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BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR MARCH 2024

- 1 09.30 a.m. Ecumenical Senior Citizens' Fellowship, Bejai Hall
- 03.30 p.m. St Antony Charitable Trust Meeting, Jeppu
- 3 09.30 a.m. Golden Jubilee Celebration of Mangala Jyothi, Cordel Church
- 4-8 Bishops' Retreat, Dharwad
- 13 10.30 a.m. Concetta Hospital Trust Meeting, Bishop's House
- 14 09.15 a.m. Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting, Bishop's House
- 15 09.00 a.m. Pastors' Ecumenical Lenten Fellowship, Sahodaya, Balmatta
- 04.30 p.m. Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, Bishop's House
- 16-17 Pastoral Visit, Uppinangady Parish
- 18 08.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Father Muller's Hospital Chapel
- 03.30 p.m. Graduation Ceremony, Medical College, FMCI
- 19 11.00 a.m. Festal Mass, St Joseph Seminary, Jeppu
- 03.30 p.m. Graduation Ceremony, Nursing College, FMCI
- 20-21 Pastoral Consultation, St Antony's Ashram

- 21 05.00 p.m. Chrism Mass, Cathedral
- 24 08.00 a.m. Palm Sunday, Cathedral
- 26 05.00 p.m. Holy Mass, Pekar Church, Way of the Cross
- 28 06.00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Celebration, Bellare Chapel
- 29 05.00 p.m. Good Friday, Codialbail Chapel
- 30 07.00 p.m. Easter Vigil, Cathedral

Bishop Meets in the Forenoon:

Clergy and Religious, 23; Lay Faithful, 25.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR MARCH 2024

Papal Intention for March: Pope Francis invites the whole Church to pray for the new martyrs who risk their lives for the Gospel. Their undaunted courage and enthusiasm is a model and inspiration for all the baptized. Various parts of the world still need to listen to their conviction that Jesus Christ is the Lord and his teaching has eternal value. Many lay persons, priests and religious sisters have courageously borne testimony to Christ. To take a stand for Christ is always risky, for the Cross will immediately cast its shadow on them. Even our country is already sanctified by the blood of martyrs. It is worth letting the Indian and Asian martyrs to inspire us to live the Gospel in these times.

Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis: On the 13th of this month, Pope Francis completes eleven years of his pontificate. All these years, he has been boldly leading the Church amid all vicissitudes and has made us to focus on the synodality of the Church and on the poor. He desires the Church to be “God’s home and family, a Church that is closer to the lives of her people, less bureaucratic and more relational” (A Synodal Church in Mission, Synthesis Report, Chapter I, b). He boldly affirms: “I prefer a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church

which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 49). As we have been reflecting on the synodal Church, let us make the dream of Pope Francis come true in our local Church. He said: “I want a Church which is poor and for the poor. They have much to teach us. Not only do they share in the *sensus fidei*, but in their difficulties they know the suffering Christ” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 198). Let the poor teach us how to recognize the suffering Christ, living his passion in the suffering humanity. Let us pray for the Roman Pontiff, the successor of Peter, as a sign of unity and communion.

“Donate a Tile with a Smile” (*Moga Na’llo*): The CODP campaign “Donate a Tile with a smile” is an attempt to wipe the tears of the poor in our Diocese. The housing project is picking up momentum, and many are coming forward to give their share to provide shelter to the poor. You may donate as many tiles as possible (one tile is equal to Rs 10,000) so that we bear the burden of one another. This year’s Lenten sacrifice, together with this drive Moga Na’llo, and the generous donations of donours, will bring solace to people. Many Parish Priests have given leadership in building new and repairing old houses. I sincerely thank the Director of CODP, Fr Vincent D’Souza, the Housing Committee, the donours, all the Parish Priests, the SVP members and generous parishioners. God bless you all.

Pastoral Consultation, Recollection and Chrism Mass (20 and 21 March): This is a wonderful occasion to experience the sacramental brotherhood of priests. Vatican II, on the Ministry and Life of Priests, *Presbyterorum Ordinis*, highlights the priestly fraternity: “Each and every priest, therefore, is united with his fellow priests in a bond of charity, prayer and total cooperation. In this manner, they manifest that unity which Christ willed, namely, that his own be perfected in one so that the world might know that the Son was sent by the Father” (n. 8). I cordially invite all the priests, whether diocesan or religious and deacons of Mangalore Diocese to come together to share in these fraternal

celebrations. I request the Parish Priests to announce in the Parishes and encourage people to participate in the Chrism Mass, to be held at the Cathedral on March 21 at 05.00 p.m. Fr Daniel Veigas, OP, will preach for the Recollection.

Day of Prayer and Fasting: The CBCI, during its General Assembly, through its Message dated February 7, 2024, appealed to all Christ's Faithful to observe a Day of Prayer and Fasting on Friday, March 22, 2024 for peace and harmony in our country. As Christians our first response is Prayer to the current situation and challenges in our country, for "with God all things are possible" (Mt 19:26). Dear Parish Priests, please organize adoration or prayer meetings on this day so that the whole Church prays for the well-being of every Indian citizen.

Ecumenical Endeavours: Mangalore Christian Council (MCC) and Mangalore Diocesan Ecumenical Commission, together with the Senior Citizens of Bejai Parish, will be organizing a Lenten Meditation on the Passion and Cross of Christ Jesus on Friday, March 1, 2024 from 9.30 a.m. to 01.00 p.m. at Bejai Hall, for Senior Citizens. Please encourage the Senior Citizens of your Parish to attend this spiritual enrichment.

On March 15, 2024, the United Christian Forum of Mangalore Zone together with MCC and Diocesan Commission for Ecumenism, will organize the Pastors' Lenten Prayer Fellowship at Sahodaya Hall, near Karnataka Theological College, Balmatta. I request the Priests to join in this prayer experience and reflection together with the of Pastors of other Christian Churches. The Prayer and Reflection begin at 9.30 a.m.

Easter is the centre of our Christian faith. The Passion, Death and Resurrection of Our Lord is the kernel of the whole Christian life. St Paul writes: "if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God" (1 Cor 15: 14-15). He firmly asserts: "In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first

fruits of those who have fallen asleep” (1 Cor 15: 20). Easter invites us to live as people raised with Christ. Wishing you a fruitful Lenten season, a wonderful Holy Week and joyful Ester. May the Risen Lord bless each and every member of all families.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

PASTORAL CONSULTATION - 2024

Dear Rev. Fathers, the Diocesan Pastoral Consultation will take place on Wednesday, March 20, and Thursday, March 21, 2024, at St Antony’s Charity Institutes, Jeppu. All Priests and Deacons of the Diocese of Mangalore and religious priests in active ministry, whether as superiors or serving in institutions and parishes, will participate in this Consultation. The Consultation will focus on Pastoral issues.

Programme

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

9.00	a.m.	Registration
9.15	a.m.	Prayer
9.25	a.m.	Welcome
9.30	a.m.	Session One: Pastoral Issues
10.30	a.m.	Tea Break
10.50	a.m.	Session Two: Pastoral issues
11.50	a.m.	Session Three: Pastoral issues
12.45	p.m.	Midday Prayer
1.00	p.m.	Lunch
3.00-4.15	p.m.	Session Four: Pastoral Issues

Thursday, March 21, 2024

9.00	a.m.	Prayer
9.15	a.m.	Session Five: Pastoral issues
10.00	a.m.	Tea Break
10.30	a.m.	Session Six: Pastoral Issues
11.45	a.m.	Two General Body meetings: Parish Union and PAF.

- 12.30 p.m. Bishop's Message.
12.45 p.m. Vote of Thanks
1.00 p.m. Lunch
2.45 p.m. Tea at Rosario Cathedral.
3.00 p.m. Recollection Talk (Animator: Fr Daniel Veigas O.P.)
3.40 p.m. Confessions (Adoration).
5.00 p.m. Chrism Mass.

I invite and urge all Priests to participate actively in this diocesan event.

V. Rev. Fr Joseph Martis
Secretary, Council of Priests

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES TO MSGR DUMING DIAS

On January 13, 2024, Pope Francis appointed Rev. Duming Dias, a priest of the Diocese of Shimoga, currently Director of *Sannidhi* Pastoral Renewal Centre of Shimoga, as Bishop of Karwar. Born on 13 September 1969 in Honavar, Msgr Duming Dias studied Philosophy at St Peter's Pontifical Seminary, Bangalore and Theology at St Joseph's Interdiocesan Seminary, Mangalore.

Bishop-elect Msgr Duming Dias, who was ordained a priest on 6 May 1997, has served in a number of parishes and ecclesiastical offices during his pastoral ministry. As a result, he has extensive pastoral, educational and social experience. The Diocese of Karwar will certainly benefit from his appointment. He will be ordained a bishop and installed as the Bishop of Karwar on 9 April 2024. The Diocese of Mangalore congratulates Msgr Duming Dias, wishes him all the best in his episcopal ministry, and assures him of our prayerful support.

- Bishop of Mangalore

FROM THE PROCURATOR'S OFFICE

- 1) A reminder to the Parish Priests to pay all the earmarked collections and other dues (DCMF till February 2024, Clubbed & Binated Mass stipends, DCP, PAF) from the Parish for the year 2023-24 by **March 15, 2024**.
- 2) The Parish Priests are requested to send the DCMF claims/returns up to February 2024 by **10 March 2024**.
- 3) The PAF members are requested to claim their medical bills for Financial Year 2023-24 (up to February 29, 2024) by **March 10, 2024**.
- 4) The Parish Priests are requested to reconcile the Mass Account with the Mass Register as on 31 March 2024. The excess amount in the Mass account, i.e. the Bank Interest after deducting the Bank Charges, if any, must be transferred to the Church Account.
- 5) In case there are surplus Normative Masses, Binated and Clubbed Mass stipends in the Parishes, the same has to be remitted to the Diocese.
- 6) The new financial year 2024-25 has 54 *Pro populo* Masses (52 Sundays, Feast of the Assumption of Mary and Christmas) The Parish Priests are to follow these steps:
 - a) Draw the amount of *Pro populo* Mass Stipends and the Legacy Mass stipends from the Church account and credit the same to the Mass Account by cheque. Kindly avoid cash transactions.
 - b) A receipt for the amount has to be passed in the Mass Account for *Pro Populo* & Legacy Masses. This receipt should be kept as a voucher in the Church account.
 - c) Simultaneously, entry has to be made in the Mass Register assigning these Masses. This transaction has to be done in the first week of April 2024.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Collection 2024

- 7) This year's Maundy Thursday and Good Friday collection is to be accounted for on or after April 1, 2024, i.e. to make the

receipt and take it into books of account only after **April 1, 2024**.

- 8) The same must be followed in the case of the Easter Sunday collection 2024.

MANGALA JYOTHI

I. Programmes/Events for March 2024

- 3 : Golden Jubilee of Mangala Jyothi and Honouring of the Top Scorers, X Std Catechism Examination at Cordel
- 4-7 : CCBI – Strategic Planning Workshop and Meeting, Bangalore
- 7 : Liturgy and Lectors Training, Milagres Parish
- 8-10: Adult Catechesis – Parish Retreat, Talapady
- 10 : Extraordinary Ministers' Recollection, Surathkal Deanery
- 11 : Extraordinary Ministers' Recollection, Milagres
- 11-15 : New Konkani Missal Work – Phase III, Goa
- 16-18 : Adult Catechesis and Liturgy Training, Bangalore
- 20-21 : Pastoral Consultation Programme/Chrism Mass Liturgy Animation
- 24 : Palm Sunday/Adult Catechesis – Parish Retreat, Parapady
- 26 : Way of the Cross - Pezar

II. Information:

A. Golden Jubilee Celebration of Mangala Jyothi :

We will be celebrating Golden Jubilee of Mangala Jyothi on March 03, 2024 in a simple manner. On this day, we will be honouring the top scorers of X std students (School Catechism Annual Exam). You are cordially invited to the programme. The invitations are sent to you by post. Please remember us in your prayers.

B. Commission for Liturgy:

1. Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers (reminder):

Kindly organize 3 hours of Recollection for Extraordinary Ministers at the deanery level or parish level (If the number is higher) during this Lenten season. The Recollection includes

talk, adoration, confession and evaluation of their ministry. You are free to call a priest of your choice for the Recollection. But please inform us through mail or WhatsApp message the following aspects: Name of the preacher, date, deanery, parish & number of participants and email to us at info@mangalajyothi.com. Also, kindly do not combine the training of newly selected Extraordinary Ministers with the Recollection.

You can organize training for the newly selected Extraordinary Ministers at the Deanery level, or you can send the candidates for training at the diocesan level, which will be held on June 16, 2024.

B. Commission for Catechetics:

1. Evaluation and Annual Report of Catechetical Ministry 2023-24

- a) Every Parish Priest, along with the coordinator and catechists, is requested to conduct the annual evaluation of the catechetical ministry by March 30, 2024. Please refer to the Mangala Jyothi Circular Bulletin December 2023 issue for the format or refer to our website for the December issue.
- b) Parish Catechism Coordinators are requested to send the report to your Deanery Priest Coordinator by April 05, 2024. The contact list is available in the December bulletin or in our website.
- c) Deanery Priest Coordinators are requested to collect the annual evaluation reports from each parish of the respective deanery by April 5, 2024. Then, the consolidated report is to be sent to us before April 30, 2024.

2. Upcoming Events: Please note these dates

02 June 2024: Inauguration of the Sunday Catechism for the year 2024-25

09 June 2024: Newly Selected Catechists' Course and Training

16 June 2024: Newly Selected Extraordinary Ministers' Training

III. Books and other Items available at our Stall:

Ordo 2024 & Ordo Stand,

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2. ಖುರ್ರಾವಾಟೆಚಿಂ ಭಕ್ತಿಪಣ್
3. ಕುಟ್ಮಾಚಿ ಖುರ್ರಾವಾಟ್
4. ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಾಚೊ ಮೋಗ್

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 Mud'dhom candles; First Holy Communion candles, crown,
 veil, Rosary, scapular & certificates; Souvenirs for all types of
 religious events; Church articles (Liturgical); Clergy shirts
 (Production by Mangala Jyothi); All kinds of church and
 religious articles; Mass vestments, albs, surplice, stoles, chalice,
 ciborium etc.; Various types of Crucifixes and statues;
 Catechetical, Liturgical, Biblical and Spiritual books; Easter
 Candles with different sizes and designs.

V. Mangala Jyothi office remains closed on:

- March 19, 2024, on the occasion of the feast of St Joseph
- March 28, 29, 30 - Paschal Triduum

- Director, Mangala Jyothi

ST JOSEPH ENGINEERING COLLEGE MANGALURU

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KRLMPCA ENTRANCE TEST – 2024

Online/Offline Application forms are invited from eligible candidates for admission to BE Courses in St Joseph Engineering College, Vamanjoor, Mangalore, for the Academic

Year 2024-25. The test will be held on Sunday, May 19, 2024, at St Joseph Engineering College, Vamanjoor, Mangalore (SJEC). Intending candidates may visit the college website: www.sjec.ac.in for details.

Online/offline Applications may be downloaded from the College website, with effect from March 15, 2024.

- **Director, SJEC**

CODP PROGRAMMES

- 01.03.2024 : Women Empowerment Programme and Natural Resource Management Team Meeting in CODP
- 03.03.2024 : Training on Plastic Waste Management in Padi, Women's Day celebration in CODP
- 05.03.2024 : Training on Conflict Management in Moodbidri
- 09.03.2024 : Training on Gender equality in Seethangoli, Preparation of Jeevamrita (Bio Fertilizer) in Kuppila, Women's Day celebration in Balepuni and Vorkady
- 10.03.2024 : Women's Day celebration and training on Natural Waste Management in Kalathur, Preparation of Jeevamrita (Bio Fertilizer) in Natekallu
- 11.03.2024 : Training on Fish Oil preparation in Pandikata
- 12.03.2024 : Women's Day celebration in Moodbidri
- 15.03.2024 : Women's Day celebration and training on Government Schemes in Kokkada
- 16.03.2024 : Training on Conflict Management in Vorkady
- 17.03.2024 : Women's Day celebration in Saya, Preparation of Jeevamrita (Bio Fertilizer) in Labours Colony
- 18.03.2024 : CODP field staff meet and women capacity building in CODP
- 20.03.2024 : Women's Day celebration in Puttur, Cleanliness Drive in Kumbalpady, Preparation of Jeevamrita (Bio Fertilizer) in Fajir

- 21.03.2024 : Women's Day celebration and training on Self Protection in Kumdaje
- 23.03.2024 : Women's Day celebration in Modankap
- 24.03.2024 : Training on Conflict Management in Manjeshwar
- 25.03.2024 : Training on Conflict Management in Bajpe, Training in Shanthipalla, Women's Day celebration in Bajpe
- 26.03.2024 : Training on Gender equality in Talapady, Women's Day celebration in Talapady

II. Information from CODP

- a) *Important Information to Parish Priests and Beneficiaries of CODP Golden Jubilee Diocesan Housing Project. (*repost from Inter Nos Jan 2024 edition*)

Kindly note that all the applicants who have not yet submitted their documents and have not started the work shall be postponed to the next financial year. These applications will not be considered for the 2023 budget. Those whose applications were not considered this year are requested to reapply for the housing scheme as done earlier.

- b) Parish Priests are requested to announce the matter contained in the *Moga Na'llo* leaflet to the parishioners and to display the said leaflet (a charity campaign for the shelter of the poor and needy) on the notice board.

Please encourage as many donors as possible from your Church to contribute towards the Golden Jubilee Housing Project. We have a file with 100 applications. We have completed 30 new houses and 50 repairs. We need help from donors through your intervention. We urge the Parish Priests who have not applied for housing so far to do so kindly. We will consider your needs in the Financial Year 2024-2025. We thank you wholeheartedly and forever remain grateful.

- **Director, CODP**

A REFLECTION ON THE DOCTRINAL NOTE: *GESTIS VERBISQUE* (DEEDS AND WORDS)

The Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (= DDF) has published a Doctrinal Note entitled *Gestis verbisque* (Deeds and Words). The Note was discussed and unanimously approved by the Cardinals and Bishops who are members of the Dicastery at their recent Plenary Assembly. Pope Francis then approved the text of the Note on 31 January 2024, and the DDF, published it on 2 February 2024.

The Doctrinal Note *Gestis verbisque* (= GV) begins with the Presentation, the Introduction and then offers three specific themes of sacramental theology: 1) The Church is realized and expressed in the Sacraments; 2) The Church guards and is guarded by the Sacraments; and 3) The liturgical presidency and the art of celebrating. Then, there is a brief conclusion.

Why this document now? What prompted this document? The opening paragraph of the GV suggests the reasons: The DDF encountered a situation in which many Bishops expressed their concern about the multiplication of situations in which the ministers of the sacraments made serious changes in the matter or form of the sacraments, and the DDF was asked to study the issues, and then, in many cases, it had to declare the invalidity of the sacraments celebrated especially baptism.

The DDF has declared that the formula “I baptize you in the name of the Creator...” or “We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” is invalid. In 2020, after watching a video recording of his baptism, a priest in Detroit discovered to his shock that he had not been validly baptized. A priest in Phoenix, Arizona, resigned in 2022 after discovering that he had invalidly baptized thousands of people by using the phrase “We baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit” instead of “I baptize you...”. It is not the community that baptizes and incorporates a person into the Church of Christ; it is Christ, and Christ alone, who presides over all the sacraments; therefore, it is Christ who baptizes.

When baptism was declared invalid, the other sacraments received by the same person, be it confirmation, marriage or holy orders, became invalid. In some cases where the baptism of two priests has been invalidated, the Eucharist, confession and anointing,

which require the power of ordination, have also been invalidated. This has caused serious concern among the faithful, who have had to seek out those involved in order to repeat the rite of Baptism or Confirmation and to resolve their problems of conscience. A significant number of the faithful have rightly expressed their distress.

In this context, the GV seeks to “assist the Bishops in their task as promoters and guardians of the liturgical life of the particular Churches entrusted to them” by offering “some elements of a doctrinal nature concerning the discernment of the validity of the celebration of the sacraments, taking into account also some disciplinary and pastoral aspects” (n. 4). The GV serves not only to remind the ministers that “we ministers must therefore have the strength to overcome the temptation to feel that we are the owners of the Church”, but also to renew in all the ministers of the Church the full awareness of what Christ said to us: “You did not choose me, but I chose you” (Jn 15:16).

GV does not seem to contain anything new. It reaffirms the traditional doctrine of the Church, which identifies the three elements necessary for the validity of a sacrament: matter, form and intention. It affirms that the correct intention is not enough to ensure the validity of a sacrament; the matter (e.g. water, oil, wine, laying on of hands) and the form (words accompanied by gestures) are also essential and must correspond to what is prescribed in the liturgical texts.

What do we learn from this document? (a) A priest celebrates the sacraments not only *in persona Christi* (in the person of Christ) but also *in nomine Ecclesiae* (in the name of the Church). For this reason, he must follow precisely the liturgical texts approved by the Church. The obligation of the minister to follow the liturgical books respects the right of the People of God to valid sacraments.

(b) Matter and form are rooted in Scripture and Tradition and never depend and cannot depend on the will of a single minister or community (GV 15). The intention of the minister celebrating the sacrament is linked to matter and form. The “intention to do at least what the Church does” makes the sacramental act a truly human and fully ecclesial act, and prevents it from becoming an automatism and the will of an individual (GV 18). Deviation from the matter or form of the sacraments in any essential way can render them invalid.

(c) When the priest acts *in persona Christi capitis* (in the person of Christ the Head), this does not mean that he is “the boss” with the ability to exercise arbitrary power but that Christ alone is “the head of the body, the Church” (Col 1:18). The treasures of the sacraments are entrusted to Mother Church. They are not ours. The faithful have the right to receive them as the Church determines, and in this way, their celebration corresponds to the intention of Jesus. Ministers of the sacraments should acknowledge the truth that “the head of the Church, and therefore the true celebrant, is Christ alone”.

(d) The faithfulness of the presider to the liturgical texts is not a mere “technical” or “canonical” requirement but touches directly on the faith. For this reason, “to change on one’s own initiative the form of the celebration of a sacrament is not a simple liturgical abuse, as a transgression of a positive norm, but a wound (*vulnus*) inflicted at the same time on ecclesial communion and on the recognizability of Christ’s action, which in the most serious cases renders the sacrament itself invalid, since the very nature of the ministerial action requires faithfully to transmit what has been received, as St Paul says in 1 Cor 15:3 (GV 22).

(e) There is no place in the realm of sacramental celebration for adding, changing and substituting words or gestures under the pretext of “pastoral discretion”, “pastoral consideration”, “Spirit-filled approach” or creativity. Sacramental ministers must truly acquire a sense of *kenosis* (total emptying). They must take as their norm John the Baptist who, facing Jesus, said: “He must increase; I must decrease” (Jn 3:30). The individual minister must work on the virtue of humility. It will help him to emphasize his role *in persona Christi* rather than as an individual human personality. The spirituality of the minister, not his personal ego or arrogance, should be evident in the celebration.

(f) The current crisis of the Church is precisely a crisis of holiness, which tends to disregard the norms, the validity of the sacraments and the transforming power of sacramental grace. The ministers have a sacred responsibility to keep alive “the beauty of Christian celebration” and to ensure that it is not “disfigured by a superficial and reductive understanding of its value or, worse still, by its instrumentalization at the service of some ideological vision, whatever it may be” (Pope Francis, *Desiderio desideravi*, 51). □ □

GOLDEN, DIAMOND AND PLATINUM BIRTHDAYS

- 1) Rev. Fr Vijay Victor Lobo, Parish Priest, Kulur Church, celebrates his 50th birthday on 10.03.2024.
- 2) Rev. Fr Robert Dsouza, Principal, Lourdes Central School, Bejai, celebrates his 50th birthday on 29.03.2024.
- 3) Rev. Fr John Dsouza, Parish Priest, Eliarpadav, celebrates his 60th birthday on 05.03.2024.
- 4) Rev. Fr Gregory Serrao, Chaplain, Helpers of Mount Rosary, Alangar, celebrates his 75th birthday on 18.03.2024.

Dear Rev. Fathers, on your special day, may you be blessed with good health, happiness, and continued strength to serve the Lord. May your life continue to be a beacon of faith and hope.

Happy Birthday!

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