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BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR JANUARY 2026

- 1 10.30 a.m. Mass at Bellare – Declaration of New Parish
- 30.30 p.m. Post-Bicentenary Golden Jubilee, Mogarnad Parish
- 3 09.30 a.m. Seminar on Minority Status and Educational Rights, SJEC
- 4 03.30 p.m. Mass and Eucharistic Procession
- 7 03.30 p.m. Governing Body Meeting, St Antony's Ashram
- 8 10.00 a.m. Diamond Jubilee Mass, Bellore
- 14 04.00 p.m. Commission for Health, Training Programme, FMCI, Kankanady
- 15 09.45 a.m. Post-Centenary Golden Jubilee, Society of Divine Word, Kirem
- 06.15 p.m. Mass at St Zuze Vaz Home, Jeppu
- 17-18 Pastoral Visit, Shirthady
- 19 05.00 p.m. Prayer for Unity, St Paul's Church, Near State Bank, Nehru Maidan
- 20 10.00 a.m. Mass at Friendship House, Talapady
- 22 03.00 p.m. Blessing of the Renovated Church, Siddakatte
- 25 09.30 a.m. Centenary Celebration of SVP, at FMCI
- 26 09.00 a.m. Board of Administration, St Joseph Inter-Diocesan Seminary, Jeppu
- 27 10.30 a.m. Golden Jubilee Mass, Angelore

29 10.00 a.m. Mass at Karkal-Attur

30 04.30 p.m. Ordination at Lawrence Nagar, Permude,
Kasargod

31-01 Feb Pastoral Visit, Kokkada

Bishop Meets in the Forenoon:

Religious men and women, 21; Diocesan Clergy, 22;
Lay Faithful, 24.

BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR JANUARY 2026

Papal Intention for January: The Pope invites us to pray with the Word of God so that it becomes nourishment for our lives. The Word of God is the source of hope in our communities; it helps us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church. In fact, the whole of our lives is explained through the power of the Word. Without the Word of God, sacraments do not make sense, and even our Christian life will remain without depth and meaning. The Word brings meaning to our lives, and it gives us direction. Let us love the Word of God and use it intensely for prayer.

The Eucharistic Procession: On the first Sunday of January, the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we honour Christ by taking him through the streets of our city. We take him into our lives and bear public witness by our prayer, singing hymns and the preaching of the Word of God. This year, the reflection will be focused on *Dilexi te (I have loved you)*, the Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Leo XIV. Fr Abraham D’Souza, SVD, will preach the Word of God at the Cathedral grounds. All Parish Priests are therefore instructed not to schedule any celebrations in their churches during the afternoon, so as to ensure the active participation of the faithful in this important diocesan event.

Year of Children 2026: After consulting the Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Council of Priests, we have decided to dedicate 2026 as the Year of Children. Special attention must be given to

the well-being of children below eighteen years of age, with a view to ensuring their holistic development. Together with the academics, we need to prepare them for family life, discernment of vocation, matters related to human formation, growth in relationship, emotional and spiritual development. As we prepare the annual programme for the implementation of the diocesan pastoral plan, I request all Parish Priests to ask the members of the Pastoral Commissions to give special focus to children in the parish. All Pastoral Commissions are encouraged to fine-tune their goals and objectives and plan activities that will help children grow in wisdom, courage, and strength, fostering their holistic well-being.

St Devasahayam, Patron of the Laity in India: On 14 January, we celebrate the feast of St Devasahayam for the first time at St Francis Cathedral, Kottar. The Holy See has approved the request made by the Indian Church and, through a decree issued on 16 July 2025, confirmed St Devasahayam as the Patron Saint of the Laity in India. Devasahayam was born on 23 April 1712 and martyred on 14 January 1752. He was canonized as a saint of the Church by Pope Francis on 15 May 2022. St Devasahayam is a model of courage and commitment to justice. He is concerned about the problems, worries and cultures of the underprivileged. He is particularly significant in today's context, in line with Pope Leo, who invites us to continue the synodal process of collaboration, dialogue, listening, and discernment. May St Devasahayam inspire everyone to respect people of different religions, to go beyond all divisions, and to show us how to journey together towards a better life.

Unity Octave, 18-25 January 2026: The whole Church is invited to intensely pray for Christian unity from 18 to 25 January. The theme of this year's prayer for unity is "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling (Eph 4: 4)." This theme reminds us that, as one body of Christ, unity is at the very heart of our Christian vocation. May our common prayer facilitate the unity of all Christians, believers in one Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Ecumenical Sunday: We celebrate the Ecumenical Sunday on 18 January, at the beginning of the prayer for Christian unity. I would like to remind everyone about the historical event whereby Pope Leo XIV and the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Bartholomew I, signed a joint declaration in Istanbul (ancient Constantinople) on 29 November 2025, reaffirming their commitment to Christian unity and urging global peace efforts, in the context of 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea. On the occasion of the Ecumenical Sunday, I encourage you to organize common celebration together with the Christians of other Churches and denominations in your vicinity. This is an opportunity to meet the brethren of other Christian communities and to appreciate their love for the Word of God and their zeal for the Christian life.

Word of God Sunday: On 25 January, we celebrate the Sunday of the Word of God. It is a call for the faithful to celebrate, study, and share the Bible, highlighting its vital role in Christian identity. We can pay special attention to the Sacred Text by enthroning the Bible. Pope Francis wrote in *Aperuit Illis*, “Pastors can also find ways of giving a Bible, or one of its books, to the entire assembly as a way of showing the importance of learning how to read, appreciate and pray daily with Sacred Scripture.” The Lord gave us the Word of God to direct our gaze towards himself as he would lead us to the Father. We need to make greater and more consistent use of the Word of God in the formation of the conscience of our people, especially that of children. Let us help children recognise and cultivate a hunger for the Word of God (cf. Jer 15:16).

Wish you a Joyful New Year 2026.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha
Bishop of Mangalore

CONGRATULATIONS TO MSGR EDWARD BARETTO ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS COADJUTOR BISHOP OF DARJEELING

Rev. Fr Edward Baretto has been appointed Coadjutor Bishop of Darjeeling by Pope Leo XIV, with the announcement made on 29 November 2025. Fr. Baretto was born on 5 January 1965 in Alampuri, located within Nirkan parish. He received his early education at St. Thomas Higher Primary School, Nirkan, and continued his studies at Milagres High School, Mangalore. In 1982, he joined the John XXIII Minor Seminary in Darjeeling.

He completed his seminary formation, including studies in philosophy and theology, at Morning Star College, Barrackpore, and was ordained a priest on 25 March 1993. Following ordination, Fr. Baretto served as Assistant Director of the Minor Seminary in Darjeeling and took charge of the diocesan newsletter, Tea Leaves. He earned a Master's in Philosophy from Jnana Deepa in Pune and taught philosophy at Morning Star College. He later pursued a Master's in Canon Law at St. Peter's Pontifical Institute in Bangalore.

Over the years, Fr. Baretto has held several key roles: Professor at Morning Star Regional Seminary, Barrackpore; Judicial Vicar for the Dioceses of Darjeeling and Bagdogra; Parish Priest in multiple parishes; Director of the Divya Vani Pastoral Centre, Darjeeling; Secretary to the Commissions of Liturgy and Canon Law; Coordinator of the Diocesan Commissions since July 2025

Given his extensive service and rich pastoral experience — spanning seminary formation, canon law, parish ministry, and dedicated tribunal work — along with his deep familiarity with the pastoral realities of Darjeeling's unique context, including its hilly terrain, culturally diverse communities, tea-estate parishes, and the remote districts of Sikkim, his appointment ensures both continuity and leadership rooted in local understanding.

We are truly proud that he hails from the Diocese of Mangalore, and we wholeheartedly wish him every blessing as he embraces this new mission. His episcopal ordination is scheduled for 21 January 2026 at St. Augustine School Grounds, Kalimpong. May his ministry be fruitful, inspiring, and continually strengthened by God's grace, as he leads with wisdom, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the people entrusted to his care.

REMINDER ON ANNUAL MISSION STATISTICS – 2025

The Annual Mission Statistics Sheets/Forms for the year 2025 (January–December) were distributed to all Parish Priests and Superiors of Religious Houses (Men and Women) and were received by them on or before 10 December 2025.

All concerned are kindly requested to carefully and accurately fill in the updated details for the year 2025 in the spaces provided and to return the completed forms to the Chancery on or before **20 January 2026**. Many have already submitted their forms, and their promptness is sincerely appreciated.

Parish Priests are kindly requested to remind the Religious Houses within their parishes to submit their Mission Statistics, if they have not already done so, to meet the deadline.

Your cooperation will greatly assist in tabulating and compiling the annual statistical data for the entire Diocese, which will be submitted to the Apostolic Nunciature and the Holy See by the end of January 2026, as required.

- Chancellor

CANONICAL ERECTION OF HOLY CROSS CHURCH BELLARE AS AN INDEPENDENT PARISH

Upon the formal request of the Parish Priest of Panja, made in concurrence with the Priest-in-charge of Bellare and with the support of the faithful of both the parish and the Holy Cross Chapel, the Bishop constituted a Commission to study the

feasibility of erecting Holy Cross Chapel, Bellare, a substation of St. Rita Church, Panja, into a parish. After examining the proposal, the Commission submitted a favourable report to the Bishop dated 15 December 2025.

Considering that the substation comprises two wards with 51 families and approximately 214 faithful, and that it has a well-maintained chapel, presbytery, cemetery, parish office, catechism facilities, and 3.29 acres of land with sufficient resources to support its mission; and that establishing a parish would better facilitate pastoral and socio-developmental care; and having consulted the Council of Priests on 19 December 2025 (cf. can. 515, §2), the Bishop has decreed the erection of Holy Cross, Bellare, as a territorial parish, with all rights, duties, and obligations granted by law, effective 1 January 2026.

Furthermore, it is decreed that Rev. Fr. Antony Prakash Monteiro, who is currently serving as Priest-in-charge of Bellare, shall assume office as Parish Priest from the date of its canonical erection as a parish.

REASSIGNMENT OF INFANT JESUS PARISH, VAMADAPADAVU FROM THE CENTRAL VICARIATE TO THE BANTWAL VICARIATE

To foster pastoral care through shared activity, neighbouring parishes may be grouped into vicariates forane (deaneries). In establishing or reorganising them, the Bishop should consider factors such as population and customs, geography and history, proximity of parishes, and the ease of organising regular clergy meetings (*Apostolorum Successores* 217).

Considering that during the Parish Pastoral Visit of Infant Jesus Parish, Vamadapadavu on 13–14 April 2024 its Parish Pastoral Council proposed its transfer to the Bantwal Vicariate instead of the Central (Moodbidri) Vicariate, and that the priests of the Central Vicariate endorsed this proposal; and that on 10

September 2025 the Parish Priest renewed the request, citing easier access to Bantwal, more difficult and costly travel to Moodbidri, the shorter distance to Bantwal (17 km vs. 21 km), and that many parishioners formerly belonged to Nirkan and Agrar parishes of the Bantwal Vicariate; having consulted the Council of Priests on 19 December 2025 and obtained their favourable votum, the Bishop has decreed that Infant Jesus Parish, Vamadapadavu, is reassigned from the Central (Moodbidri) Vicariate to the Bantwal Vicariate, effective 1 January 2026.

INSTALLATION OF MY DIOCESE ERP SOFTWARE AND TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR OFFICE SECRETARIES AND PRIESTS

As per *The Guidelines for Parish Priests on Implementing Parish Data Software in the Diocese of Mangalore*, published in *Inter Nos* of December 2025, the Bishop instructed all Parish Priests to contact Rev. Fr. Evan J. Gomes, SVD, at the earliest so that the installation of the My Diocese ERP Software may be completed by the end of January 2026.

In light of the above directive, we once again request you to kindly ensure that the My Diocese ERP Software is installed in your parish on or before **31 January 2026**. For installation and technical guidance, please contact **Rev. Fr. Evan J. Gomes, SVD** (Phone: **9482185327**). He will inform you of the details and requirements necessary for installing the software.

If your parish is currently using any other software, you are requested to convert the existing data to Excel format and send it to Fr. Evan, who will upload it to the new system.

Even parishes that have not been using any software to maintain church records are now required to do so in accordance with diocesan guidelines.

A **training programme** will be held in February 2026 for parishes that have completed installing the My Diocese ERP Software. The training is intended for **Parish Priests and the office assistant/secretary** who handles parish office work.

The **date and venue of the training programme**, along with further details, will be communicated directly to those parishes that have contacted Fr. Evan Gomes for installation.

After the software is installed and the training programme is attended, you may begin entering parish data with the assistance of parishioners who possess basic computer knowledge. If you wish, one or more such parishioners may also attend the training programme, provided the software has already been installed in your parish, and they bring their own laptops for training.

We kindly request that you treat this matter with priority, as this system will significantly reduce office workload and enable more efficient service to the faithful, especially in issuing documents and in securely maintaining parish data and records. We seek your kind cooperation in this important initiative.

- Fr Walter D'Souza
Diocesan Coordinator
for My Diocese ERP Software

You may have flaws or feel weary, but never forget that your life is precious and purposeful. *“I am fearfully and wonderfully made”* (Psalm 139:14). God has entrusted you with a life of meaning, and your presence is needed and loved.

Happiness is not a life without trials. *“In this world you will have trouble, but take heart”* (John 16:33). True joy is found in forgiveness, hope in struggle, and trust that *“all things work together for good”* (Romans 8:28). Even in dry seasons, *“The Lord will guide you always”* (Isaiah 58:11).

Choose to live not as a victim, but as a child of God—humble enough to say “forgive me,” brave enough to say “I love you,” and open enough to receive grace. *“Clothe yourselves with love”* (Colossians 3:14).

Above all, never lose hope. *“May the God of hope fill you with joy and peace”* (Romans 15:13). Life is God’s gift, and even the stones in your path can become a foundation, for *“The Lord is my rock”* (Psalm 18:2).

EARMARKED COLLECTIONS FROM PARISHES REMITTED TO BISHOPS HOUSE

UP TO 23.12.2025

No	PARISH	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Solidarity	Soc. of St. Peter Ap.	Ongoing Formation	Comm-union India	Aposto late	Monthi Feast	Mission Sunday	Christ the King
1	RosarioCathedral	21820	34110	10470	17315	18170	12010	19580	30950	284668	19440
2	Adyapady	2687	2791	1552	1849	1395	950	2246	2850	55000	1439
	Anthonykatte	6066	11709	2315	2700	2980	1840	3835	7960	-	1940
3	Agrar	18000	43250	12166	14285	12741	9250	12874	17744	450000	13916
4	Allipade	10128	19294	7758	8403	8563	7505	8540	15243	215000	8349
5	Ammembal	13440	27085	9900	11475	12300	6485	12200	19100	169500	11630
6	Anegudde	2751	3805	3015	1881	1628	732	1462	5102	40700	2188
7	Angalore	57227	107063	27752	27007	27107	21670	30803	54052	502325	29015
8	Arva	8124	18208	5060	5448	6170	4387	6165	11085	84555	5611
9	Ashoknagar	31662	64269	25552	26124	20678	16900	22602	35117	359831	21685
10	Badyar	12250	21500	6700	7075	7110	4934	7014	12784	115000	9880
11	Bajal	20731	34922	18483	14499	12908	9065	18050	31441	126634	14850
12	Bajjodi	17944	28403	11701	14072	11826	7241	14016	21782	127217	11632

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13	Bajpe	43070	71148	26995	26694	27010	20357	26590	47400	260260	27875
14	Bambil	4192	9100	3540	3100	3712	2812	3444	4040	31450	2116
15	Bannur	11568	24195	7307	8692	8566	4712	8994	15588	123183	8829
16	Bantwal	37230	84245	26798	25300	25936	14562	29386	24577	301235	23860
17	Bejai	87213	129912	41876	51048	43650	33505	48955	63761	1804775	43047
18	Bela	14668	53311	15824	19497	18139	9012	16405	19926	205500	19551
19	Belloor	6944	21795	5990	8563	10966	5983	9500	15755	213000	7508
20	Belthangady	39769	59510	17452	19310	19050	9699	20136	28845	605416	17830
21	Belvai	7355	15472	7725	6184	5051	5897	6268	10520	89371	8550
22	Bendur	129540	176080	74720	76408	76550	64310	83410	116220	706597	79624
23	Bola	5398	6691	4680	4398	4408	2801	8184	15550	41160	4118
24	Bolkunje	15224	20204	6431	7600	8389	6657	5191	14635	51049	4812
25	Bondel	60630	90920	46280	53040	41200	33230	48600	56195	600000	51150
26	Borimar	5837	12807	7572	5557	5875	3405	6190	7090	124460	5130
27	Bovikana	1596	4577	1760	2376	2156	700	1905	2460	40990	1980

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28	Cascia	11926	26933	9907	9355	10114	9250	12704	19075	114000	12095
29	Cordel	111373	146848	65552	75719	70075	59712	77161	119730	695189	76862
30	Derebail	83385	116819	47873	56613	53332	31303	51938	74953	1216688	64648
31	Delanthabettu	3630	5130	2650	3190	2710	2035	3063	3070	22074	2320
32	Eliarpadav	10470	22180	4925	5680	5780	5040	7780	9300	50000	5420
33	Fajir	20083	47333	17450	17767	18311	10695	19816	29350	200000	16234
34	Farla	11096	26150	10648	10054	10017	5939	11464	16303	137570	10250
35	Ferar	16880	50215	9116	11060	10039	8650	11640	21597	160000	12335
36	Fernai	6041	11060	6287	6517	6623	4360	7042	9794	111028	6332
37	Gantalkatte	8773	15118	6105	7016	6024	6046	6012	11265	87112	5749
38	Gardady	5110	9390	3740	2475	2588	2300	3710	6527	70000	2943
39	Gurpur	20216	47514	13067	13615	14307	10641	14245	24200	170260	14854
40	Hosabettu	12950	34010	8540	8100	8020	7430	9250	19740	121855	8980
41	Indubettu	3112	7883	2543	3197	2649	1381	2490	4384	96006	2718
42	Jeppu	39823	72162	10244	15650	18808	12183	12661	26669	167100	14097

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43	Kadaba	1814	6270	1331	1991	1832	1058	2049	2117	47700	2482
44	Karady	6097	16824	7155	7781	7505	4435	7759	10653	52700	8167
45	Kasargod	4055	9864	5232	6203	4302	2476	5191	5430	100335	4791
46	Kateel	5506	9500	4210	5450	5899	4095	6280	10024	76105	3970
47	Katipalla	15158	37765	12877	17318	13535	8735	14766	32605	142617	13660
48	Kayyar	10493	22126	13720	11200	12844	7225	12120	16310	100000	16738
49	Kelarai	28171	51597	20638	20273	20258	9926	19319	24068	195512	21692
50	Kinnigoli	31414	46399	20538	26614	30767	20655	24023	37545	315501	21242
51	Kirem	23188	45550	18657	16256	15300	13576	16296	33310	317475	24192
52	Kokkada	6354	11631	5096	4685	4655	3641	5350	8777	90210	4507
53	Kollangana	7114	16801	6785	5782	5563	2844	5640	7281	111334	6274
54	Komangala	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17500	-
55	Kulur	25054	48909	13876	20901	16895	12755	16789	37847	261959	15696
56	Kumbla	7232	8514	5528	4984	5408	3650	3980	5917	110956	5308
57	Kuppepadav	8668	16486	10578	5312	4905	3724	6357	9630	123975	5047
58	Lawrencenagar	3741	5462	4367	4180	4993	2564	4141	5085	50020	4220

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59	Loreto	23465	60489	15943	16646	17586	14525	18275	37415	475023	18036
60	Madanthyar	29220	60441	23136	22443	24596	16338	20147	48132	800000	22560
61	Manela	6371	11113	6350	5592	6566	2934	6144	9170	110500	7065
62	Maniyampare	2574	8187	4027	4848	4630	1922	4976	6537	43705	5004
63	Manjeshwar	6992	11794	6377	5469	6027	5700	7133	9199	127300	7743
64	Manjottie	5660	9520	4200	6123	6071	3135	5890	7864	129397	4697
65	Mariashram	8705	19051	5602	5138	6645	3202	6200	10150	204900	4642
66	Maril	20000	24250	400	11500	12750	9100	10100	20500	235666	10950
67	Milagres	83700	90590	68370	76410	69590	44350	71900	77870	892470	75890
68	Miyapadav	4914	13535	6733	8026	8997	3328	6982	10221	65907	7765
69	Mogarmad	22994	59617	17828	20362	20520	14575	20876	33789	277445	17934
70	Moodbidri-Alangar	13799	31994	11643	13242	9689	9392	11748	21152	372000	11746
71	Moodbidri-Town	36531	67827	20134	21498	22169	12110	24150	25046	324479	18760
72	Mudipu	10724	26680	5933	8753	7450	7128	8026	11794	119120	8258
73	Mukka	9501	15400	6337	4870	8000	5109	5333	10009	195031	6668

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74	Mulky	22806	38399	10226	13283	21252	16463	16533	27718	225500	12827
75	Nainadu	5753	12374	6841	6023	8077	3702	6316	9055	82052	6185
76	Nala	3002	3703	2800	3052	2481	1704	1795	3353	67700	2497
77	Narampady	15738	19856	11612	10901	9938	7002	11342	14956	302559	11094
78	Naravi	11864	31414	7203	8765	8478	7592	7429	18703	234152	7522
79	Neermarga	28244	41900	14175	18225	15405	12488	16040	33262	166125	16310
80	Neerude	20625	30127	10837	15639	7880	9166	8355	17031	83401	7505
81	Nellikar	3986	6335	3247	4445	3392	1760	3450	5197	35095	3127
82	Nellyady	2980	6622	2990	3086	2175	1940	2907	5325	115399	3242
83	Niddodi	12140	23930	8690	7230	12300	7610	7620	13880	87850	5510
84	Nidpally	3282	4885	2914	3475	4150	1985	4210	5360	90730	3390
85	Nirkan	8100	18850	6420	6014	5266	4014	6445	8126	112000	7000
86	Nithyadarnagar	13190	30335	7264	8116	6628	6679	10616	18115	128502	8016
87	Omzoor	22329	27533	15390	14689	15157	14034	16162	27782	198175	15197
88	Pakshikere	14822	25486	9030	7219	9093	6823	9615	15620	126125	7433

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89	Paladka	11025	22472	10810	9331	7987	7908	10627	14747	70087	11276
90	Paldane	19593	31297	15975	18768	14493	12461	19817	29618	251670	14130
91	Panir	24776	51830	15328	18540	18316	8564	17948	29592	944484	1524
92	Panja	3430	3560	5350	2384	2915	1110	2812	3765	26448	3105
	Bellare	1430	2953	2020	2400	2380	1130	1930	3370	50000	2300
93	Pavur	3440	6155	1620	2700	2230	2300	2340	2400	21175	2140
94	Pavur Uliya	1073	3081	968	794	633	657	554	2317	7171	581
95	Permannur	60060	110000	32220	33060	38030	25060	35110	84000	404040	37000
96	Permude	11770	16730	5800	7140	7884	5557	7088	15567	65000	7202
97	Peruvai	4570	9135	5384	5160	4400	3328	4629	8574	57175	5459
98	Pezar	4386	11146	3662	3581	2971	2972	3245	3192	53000	3398
99	Puttur	31766	98609	26308	26618	31994	20236	34958	48112	1500000	33401
100	Ranipura	23417	43814	11372	13462	13761	6800	15735	30148	134000	12900
101	Saletthur	3952	8322	3960	4167	4032	2981	3983	6209	70041	3890
102	Sampaje	2600	5280	2380	2500	2340	2320	2380	3680	36000	2480
103	Sampige	8180	14270	6220	5041	5892	4014	5412	9845	336480	5372

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104	Saverapura	2660	6200	3140	3300	2500	2600	4100	6500	30000	3350
105	Shakthimagar	11140	18970	6207	9100	7704	5925	8175	19407	157000	7840
106	Shambur	4285	5179	3443	4289	4357	3950	4654	4780	35874	3210
107	Shirbady	12365	26795	9900	9220	5850	8641	8180	12760	205615	9580
108	Siddakatte	14321	32616	11266	9961	9253	6270	10118	18543	91550	8787
109	Sulia	4955	14100	4780	6479	6110	2504	6221	8730	110516	6452
110	Surathkal	32058	48306	24822	30900	32575	23927	33041	46880	310880	29612
111	Taccode	12351	40789	8144	8684	8520	8552	11408	22085	84176	8476
112	Thannirbavi	3160	6610	2920	2470	1600	2060	2110	3650	3500	2090
113	Thodambila	11495	22145	6041	5606	7806	4751	7552	11351	92806	6342
114	Thokur	3995	11694	5928	3655	4200	3950	4460	10200	177415	3663
115	Ujire	11290	27464	8297	8532	7160	4284	8778	14358	165684	8631
116	Ukkinadka	2065	4070	2260	3011	3080	1896	2090	2663	38215	2295
117	Uppinangady	6435	12578	4551	4959	5349	2455	5317	11634	156689	4885
118	Urwa	55945	88663	42430	40186	41828	21105	40419	53960	358000	41332
119	Valencia	55147	83600	36260	43771	43135	26348	44083	60368	1351350	43420

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120	Vamadapadav	8321	19221	7205	6755	7653	4754	7584	13043	74186	8134
121	Vamanjoor	51013	91237	23434	31760	28478	20566	33750	40872	521615	26338
122	Venur	10490	21100	7540	7947	9463	5699	11604	13758	118871	11272
123	Vittal	16001	27273	8210	13350	12443	9780	12714	20581	253264	12653
124	Vorkady	10614	31598	12754	15069	13750	10164	16224	23158	203000	22374
a	KodialbalChapel	2400	7480	5011	450	4890	855	6110	5640	1660	1320
b	St. Ann's Friary	1200	12000	600	600	NA	-	-	NA	12000	-
c	St. AloysiusCollege	-	58099	-	-	NA	-	-	NA	11702	-
d	St. Fidelis Friary	3000	8000	2100	1500	NA	-	-	NA	8125	-
e	FatimaRetreatHouse	20000	50000	23590	25170	NA	21260	27680	NA	55040	-
f	InfantJesus Shrine	8979	24570	3789	8489	NA	5979	4780	NA	10416	4492
g	Asha Deep										
	Madanthyar-	-	-	-	NA	-	-	NA	-	-	
h	Divine Call Centre Mulky-	-	-	-	NA	-	-	NA	-	-	

COMMISSION FOR BIBLE

The Celebration of the Sunday of the Word of God and Bible Week

1. The Seventh Word of God Sunday will be celebrated on **25 January 2026** throughout the Universal Church. I invite you to celebrate this Sunday meaningfully as one of the important activities in the Parish. Commission for Bible of the Parish, along with others, can play an active role in planning this Sunday. “To actively experience the *Sunday of the Word of God*, it is important that preparations extend from the spiritual level (personal and community prayer) to the material level (adequate planning)” [Sussidio for Word of God Sunday 2026]. Liturgical Resource material in Konkani and English will be made available at Mangala Jyothi, and a copy will be sent to the parishes.

Theme: The Word of Christ Dwells Among You (Col 3:16)

ಎವರ್ಯೂ: ಕ್ರಿಸ್ತಾಚಿಂ ಉತರ್ ತುಮ್ಮೆ ಮದೆಂ ವಸ್ತಿ ಕರ್ತಾ (ಕೊಲೊಸ್ 3:16).

“A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, struck as we are by so many forms of blindness” (*Aperuit Illis*, 8). Dedicating an entire week to activities related to the Word of God would be fantastic. The following activities can be planned to celebrate the Word of God Sunday 2026 in the parish:

- A meaningful celebration of the Eucharist, emphasising in the homily the role of the Word of God in the lives of the faithful. Special prayers of the faithful and a special rite for the enthronement of the Bible in the Church.

- Distribution of copies of the Bible or selected sections of the Bible to all or to some representatives of the faithful can be held during this celebration. A rite involving these aspects will be sent to the parishes.
- In addition, the following activities can be planned for all the faithful of the parish during the day or on a suitable day dedicated to the Word of God:
 - i. Providing a time of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the community based on the word of God; ii. Having moments of Biblical Catechesis or holding Bible Study Sessions; iii. Bible Quiz; iv. Bible reading sessions and memorising some biblical passages; v. Bible Exhibition, vi. Biblical model-making competitions; vii. Bible-Housie; viii. Biblical storytelling, ix. Biblical Characters Fancy Dress, x. Biblical Evening with Biblical Skits, enacting of biblical passages, songs, dances, etc.; xi. Bible manuscript-writing competitions, biblical drawing competitions, chart making, etc.; xii. Biblical Film screening; xiii. A rite of enthronement of the Bible in the families. This list can continue. These and other similar activities can be organised for the faithful of all age groups.
- 2. Word of God Sunday and Monthly Bible Quiz:** To encourage people to read and study the Bible, a monthly online bible quiz has been organised. It falls on the last Saturday of each month. You are kindly requested to encourage people to participate in this initiative. **The monthly Bible Quiz for January 2026 (Online) on the Book of I Samuel and Galatians will be held on 24 January, 2026, from 8:30 pm to 9:00 pm.** The online link will be circulated from 01 January 2026.
- 3. All India Bible Conference 2026** organised by CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF INDIA, Commission for Bible, 20-22 January 2026, with the theme: “Innovative Pathways in Proclaiming the Word of God in India” at INIGO SADAN, Jnana Deepa Campus, PUNE. Priests, Religious and laity can participate. For details, please contact the Secretary of the Commission for Bible if you wish to participate.

4. KRCBC- Regional Commission for Bible Diocesan Secretaries Meeting on 27 January 2026, Subodhana, Regional Pastoral Centre, Bangalore.

- Fr Vincent Sequeira

Secretary, Commission for Bible

MANGALA JYOTHI

I. Programmes

3 : VII & X Std. School Catechism / VE Annual Exam
4 : Liturgy Animation - Diocesan Eucharistic Procession
8 : Extraordinary Ministers' Training, Bellore
12-13 : Evaluation of the Answer Scripts (VII & X Std.)
18 : Catechism Teachers' evaluation and training, Bantwal Deanery
25-29 : St Lawrence Basilica Attur - Ministry and Stall

II. Commission for Catechetics:

1. **VII & X Std. Catechism and VE exams:** The Diocesan level VII & X Std. Catechism and VE exams will be conducted on 03 January 2026, Saturday, from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. For details, refer to our website www.mangalajyothi.com or the Mangala Jyothi bulletin, December 2025 issue.

2. **Sunday Catechism Annual Exams 2026:**

Exam date: 08-02-2026, morning hours.

Mangala Jyothi is preparing common question papers for the annual exams (Std. IV-X). The question paper pattern is already published in our June 2025 bulletin issue. The copy of the question paper (Std. IV to X) will be sent to the deanery priest coordinators and Deans of the respective deaneries by 25 January 2026. Hence, parish priests are requested to collect the question papers from them. **You are free to modify the question paper to suit your situation or syllabus, if necessary.** Please do not change the examination date. The syllabus for the annual exam covers the entire year.

3. Parish / Diocesan level Faith Formation Day: The Parishes that have yet to celebrate their annual Faith Formation Day are requested to organise the event at the parish level, preferably on February 15th or 22nd, 2026 or according to your convenient day.

The Diocesan-level Faith Formation Day will be celebrated on 1 March 2026, Sunday, from 8.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m., at St Sebastian Church, Bendur. You are cordially invited to the programme.

III. Commission for Liturgy:

1. Enrolment of Extraordinary Ministers' Data / updating information online (Reminder):

We had requested you to enter the details of the extraordinary ministers online. Some parishes have already done it, and many have not done yet. This type of data is very much necessary for our records and also for your easy reference. To issue certificates and check other details, such as training/faculty renewal, online registration is required. So, kindly update the data. For more details, visit our website at www.mangalajyothi.com/parishlogin Extraordinary ministers data or contact our office at 0824-6666612. Please maintain a separate file for this ministry at the parish office. Our staff will call you in this regard and assist you. Kindly cooperate and complete the process by 28 February 2026.

IV. New Books available at our Stall:

- * දිලස් තේ, නාංපේ තුවේ මොරෝ කේලා, ප්‍රමුණුලිස් එක්ස්ව්‍යෝ
- * නාං දේවසතායෝ මා, ලායිකාංඡෝ පාඨෝන්
- * 'සිඹු මොගාලා' - ප්‍රරාධනාසීං මුස්තිෂ්
- * එංඩර් කේංඩිං - මුනරාආපෝ
- * බුදා ටාස්සිං මුස්තිකාං

V. Religious / Liturgical Items available at the 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/Kurtas/T Shirts (Production by Mangala Jyothi)
- * Mass vestments, albs, surplice, stoles, chalice, ciborium, etc.
- * Gift items for Catechism Day, Parish Day, etc.

VI. Information: A Mangala Jyothi stall will be set up during the annual feast of St. Lawrence Basilica, Attur. Facilities will be available for registering new subscriptions as well as renewals of *Jesuchi Suvartha* and *Devacha Sobdacho Sombram*. Kindly inform your parishioners accordingly.

- Fr Rohith D'Costa
Director, Mangala Jyothi

CODP PROGRAMMES

- 06.01.2026 : Training on Local Resource Management in Kotekar, Awareness on Health in Moodbidri
- 08.01.2026 : Capacity Building Training for DLF and TLF members
- 09.01.2026 : Christmas Celebration in Fajir
- 10.01.2026 : Awareness on Women's Rights in Vijayadka
- 13.01.2026 : Training on Advocacy and Networking in Talapady, Awareness on Women's Rights in Moodbidri
- 16.01.2026 : Field Staff evaluation CODP
- 20.01.2026 : Visit of the German team to CODP regarding skill programs on Caretaker
- 26.01.2026 : Training on Gender equality and justice in Sheni, Awareness on Strengthening of Okkuta in Bajpe
- 27.01.2026 : Training on Government schemes and facilities in Bela
- 30.01.2026 : Field & Women Empowerment Programme reporting Meeting in CODP

- Fr Vincent Dsouza
Secretary, CODP

R.I.P.

- Mrs Philomena Nazareth (82 years), mother of Rev. Fr Stanislaus Rodrigues, Parish Priest, Manela, passed away on 3 December 2025. Her Funeral Mass and Burial Rites took place on 4 December 2025 at Holy Cross Church, Byndoar.
- Mr Felix Crasta (79 years), father of Rev. Fr Paul Crasta, Parish Priest, Sampaje, passed away on 25 December 2025. His Funeral Mass and Burial Rites took place on 27 December 2025 at St Peter Claver Church Arva.

“The object of a new year is not that we should have a new year, but rather that we should have a new soul” (G. K. Chesterton). As the year turns, God invites us to renewal—not simply to begin again, but to continue with deeper faith and wisdom. What the New Year brings depends on what we carry within us, for “*what lies within us*” matters more than what lies behind or ahead (R. W. Emerson). Life is shaped not by waiting or wishing, but by faithfully becoming who we are called to be. So do not watch the clock—walk in trust. Keep moving forward, growing in grace, and continuing with God

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