager, Diocesan Estates	31-5-2021
65	Rev. Paul D'Souza	Paroch. Admin. Anegudde	P.P. Anegudde	31-5-2021
66	Rev. Rohan Lobo (Secretary to the Bishop)	Res., Vamanjoor	Res., Bishop's House	20.5.2021
67	Rev. Stany Fernandes	Friendship House, Mariashram-Talapady	Socius, Pakshikere	13-7-2021
68	Rev. Stany Rodrigues	Leave	Socius, Vittal	02-8-2021
69	Rev. Pius F. Pinto	Leave	Leave (contd).	
70	Rev. Cyril Lobo (of Gulbarga Diocese)	Priest in Residence, Mudipu	Udupi	08-7-2021
71	Rev. Kiran Maxim Pinto (P.P. Thodambila)		H.M. Deva Matha Eng. Med. School, Mogarnad	02-8-2021

THE NEW VICARS FORANE

Transfers and new pastoral assignments created a vacancy of the office of Vicar Forane in two Vicariates. In this context, I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed the following two priests as Vicars Forane with effect from August 01, 2021, for a period of three years:

- 1) V. Rev. Fr Stany Pereira, Parish Priest, Our Lady of Dolours Church, Bela, as Vicar Forane of Southern Vicariate under the patronage of St Thomas.
- 2) V. Rev. James D'Souza, Parish Priest, St Joseph the Worker Church, Vamanjoor, as Vicar Forane of City Vicariate, under the patronage of St Peter.

The above ecclesiastical provision is made taking into consideration the canons on Vicars Forane in the Code of Canon Law and the particular norms extant in the Diocese. I thank the new Vicars Forane for their readiness to take up the leadership, and wish them the best in their new responsibility.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

SEMINARIANS IN REGENCY		
1.	Sem. Jeevan D'Souza	St Anthony Church, Naravi
2.	Sem. Loyd Rohan D'Souza	St Monica Church, Kumbbla
3.	Sem. Joel Monteiro	Gladsom Minor Seminary, Bolar
4.	Sem. Denzil Rodrigues	Our Lady of Dolours Church, Bela
5.	Sem. Avil Santhumayor	Pastoral Institute, Bajjodi

FROM THE PROCURATOR'S OFFICE

1. All those Parishes that have not remitted the earmarked collections made till June 2021 are requested to remit the same to our office by 15 August 2021.
2. CMA returns have to be submitted monthly as per the new policy. The hard copy of the CMA Statement with the DCMF voucher should reach our office by the 10th of the following month. We will remit your claim to your personal bank account on the 15th of the following month. The copies of the new CMA statements are available in our office.
3. When the CMA returns of a particular month are submitted, you have to submit the DCMF collections of that month too (25% of Sunday collections and Mite Box collections) to our office. You may remit the amount through NEFT also.
4. We request all the Parish Priests, those who have not submitted the CMA returns of 2020-21, to submit the same by 15 August 2021. This data is required for publishing the CMA report.
5. Sacramental wine is available at our office only for Parishes, Chapels and Convents only. It will not be given to the lay faithful for the offertory. Also, please note that the cost of the Sacramental Wine is Rs 200/- per bottle from April 2021.

– **Procurator, Diocese of Mangalore**

PROGRAMMES OF CODP

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| 02.08.2021 | Orientation to new priests on CODP's social developmental activities at Pastoral Institute, Bajjodi |
| 15.08.2021 | Cleanliness drive at Kanyapady |
| 18.08.2021 | Bandhavya Governing Board meet in CODP-ISD |
| 20.08.2021 | Awareness on organic farming and kitchen garden at Pilankatta |
| 27.08.2021 | Bandhavya Annual General Body Meet in CODP-ISD |

Lenten Campaign 2021

Dear Fathers/Sisters, I thank you all for your cooperation in motivating the people of Mangalore Diocese to contribute generously to the cause of this year's campaign viz. 'My Lenten Sacrifice' towards local mission/charity works of the Diocese of Mangalore through CODP. Kindly convey our heartfelt gratitude to your parishioners and people of goodwill who have participated/donated generously and helped to make the campaign a success.

I would also like to request those parishes (numbering around 25) that have not remitted the Lenten collections to CODP, to do so kindly at the earliest.

– **Director, CODP**

MANGALA JYOTHI

I. Programmes for August

- 2 : Orientation for newly Ordained Priests, Bajjodi
- 6 : Training for Lectors, Bejai
- 8 : Liturgy Seminar
- 12 : Training for Pastoral Commissions, Bajjodi
- 22 : Liturgy Seminar, Kanajar
- 29 : Training for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Mangala Jyothi

II. Commission for Catechetics

1. Sunday Online Catechism Classes: We thank you for your cooperation in coordinating online catechism classes systematically in your parish. We have classes on alternative Sundays, the following Sunday after the regular class, is meant for the class works. Please inform the students to watch the full videos and do the class work mentioned in the III part of the video. The videos will be available on Sundays from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The students must have the textbook, Bible and workbook during the class. The link will be posted in Mangala Jyothi Whatsapp group on Saturdays before noon. The links also will be available at www.mangalajyothi.com

The classes are organized both in Konkani and English languages. We thank the Parish Priest and the team of Bendur Parish for taking the initiative in organizing English classes.

2. School Catechism and Value Education: Please inform the HMs to organize one class per week (Catechism and VE) from Std V-X. Textbooks are available at Mangala Jyothi bookstall.

3. Official Whatsapp group of Mangala Jyothi: We have created an official Whatsapp group of Mangala Jyothi for Priests, Religious and Coordinators. Hereafter, information related to Bible, Catechetics and Liturgy will be posted in this group. Please cooperate.

III. Commission for Liturgy:

- 1. Extraordinary Ministers' Training:** There will be an extraordinary ministers' training for the newly selected candidates at the diocesan level on 29 August 2021, Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. at Mangala Jyothi. Please register the names at Mangala Jyothi office before 20 August 2021. Registration Fee: Rs 200/-.
2. You are requested to update the extraordinary ministers' data online (name, age, qualification etc.) on our website www.mangalajyoth.com/parish login/extraordinary ministers data.
3. The newly revised handbook for extraordinary ministers is available at Mangala Jyothi, which includes new guidelines, installation rite and related material. Please make use of these new books.
4. Mass Candles, superior quality Hosts & Particles, Incense are available at the Mangala Jyothi stall.

– **Director, Mangala Jyothi**

GOLDEN BIRTHDAYS

- Rev. Fr Nelson D'Almeida, Parish Priest, St Lawrence Church, Maniyampare, on 8 August 2021.
- Rev. Fr Vincent D'Souza, Secretary, C.O.D.P., Nanthur, on 18 August 2021.

OBITUARY: REV. FR JOHN FERNANDES **(07.03.1936 – 03.07.2021)**

As I began writing this brief obituary, I came across this quote:” Priests should look upon death as one of the last functions of the priesthood. It is their last Mass... They should, then, prepare for it as they prepare to celebrate Mass because the death of a Priest is a Mass, united to the death of Jesus for the salvation of humankind.” On July 3, 2021, the Solemnity of St Thomas the Apostle, Fr John Fernandes, made his final offering of himself to the Lord. He left his mortal body to embrace the immortal one. In short, Fr John Fernandes – a much loved, humble, caring, and noble priest set out for his heavenly abode.

I had the good fortune of being his first assistant when he was the Parish Priest of St Joseph’s Church, Belman. Thus I got the privilege of knowing him from close quarters. I am intrigued by his multifaceted personality. If I may attempt to sum up his nature, traits and outlook on life, it could be like this: he was a very modest, self-effacing, soft-spoken, unassuming, level headed, well balanced and pragmatic personality with remarkable honesty, integrity, humility, and courage. An intelligent and well-read person who travelled across the globe, anyone who came into contact with Fr John would have a lasting impression of him. The well-balanced qualities of both head and heart endeared him to all.

His life and thoughts reflected his many concerns: support for the disadvantaged, justice to the oppressed, social and religious harmony, and protecting the environment. His penchant for liberation theology gave him the needed impetus to dedicate his entire life to work for the upliftment of the marginalized, the deprived and exploited and the underprivileged classes of people.

After his Ordination to Priesthood, he served the Diocese in various pastoral assignments. Some of which are as follows: Asst Parish Priest at Bejai (1963) for about 8 months; Asst Parish Priest, Rosario Cathedral (1964); Director, Liturgical Apostolate (1971); Asst Pastor, Urwa Parish (1971); the first Director of DBCLC (1973); Parish Priest, Hospet (1976); Parish Priest, Katpadi (1984); Parish Priest, Belman (1986); Professor, Seminary at Jeppu (1994); Professor and Head, Chair in Christianity (2001); Retired from active ministry in 2013, and since 2014, took up residence in Senior Priests’ Home, Jeppu.

The parishioners of various churches where he had served will vouch for his immense work for the poor. He endeavoured throughout his pastoral life to bring about interfaith/inter-religious dialogue and

harmony based on respect for each other. In other words, he strove to be a “pontiff”, which means a “bridge-builder”. The Latin word *pontifex* comes from the Latin root words *pons*, *pont-* (bridge) + *facere* (to do, to make). Thus, in the literal term, a “bridge-builder” - a word that may be applied to those who work towards dismantling walls of suspicion and building bridges of understanding.

Born and brought up in a rural setting in Udyavar, he showed great concern for the environment. He would advocate environment-friendly economic development and lifestyle among the people. As Parish Priest in unknown or less-known parishes of the Diocese (in those times), as head of institutions like Mangala Jyothi (DBCLC) and the Chair in Christianity at the Mangalore University, he struggled to promote justice. No doubt, he continues to find a special place in the minds and hearts of those on the periphery of society and seeking justice.

Walking in the footsteps of Christ is a challenge, especially living the Eight Beatitudes in letter and spirit. They sum up the essence of the kingdom of God that the followers of Jesus are called upon to seek and make known to the world, not so much through prayers and preaching but more through deeds of selfless service, of caring and sharing, kindness and forgiveness. Fr John’s life reflects a sincere and relentless endeavour to Evangelize the teachings of Christ through deeds. I say without hesitation that he was a true pastor in the footsteps of Christ and endeavoured to fulfil the words of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, “I have come that they may have life, life in abundance” (Jn 10:10). Indeed, Fr John bequeaths not just a good legacy but one that could very well sum up the fulfilment of his earthly mission, which in the words of St Paul, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing” (2 Tim 4:7-8).

Fr John leaves behind countless people who were touched by his warm heart and generous spirit as he travelled through “unbeaten paths”, crying out in the wilderness like St John the Baptist, “make straight His paths” (Mk 1:3). He leaves behind a legacy of service to people who sought him. He will be missed by all who were lucky enough to have known him. May Fr John rest in the loving arms of Jesus and rise in glory at the second coming of Jesus. May he intercede for us all to continue the mission of Jesus, emulating the example he set for us.

V. Rev. Walter D’Mello
Judicial Vicar

R.I.P.

- Rev. Fr John Fernandes (85 years), Senior Priests' Home, Jeppu, passed away on 03 July 2021. His funeral took place on 04 July 2021 at St Joseph the Worker Church, Vamanjoor.
 - Ms Alice D'Souza (83 years), sister of Rev. Fr Joseph A. Cardoza, Parish Priest, Belthangady, passed away on 21 July 2021. Her funeral took place on the same day at St Ignatius Loyola Church, Paladka.
 - Mrs Symplorine Coutinho (65 years), sister Rev. Fr Bonaventure Nazareth, Parish Priest, Milagres, Mangalore, passed away on 21 July 2021. Her funeral rites were held at Our Lady of Remedy Church, Poisur, Kandivali West, Mumbai.
 - Mr Joseph Rebello (70 years), brother-in-law of Rev. Fr Benjamin Pinto, Parish Priest, Urwa, passed away on 21 July 2021. His funeral took place on 22 July 2021 at St Antony's Church, Bannur, Puttur.
 - Mrs Juliana Moras (94 years), the sister-in-law of Rev. Fr Denis Moras Prabhu, passed away on 23 July 2021. Her funeral took place on 24 July 2021 at St Joseph's Church, Bajpe.
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