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## BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR JULY 2020

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| 02 | 3.00  | p.m. | Meeting of the Commissions, Pastoral Institute               |
| 03 | 9.30  | a.m. | Inauguration and Blessing of the Renovated Depts. FMCI       |
|    | 4.00  | p.m. | Managing Committee Meeting, Padua College                    |
| 04 | 9.30  | a.m. | Inauguration and Blessing of the Church, Kuppepadavu         |
|    | 3.00  | p.m. | ICYM Awards Ceremony, Urwa Hall                              |
| 06 | 9.30  | a.m. | Finance Committee Meeting, St Antony's Ashram                |
| 08 | 3.30  | p.m. | Ordination to Priesthood, Infant Jesus Shrine, Bikkarnakatte |
| 11 | 10.00 | a.m. | Inauguration of the Centenary Year, Bethany, Bendur          |
| 16 | 5.00  | p.m. | Festal Mass, Cloistered Carmel                               |
| 21 | 6.00  | p.m. | Governing Board Meeting, SJEC                                |
| 23 | 10.00 | a.m. | Ordination to Priesthood, Holy Rosary Cathedral              |

## BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR JULY 2020

We are in a time of great preoccupation as the world is reeling under the attack of Covid-19 and concomitant economic crisis. Great stress is affecting the families, especially those that have little children and elderly. The opening of schools is delayed as the virus is fast spreading all over India. Exams are being cancelled and future of the younger generation is bleak. When tragedies had struck the nations, the prophets gave the call to the people to repent and change their way of life so as to conform their lives to the covenantal relationship with God. In the past when pandemic had struck, Christian faithful resorted to ardent prayer, repentance, penance and charity and some even sacrificed their life in serving the affected people.

**Building the Faith:** In a similar situation, we have now opened the churches for prayer, Eucharistic celebrations and adoration of Our Lord in the Holy Sacrament. This is the opportune time to build the faith of the People in the presence of the Lord amidst us. The pastors have an added obligation to call the people to participate in the Eucharist and thus keep the faith alive. However, we shall keep a watchful eye on the situation and cooperate with the government in case new decisions are taken.

**The Need for Real Eucharist:** In the past months, Masses and Adorations were televised or transmitted through the YouTube. There is a real danger of dramatizing the whole scene and losing the mystery itself. Incidentally, many may give the excuse of the danger of Covid-19 for their absence and may not make any effort to come to the fountain of Life. Remember what God said through Prophet Jeremiah: "my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water" (Jer 2: 13). Online Eucharistic celebrations may help us to hear the Word of God and pray but they are not a substitute to real Mass. We may end up multiplying only broken cisterns that do not provide us living water. Therefore, both priests and people are called to do introspection in this regard.

On 17 April 2020, during the Mass at Casa Santa Marta, Pope Francis said that online Masses do not provide for real sacramental life: “This is the Church in a difficult situation that the Lord is allowing, but the ideal of the Church is always with the people and with the sacraments — always”. One’s relationship with Jesus “is intimate, it is personal, but it is in a community”, and this closeness to Christ without community, without the Eucharist, without the people of God assembled together and “without the sacraments is dangerous”, he said. It is dangerous because people could start living their relationship with God “for just myself, detached from the people of God”. Let us encourage one another to worship the Lord in the Holy Eucharist and through our active participation, by taking necessary precautions and making adequate preparation and conversion of heart.

**Jalabandan:** This year, on 5 July we celebrate *Laudato Si* Sunday in our diocese. Let us visit the saplings we had planted last year and feel their fresh life. The environment has been certainly positively affected by planting more than 80,000 plants. Further, this year the *Laudato Si* Committee has drawn our attention on conserving rain water. The *Jalabandan* handouts have already reached your hands. Till 15 July we conduct the *Jalabandan* programme and the people should be inspired to use the different methods to make the running water to stop, to make the water get absorbed in the earth so that the earth may be enriched to give us pure water for our consumption. Let us not forget, the Lord has given these resources out of great love. No better drink can we find on this earth than pure water. Save water, save life.

**Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel:** On 16 July, we celebrate the memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, who assures us her protection, symbolically granting the scapular, as she did to St Simon Stock. Let us have recourse to her intercession so that the whole world may be protected from the Virus and other tragedies. Rosary is the powerful instrument given to us to knock at the door of the Almighty through the intercession of Mother Mary.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha  
Bishop of Mangalore

## CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES TO BISHOP PETER PAUL SALDANHA

Pope Francis had appointed Rev. Dr Peter Paul Saldanha as Bishop of Mangalore and this papal appointment was announced to the public on July 3, 2018. On the second anniversary of the appointment as Bishop of Mangalore, we the clergy, religious and lay faithful extend our hearty congratulations to His Excellency, the Most Rev. Peter Paul Saldanha and assure him of our support of prayers and cooperation in his episcopal ministry that he carries out "To the praise of His glorious grace." It is of great credit to Pope Francis to have had selected a Bishop with such personal graces and a fine combination: intellectually gifted and at the same time working with a heart of compassion and love. *Vivat, crescat, floreat!* (May he live, grow and flourish).

## ORDINATION OF THREE DEACONS OF MANGALORE DIOCESE TO THE ORDER OF PRESBYTERATE

I am glad to inform you that our three deacons Rev. Lancy D'Souza, Rev. Steevan Joel Coutinho and Rev. William D'Souza will be ordained Priests on Thursday **July 23, 2020** at 3.00 p.m. in St Joseph Seminary Chapel, Jeppu, Mangalore. I earnestly request all the priests and religious in the diocese to pray for them and unite spiritually in the celebration of this sacred event.

Due to Covid-19 situation and the restrictions in view of health and safety of all, entry to the Cathedral Church for the Ordination Ceremony is limited and regulated. Only those priests, religious and lay faithful who are given the **Entry Coupon** will be allowed to participate in the event. If you are given the Entry Coupon, kindly bring it along with you to gain entry. I request you to extend to us your good will and cooperation.

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Bishop of Mangalore

## **CHANGES IN THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM OF SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR CHARITY**

In order to follow proper accounting practices, a few changes are to be made while accounting 25% of Sunday collection allotted for Charity. These changes are proposed to be implemented after consulting the Auditors who audit the Parish accounts in our Diocese.

- 1) The system of collection for Charity will remain the same, that is, 25% of Sunday Collection. But such amount should not be set aside from the Parish account or this sum must not be drawn directly from the Parish account by a single voucher entry, either weekly or monthly.
- 2) The accounting entry has to be made in the Books of account as per the Charity book as and when the actual amount is given to the needy.
- 3) In addition to the Charity book, as a documentary evidence for the Charity given, individual vouchers are to be maintained just like any other Parish account vouchers. If the amount given is Rs 500/- and above, then, the details and the signature of the receiver has to be obtained on the voucher. If it is less, then, the Parish Priest can keep the self-signed voucher, indicating the total amount disbursed every week.
- 4) When such system is followed, Charity could be made to the needy through Cheques from the main account itself.
- 5) The total amount of Charity should be restricted to 25% of the Sunday collection.
- 6) It is obligatory to give the Charity book maintained for 25% of the Sunday collection for auditing.
- 7) The accounting of the other Charity like Relief of Poverty/ Medical Aid/Donations etc. will remain the same in the Parish account.

This system will come into effect from **1 July 2020**.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha  
**Bishop of Mangalore**

**PRIESTS' TRANSFERS AND ASSIGNMENTS – 2020 (I)**

No	Name	From	To	Date
1	Fr Anil Roshan Lobo	Studies at NVSC, Pune	Director, Propaedeutic Seminary-Karnataka Region, at Jeppu	2.4.2020
2	Fr Boniface Pinto	St Joseph Interdiocesan Seminary, Jeppu	Spiritual Director, Propaedeutic Seminary-Karnataka Region, at Jeppu	2.4.2020
3	Fr Antony Clany D'Souza	Asst P.P. Kallianpur (Udupi Diocese)	Director, <i>Kripa Sadhana</i> , Bajpe	1.6.2020
4	Fr Felix Noronha	Chaplain, Father Muller, Deralakatte	Chaplain, <i>Snehalaya</i> , Bachalike, Pavorr	3.6.2020
5	Fr Rohan Michael Dias	Bendur	Asst P.P. Shirva (Udupi Diocese)	8.6.2020
6	Fr Joseph Martis	Commission for Formation of Seminarians and Religious	Coordinator, Mangalore Diocesan Pastoral Plan	21.6.2020
7	Fr Trishan D'Souza	Asst Director, St Antony's, Jeppu	Asst P.P. Bantwal	29.6.2020
8	Fr Rupesh Raveen Tauro	Asst P.P. Kinnigoli	Asst P.P. Bondel and Director, PWPN	29.6.2020
9	Fr Ashwin Lawrence Crasta	Asst P.P. Bantwal	Asst P.P., Bendur	30.6.2020
10	Fr Cyril Lobo (Gulbarga)	Resident, Bondel	Resident, Mudipu	30.6.2020
11	Fr Shaun Rodrigues	Asst P.P. Mudipu	Asst P.P. Cordel	1.7.2020
12	Fr Ashwin Lohith Cardoza	Resident, Cordel Designate Dir. ICYM	Director (diocesan) ICYM	2.7.2020
13	Fr Stany Pinto	Asst P.P. Madanthyar	Asst Director/ Asst Manager, Jeppu Workshop	9.7.2020
14	Fr Arun Lobo	Resident, Valencia	Director, Friendship House, Mariashram	15.7.2020
15	Fr Mark Valder	Mount Rosary Institutions, Alangar	St Zuze Vaz Home, Jeppu	25.4.2020
16	Fr Peter S. Noronha	Father Mullers, Deralakatte	St Zuze Vaz Home, Jeppu	1.6.2020

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## **KRIPA SADHANA: A NEW HOUSE FOR VOCATION FORMATION**

We are glad to inform you that candidates for seminary who were accommodated at Gladsom, from the academic year 2020 will be housed in the renovated residence named *Kripa Sadhana*, at Bajpe. *Kripa Sadhana* serves as a house for vocation promotion and formation; it is open to young persons who are discerning a call to the Priesthood in the diocese of Mangalore, while pursuing their PUC studies.

Every vocation is God's gift (*kripa*), requiring our human response in obedience (*sadhana*). The name *Kripa Sadhana* depicts the interplay between God's initiative and human response, between vocation and formation. It brings out the beautiful relationship between grace and effort. In the life of faith, there is movement on both sides; through our own action we participate with God's grace. Basically, formation is learning to partner with God's grace.

While Gladsom students (PUC) will be residing in *Kripa Sadhana* at Bajpe, those students pursuing their degree (college) studies in Shanthi Kiran, Bajjodi, henceforth will be accommodated in Gladsom. I request all our priests to pray for vocations, and encourage good students to consider seeking to become candidates/seminarians for the diocese of Mangalore.

## **THREE NEW INVOCATIONS TO BE INSERTED INTO THE LITANY OF LORETO**

The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Marian litany officially approved in 1587 by Pope Sixtus V, who suppressed all other Marian litanies used publicly. It is also known as the Litany of Loreto, after its first-known place of origin, the Shrine of Our Lady of Loreto (Italy), where it is believed to have been used as far back as 1531. The Litany of Loreto is the only approved

Marian litany. However, many more Marian litanies were and are in use, but are designated for private devotion.

Pope Francis has made additions to the Litany of Loreto. This was made public by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, on Saturday June 20, 2020, the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The new invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary in the Litany of Loreto, which is often recited at the end of the Rosary are (a) “Mater misericordiae”, the Latin for “Mother of mercy”; (b) “Mater spei”, or “Mother of hope”; and (c) “Solacium migrantium”, or “Solace of migrants”.

According to directions, the invocation, “Mother of mercy” is to be inserted after “Mother of the Church”, “Mother of hope” after “Mother of Divine Grace” and “Solace of migrants” after “Refuge of sinners”.

Why are these added to the litany? These invocations respond to the realities of the time that we are living. The Holy Father wanted to respond to this moment by including these invocations. Many people across the world who are afflicted in many ways, not only by the Covid-19 pandemic, but also forced from their homes because of poverty, conflict and other reasons, are invoking Our Lady. It may be pointed out that these invocations are not new but they are part of the tradition of the Church that go back many centuries, such as the prayer and hymn, “Hail Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, Hail our hope...”.

Through the centuries at least 7 new invocations to Mary were added. If we consider the 20th century, the addition “Queen of Peace” was ordered by Pope Benedict XV in 1917; in 1950, Pope Pius XII added “Queen assumed into Heaven”. Saint Pope John Paul II added “Mother of the Church” in 1980, and “Queen of families” in 1995. Now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Pope Francis has added three more. Let us not forget to continue praying for the world and the Church, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



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## THE CELEBRATION OF SUNDAY MASSES IN THE CONTEXT OF REIMPOSED LOCKDOWN ON SUNDAYS

The Karnataka Government has issued an order re-imposing lockdown on Sundays beginning from July 5, 2020 until August 2, 2020. This means, no activity other than essential services and supplies is allowed. This situation affects our celebration of Sunday Masses. And, we don't know for how long. In this context, following theological reflections and pastoral provisions/measures are in order:

- 1) Sunday is the Lord's Day. It is also the day of the Church. The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. Moreover, Sunday is the day of faith, which is stressed by the fact that the Sunday Eucharistic liturgy, like the liturgy of other solemnities, includes the Profession of Faith. The Creed declares the baptismal and Paschal character of Sunday.
- 2) On the pastoral level, the community aspect of the Sunday celebration should be particularly stressed. Among the many activities of a parish, none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist.
- 3) On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass, unless excused for a serious reason (for example, illness, the care of infants, physical and moral impossibility) or dispensed by their own pastor (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2181).
- 4) Participation in the communal celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is a testimony of belonging and of being faithful to Christ and to his Church. The faithful give witness by this to their communion in faith and charity (*CCC*, 2182).

- 5) Television, internet and social media have made it possible to join in the Eucharistic celebration broadcast from some sacred place. Those faithful who are sick, disabled and those are prevented from personal participation in the Mass can unite in the celebration through their desire for the Eucharist.
- 6) Masses and liturgical celebrations broadcast over the TV, internet and social media do not in itself fulfil the Sunday obligation, which requires participation in the fraternal assembly gathered in one place, where Eucharistic communion can be received. But for those who cannot take part in the Eucharist and who are therefore excused from the obligation, television and media are a precious help (*Dies Domini*, 54).
- 7) The diocesan Bishop can dispense from Sunday obligation but cannot change the obligation to another day. Sunday obligation is just that Sunday. The obligation may be fulfilled at any Mass on Saturday evening but may not be transferred to a weekday. It is important to remember that for Christians, Sunday as such is not a transferable feast. During the first three centuries, Christians met on Sunday even though it was a normal working day, and many of them were slaves taking a great risk.
- 8) While the lockdown on Sundays prevents people from participating in the Sunday Mass, they can fulfil the Sunday obligation by participating in Masses on Saturday held after 4.00 p.m. Hence Parish Priests can arrange to have more than one Mass on Saturday evenings taking into account the convenience of the people.
- 9) Because of the restriction of space in the church and social distancing, it may not be possible to accommodate at Mass all those who are not prevented from participating in it. Therefore, as a matter of exception in these difficult circumstances, in the diocese of Mangalore, I permit the Parish Priests to have Masses with Sunday Liturgy – Sunday Proper, Readings, homily, prayer of the faithful,

etc on Friday evenings after 4.00 p.m. This provision can be used only when lockdown is mandated on Sunday. This permission cannot be extended to other days and other times.

- 10) This pastoral response of having Friday evening Masses with Sunday Liturgy is a temporary measure (an exception) made by the Bishop for the benefit of those Catholics who find it impossible to attend Mass on Saturday evening considering that they should not be deprived of the riches offered in the Sunday liturgy. On other days and times, Masses are to be celebrated as indicated in the Liturgical Ordo. The faithful can draw immense spiritual benefit by participating in weekday Masses celebrated without Sunday liturgy.
- 11) Parish Priests who act well in addressing their spiritual needs by providing the best liturgical opportunity, should be very careful to avoid the impression that they are moving Sunday to another day. Clear catechesis is necessary to explain that using Sunday liturgy for pastoral purposes is not synonymous with fulfilling the Sunday obligation.
- 12) For matters relating to dispensation from the obligation of participating in Sunday Mass and the necessity of following the safety protocols and standard operating procedures, kindly follow the “Pastoral Guidelines on the Resumption of Public Masses” issued on June 9, 2020. These are republished in the *Inter Nos* of July, 2020.
- 13) Those Catholics who are prevented from entering the church for Mass due to number restrictions need not be troubled in their consciences by a situation beyond their control. They are called to spend adequate time in prayer, scripture/spiritual readings, devotional/spiritual exercises in their homes and do charity. Please advise and exhort the faithful through the preaching, catechesis and announcements.
- 14) Sundays provided the faithful to express their communion with and support to the Church. This concern for the Church

shouldn't diminish. All are to keep in mind that they"have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his/her abilities" (CCC, 2043).

- 15) Bearing in mind the increasing number of cases of Covid-19, containment zones in and around parishes, and taking into account the different context and situation experienced in diverse geographical areas, Parish Priests are granted permission to decide about having or not having Masses in their respective parishes in consultation with the Parish Pastoral Council and Covid-19 Safety Committee. In case, they decide not to have Masses for a short period of time in their parish church, they should apply the same principles for weddings, funerals and other occasions.

June 30, 2020

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha  
**Bishop of Mangalore**

### **CHECKLIST AND TRANSFERS**

In the light of the suggestions made by the Council of Priests and College of Consultors, a Checklist of Temporal Administration of Parish/Institution was prepared and sent to all Parish Priests on Transfer list. They were required to fill in the Checklist and submit one copy to the Bishop by April 20, 2020 while maintaining one copy in the parish file. Some have done it, and others are asked to do it by July 10, 2020.

Individual Parish Priests on assignment to the new Parish can go through the Checklist after July 13, 2020 either at the Chancery Office or in the office of the Parish Priest of the Parish to which they are assigned. This way, Priests will have some idea of the status of the Parish in the area of temporal administration. We are living amidst uncertainty. God willing, if everything works well, the transfers of Parish Priests will begin from July 27, 2020.

## PASTORAL GUIDELINES

### ON THE RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC MASSES

*Sine dominico non possumus* meaning “Without the gift of the Lord, without the Lords day [Sunday], we cannot live,” said Emeritus, a man from a group of faithful arrested for celebrating the Eucharist against the prohibitive imperial order, when they were questioned why they celebrated the Eucharist on Sunday. The early Christians, during the Roman empire, dared to celebrate the Eucharist in spite of the threat of death penalty. Many celebrated the Eucharist in the Catacombs, that is, the burial places.

“We too cannot live without partaking of the sacrament of our salvation; we too desire... to reflect in our lives what we celebrate on the Lord’s Day” (Benedict XVI, *Sacramentum Caritatis*, 95). How can we carry the burden of our daily life and its multiple preoccupations, without the gift of the Lord, who gives himself to us in the Eucharist? For us, the Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life and mission.

Today, it is not the imperial edict that prohibits us from gathering for worship but the fear of the possibility of contagion of the deadly corona virus. Now, we are permitted to open the churches with Covid-19 safety measures and the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) given for our own protection by the government authorities. We are made responsible to protect ourselves and others when we come together to worship the Father, through the Son, in the Holy Spirit.

Christian charity demands us to be attentive so that we do not become the cause of the spread of contagion. At the same time, we cannot deprive ourselves of the spiritual food for an indefinite period. Many have constantly asked us: When will the churches be opened so that we receive the Body and Blood of Our Lord as our spiritual food?

Following the guidelines issued by the Central and State governments, the President of the Catholic Bishops Conference of India, and the President of the Karnataka Regional Catholic

Bishops' Council, we have formulated a few directives for our own safety and that of our brothers and sisters. In our diocese, the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Sundays and weekdays can be resumed from **13 June 2020**. However, the Parish Priests should ensure that the parish is adequately prepared to take care of all protective measures before opening the churches to the public for common worship. This matter has to be discussed in the Parish Pastoral Council and fulfill all the requirements so as to protect the faithful coming to worship the Lord. Nevertheless, those Parish Priests and Parishes requiring more time to prepare themselves to comply with the operational norms and safety protocols, should do the needful with all earnest and begin celebrating the Holy Eucharist in their churches from **20 June 2020**.

*Dispensation from the obligation* of participating in Sunday Mass is granted to the following until further determination:

- a) Children below the age of 10 and adults above 65 years of age (also advised not to participate in services held in the church/places of worship).
- b) People living in the containment area declared by the government (they are not to participate in the service at the church).
- c) People with comorbidities, pregnant women, as well as those who are in 'quarantine' at home (these should not come to the church).
- d) Persons already infected with Covid-19 and those exhibiting the symptoms (these should never attend the services or come in contact with others for the greater good of the community/society).

All those who are dispensed from the obligation and those who are unable to participate in the Sunday Eucharist for serious reasons during this pandemic season, are to participate online in sacramental services from the safety of their homes. However, those who are asymptomatic and are healthy should take initiative to visit and pray before the Blessed Sacrament during weekdays,

participate in the weekday Mass, read Holy Bible and do spiritual reading, and so on.

### **Four Guiding Principles Supporting Reopening the Churches:**

1. Divine Worship and Sacraments are essential to our faith life/dimension; the unwarranted fear and anxiety cannot immobilize us amidst difficult situation. “God has not given us a spirit of fear; instead he has given us a spirit of power and love and self-control” (2 Tim 1:7). We shall overcome the pandemic with faith in God and love for all.
2. Everything possible should be done to provide people the solace of the Church’s sacramental life and pastoral accompaniment in a timely and reasonable way.
3. Trust needs to be established that the top priority in our gathering for worship is the safety and wellbeing of people. We cannot take for granted that people will return just because churches are reopened.
4. Calling people to exercise faithful and responsible citizenship will be the key. Each Catholic will need to take personal responsibility for the common good as well as one’s own safety.

### **I. General Guidelines: Reopening the Doors**

1. Form a Covid-19 Safety Committee at the Parish Level to implement and monitor the safety measures and the Standard Operating Procedures as is contained in this document and possibly add other measure as deemed fit for ensuring that our churches are kept safe and the health of its members is not compromised. *Parish Priest is responsible to ensure that these guidelines are strictly observed.*
2. Train all volunteers and ushers; they need to be masked and able to interact with the faithful while still maintaining physical distancing.
3. Do the general cleaning of the church using spray, sanitizers and disinfectors regularly; clean the frequently touched surfaces such as pews, tables, lectern, door knobs, etc.

4. Place sign-boards and display audio/video clips, posters on hygiene, social distance etc. to heighten the awareness of the people against the spread of Covid-19.
5. As the norms on social/physical distancing restricts the number of people in the church at a given time, the Parish Priest along with the Parish Pastoral Council or/and the Safety Committee should decide about the criteria, logistics, manner etc. of inviting/restricting the number of faithful permitted at each Mass.
6. When there are more people than the church could accommodate, LCD/LED TV screens can be installed in the open area around the church or in the halls available next to the church.
7. The number of Masses may be increased. A priest can offer a maximum of three Masses on a Sunday at a Parish church, so as to reduce the number of participants for a particular Mass. If more priests are available, they can offer Masses also in the halls or other suitable places with adequate arrangement.
8. When more Masses are planned, the Mass schedule should allow sufficient time between Masses for cleaning and proper arrangement for the next Mass.
9. Churches should be kept well ventilated and seats cleansed and disinfected regularly. Adequate amount of Ethanol (70%) based sanitizers must be made available at the entrances to the church (Good quality sanitizer is available at FMHMC at reasonable rate).
10. It is recommended to have provision for washing the hands with soap and water at the entrance of the church.
11. All those attending Mass do so at their own initiative. It is important for individuals and families to take responsibility for protecting themselves and others.
12. All people should enter through the main door for proper screening and sanitization.



13. Volunteers must be present at the entrance of the church dispensing one or two drops of sanitizer on each entrant's palm.
14. Volunteers should screen the body temperature of people entering the church by using the infrared non-contact thermometer.
15. All should wear face-masks in the church premises and while entering the church; they should have it on throughout the Mass and till they leave the premises. Ushers should ensure that no one enters without a mask.
16. The holy water stoups/fonts should be dry and no sprinkling with holy water.
17. The faithful are forbidden to touch statues, books, etc. during this public health emergency. Therefore, liturgical booklets, hymnals should be removed from the pews/churches. LCD projectors may be used instead, for hymns and other recitations.
18. As for social distancing in the church, one square meter distancing is prescribed (unless it is a family from one household). If the pew is long, one could sit at either end. Keep in mind that social distancing is not just sideways but also in front and back.
19. Ushers/volunteers should guide the people to their pews / seating places. These seating places are to be marked to facilitate the observance of social distancing norm.
20. People are not to gather in the portico or near the doors of the church before or after Mass or socialize at the premises in groups. If the priest wishes to meet parishioners, physical distancing must be maintained and wearing a face mask should be considered.
21. Volunteers or others who are not vulnerable because of age or health conditions must clean and sanitize the pews and other commonly touched surfaces, as well as restrooms/toilets, immediately after every Mass. People should be discouraged using common toilets.

## **II. Guidelines for the Celebration of Masses**

1. Masses should be of shorter duration, but evoking devotion. As time spent in proximity could increase the risk of transmission of virus, they should not go beyond 45 minutes.
2. Considerations to bear in mind for shortening Mass: announcements can be eliminated or kept brief; the celebrant can enter from the sacristy rather than in a procession; cantors sing only one verse of a hymn; use a shorter Penitential Act; prefer the shorter version of readings when an option is available; preach a brief homily; limit the number of the general intercessions.
3. The priest and all ministers present in the sacristy after vesting should wash their hands thoroughly before Mass begins.
4. The ministry of Altar Servers at the Mass is suspended until further notice.
5. It is desirable to prepare reusable/washable covers for the microphones; after every single use, they are changed.
6. The sacristan/religious/representative who prepares the ciboria with particles, handles bread and wine needs to be given clear guidelines regarding proper hygiene and sanitization of hands.
7. It is best to avoid concelebrated Masses. If unavoidable, the concelebrating priests do not sit alongside the presider's chair, but away from him. They do not assist at the altar or come to the altar for the Eucharistic Prayer. They may assist at the distribution of Holy Communion.

### **(a) From Introductory Rites till Liturgy of the Word**

8. Health experts indicate that singing produces 6-10x more droplets from our mouths than recitation. Therefore, choir is discouraged at this time. If a choir is present, it should not have more than three members, and each member spaced at least one metre apart. In many cases, a single cantor might suffice and be advisable. There is no place for pre-recorded music/singing at the liturgy.

9. If there is an Entrance Procession, the priest and all ministers walk in single file, keeping one metre distance from one another.
10. The priest and deacon, if present, approach the altar and venerate it with a profound bow, not with a kiss or touching it.
11. Introduction to the Liturgy must be brief, and it is given by the celebrant himself.
12. One reading, instead of two, may be proclaimed on Sundays. The same person who proclaims the reading should also recite the Responsorial Psalm.
13. The Gospel reading can be proclaimed from the Presidential Chair and a short homily could also be preached from there.
14. When making the Sign of the Cross at the beginning of the Gospel, avoid touching the lips; at the conclusion of the Gospel, the Book should be revered but not directly “kissed”.
15. For the Prayers of the Faithful, the celebrant can state the intentions and people are asked to pray silently; or one can also read them from the cantor’s microphone.

**(b) From Liturgy of the Eucharist till the Concluding Rites**

16. Offertory procession with bread, wine and other gifts is suspended for the time being.
17. Collection baskets/trays must not be passed from person to person in the pews. Long-handled collection baskets may be used, if the usher/volunteer can maintain the required physical distancing. The offertory collections could be taken up after the service, with one or several donation boxes placed at some noticeable places or volunteers standing at the doors.
18. For the distribution of the Holy Communion, use of stainless-steel bowls are recommended instead of the ciboria.

19. The bowls/ciboria used for distribution of Holy Communion must be washed with liquid soap after every Mass.
20. At the doxology, the priest alone elevates the chalice and paten.
21. No holding of hands while praying the Our Father and no hand-shake or touching others at the Sign of Peace.
22. The priest celebrant and the extraordinary ministers must wash their hands (with soap and water, at least for 20 seconds) before and after the distribution of Holy Communion.
23. The celebrant and extraordinary ministers must wear mask while distributing Holy Communion.
24. Holy Communion should be received strictly on hand and not on tongue.
25. In coming forward to receive Holy Communion, physical distancing in single file must be maintained in the procession. As far as possible, all aisles should be only for one-way traffic.
26. At the conclusion of Holy Communion, the remaining hosts are returned to the tabernacle. Then the priest purifies his fingers, then he may remove his mask, and finally, he washes or sanitizes his hands once more.
27. Directions for dismissal after Mass should be provided by the celebrant or volunteers to provide an orderly exit with proper social distancing. Pew-by-pew, for example. The faithful depart maintaining a two-metre physical distance.

### **III. General Pastoral and Liturgical Instructions for Priests**

1. Time for celebrating Sunday Liturgy starts from Saturday after 4 p.m. On Sundays, the number of Masses could be increased, perhaps doubled.
2. Celebration of Sunday Liturgy is not permitted on week days (Monday to Saturday evening). For Masses during weekdays, follow the liturgy of the day.

3. If there is a parish hall close to the church, or a suitable place worthy for Eucharistic celebration, Masses can be celebrated simultaneously in these places depending on the availability of priests.
4. A priest should not celebrate the Mass in public or have contact with others, if he is sick, or has a cough, cold, fever and so on; an alternate arrangement must be made for the celebration of Masses.
5. For hygienic purposes, it is advisable to have separate sets of alb, chasuble and other liturgical vestments for individual priests.
6. All the parish feasts, adorations, novenas, charismatic praise and worship, and SCC meetings are suspended for the time being.
7. No catechism classes, meetings of pious associations and gatherings before/after the Mass, until further determination.
8. The Masses could be live-streamed for those who cannot attend due to various reasons. Those who do the live-streaming are required to follow strict guidelines of sanitization.
9. Churches remain open at specified times during the day for visit and prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.
10. For funerals, follow the rules given by the government and the Bishop, with a maximum of 20 persons.
11. For the celebration of marriage, follow the prescribed rules issued by the government and the Bishop.
12. Annual blessing of homes is to be postponed for the time being. However, the newly built houses can be blessed on request.
13. Regular Communion to the sick is to be postponed. However, on individual request, priest can take Holy Communion to the sick and homebound.
14. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is to be administered by keeping a distance of 6 feet. Wearing of face masks is mandatory during the administration of this sacrament.

15. Regular Masses in Convents during weekdays as they were celebrated during the pre-Covid days, are to be resumed following proper social distancing and other safety protocols.
16. The religious places/places of worship in containment zones declared by the government shall remain closed till the zone is de-notified. Only those places of worship outside the containment zones are allowed to open-up.

#### **IV. Guidelines for Lay Faithful**

1. Persons above 65 years of age, persons with co-morbidities, pregnant women and children below 10 years are advised to stay at home and are dispensed from the Sunday obligation.
2. All enter the church through the main door and exit through the side doors. All those who come to the church will undergo the thermal checking for fever with no-contact infrared thermometer. Trained volunteers shall perform thermal screening at entry
3. Faithful having temperature equal to or more than 37.5 degree centigrade or equal to or more than 99.5 Fahrenheit or/and symptoms of cough, cold, throat pain and difficulty in breathing will not be allowed inside the church. They will be advised to seek medical consultation (Call Apthamithra helpline: 14410).
4. Cooperate with those who are doing thermal screening and follow the directions of the volunteers/ushers.
5. All those who participate in the services compulsorily should wear a facial mask at the premises and inside the church.
6. Hands must be sanitized before entering the church. It is advisable to bring your own sanitizer.
7. Make sure to follow the social distancing rules (6 feet away from others).
8. Avoid bringing flowers inside the church; do not touch statues and images inside/outside the church. Do not touch anything that belongs to someone else.

9. The sign of peace shall be expressed by bowing heads with folded hands only.
10. Enter the church few minutes before the Mass and disperse soon after the service. Do not continue to stay in church campus after the service.
11. Tissues used to clean hands, must be disposed in a dustbin and these be burned after the liturgical service.
12. Respiratory etiquettes to be strictly followed. This involves strict practice of covering one's mouth and nose while coughing/sneezing with a tissue, handkerchief, flexed elbow and disposing off used tissues properly.

#### **V. Strictly for Priests: Importance Hygiene and Etiquette**

Priests should remember well that now on people will look at the celebrant and the others present in the sanctuary more than before. They will notice their hygiene and accompanying manners. Therefore, priests should be aware of their mannerisms, which could shock or disgust the faithful in the congregation/assembly.

- 1) Always use the pall so as to avoid droplets from your mouth falling into the chalice. Only remove the pall at the moment of consecration of the wine, doxology and invitation to communion ("Behold the Lamb").
- 2) The hosts to be consecrated for the faithful should be placed in a covered ciborium and it should not be placed directly in front of the celebrant to prevent the possibility of breath or droplets accidentally reaching it during the praying and singing.
- 3) At the prayers of consecration, take care not to lean over and breathe on the Host and chalice.
- 4) The folded hands should rest on the chest; do not have them on the lips or anywhere closer to the nose or touching the eyes.
- 5) Never place your handkerchief on the altar or ambo, after use.

- 6) Ease concerns of the congregation by cleansing your hands with a sanitizer after blowing the nose, wiping the sweat, or rubbing the eyes, and so on.
- 7) People are not comfortable with anyone touching them; therefore, when giving blessing, it is best to avoid physical contact.

Finally, in harmony with the guidance of the government and the health authorities, we take courage to return to our liturgical and devotional practice in a safe and phased way. It is important that we act together and clear about what is legitimate and prudent at each stage of the process of unlocking or resuming.

There are many imponderables in what we are going through. The world cannot and will not be the same after this pandemic. This time of lockdown has allowed us to appreciate more human things, like time with family, space to reflect, the opportunity to care for our neighbours and we do not want to lose them in some return to 'normality'. Certainly, any time of trial can prepare the ground for good things, for new beginnings and a renewal of essential values.

We recently celebrated Pentecost and we know that the Spirit is always renewing. This Sunday we are celebrating the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. What a wonderful day to resume the public Eucharistic celebrations in our diocese on the feast day of the Eucharist! It will feel good to be back in the presence of the Eucharist and God's people. Celebrate the return. After all, we have an embodied faith that was meant to be lived out in person, with one another. Let us keep responding to our current circumstances with confidence and creativity, assured by the promise of Jesus Christ: "Do not be afraid" (Jn 6:20) for "I am with you always to the end of the age" (Mt 28:20).

June 9, 2020

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha  
Bishop of Mangalore



## MANGALA JYOTHI

### I. Programmes for July 2020:

- 01 : Online streaming - scrutiny committee meeting, Seminary
- 02 : Pastoral Commissions' Meeting - Bajjodi
- 04 : Liturgy Animation - Blessing of the Church, Kuppepadav
- 23 : Liturgy Animation - Ordination, Diocese of Mangalore

### II. Commission for Liturgy:

1. **Information regarding New Konkani Missal :** Due to Corona-19 pandemic issues the meetings are postponed, the printing activity and paper import is delayed. Therefore, the release of the book will also be delayed. Regarding the payment (pre-publication), you will be informed later.
2. **Extraordinary Ministers' data:** Please send us the data of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in your Parish. You can fill in the form by visiting our website: [www.mangalajyothi.com](http://www.mangalajyothi.com) / parish login / extraordinary ministers data. Kindly do it by August 30,2020.

### III. Commission for Catechetics and Bible

1. **Jesuchi Suvantha:** The printing and posting of *Jesuchi Suvantha* is resumed. Kindly inform your parishioners and motivate them to subscribe or renew *Jesuchi Suvantha* subscription.
2. **Catechism Classes:** There will not be catechism classes until further instructions. Kindly motivate the children to read the bible, books of saints for everyday. Catechism books are available at our book stall.
3. **Report:** Please ask the coordinators to prepare a report of the catechetical activities of your parish (2019-2020) and submit to the Deanery Priest-Coordinator by July 30, 2020. The format is given in Mangala Jyothi bulletin (December 2019 issue, pages 15-16).

## Deanery Priest Coordinators 2019-20

Deanery	Name	Parish
Bantwal	Fr. Patrick Lobo	Bellor
Belthangady	Fr. Peter Aranha	Venur
City	Fr Cyprian Pinto	Vamanjoor
Episcopal City	Fr Maxim D'Souza	Seminary
Kasaragod	Fr Francis Rodrigues	Vorkady
Kinnigoli	Fr. Assisi Rebello	Neerude
Mangalore South	Fr. Sunil Veigas	Fajir
Moodbidri	Fr Walter D'Souza	Alangar
Mogarnad	Fr. Eric Crasta	Vittal
Pezar	Fr. Antony V. Lewis	Ferar
Puttur	Fr Prashanth Fernandes	Bannur
Surathkal	Fr Valerian Lewis	Katipalla

### III. Books/Religious articles available at our Book Stall:

1. Mass Candles, Hosts & Particles, Incense.
2. CD/DVD - Hymns, USB, Rosaries etc.
3. Bibles - Konkani, Kannada, English, Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil, Devnagari.
4. ಪವಿತ್ರ ಸಭೆಚೆಂ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥನ್ - Konkani version of the Prayer of Church
5. Kannada: Missal, Lectionary and Book of Blessings.
6. Liturgical, Catechetical, Biblical and Spiritual Books.
7. Catechetical Pictures for catechism classes.
8. ಸೊಮ್ಯಾಕ್ ಧಿನ್ವಾಸುಂಯಾ - Fourth Revised Edition, Text as well as printed version of music notations in 3 volumes.
9. **New Releases:**
  - Responsorial Psalms (Konkani/English) in single volume, revised version.
  - ವಾಚನಾಂಜಲಿ (Kannada) - Handbook for Lectors
  - ಹಾಂವೆಂ ತುಮ್ಕಾಂ ವಿಂಚ್ಲ್ಯಾತ್ / I chose you - Handbook for Extraordinary Ministers.

- ಗಾಯ್ತಾ ತೊ ದೊಡ್ಡ್ತಾನ್ ಮಾಗ್ತಾ - Handbook for Choir Members
- ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಾಚಿಂ ಜಳ್ತೆಂ ಕಿರ್ಲಾಂ (ಹಾತ್ ಪುಸ್ತಕ್) - ಮಿಶನರಿ ಭುರ್ಗ್ಯಾಂಚೊ ಮೇಲ್

- Director, Mangala Jyothi

## **CODP: PROGRAMMES AND INFORMATION**

**I. All programmes are postponed** due to the unprecedented existing situation owing to Covid-19.

### **II. Information from CODP**

#### ***(1) Child Sponsorship – Annual Progress Reports 2020***

The Annual Progress Reports (APRs) of Child Sponsorship programme will be held after declaration of results of schools and colleges. Meanwhile our staff is contacting the children directly to know their status.

In case, any sponsored child/family contacts you to enquire regarding the above, please give them the following contact number, **CODP: 0824 – 2221580**. Let them contact us during office hours (9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. – Monday to Friday)

#### ***(2) Lenten Campaign 2020***

Those parishes who have collected the amount of Lenten Campaign 2020 may please credit the amount to your Church account. Then remit that amount to CODP by issuing a cheque in favour of “CODP (Regd)”.

#### ***(3) Educational Charity***

Application for one-time assistance for education could be sent once the academic year begins. Requests should accompany the recommendation of the Parish Priest.

#### ***(4) EDUCARE Loan 2020-21***

**Educare is inviting applications from eligible students for the year 2020-21. Kindly read the rules carefully before proceeding.**

## Rules and Regulations

### I. Student's Eligibility (Freshers)

- a. Minimum qualification required to apply for Educare loan is II PUC or equivalent in a 10+2 education system. Those students applying for Graduate or Postgraduate or University recognized Diplomas must also complete II PUC or equivalent in a 10+2 as their minimum qualification.
- b. Student must have scored minimum of 65% marks for General courses like Graduation, Postgraduation, Diploma and nursing courses and 75% marks for Professional courses like Engineering, Medical, Hotel Management in pre-graduation examinations. If excellent ranking is secured in qualifying entrance test like NEET/CET/COMEDK, relaxation up to 70% may be considered subject to decision of the Educare committee.
- c. Students applying for correspondence courses, part time courses, private studies and specific job courses at tutorials are **NOT ELIGIBLE** to apply for this loan. This loan is only for those students pursuing regular university level degrees or diplomas.
- d. The Annual income of the entire family from all sources (both parents and any unmarried siblings) should be less than Rs. 3,60,000/- (Rs. Three lakhs sixty thousand only)
- e. Only Catholic students domiciled in Mangalore and Udupi Dioceses can apply. (Proof of residence must be produced,—such as MESCOM bill for present residence in the name of either parent or last school leaving certificate.)
- f. Overseas education/courses are not supported by Educare. Education outside of Karnataka state will be considered only if the courses are not available within the state.
- g. To be eligible to apply for this loan, the student must have received the Government scholarship for minorities for the previous year (Proof of receipt of such scholarship must be produced.)

- h. Only those students who get admission under NEET/CET/COMED-K/PGCET or any equivalent government competitive examinations will be considered. (Proof must be produced.) ***Educare does not support Management Quota Seats.***
- i. A maximum of two siblings per family is supported.
- j. ***Incomplete and misrepresented applications will be rejected without notice.***

## **II. Student's Eligibility (Renewals)**

1. Student must obtain minimum of 65% marks in their last qualifying exam. Proof of marks obtained must be produced at the time of the interview. Those students, who have not obtained 65%, please do not apply for this loan.
2. Please ensure that all documents are submitted at the time of application or at the time of interview. Failing to submit marks cards or required documents of previous examination before the interview will result in rejection of the application.

Fresh and renewal students can submit their applications **online from 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 onwards but before due dates specified below. Submission of loan application is accepted even if the admission is at a later date.** Students are advised to read instructions before completing the form and make sure that all the relevant documents are available to proceed with the application.

**The Educare executive committee supervising the loan disposal is the final authority for approval and disbursement of loans. The committee reserves the right to reject any application that in its view is not genuine, not deserving, and incomplete without providing any explanation to the applicant.**

## **III. Application Submission Process:**

1. Students who desire to apply for Educare loan must go to the website [www.educarecodp.in](http://www.educarecodp.in) and complete the application in full and submit it online.

2. You will have a print option while submitting the application. Please print the application, obtain the required recommendation (Gurkar) and signature. Submit the application to the respective church offices at least 10 days before the last date of submission notified for 2020.
3. All applications received in church office to be placed before a committee appointed by the Parish Priest i.e. Finance Committee or Education Committee.
4. The appointed committee to screen/evaluate and approve genuine/needful applications for Educare loan and duly signed by the Parish Priest and the Vice President of the PPC.
5. Such approved applications may be forwarded to CODP directly by the parish office or may be handed over to students to be submitted to CODP prior to due date specified for 2020.

#### **Documents Required at the Time of Submitting the Application:**

1. Completed application signed by Gurkar, PPC Vice President and Parish Priest.
2. Copy of Aadhaar card
3. Copy of Ration card
4. Copy of latest marks card (May be submitted at a later date but before the interview)
5. Copy of latest electricity bill/MESCOM bill
6. Proof of scholarships applied/received

#### **IV. The Last (due) Dates to Apply Online:**

- For the all renewal applications **15.08.2020**
- For fresh graduation, Diploma application **15.08.2020**
- For fresh post-graduation, BE applications **31.08.2020**
- B.Ed, Nursing and Medical **30.09.2020**

#### **V. Instructions to the Parish Committee**

ಮೊಗಾಳ್ ವಿಗಾರಾನೊ, ಫಿ.ಗೊ.ಮಂಡಳಿಚೊ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ್/ಸಾಂದ್ಯಾನೊ,  
 ವಿಷಯ್: ಫಿರ್ಗಜ್ ವಿಗಾರಾನ್ ನಮಿಯಲ್ಲೆಲ್ಯಾ ಸಮಿತಿಕಗರ್ಚೆಚೆ ಹಿಶಾರೆ.  
 ಎಡ್ಕುಕೇರ್ ರೀಣಾಕ್ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಂಚಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ ಕರ್ಚಾ ಪಯ್ಲೆಂ ಅರ್ಜಿ

ಫಾಲುಂಕ್ ಗರ್ಚ್ ಅಸ್ತಿ ಅರ್ಹತಾ (Student's eligibility) ಅರ್ಚಿಚಾ ಪಾಟ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಪಾನಾರ್ ಆಸಾ. ತಿ ವಾಚುಂಕ್ ವಿನಂತಿ. ಸಾಂಗಾತಾಚ್ ಹಾಂಗಾಸರ್ ಸಕಯ್ ಥೊಡೆ ಹಿಶಾರೆ ದಿಲ್ಯಾತ್.

1. ನಮಿಯರ್ದೆಲ್ಯಾ ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಧಾ ದಿಸಾಂ ಪಯ್ಲೆಂ ಸರ್ವ್ ಅರ್ಜೊ ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆಚ್ಯಾ ಧಪ್ತರಾಂತ್ ಪಾವಿತ್ ಕರುಂಕ್ ತಿಳ್ವಂಚೆಂ.
2. ಆಯಿಲ್ಲೊ ಸರ್ವ್ ಅರ್ಜೊ ವಿಗಾರಾನ್ ನಮಿಯರ್ದೆಲ್ಯಾ ಸಮಿತಿ ಮುಕಾರ್ ದವಚ್ಯೊ
3. ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿನಿಂ ಭರ್ತಿ ಕೆಲ್ಲ್ಯೊ ಸಂಗಿ, ಪ್ರತ್ಯೆಕ್ ಜಾವ್ನ್ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಚೆ ಅಂಕ್, ಕುಟ್ಮಾಚೊ ಆದಾಯ್, ಭಾವಾ-ಭಯ್ಲಿಂಚೆ ವಿವರ್ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲನ್ ಕರ್ಚೆಂ.
4. ಹೆಂ ಶಿಕ್ವಾರೀಣ್ ಮಂಗ್ಳುರ್/ಉಡುಪಿ ದಿಯೆಸೆಜಿಚೆ ಕಠೊಲಿಕಾಂಕ್ ಮಾತ್, ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕ್ ವ ಶಿಕ್ವಾ ಖಾತಿರ್ ಮ್ಹಣ್ ಫಿರ್ಗಜೆಂತ್ ವಸ್ತಿ ಕರ್ಚಾ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಂಕ್ (PG) ಅರ್ಹತಾ ನಾಂ.
5. ಜೊಕ್ಡ್ಯಾ ಆನಿ ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಅಸ್ಲೆಲ್ಯಾ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಂಕ್ ಮಾತ್ ವಿಂಚುನ್ ಕಾಡ್ನ್ ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ ಕರ್ಚೆಂ. ಆನಿ ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷನ್ ದಸ್ತತ್ ಘಾಲ್ಚಿ.
6. ಸಮಿತಿಂತ್ ಶಿಫಾರಸ್ ಕೆಲ್ಯಾ ಉಪ್ರಾಂತ್ ವಿಗಾರಾಚಾ ಶಿಫಾರಸೆಕ್ ದಿಂವ್ಚಿ.
7. ವಿಗಾರಾನ್ ದಸ್ತತ್ ಘಾಲ್ಚಾ ಉಪ್ರಾಂತ್ ತಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಿಬಡಿಪಿ ದಪ್ತರಾಕ್ ಪಾವಿತ್ ಕರ್ಚಿ. ಅರ್ಜಿ ಧಾಡ್ತಾನಾ, ತಾಚೆ ಸಾಂಗಾತಾ ಗರ್ಜೆಚ್ಯೊ ಸರ್ವ್ ದಾಕ್ಲೆ ಪಾವಿತ್ ಕರ್ಚೊ. (ಹ್ಯೊ ಅರ್ಜೊ ವಯ್ರ್ ತಿಳ್ವಿಲ್ಲಾ ತಾರಿಕೆ ಉಪ್ರಾಂತ್ಲ್ಯಾ ಧಾ ದಿಸಾಂ ಭಿತರ್ ಸಿಬಡಿಪಿಕ್ ಪಾವಾಚೆ. ಇಗರ್ಜೆ ಥಾವ್ನ್ ಧಾಡ್ಯೆತ್ ವ ವಿದ್ಯಾರ್ಥಿಂ ಮುಖಾಂತ್ಯಯೀ ಪಾವಿತ್ ಕರ್ಯೆತ್.)

ತುಮ್ಮಾ ಸಹಕಾರಾಕ್ ದೇವ್ ಬರೆಂ ಕರುಂ. ವಿವರ್ ಜಾಯ್ ತರ್ ಸಂಪರ್ಕ್ ಕರಾ: 9480511580

ಮೊಗಾ ಸವೆಂ, ಎಡುಕೇರ್ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಸಿಬಡಿಪಿ, ಮಂಗ್ಳುರ್

**VI. For any clarifications, please contact Educare Desk of CODP, Kadri Hills, Nanthoor, Bejai Post, Mangalore – 575 004 during office hours.**

**Phone: 0824-2221109 / 9480511580**

**Website: www.educarecodp.in**

**- Director, CODP**

## DIOCESE OF MANGALORE

### Report of COVID-19 Response:

**From March 24 to May 31, 2020**

S. No.	Name of Organization/ Parish/ NGO	Amount Spent Rs	Area/place of beneficiaries
1.	Parishes/associations/ Mangalore Diocese	83,52,500.00	124 parishes, in Mangalore & Kasargod district
2.	Bishop's House Mangalore	5,90,000.00	Mangalore city limits, Ashram, Talapady
3.	CODP Diocesan NGO	6,00,000.00	Parishes of Mangalore diocese, Panchayaths of DK
4.	Apostolic Carmel Sisters in Mangalore	8,32,400.00	Mangalore city, Moodbidri, Bantwal, Harekala, Munnur
5.	Bethany Sisters in Mangalore	4,15,000.00	Mangalore city, Slum areas, Vamanjoor, Ferar outskirt villages
6.	Ursuline Franciscan Sisters Mangalore	1,00,000.00	Mangalore city, Thokkottu, Ullal areas
7.	OCD Fathers from Infant Jesus shrine	7,00,000.00	Mangalore city
8.	Society of Jesus St Aloysius college	20,00,000.00	Mangalore city, industrial areas, port, slums, construction sites Migrants
9.	Capuchin Fathers (OFMcap) Mangalore	1,20,000.00	Mangalore, Shakthinagar, Bejai area, construction site.
10.	Dominican Fathers Mangalore	1, 25 000.00	Mangalore, Tannirbhavi area.
11.	Whites Doves NGO Mangalore	12,97,000.00	Mangalore City: bus shelters, railway station, streets.
12.	Snehalaya NGO Kasargod / Mangalore	1,17,000.00	Mangalore, Kasargod, Moodbidri, Talapady.
13.	Karunamaya NGO Mangalore	1,20,000.00	Kokkada, Nelyadi, Sampaje, Bellare, Panja
14.	Fr Muller Charitable Hospital & Institutions	100000.00	Mangalore and other places
15.	St Anthony Charitable Institution	1,87,500.00	Inmates of ashram, poor families around the Jeppu.
16.	Lay People and well wishers	11,00,000.00	Mangalore city, some parishes in the outskirts, SC colony
17.	St Joseph Seminary Jeppu, Mangalore	27,000.00	Wenlock Hospital Mangalore
18.	Society of Vincent de Paul (SVP) Mangalore Central Council	30,89,992.00	Permannur, Kumbala, Bantwal, Bajpe, Mangalore city (no. of families helped 4387)
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1,98,73392.00</b>	



**Types of services rendered:**

- 1) Spiritual: Sacraments, Online Masses. Adorations and Prayers on TV and other media platforms
- 2) Ration, Cooked food, grocery kits, cloths, and other essential materials.
- 3) Financial Support to the poor and needy
- 4) Medical services: Medicines to poor patients
- 5) Counseling Services
- 6) PPE kits to Police
- 7) Masks and Sanitizers
- 8) Care of plants by watering them in public places during lockdown
- 9) Media services: Online competitions “Lock and Rock” on diocesan website.
- 10) *Laudato Si* Week celebrations during lock down; Quiz on *Laudato Si* encyclical, Photo challenge, Video challenge contests on environment.
- 11) Awareness programmes on social distancing, wearing masks, Covidprotection measures
- 12) Fever clinic, 30 bed-corona ward, quarantines facilities to meet medical emergencies
- 13) Schools, church halls, grounds given for migrants to stay, supplied food for them
- 14) Some worked as volunteers with City Corporation as essential task force.

**OBITUARY OF REV. FR HILARY SANCTIS**

Born on 16-03-1933    Ordained a Priest on 04-12-1961  
and Died on 24-04-2020

Born in Paladka Parish (now Sampige) in a family of farmers and brought up in this devout family, Fr Hilary had his high school education in the Jain High School, Moodbidri. After completing S.S.L.C., he joined St Joseph’s Seminary, Jeppu, for Mangalore Diocese. Though he was good in studies, he had to discontinue in the theologate for one year due to ill-health. As young boy, he had to walk a long distance to go to school and

the church. As seminarian in those days, he had to wear cassock and shoes while going for morning Mass. In order to go to Mass, he had to get-up early morning and walk six miles with an empty stomach and even cross a river; he was taking a country torch (ಸೂಡ್) along with him as it was dark on his way to the church, and after Mass, he reached back home at 10a.m. and then, had to have his breakfast. We may recall that prior to 1964, the Eucharistic fast began at midnight.

After his ordination, Fr Hilary served as Assistant Parish Priest at Pezar and Bendur. Because of his great interest in cultivation and gardening, he was appointed Manager of the diocesan property at Mariashram. From here, he was sent to Panja as Parish Priest. Fr Hilary was telling me that he had worked hard and that too, in difficult places. From Panja, he was transferred to Permude; then to Tallur, and lastly to Palimar. He had mastery over Kannada and good memory of Sanskrit slokas; he was quoting with ease some Kannada and Sanskrit slokas in his homilies.

Due to ill health, he retired at the age of 60 and stayed in Vianney Home and ZuzeVaz Home for above 30 years. Even in his retirement, he served as a substitute priest in several parishes of the undivided diocese of Mangalore. Every first Friday of month, he went to St Dominic Church, Ashoknagar to render his ministry as confessor, which he did for more than 25 years. His whole life of about 90 years can be divided into 3 equal parts: 30 years as a student; about 30 years as an active parish priest, and another 30 years as a substitute for parish priest.

His end came almost unexpectedly: he fell down from his bed and suffered severe pain in his chest and back. Immediately, he was rushed to the hospital for necessary tests and treatment. He stayed for a couple of days and then got discharged from the hospital. But still, he expressed having severe pain. Therefore, he was hospitalized again, where he remained for a night and on the following day – April 24 – he returned to St ZuzeVaz Home in the afternoon. Finally, that same day, he suffered a massive heart attack at 8.00 p.m. and breathed his last!

No doubt, Fr. Sanctis was a saintly priest; simple, humble and a lover of the poor. He hardly spent money on himself. He told me once that he had no F.D. receipts but only two S. B. A/c's, which have the Bishop of Mangalore as the nominee. But, when his S. B. balance reached Rs. One Lakh, he began to donate to the Sisters of St. Mother Theresa at Milagres. His motto was – “let me manage myself without disturbing others”. He lived according to his motto and died without disturbing others. His funeral Mass was held on April 25 at St ZuzeVaz Home and presided over by the Bishop. It was followed by burial at Priests' Cemetery, Valencia. Due to lockdown and Covid-19 restrictions, only a few priests, religious and his close family members participated in the funeral ceremony. He lived a simple life and died in the same way. In other words, he lived a good life and died a good death. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and peace.

- **Fr John Noronha, St Zuze Vaz Home**

**MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS  
FOR THE WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS 2020  
Words of Vocation**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On 4 August last year, the 160th anniversary of the death of the Curé of Ars, I chose to write a letter to all those priests who daily devote their lives to the service of God's people in response to the Lord's call.

On that occasion, I chose four key words – pain, gratitude, encouragement and praise – as a way of thanking priests and supporting their ministry. I believe that today, on this 57th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, those words can be addressed to the whole people of God, against the backdrop of the Gospel passage that recounts for us the remarkable experience of Jesus and Peter during a stormy night on the Sea of Galilee (cf. Mt 14:22-33).

After the multiplication of the loaves, which had astonished the crowds, Jesus told his disciples to get into the boat and precede him to the other shore, while he took leave of the people. The image of the disciples crossing the lake can evoke our own life's journey. Indeed, the boat of our lives slowly advances, restlessly looking for a safe haven and prepared to face the perils and promises of the sea, yet at the same time trusting that the helmsman will ultimately keep us on the right course. At times, though, the boat can drift off course, misled by mirages, not the lighthouse that leads it home, and be tossed by the tempests of difficulty, doubt and fear.

Something similar takes place in the hearts of those who, called to follow the Teacher of Nazareth, have to undertake a crossing and abandon their own security to become the Lord's disciples. The risk involved is real: the night falls, the headwinds howl, the boat is tossed by the waves, and fear of failure, of not being up to the call, can threaten to overwhelm them.

The Gospel, however, tells us that in the midst of this challenging journey we are not alone. Like the first ray of dawn in the heart of the night, the Lord comes walking on the troubled waters to join the disciples; he invites Peter to come to him on the waves, saves him when he sees him sinking and, once in the boat, makes the winds die down.

The first word of vocation, then, is gratitude. Taking the right course is not something we do on our own, nor does it depend solely on the road we choose to travel. How we find fulfilment in life is more than a decision we make as isolated individuals; above all else, it is a response to a call from on high. The Lord points out our destination on the opposite shore and he grants us the courage to board the boat. In calling us, he becomes our helmsman; he accompanies and guides us; he prevents us from running aground on the shoals of indecision and even enables us to walk on surging waters.

Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. "Vocation, more than our own

choice, is a response to the Lord's unmerited call" (Letter to Priests, 4 August 2019). We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives.

When the disciples see Jesus walking towards them on the sea, they first think that he is a ghost and are filled with fear. Jesus immediately reassures them with words that should constantly accompany our lives and our vocational journey: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear" (Mt 14:27). This, then, is the second word I wish to offer you: encouragement.

What frequently hinders our journey, our growth, our choosing the road the Lord is marking out for us, are certain "ghosts" that trouble our hearts. When we are called to leave safe shores and embrace a state of life – like marriage, ministerial priesthood, consecrated life – our first reaction is often from the "ghost of disbelief". Surely, this vocation is not for me! Can this really be the right path? Is the Lord really asking me to do this?

Those thoughts can keep growing – justifications and calculations that sap our determination and leave us hesitant and powerless on the shore where we started. We think we might be wrong, not up to the challenge, or simply glimpsing a ghost to be exorcized.

The Lord knows that a fundamental life choice – like marriage or special consecration to his service – calls for courage. He knows the questions, doubts and difficulties that toss the boat of our heart, and so he reassures us: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear!" We know in faith that he is present and comes to meet us, that he is ever at our side even amid stormy seas. This knowledge sets us free from that lethargy which I have called "sweet sorrow" (Letter to Priests, 4 August 2019), the interior discouragement that hold us back from experiencing the beauty of our vocation.

In the Letter to Priests, I also spoke about pain, but here I would like to translate the word differently, as fatigue. Every vocation brings with it a responsibility. The Lord calls us because he wants to enable us, like Peter, to "walk on water", in other words, to take charge of our lives and place them at the service

of the Gospel, in the concrete and everyday ways that he shows us, and specifically in the different forms of lay, priestly and consecrated vocation. Yet, like Saint Peter, our desire and enthusiasm coexist with our failings and fears.

If we let ourselves be daunted by the responsibilities that await us – whether in married life or priestly ministry – or by the hardships in store for us, then we will soon turn away from the gaze of Jesus and, like Peter, we will begin to sink. On the other hand, despite our frailty and poverty, faith enables us to walk towards the Risen Lord and to weather every storm. Whenever fatigue or fear make us start to sink, Jesus holds out his hand to us. He gives us the enthusiasm we need to live our vocation with joy and fervour.

When Jesus at last boards the boat, the winds die down and the waves are calmed. Here we have a beautiful image of what the Lord can do at times of turbulence and tempest in our lives. He stills those winds, so that the forces of evil, fear and resignation no longer have power over us.

As we live out our specific vocation, those headwinds can wear us down. Here I think of all those who have important responsibilities in civil society, spouses whom I like to refer to – note without reason – as “courageous”, and in a particular way those who have embraced the consecrated life or the priesthood. I am conscious of your hard work, the sense of isolation that can at times weigh upon your hearts, the risk of falling into a rut that can gradually make the ardent flame of our vocation die down, the burden of the uncertainty and insecurity of the times, and worry about the future. Take heart, do not be afraid! Jesus is at our side, and if we acknowledge him as the one Lord of our lives, he will stretch out his hand, take hold of us and save us.

Even amid the storm-tossed waters, then, our lives become open to praise. This is the last of our vocation words, and it is an invitation to cultivate the interior disposition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grateful that Lord gazed upon her, faithful amid fear and turmoil, she courageously embraced her vocation and made of her life an eternal song of praise to the Lord.

Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God's call in their lives, to find courage to say "yes" to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 8 March 2020, the Second Sunday of Lent

**Francis**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

- Rev. Fr Joseph Martis, St Joseph's Interdiocesan Seminary, Jeppu: 60 years on 4.6.2020
- Rev. Fr Mathew Vas, Parish Priest, Immaculate Conception Church, Kinnigoli: 60 years on 8.7.2020
- Rev. Fr Valerian M. D'Souza, Parish Priest, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Kuppepadavu: 70 years on 27.6.2020
- Rev. Wilson L. Vitus D'Souza, Parish Priest, St Francis Xavier Church, Bejai: 75 years on 15.6.2020
- Rev. Fr Victor Machado, Parish Priest, Holy Cross Church, Cordel: 75 years on 28.7.2020

*When God Ordained you as a priest, not only did He bless you, He also blessed all whom you would serve. May you continue to serve our Lord as magnificently as you do. A very Happy Birthday to you.*

## **OBITUARY**

- Mr William D'Costa (69), father of Rev. Rohith D'Costa, St Joseph Engineering College, Vamanjoor, expired on June 24, 2020 at Saverapura.
- Mrs Benny Pauline Pinto (86), mother of Rev. Jagadish Pinto, Parish Priest, Kokkada, expired on June 9, 2020 at Indubettu.

- Mr Robert Mascarenhas (62), brother of Rev. Edwin Mascarenhas, Parish Priest, Mariashram, expired on April 30, 2020 at Mumbai.
  - Mrs Juliana Furtado (89) mother of Rev. Leo William Lobo, Parish Priest, Nirkan, expired on April 21, 2020 at Puttur.
  - Rev. Fr Hilary Sanctis (87), St Zuze Vaz Home, expired on April 24, 2020; funeral ceremony and burial was held on April 25, 2020 at Valencia.
  - Mr Inthru Marcel Pinto (71), brother of Rev. Cyril Pinto, Parish Priest, Mukka, expired on April 12, 2020 at Bambil
  - Mrs Celine D'Souza (70), sister in law of Rev. Valerian M. D'Souza, Parish Priest, Kuppepadavu, expired on April 1, 2020 at Sampige.
  - Mr Benedict D'Souza (52) brother in law of Rev. John D'Souza, Parish Priest, Nidpalli, expired on March 21, 2020 at Mukka.
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