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CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERFUL GOOD WISHES



**Bishop Peter Paul Saldanha on your
Seventh Episcopal Ordination Anniversary**

15 September 2025

*Upon the See of Mangalore, a shepherd's grace descends,
For seven years, a gentle hand, a holy path transcends.
Not robed in worldly pomp or pride, but in a simple guise,
A servant heart, a humble mind, reflects in kindly eyes.*

*A scholar of the sacred Word, with wisdom deep and vast,
Your homilies, a living spring, a light on souls, are cast.
Yet not in lofty, learned tones, but words that touch the heart,
You share the bread of truth divine, and play the humble part.*

*The flock you lead with tender care, a pastor, kind and near,
No gates are barred, no walls are built, you meet us where we are
So on this day, with grateful hearts, we lift our voice to praise,
The seven years of service blessed, the dawning of new days.*



BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

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| 2 | 10.00 a.m. | Governing Body Meetings, NBCLC, Bangalore |
| 3 | 10.00 a.m. | Teachers' Day Celebration, CBE, Bajjodi |
| 8 | 07.45 a.m. | Celebration of Monthi Fest, Cathedral |
| 9-11 | | CCBI Executive Committee Meeting, New Delhi |
| 13 | 10.30 a.m. | Inauguration of the Propaedeutic Year 2025-26, Moodubelle |
| 14 | 10.00 a.m. | Raknno Award Ceremony, Bajpe |
| 15 | 07.00 a.m. | Feast of the Our Lady of Sorrow Chapel, Kodialbail |
| 16 | 09.00 a.m. | Registered Society Meeting, St Joseph Inter-Diocesan Seminary |
| 17 | 10.15 a.m. | Prison Ministry India, State Level Convention, Mulki |
| 18 | 05.00 p.m. | Governing Body Meeting, FMCI |
| 22-24 | | KRCBC Meeting, KROSS, Bangalore |
| 26 | 04.00 p.m. | Diocesan Finance Council, Bishop's House |
| 27-28 | | Pastoral Visit, Ranipura |

Bishop Meets in the Forenoon:

Religious Men and Women, 26; Diocesan Clergy, 27;
Lay Faithful, 30.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR SEPTEMBER 2025

Papal Intention for September: The whole Church is invited to pray for the improvement of our relationship with the whole creation. From September 1 to October 4, the universal Church celebrates the *Season of Creation*. Reflecting on God's marvellous creation, St Francis of Assisi called them brother, sister and mother in his *Canticles of the Creatures*. Following his example, we are specially called upon to care for God's

creation. There is an intimate interdependence and harmony between all creatures as all are the handiwork of God. Pope Francis wrote in *Laudato Si'*: "Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves, or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it" (n. 139). Let us give special attention to listen to the cry of the earth, the poor, and care for the whole creation (LS, n. 49).

New Mass for the Care of Creation: The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has provided a new Mass formulary, "Mass for the Care of Creation" (*Missa Pro custodia creationis*), along with the related readings. This new formulary is approved by the Roman Pontiff and it is made part of the Roman Missal under the section "Masses for various needs and occasions". The CCBI has invited the Church in India to celebrate this Mass on the first Sunday of September, September 7, and has provided guidelines for celebrating this day meaningfully. Mangala Jyothi will provide both the English and Konkani translations of the Mass formulary, *ad experimentum*, and the definitive translations will be circulated once the *confirmatio* is received from the Holy See. Pope Leo XIV celebrated the Holy Eucharist amid the beauty of God's magnificent works on July 9, 2025 at *Borgo Laudato si'* (Castel Gandolfo), calling it "the cathedral" of creation. I invite parish Churches and communities to celebrate the Mass for the Care of Creation on **September 7**, *Laudato Si'* Sunday.

Feast of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, September 8: Our Diocese has a beautiful tradition of celebrating the Nativity of Our Blessed Mother with flowers, Novena, and special prayers. The new corn, unity of the family, and the girl child are our focus. The whole atmosphere around us with lush green surroundings brings feelings of tenderness and family bonding. Children are the centre of attraction. Every member of the family, living and the dear departed, is remembered with love. May Mother Mary intercede for our families, each member and the whole creation.

Diocesan Synodal Facilitation Team: The General Secretariat for the Synod of Bishops has invited all the Dioceses to form a Synodal Facilitation Team. This team will assist in implementing the conclusions of Synod 2021-24, and in animating synodal life in the Diocese. The synodal formation at the Parish and Deanery level will foster a culture of listening, discernment, participation, pastoral and missionary conversion. In light of the directives given by the General Secretariat and in response to the call of the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, the Diocesan Facilitation Team is hereby constituted, consisting of the following members:

Office Bearers

1. Most Rev. Dr Peter Paul Saldanha (Bishop)
2. Msgr Maxim L. Noronha (Vicar General)
3. V. Rev. Victor George D'Souza (Chancellor)

Diocesan Priests

4. Fr Joseph Martis (Secretary, Council of Priests) - Coordinator
5. Fr Naveen Pinto (Coordinator, Pastoral Commissions)
6. Fr Joachim Fernandes (Kinnigoli)
7. Fr Jerome D'Souza (Naravi)
8. Fr Stany Pereira (Bela)
9. Fr Victor Vijay Lobo (Kulur)
10. Fr Fredrick D'Souza (Angalore)

Religious Men and Women

11. Fr Dominic Vas OCD (CRI Mangalore)
12. Fr Daniel Veigas OP (Episcopal Vicar for Religious)
13. Sr Severine Menezes SAP
14. Sr Rithika AC

Lay Faithful

15. Mr John D'Silva (Secretary, DPC)
16. Mr Jason Monteiro (Bantwal)

17. Mr Naveen D'Souza (Kelarai)
18. Mr Vincent Menezes (Kokkada)
19. Mr. Vijoy Ashwin Cardoza (ICYM)
20. Mrs Sabitha Lavina Rodrigues (Taccode)
21. Mrs Philomena Rodrigues (Kasargod)
22. Mrs Apoline D'Souza (Belthangady)

Election of PPC and PFC Members: By December 31, 2025, the terms of the current Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council will have been completed. Therefore, the process for the election of the 2026-2028 Councils needs to be initiated. Please carefully review the Constitution of the Councils of the Diocese of Mangalore, promulgated in 2022. The norms of the Constitution should be strictly followed. A separate section in this volume of *Inter Nos* provides timelines; please follow them meticulously.

Renewal of Registration U/S 12A, 12AA, 12AB, and 80G of the Income Tax Act: The registration of Religious and Charitable Trusts for tax exemption expires on March 31, 2026. The application for renewal of registration has to be submitted to the Commissioner of Income Tax online in Form No. 10A at least 6 months before the expiry of the existing registration. That would mean the application should be submitted before September 30, 2025. Kindly contact your Auditor for the list of documents to be submitted and take it as a priority.

Issuing of Certificates: While preparing documents for Marriage please check whether the Baptism certificate is issued from the place of Baptism. It is clarified during the Council of Priests' Meeting that certificates are to be issued only from a place where the act is done (for a detailed explanation, see the separate section on this matter in this *Inter Nos*). Similarly, notifications of Marriage and Confirmation should be sent to the place of Baptism without fail. While issuing the computerised copy of the certificates, countercheck them against the handwritten registers to verify that all necessary entries are correctly made. It has been noted that errors creep in and they create greater problems.

Jeevan Jyothi Camps: In October, Jeevan Jyothi camps are held for children in the X standard. I truly appreciate the efforts undertaken to support the formation of adolescent students. I am sure you give special attention to preparing them for the challenges of adolescent life, faith formation, and matters related to their life-choices. I request that you seriously discuss vocation and commitment. It is important to guide them in proper discernment about God's call to the priesthood and religious life. Inspire boys to choose the priesthood for the Diocese.

Wish you a Happy Monthi Fest. May Mother Mary intercede for our families.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

CONSTITUTION OF PRIESTS' PERSONNEL BOARD

Following the *Norms Governing the Priests' Personnel Board* that came into effect on July 3, 2025, under the leadership of the Vicars Forane, priests of the Vicariate elected representatives to form the **General Body of the Priests' Personnel Board**. These representatives now forming the General Body are as follows:

1. Episcopal Vicariate
Rev. Walter D'Souza, Bendur
Rev. Rajesh Rosario, St Joseph's Seminary
Rev. Benjamin Pinto, Urwa
Rev. Bonaventure Nazareth, Milagres
2. City Vicariate
Rev. Joseph Martis, Derebail
Rev. Praveen Leo Lasrado, Catholic Board of Education
3. Pezar Vicariate
Rev. Andrew D'Souza, Bajpe

4. St Teresa of Kolkata (Surathkal) Vicariate
Rev. Austin Peter Peres, Surathkal
5. Bantwal Vicariate
Rev. Peter D'Souza, Agrar
6. St John Paul II (Vittal) Vicariate
Rev. Richard D'Souza, Delanthabettu
7. Mangalore South (Permannur) Vicariate
Rev. Victor D'Mello, Panir
8. Mangalore North (Kirem) Vicariate
Rev. Paul Sequiera, Balkunje
9. Mangalore East (Belthangady) Vicariate
Rev. Vijay Lobo, Anugraha PU College, Ujire
10. Central (Moodbidri) Vicariate
Rev. Melwyn Noronha, Alangar
11. Eastern (Puttur) Vicariate
Rev. Antony Prakash Monteiro, Philomena College, Puttur
12. Southern (Bela) Vicariate
Rev. Stany Pereira, Bela

On August 26, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., the above representatives met for the first time as the General Body. Under the presidency of Rev. Fr Richard A. Coelho, Paldane, who was nominated as the Director of the Personnel Board by the Bishop of Mangalore (cf. Norms, 6d), they elected four members (cf. Norms 6c).

Accordingly, the **Priests' Personnel Board** will now be comprised of the following individuals for a three-year term, which commences on September 15, 2025:

Rev. Richard A. Coelho, Director

Rev. Praveen Leo Lasrado, Secretary

Rev. Benjamin Pinto

Rev. Joseph Martis

Rev. Walter D'Souza

I request the priests of the Diocese to extend their utmost cooperation to the Priests' Personnel Board. This enables them to carry out the crucial task entrusted to them, ensuring a smooth and effective administration for the benefit of the entire presbyterium and the good of the Diocese.

REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF BAPTISM CERTIFICATES

During the Council of Priests' meeting on June 26, 2025, the issue of multiple entries on baptism certificates and the resulting problems was discussed. While the correct practice was brought to the members' attention, it is considered essential to communicate this to all priests and ensure it is followed. Therefore, the following directives are issued:

A baptism certificate is properly issued only from the Baptism Register maintained by the specific church where the baptism actually occurred. The Code of Canon Law explicitly states that "the Parish Priest of *the place where the baptism is celebrated* must carefully and without delay record in the Baptism Register the names of the baptised with the mention made of the minister, parents, sponsors ... the date of the conferral of the baptism..." (can. 877 §1, emphasis added). This register serves as the official record of baptisms performed at that church, and all related details should remain documented within its own records.

Issuing a baptism certificate by a church not involved in the actual baptism is an erroneous and problematic practice, just as issuing marriage certificates or death certificates by a church where such acts have not taken place. Moreover, entering baptism

details into a different church's records can lead to significant confusion and inaccurate historical documentation. When a baptism is recorded in a church other than the one where it took place, and this church issues certificates, it undermines the authenticity and sufficiency of entries for other sacraments, such as confirmation and marriage. This can also create significant confusion, result in inaccurate historical records, and potentially lead to fraudulent issues, particularly at the time of marriage.

Therefore, a Parish Priest should always obtain the baptism certificate directly from the parish where the baptism actually occurred. Parishes or churches that have erroneously recorded a baptismal entry for a baptism that did not occur within their own jurisdiction are strongly advised against issuing a certificate. It is proper and lawful practice to issue certificates only from the original registers, and not from secondary or duplicate entries. This is consistent with the standard for other sacred acts, such as marriage, funerals, and ordinations, where only the church that performed the rite provides the official documentation.

Baptism certificates issued by a Church or ecclesiastical community are primary documents that record an individual's baptism and serve as an official record of their religious affiliation and participation. While some organisations or institutions may accept them as proof of identity or date of birth, this is not a universal standard, and they do not hold the same status as government documents for civil purposes. For official purposes in a civil context, a baptism certificate may not be a valid or primary document for proving an individual's date of birth. This is because government-issued documents—such as a formal birth certificate, passport, or Aadhaar Card—are the legally accepted standards. These government-issued documents enjoy a legal presumption of correctness under the Indian Evidence Act, 1872. As the Kerala High Court stated in *Sminu vs. State Of Kerala* on 23 August 2023: "The baptism certificate is issued by the Church to record baptism of a person. No primacy can be accorded to the baptism certificate when public documents are available indicating the date of birth."

FORMATION OF THE NEW COUNCILS IN THE PARISH

The term of the existing Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council ends on 31 December 2025. I hereby call upon parish priests to form the new Parish Pastoral Council, its office bearers, and the Parish Finance Council, and thereafter to establish the various commissions in the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. The process of forming these Councils should begin from October 2025. The term of the new Councils will be from 2026 to 2028.

Please go through the Constitution of the Councils of the Diocese of Mangalore, promulgated in 2022, carefully. The norms of this Constitution should be strictly followed without any compromise.

The time schedule for the process of establishing the new Councils at different levels is as follows:

1. From October 1, 2025: the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, its office bearers, Parish Finance Council and other Commissions are to be elected.
2. Before March 31, 2026, form Deanery Pastoral Council
3. Before May 31, the Diocesan Pastoral Council is to be formed.

The formation of the Parish Pastoral Council, the election of its office bearers, and the formation of the Parish Finance Council should be completed well in time, and approval from the Bishop should be obtained by December 31, 2025. The new Parish Pastoral Council and the new Parish Finance Council come into effect from January 1, 2026.

When the list of Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council members is sent to the Bishop for approval, it should contain the following information:

- a) Name of the member
- b) Information on whether the member is an ex-officio, elected, nominated or honorary member
- c) Date of Birth of the members

- d) Educational Qualification
- e) In the case of the Vice President, Secretary, and Parish Finance Council members, their educational qualifications, mobile phone numbers, and contact addresses are to be provided.
- f) Declaration from the Parish Priest stating that the norms relating to the election, nomination and formation of the new Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council have been followed, and the office bearers and members possess the eligibility for membership/offices in the Councils.

After completing the process of election and nomination of the members of the Parish Pastoral Council, its office bearers, and the Parish Finance Council, the details of the new members should be sent for approval in the format given below on pp.188-191, in duplicate, before December 15, 2025.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PROCURATOR

1. Earmarked Collection of September 8

The Parish Priests and all the Chaplains are requested to note that the Mass collection of September 8 (Monthi Feast) is earmarked for Priests' Aid Fund (medical needs of the Priests). Please make the necessary changes in your records.

2. 12AB Renewal

The 12AB Registration/Renewal for most of our Diocesan Trusts/ Societies/ Institutions expires on 31 March 2026. As per Section 12A(1)(ac)(ii) of the Income Tax Act, the application for renewal must be submitted by **30 September 2025**. Parish Priests and Institution heads are advised to contact their Auditors immediately and take the necessary steps. Please treat this matter as urgent and give it immediate attention and priority.

- Procurator

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ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ನಾಂವ್	ಸಾಂದೆಪಣ್	ಜನನ್ ತಾರಿಕ್	ಶಿಕಾಪ್
ಹುದ್ದಾ ಹಕ್ಕಾಚಿ ಸಾಂದೆ: ಯಾಜಕ್ ಆನಿ ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ್ (ಘಟನಾವಳಿ 2:4,1)				
1	ಬಾ. Xxx	ವಿಗಾರ್ - ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ		
2	ಬಾ. Xxx	ಸ. ವಿಗಾರ್		
3	ಬಾ. Xxx	ಶಿಕ್ಷಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಂಕ್		
		ನೆಮ್ಲೆ ಹೆರ್ ಯಾಜಕ್		
4	ಬಾ/ಭ. Xxx	ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ್ ಘರಾಚೊ ವ್ಹಡಿಲ್ / ಕೊವಂತಾಚಿ ವ್ಹಡಿಲ್		
ಹುದ್ದಾ ಹಕ್ಕಾಚಿ ಸಾಂದೆ: ಅಪೊಸ್ತಲಿಕ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಆನಿ ಫಿರ್ಗಜ್ ಘಟಕಾಂ ಥಾವ್ನ್ (ಘಟನಾವಳಿ 2:4,2)				
5	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ಲ್ಹಾ. ಕ್ರಿ. ಸ. ಸಂಚಾಲಕ್/ಕಿ		
6	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ಸಾಂ. ವಿಶೆಂತ್ ಪಾವ್ಲ ಸಭಾ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ		
7	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ಕಥೊಲಿಕ್ ಸಭಾ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ		
8	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ಐ.ಸಿ.ವೈ.ಎಮ್. ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ		
9	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ವೈ.ಸಿ.ಎಸ್. ಸಚೇತಕ್		
ಹುದ್ದಾ ಹಕ್ಕಾಚಿ ಸಾಂದೆ: ವಾಡ್ಪಾಚಿ ಗುರ್ಕಾರ್ (ಘಟನಾವಳಿ 2:4,3)				
10	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ಇಗರ್ಜೆ ವಾಡೊ		
11	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ಸಾಂ. ಜುಜೆ ವಾಡೊ		
ವಾಡ್ಪಾಚಿ ಚುನಾಯಿತ್ ಸಾಂದೆ: (ಘಟನಾವಳಿ 2:4,4)				
12	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ಇಗರ್ಜೆ ವಾಡೊ		
13	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx		
14	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ಸಾಂ. ಜುಜೆ ವಾಡೊ		
15	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx		
ಶಿಕ್ಷಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಂಚಿ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿ (ಘಟನಾವಳಿ 2:4,5)				
16	ಬಾ./ಭ./ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ಧಾರ್ಮಿಕ್ ಕಾಂಚಾ ಶಿಕ್ಷಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಂಚೊ/ಚಿ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿ		
17	ಬಾ./ಭ./ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ಕಥೊಲಿಕ್ ಶಿಕ್ಷಣ್ ಮಂಡಳಿಚ್ಯಾ ಶಿಕ್ಷಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಂಚೊ/ಚಿ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿ		
ನೇಮಕ್ ಸಾಂದೆ (ಘಟನಾವಳಿ 2:4,6)				
18	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ವಿಗಾರಾನ್ ನೇಮಕ್ ಕೆಲ್ಲೆ		
19	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx		
ಗೌರವ್ ಸಾಂದೆ: (ಘಟನಾವಳಿ 2:4,7)				
20	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx			

2026-2028 ಅವೆಚ್ಚು ಗೊವ್ಳಿಕ್ ಪರಿಷದ್ ಹುದ್ದೆದಾರ್ ಆನಿ ವಿಂಚಲೆ ಹೆರ್:					
ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಹುದ್ದೆದಾರ್	ನಾಂವ್ ಆನಿ ವಿಳಾಸ್	ಶಿಕಾಪ್	ಇಮೆಯ್ಲ್	ಮೊಬಾಯ್ಲ್ ವಾಟ್ಸಾಪ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ
1	ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ (2:9,2)				
2	ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ (2:9,3)				
3	ವಾರಡೊ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿ (2:16,3)				
4	ಕ. ಶಿಕ್ಷಾ ಮಂಡಳಿಚೊ ಶಿಕ್ಷಾ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾಪಕ ಅಡಲ್ತ್ ಪರಿಷದ್ ಸಾಂದೊ (ಶಿಕ್ಷಾ ಆಯೊಗಾಚೊ ಸಂಚಾಲಕ್) (2:16,4)				
5	ಆಯೊಗಾಂಚೊ/ಚಿ ಸಂಯೋಜಕ್/ಕಿ (2:16,5)				
ಫಿರ್ಗಚ್ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ್ ಪರಿಷದ್ 2026-2028					
ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ನಾಂವ್	ಸಾಂದೆಪಣ್	ವಿಳಾಸ್ ಆನಿ ಮೊಬಾಯ್ಲ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಜನನ್ ತಾರಿಕ್	ಶಿಕಾಪ್
1	ಬಾ. Xxx	ವಿಗಾರ್ - ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ (3:4.1.1)			
2	ಬಾ. Xxx	ಸ. ವಿಗಾರ್ (3:4.1.2)			
3	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷ (3:4.1.3)			
4	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ (3:4.1.4)			
5	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ಹೆರ್ ಯಾಜಕ್ (3:4.1.5)			
6	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ಚುನಾಯಿತ್ ಸಾಂದೊ (3:4.2)			
7	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ಚುನಾಯಿತ್ ಸಾಂದೊ (3:4.2)			
8	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ನೇಮಕ್ ಸಾಂದೊ (3:4.3)			
9	ಶ್ರೀ/ಮತಿ/ಕುಮಾರಿ Xxx	ನೇಮಕ್ ಸಾಂದೊ (3:4.3)			
ತಾರಿಕ್: ಇಗರ್ಜೆಚಿ ಮೊದ್ಲೆ ವಿಗಾರಾಚಿ ದಸ್ತತ್					

ಫಿರ್ಗಜ್ ಗೊವ್ವಿಕ್ ಯೋಜನಾಚೆ ಆಯೋಗ್ 2026-2028			
ಇಗರ್ಜೆಚಿಂ ನಾಂವ್:			
ಸಂಯೋಜಕ್:		ಮೊಬಾಯ್ಲ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:	
ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ.	ಆಯೋಗ್	ಸಂಚಾಲಕ್ / ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ	ಮೊಬಾಯ್ಲ್
I. ಆಯೋಗ್ ಪಂಗಡ್: ದೇವ್ ಸ್ತುತಿ-ಸುವಾರ್ತಾ-ಪರ್ಗಟ್ಣಿ Liturgy-Word-Proclamation (Leiturgia). ಸಂಚಾಲಕ್: ...			
1.	ಪವಿತ್ರ್ ಪುಸ್ತಕ್ (2:17.1.2)		
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ತಾರಿಕ್:

ಇಗರ್ಜಿ ಮ್ಹೊರ್

ವಿಗಾರಾಚಿ ದಸ್ತತ್ ಆನಿ ನಾಂವ್

ವಿ.ಸೂ.: ಲ್ಹಾನ್ ಫಿರ್ಗಜಾಂಕ್ ಎಕಾ ಪಂಗಡಾಕ್ ಏಕ್ ಸಂಚಾಲಕ್ ಆನಿ ಹರೆಕಾ ಆಯೋಗಾಕ್ ಏಕ್ ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ. ಪುಣ್ ವ್ಹಡ್ ಫಿರ್ಗಜಾಂಕ್ ಹರೆಕಾ ಆಯೋಗಾಕ್ ಎಕೇಕ್ ಸಂಚಾಲಕ್ ವಿಂಚ್ಚೆ.

BASIC ECCLESIAL COMMUNITIES (BEC)

1. Programmes in September

05 September : Parish Coordinators' Meeting, BEC Office, Bajjodi

07 September : Parish Level BEC Training, Fermai

14 September : Parish Level BEC Training, Vamadapadav

21 September : Parish Level BEC Training, Loreto

28 September : Parish Level BEC Training, Kasaragod

2. New BEC Ward Meeting Handbook

I am delighted to announce the release of our new BEC Ward Meeting Handbook, which was officially launched by our Bishop during the Diocesan-Level BEC Convention on August 10, 2025, at Cordel Hall, Kulshekar. This simple and practical guide is designed to make every ward gathering more vibrant and fruitful. Please encourage your parishioners to get their own copy and make it a part of every meeting. The price is just Rs 25. Let's aim to have one in every home.

- **Director, Basic Ecclesial Communities**

MANGALA JYOTHI

I. Programmes:

- 7 : Youth Convention, Badyar
- 10 : Faith Formation - Deanery Priests'
Coordinators Meeting
- 21 : Adult Catechesis on Liturgy and Lectors'
Training, Uppinangady
- 23-25 : National Catechetical Conference, Jaipur

II. Commission for Catechetics - Information

Sunday Catechism Mid-Term Exam: September 21 or October 12, 2025.

Please Note: Question papers for this exam should be prepared by the respective teachers. However, for the Annual Exam, Mangala Jyothi will prepare the question papers. The annual exam will have a common question paper that includes the complete syllabus. For more information, refer to the June Mangala Jyothi bulletin/office (Mob.: 8277937784).

III. New Books available at our Stall:

- * ಡಿಜಿಟಲ್ ಆಪೊಸ್ತಲ್ - ಸಾಂ ಕಾರ್ಲೊ ಅಕುತಿಸ್ (ನವೆಂ ಪುಸ್ತಕ್)
- * 'ಜೆಜು ಮೊಗಾಳಾ' - ಆರಾಧನಾಚೆಂ ನವೆಂ ಪುಸ್ತಕ್
- * ಶೆಗುಣಾಂಚೊ ಗುಲೊಬ್ - ಮರಿಯಾಳ್ ನಿಯಾಳಾಚ್ಯೊ ಬತ್ತೀಸ್ ಪಾಕ್ಳೊ
- ನವೆಂ ಪುಸ್ತಕ್

IV. Liturgical Items available at our Stall:

- * Various types of crucifixes and statues
- * First Holy Communion candles, crown, veil, Rosary, scapular & Certificates, Confirmation Certificates
- * Mass Candles, superior quality Hosts & Particles, Incense
- * Votive, Mud'dhom and Decorative candles
- * Church articles (Liturgical)
- * Clergy shirts / T-shirts (Production by Mangala Jyothi)
- * Mass vestments, albs, surplice, stoles, chalice, ciborium, etc.

Revised Mangala Jyothi Liturgical Store Timings

(Effective from September 1, 2025): **Monday to Saturday:**

9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

- Director, Mangala Jyothi

COMMISSION FOR BIBLE

1. 'EMMAUS': Monthly Bible Convention at Holy Cross Church, Cordel on 19 September 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm in association with Mangalore Diocesan Service Communion (MDSC). **Theme: Word of God and Rosary.**

2. Bible Classes:

- a. St James - Mangalore East Vicariate Level Bible Class, Belthangady.

Topic : Bible Classes on the Gospel of Luke – “*To Proclaim the Good News to the Poor*” – will be held for the priests, religious, and Laity in Konkani.

Date : 27 September 2025 & 04, 11, 18, 25 October 2025.
Saturday from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Venue : Church Hall, Belthangady.

- b. St Francis Xavier Church, Ferar.

Topic : Bible Classes on the Gospel of Matthew – “God With Us” – will be held for the parishioners and other enthusiastic faithful of the deanery in Konkani.

Date : 28 September 2025 & 05, 12, 19, 26 October 2025.
Sundays from 3.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Venue : Church Hall, Ferar.

3. To encourage people to read and study the Bible, a monthly online bible quiz has been organised. You are kindly requested to encourage people to participate in this initiative. **Monthly Bible Quiz September 2025 (Online) on the Book of Deuteronomy and the Acts of the Apostles will be held on 27 September 2025 from 8:30 pm to 9:00 pm.** The online link will be circulated from 01 September 2025.
4. ‘In the Footsteps of Paul’: A Biblical Seminar on Pauline Letters at St Paul’s Church, Bolkunje on 14 September 2025, 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

5. An exclusive study session for priests on the Word of God is organised on 23 October 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Theme: Miracles in Matthew as Signs of the Kingdom: A Contextual Reading of Matthew 8-9.

Resource Person: Rev Dr Naveen Rebello SVD, Scripture Professor at *Jnana-Deepa*, Pune.

Venue: St Antony's, Jeppu, Mangalore.

Please block the date, register, and join.

Register @ 9844763634

Rev. Fr Vincent Sequeira
Secretary, Commission for Bible

CODP PROGRAMMES

1. Programmes

- 02.09.2025 : Training on Panchayath Raj in Moodbidri
10.09.2025 : Bandhavya Annual General Body Meet and Governing Body Meet in CODP
12.09.2025 : Training on Local resource management in Fajir
13.09.2025 : Training on Local resource management in Vijayadka
16.09.2025 : Training on Leadership in Kotekar, Field Evaluation Meeting
20.09.2025 : Gender Equality Internal Team Meeting in CODP
23.09.2025 : Awareness on Free Legal Services in Talapady, Training on Gender equality and justice in Bela
25.09.2025 : Awareness on Bad Touch Good Touch at Sheni
29.09.2025 : Training on Local resource management in Bajpe
30.09.2025 : Field Practicum and Women Empowerment Programme Report Meeting

2. Details of Lenten Collection Received in 2025: We thank the Parish Priests and Convent Superiors for their everlasting support to the Diocesan Charities.

Received from	2025 (INR)
Parishes	8153183
Convents	339500
Institutions	65382
Colleges	8000
Other donations	22500
Total	Rs. 85,88,565

3. Top 10 Parishes with regard to Lenten Contribution received & Average Collection per family in 2025.

S.N	Parish	Amount (INR)	S.N	Parish	No. of Families	Amount (INR)	Average collection per family
1	Cordel	3,90,770.00	1	Mukka	126	61,500	488.10
2	Valencia	3,66,420.00	2	Kadaba	48	22,560	470.00
3	Bendur	2,66,720.00	3	Saverapura	67	31,100	464.18
4	Bondel	2,07,150.00	4	Manela	90	39,800	442.22
5	Angelore	2,02,650.00	5	Kulur	497	2,02,120	406.68
6	Kulur	2,02,120.00	6	Kateel	169	68,447	405.01
7	Bejai	2,00,930.00	7	Garady	88	33,450	380.11
8	Urwa	1,90,750.00	8	Nala	34	12,520	368.24
9	Puttur	1,90,000.00	9	Komangala	36	12,850	356.94
10	Kinnigoli	1,80,940.00	10	Neerude	207	73,570	355.41

4. Diocesan CODP Golden Jubilee Housing Project:

CODP Golden Jubilee Diocesan Housing Plan Cost Wise details - First Phase 2023-2025 as on 23.08.2025					
Completed Houses		Total Estimation of the house (Total cost)	CODP Contribution	Mr Michael's Contribution	Contribution from Beneficiary+Parish+ Donors+Associations etc
New House	House repair				
163	99	15,02,00,000	2,95,41,000	4,77,32,000	7,29,27,000
CODP Golden Jubilee Diocesan Housing Plan - Second Phase 2025 onwards					
Received applications		Stages of the Construction Level			
		Almost complete	Half way done	Not yet started	
Application Received New House	145	8	71	66	
Application Received House repair	114	3	25	86	
* Special note to the Parish Priest: CODP has stopped accepting further housing applications, untill the completion of the above mentioned houses. Please refer Internos Vol. 19 No.4 April 2025: Page No. 85. Total applications received 577 out of which 56 applications are rejected					

- **Fr Vincent D'Souza**
Secretary, CODP

GOLDEN BIRTHDAYS

Rev. Anil Prakash D'Silva, Parish Priest, St John Baptist Church, Kakkada, on September 14, 2025.

Rev. Anil Joel D'Souza, Parish Priest, St Sebastian Church, Thokur, on September 14, 2025.

May your 50th Birthday be a golden celebration of faith, a joyous reflection on your life's purpose, and a blessed journey into the many graces still to come.

WORDS OF REMEMBRANCE (EULOGY) FOR MSGR ALOYSIUS D'SOUZA

*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."
(Mt 5:8)*

My dear Bishops, Reverend Fathers, Sisters, and family members of Msgr. Aloysius, and all my brothers and sisters,

We have gathered today to bid farewell to one of the oldest priests of our Diocese. As the Sermon on the Mount tells us, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Monsignor Aloysius was a pure man, a humble priest. Pure in his words, pure in his speech, pure in his heart and mind. Pure throughout his long life of 100 years and 7 months. I am certain he has already seen God, and now the Lord has invited him to His table to dine with Him.

This holy priest was exceptional in many ways, and today we lift our hearts and minds to God in gratitude for the gift he was to our Diocese. The Lord gave him to us, and the Lord has taken him back. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Monsignor Aloysius began his life in Puttur, born on January 29, 1925, the only son of Martin and Piedade D'Souza, pious and proud parents. He lost his father while still an adolescent and was lovingly raised by his devout mother, who encouraged and supported his vocation to the priesthood. He completed his early education in Puttur before joining our seminary and was later sent to Kandy for his theological studies. He was ordained a priest on August 24, 1953. By now, he has completed almost 73 years in priestly ministry.

During these years, he served in various parishes and institutions: 9 years as Assistant at Bejai; 1 year as Parish Priest at Arva; 1 year as Secretary to the Bishop; 8 years as Manager of the Codialbail Press; 8 years as Parish Priest and Vicar Forane at Pezar; 6 years as Parish Priest and Vicar Forane at Kinnigoli; 8 years as Vicar General of our Diocese; 5 years as Director of St Anthony Institutes; and more than 20 years as Spiritual Father

at St Joseph's Seminary, Jeppu. It is very interesting to note that during his hundred years, Monsignor has witnessed the tenure of 9 Popes and 7 Bishops of our Diocese. His priestly life reveals that he was a man of many talents who embraced ministry in varied forms, serving parishes, institutions, and formation houses, always connecting deeply with people in every circumstance.

Now, I would like to highlight four remarkable qualities of our dear Monsignor:

1. He radiated the joy of the priesthood. This holy centenarian lived the joy of priesthood fully and wholeheartedly. That joy shone in his words, his smile, his serenity, his love, and his sacrifice. There is a saying: "Happiness consists not in what a person possesses, but in what possesses that person." What possessed Monsignor? Not money, gold, or silver; not titles, buildings, or academic honours. What possessed him was the love of the Lord and the love of the Church. If Scripture tells us, "Obedience is better than sacrifice," then Monsignor lived this to the fullest. He was obedient to his superiors, to rules and regulations, to liturgical norms, and to the demands of a priestly life. His joy wasn't found in grand gestures, but in small things, because he believed in the God of small things. He believed in the God who became flesh and lived among us. His God was the God of humble people, and in small, daily events, he found Emmanuel—God with us and for us. Just as the Psalmist says, "Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in His commands" (Ps 112).

2. He saw learning as a lifelong journey. The golden rule of his life was: "A seeker of knowledge is never at rest." For him, learning had no limits—no time, no place, and no age restriction. He was a teacher of Latin, proficient in English, and deeply versed in Konkani. He edited the diocesan liturgical book, *Ordo*, for more than four decades and corrected numerous articles and books in both Konkani and English. His knowledge of homeopathy was also remarkable. He even kept a small clinic in his room, helping many people regain their health. His curiosity was healthy and boundless, a sign of his active and disciplined mind.

3. He was a man of rigour and rhythm. Monsignor Aloysius was a man of great rigour - a quality that was almost synonymous with him. His disciplined daily schedule was a testament to this, with time set aside for the Breviary, Holy Mass, visits to the Blessed Sacrament, Examination of Conscience, Adoration, the Rosary, and a Holy Hour. His life was meticulously organised; his meals were orderly, his walks were at set times, and he kept regular office hours. He offered spiritual direction with precision and faithfully visited families in his parish.

4. He was free from earthly attachments. He lived by the principle: "Be happy with what you have." His life was clean, sacred, and free from worldly allurements. I recall one night, years ago, around 11:30 p.m., when he called me. I was the Rector at the time, and he said, "Fr. Rector, I am not feeling well." When I arrived, he was seated in his chair. He asked to make his confession, which I heard. He then showed me where his books and documents were kept. I urged him to go to the hospital, but he refused, saying he was ready to go whenever the Lord called him. He truly followed the Pauline principle: "For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Phil 1:21). Here was a priest wholly given to service, expecting nothing in return.

Dear Monsignor Aloysius, today we say our final farewell. We thank you for your holy, committed, and sincere life as a priest of our Diocese. Thank you for being a living example of priestly joy and dedication. Thank you for teaching us more through your deeds than your words about the sacredness and beauty of the priestly vocation. Thank you for walking the path of the Beatitudes and leaving us a rich spiritual legacy. May you now enjoy eternal bliss with the angels and saints. Pray for us, our Diocese, our priests, our parishes, our institutions, and all our people.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

- **Rev. Fr Joseph Martis**
Parish Priest, Derebail

R.I.P.

- Mrs Leena Noronha (80 years), mother of Rev. Fr Melwyn Noronha, Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Alangar-Moodbidri, passed away on August 2, 2025. Her funeral took place on August 10, 2025, at Holy Cross Church, Taccode.
 - Sr Mable Goveas, SCCG (Sisters of Charity), aged 80, sister of Rev. Fr Stany Goveas, Parish Priest of Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Madanthyar, passed away on August 2, 2025. Her funeral took place on August 3, 2025, at St Joseph's Church, Jeppu.
 - Rev. Msgr Aloysius D'Souza (100 years and 7 months), the senior-most priest of the Diocese of Mangalore, residing in St Zuze Vaz Home, Jeppu, passed away on August 7, 2025. The funeral was held the following day, August 8, 2025, at St Vincent Ferrer Church, Valencia.
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