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## BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR MAY 2026

- 1-6 CCBI, National Synodal Assembly, St John's Medical College, Bangalore
- 9 09.30 a.m. Confirmation at Kasargod  
04.30 p.m. Confirmation at Bela
- 11 03.30 p.m. St Antony's Trust Meeting
- 12 06.00 p.m. Online Study Session, Urbaniana University
- 13 10.00 a.m. Ordination at Carmel Hill  
05.00 p.m. Mass at Monte Mariano, Farangipet
- 15 06.00 p.m. Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination,  
Bishop A.P. D'Souza, Seminary
- 16 10.00 a.m. Confirmation at Naravi  
04.15 p.m. Confirmation at Ashoknagar
- 17 08.00 a.m. Confirmation at Miyapadav
- 23 09.30 a.m. Inauguration and Blessing of SRA Convent,  
Vamanjoor
- 24-1 June Visit to Same Mission

**Bishop Meets with Appointments only**

## BISHOP'S MESSAGE FOR MAY 2026

**Papal Intention for May:** Pope Leo XIV has invited everyone, from large producers to low consumers, to be committed to avoid wasting of food. While many go hungry, a few rich waste colossal amount of food. Greater consciousness has to be created about wasting food and depriving the poorest of the poor. On the global hunger index, as of early 2026, India continues to face a “serious” hunger situation, with reports indicating a ranking around 102<sup>nd</sup>–105<sup>th</sup> out of over 120+ countries, driven by high child malnutrition. Nearly 194 million people remain undernourished. Let our prayer rise to God so that the affluent are enlightened to avoid all wasting of food.

**Anniversary of the Election of Pope Leo XIV:** On 8 May, Pope Leo XIV completes his first year in the pontificate. Already the Pope has been recognized as a great champion of world peace. His courageous prophetic voice clearly calling the world leaders to come to the negotiating table has stirred up the consciences. Faithful to the teachings of Christ, who calls the peacemakers as children of God in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt 5: 9), Pope Leo has invited the world leaders to tread the path of justice, dialogue and peace rooted in human dignity. The teaching of the Church was firmly upheld that violence can never be the foundation of just and lasting peace and invoking God to justify war is a distortion of faith. His words are not those of political partisanship, but of moral and spiritual leadership, exercised in fidelity to the Gospel. Hope the leaders listen to the Pope and work for peace in the world. Let us stand by Pope Leo and pray for him.

**Marian Apparition at Fatima:** On 13 May, we commemorate the apparition of Mary in Fatima to the three shepherd children, Jacinta, Francis and Lucy. Mary called them to pray the Rosary so that the war might cease. We are once again in war time. The message of Mary is still relevant today. Her words at Fatima focused on prayer, penance, and reparation to save souls and achieve world peace. She urged daily recitation of the Rosary, devotion to her Immaculate Heart, and abandonment of sin, warning that humanity must amend its lives to avoid divine punishment

and further global conflict. Let us heed the call of our Heavenly Mother and pray the Rosary fervently, and plead Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace, to establish peace and understanding in the world.

**Thirtieth Anniversary of Episcopal Ministry:** Most Rev. Aloysius Paul D'Souza, Bishop Emeritus, completes thirty years of episcopal ministry on 15 May. As a shepherd after the heart of Christ, he has guided the faithful with compassion, wisdom, and tireless dedication, contributing richly to the growth and vitality of the Diocese. We unite in thanking God for the gift of his episcopal ministry and for the many blessings received through his leadership and pastoral care. The clergy, religious, and lay faithful are warmly invited to offer their prayers and good wishes for his intentions, especially for his continued good health and well-being.

**Birth Centenary of Late Bishop Basil Salvador D'Souza:** Our former Bishop, Most Rev. Basil S. D'Souza, was born on 23 May 1926. This year marks the centenary of his birth. The Diocese of Mangalore remains deeply indebted to Bishop Basil for his visionary leadership, especially in initiating and implementing the teachings of the Second Vatican Council in our Diocese. He imparted a strong missionary orientation to the local Church, the fruits of which continue to be felt even today.

He was ordained Bishop of the Diocese on 11 May 1965 and faithfully shepherded the people entrusted to his care with zeal and dedication. He was called to his eternal reward on 5 September 1996; this year marks the 30th anniversary of his demise. I invite the entire Diocese to offer prayers for the repose of his soul. Kindly remember him in the Holy Eucharist on his birth anniversary, 23 May. Where it is pastorally more convenient, this intention may also be included on 24 May, Pentecost Sunday, when the parish community gathers in full. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and reward him for his faithful service to the Church.

**New Priests Manifest Jesus' Face to Us:** On 16 April, God gave us five new priests. While I congratulate the newly ordained

Priests, Fr Jeevan D'Souza, Fr Loyd Rohan D'Souza, Fr Joel Monteiro, Fr Denzil Rodrigues and Fr Avil Santhumayor for their generous self-offering, I invite all to pray for them that they may remain faithful to the Lord all through their life. I sincerely thank their Parents, Priests who accompanied them in their life's journey, the Formators in the Seminaries and all the benefactors who have contributed towards their formation. I especially thank the Parish Priest of Cordel and the Parishioners who made all the necessary arrangements for the ceremony of ordination and all who have contributed in one way or the other. God bless you all.

**Transfer of Priests and New Mission:** In this month and in the next, transfers of Priests take place. Dear Brother Priests, the life in a Parish or Institution impresses a deep mark in the life of a Priest, as you too have made a difference in the lives of the People of God. I am sure you will cherish the day you stepped into a new Parish or Institution which now leave behind to take up another mission. Every encounter with any person must be considered as a moment of grace as God meets us in the persons we come across in our lives. As you move into the new place, may the Lord accompany you and may Mother Mary, Mother of Priests, intercede for you. Do not forget to pray for your successor and the people and also assist your successor for smooth transition. I sincerely thank you for your self-sacrifice in the past years.

**A Word of Gratitude:** On March 25 and 26, we had the pastoral consultation at St Antony's Ashram, Recollection and Chrism Mass in the Cathedral. We experienced love of Christ through our brother priests, both diocesan and religious. I thank the Director and his Assistants at St Antony's Ashram and his team, the Secretary of the Council of Priests and his team for organizing the whole event. I am indebted to the Vicar General, the Rector of the Holy Rosary Cathedral, the Preacher of the Recollection, and the Confessors. May the risen Christ bless you all.

Let us earnestly pray the Holy Rosary for world peace.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha  
**Bishop of Mangalore**

## **THE NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2026–2027**

The Diocesan Directory for 2026–2027 is scheduled for publication in the first week of July 2026. In preparation for this, all Parish Priests and Religious Superiors are kindly requested to submit any updates or corrections pertaining to their respective entries.

In this regard, the following instructions may kindly be noted:

1. Parish Priests are requested to carefully review the existing Directory entries relating to their parishes, institutions, and religious houses, and verify the accuracy of all information.
2. Parish Priests are also requested to coordinate with the heads of schools, institutions, and religious communities within their parish to collect any necessary updates and forward the same for inclusion in the forthcoming edition.
3. Changes arising from this year's transfers and appointments made by the Bishop will be incorporated automatically and need not be submitted separately.
4. With regard to contact details, kindly provide only the primary phone number.
5. Email addresses and website details are to be carefully verified. While submitting corrections, kindly mention only the changes or updates required, along with the corresponding page number(s) of the current Directory.

All corrections and updates for the Diocesan Directory must be submitted via email to [bp.mangalorediocese@gmail.com](mailto:bp.mangalorediocese@gmail.com) on or before **10 June 2026**.

Kindly note that submissions received after the deadline cannot be accommodated. We sincerely thank you for your kind cooperation and timely attention to this important matter.

**- Chancellor**

## INTRODUCING THE NEWLY ORDAINED PRIESTS OF THE DIOCESE OF MANGALORE

With hearts overflowing with joy and gratitude, we thank the Lord for the precious gift of five newly ordained priests to the Diocese of Mangalore. This moment of grace and celebration was marked on 16 April at Holy Cross Church, Cordel, where they were ordained by the Most Rev. Peter Paul Saldanha, Bishop of Mangalore

The Diocese rejoices in this blessed occasion, as the Church is enriched with new shepherds called to serve God's people with faith, dedication, and love. We now present a brief introduction to each of them:

1. **Rev. Fr Avil Santhumayor** is the youngest of three children of Mr Charles Santhumayor and Mrs Angeline Crasta of Shirthydy Parish. After completing his B.S.W. at St. Philomena College, Puttur, he joined St. Joseph's Seminary for his priestly formation. Known for his simple and gentle nature, Fr Avil has a deep interest in reading, writing, and singing. He completed his Regency at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre and later did his diaconal ministry at Mogarnad Parish. He draws inspiration for his priestly journey from the words of Prophet Isaiah: "*Fear not, for I am with you*" (Isaiah 41:10), which continue to guide and strengthen his vocation.

2. **Rev. Fr Denzil Rodrigues** is the youngest of six children of Mr Denis Rodrigues and Mrs Eliza Rodrigues of Nainad Parish. His third sister, Sr Sunita Priya Rodrigues B.S., is a member of the Bethany Congregation. After completing his B.S.W. at St. Philomena College, Puttur, he joined St. Joseph's Seminary for priestly formation. He undertook his Regency at Bela Parish and subsequently exercised his diaconal ministry at Cordel Parish. Gifted with talents in singing, drawing, and acting, Fr Denzil brings creativity and enthusiasm to his pastoral life. He is inspired by the words of St. Paul: "*Do everything in love*" (1 Corinthians 16:14), which he embraces as the guiding principle of his priestly ministry.

3. **Rev. Fr Jeevan D'Souza** hails from Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, Bela, and is the second of three children of Mr John and Mrs Irene D'Souza. He is the twin brother of Jestin. Having completed his B.S.W. at St. Philomena College, Puttur, he began his priestly formation at St. Joseph's Seminary. He undertook his Regency at Naravi Parish and subsequently carried out his diaconal ministry at Panir Parish. Fr Jeevan is passionate about dancing, songwriting, and singing, which reflect his vibrant personality. He draws inspiration from the words of Jesus: "*I have come that they may have life*" (John 10:10), which continues to guide his priestly vocation.

4. **Rev. Fr Joel Monteiro** is the elder of two sons of Mr Victor John and Mrs Pramila Montero of Cordel Parish. His mother has served for many years at St. Joseph's Seminary. After completing his B.S.W. at St. Philomena College, Puttur, he joined St. Joseph's Seminary for priestly formation. He undertook his Regency at Gladsom Home and later exercised his diaconal ministry at Bajal Parish. He enjoys playing musical instruments, singing, and writing. He has chosen as his priestly motto the words of Jesus: "*I seek not my own will, but the will of Him who sent me*" (John 6:38), which reflects the spirit of his vocation.

5. **Rev. Fr Loyd Rohan D'Souza** hails from Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Madanthyar, and is the youngest of three children of Mr Lawrence and Mrs Rita D'Souza. After completing his B.A. at St. Philomena College, Puttur, he entered St. Joseph's Seminary for priestly formation. He carried out his Regency at Kumbala Parish and later did his diaconal ministry at Gurpur Parish. Fr Loyd is gifted in drama writing, acting, and photography, talents he brings into his pastoral creativity. He draws inspiration from Psalm 18: "*The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer*", which strengthens his priestly journey.

St. John Mary Vianney once said, "*If I were to meet a priest and an angel, I would greet the priest before the angel, because the priest has the power to bring the God of heaven upon the altar.*" He also beautifully reminds us, "*The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus.*"

Dear newly ordained priests, you are called to this sublime and sacred vocation - a life wholly given in service of God and His people. It is a vocation of love, sacrifice, and joyful self-giving in the image of Christ the Good Shepherd. Through your ministry, you are entrusted with the sacred mission of making Christ present among His people and being instruments of His mercy, hope, and healing. Hearty congratulations to you on this grace-filled and joyous occasion!

- **Rev. Flavian Rajkiran Lobo**  
St Joseph Seminary, Jeppu

## **BASIC ECCLESIAL COMMUNITIES (BECs)**

### **Programmes – May 2026**

1. 01 May 2026 – BEC Training – Kulshekar
2. 03 May 2026 – BEC Training – Permannur
3. 10 May 2026 – BEC Training – Vittal
4. 24 May 2026 – Community Day - Modankap

- **Rev. Sunil George D'Souza**  
Director, BECs

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May holds a special place in Catholic life as a month traditionally dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the encyclical *Mense Maio* (Month of May), issued on April 29, 1965, Pope Paul VI says: “May is the occasion for a moving tribute of faith and love that Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month, Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God’s mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance.”

This devotion is rooted in Scripture. In the Gospel of John, Jesus calls Mary “woman” at Cana and again at the Cross, marking the beginning and end of His ministry. There, He entrusts her to the beloved disciple—traditionally John the Apostle—and through him to all believers, making her the mother of all who follow Christ. Thus, devotion to Mary is central to Catholic life.

**PRIESTS' TRANSFERS AND  
PASTORAL ASSIGNMENTS – 2026**

<i>Name</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Date</i>
1 Rev. Rohan Michael Dias	Studies in Hospital Administration	Administrator, Father Muller, Thumbay	13.05.2026
2 Rev. Sylvester Vincent Lobo	Administrator, Fr Muller, Thumbay	PP, Shirthady	14.05.2026
3 Rev. Harold Mascarenhas	PP, Shirthady	PP, Bela	15.05.2026
4 Rev. Stany Pereira	PP, Bela	PP, Bejai	18.05.2026
5 Rev. John Baptist Saldanha	PP, Bejai	PP, Puttur	19.05.2026
6 Rev. Lawrence Mascarenhas	PP, Puttur	PP, Vamanjoor	20.05.2026
7 Rev. James D'Souza (Sr)	PP, Vamanjoor	PP, Loretto	21.05.2026
8 Rev. Francis Crasta	PP, Loretto	PP, Vorkady	22.05.2026
9 Rev. Basil Vas	PP, Vorkady	PP, Bondel	24.05.2026
10 Rev. Andrew Leo D'Souza	PP, Bondel	PP, Permannur	25.05.2026
11 Rev. Cyprian Pinto	PP, Permannur	PP, Valencia	26.05.2026
12 Rev. Roque V. D'Sa	PP, Valencia	PP, Gantalkatte	27.05.2026
13 Rev. Ronald D'Souza	PP, Gantalkatte	PP, Ferar	28.05.2026
14 Rev. James D'Souza (Jr)	PP, Ferar	PP, Ammembal	29.05.2026
15 Rev. Michael D'Silva	PP, Ammembal	PP, Pezar	31.05.2026
16 Rev. Ronald E.L. D'Souza	PP, Pezar	Manager, St Joseph Workshops, Jeppu	01.06.2026
17 Rev. Andrew D'Costa	Manager, St Joseph's Workshops, Jeppu	PP, Eliarpadavu	02.06.2026
18 Rev. John D'Souza	PP, Eliarpadavu	Chaplain, Little Sisters of the Poor, Maroli	03.06.2026
19 Rev. Michael Lobo	Socius, Urwa	PP, Vittal	18.05.2026
20 Rev. Ivan M. Rodrigues	PP, Vittal	PP, Milagres	19.05.2026

21	Rev. Bonaventure Nazareth	PP, Milagres	PP, Bajal	20.05.2026
22	Rev. Leo William Lobo	PP, Bajal	PP, Niddodi	21.05.2026
23	Rev. Denis Suares	PP, Niddodi	Chaplain, White Doves, Maroli	22.05.2026
24	Rev. Valerian Frank	Chaplain, White Doves, Maroli	St Juze Vaz Home, Jeppu	23.05.2026
25	Rev. Ronald Cutinha	Leave	Paroch. Administrator, Kollangana	18.05.2026
26	Rev. Rithesh Rodrigues	PP, Kollangana	PP, Cascia	19.05.2026
27	Rev. Eric Crasta	PP, Cascia	PP, Ranipura	20.05.2026
28	Rev. Jayaprakash D'Souza	PP, Ranipura	PP, Sampaje	21.05.2026
29	Rev. Paul Crasta	PP, Sampaje	PP, Paladka	22.05.2026
30	Rev. Elias D'Souza (Sr)	PP, Paladka	PP, Siddakatte	24.05.2026
31	Rev. Daniel D'Souza	PP, Siddakatte	PP, Miyapadavu	25.05.2026
32	Rev. Edwin V. Corea	PP, Miyapadavu	Procurator, Bishop's House, Kodialbail	26.05.2026
33	Rev. Jagadish Pinto	Procurator, Bishop's House, Kodialbail	Socius, Permannur	29.05.2026
34	Rev. Gilbert D'Souza	Chaplain, St Antony, Jeppu	PP, Anegudde	28.05.2026
35	Rev. Paul D'Souza	PP, Anegudde	Retires. St Juze Vaz Home, Jeppu	29.05.2026
36	Rev. Ronald Serrao	Seminary, Jeppu	PP, Nithyadarnagar	21.05.2026
37	Rev. Antony Lasrado	PP, Nithyadamagar	PP, Jeppu	22.05.2026
38	Rev. Maxim D'Souza	PP, Jeppu & Seminary	Relieved as PP, but continues as Seminary Formator & Treasurer	23.05.2026
39	Rev. Jason Joseph Lobo	Asst Estate Manager Bishop's House	Asst Manager, Workshop, Jeppu	03.06.2026

40	Rev. Praveen D'Souza	Studies, Kristu Jyoti College, Bangalore	Mangalore Diocesan Director, ICYM	31.05.2026
41	Rev. Ashwin Lohith Cardoza	Mangalore Diocesan Director-ICYM and Regional Secretary	<i>Relieved as Diocesan Director, but continues as Secretary for the KRCBC Youth Commission</i>	01.06.2026
42	Rev. Stany Pinto	PP, Mukka	HM (In charge), Suratkal (additional)	11.04.2026
43	Rev. Avil Santhumayor	New Priest	Asst PP, Angalore	11.05.2026
44	Rev. Alwyn Crasta SCJ	Sacred Heart Fathers of Betharram (SCJ)	Asst PP, Valencia	29.05.2026
45	Rev. Pradeep C. Rodrigues	Asst PP, Valencia	Asst Estate Manager, Res: Rosario Cathedral	01.06.2026
46	Rev. Jeevan D'Souza	New Priest	Asst PP, Bejai	11.05.2026
47	Rev. Norman John Mathias	Asst PP, Bejai	Studies (M.Tech) TBD	
48	Rev. Loyd Rohan D'Souza	New Priest	Asst PP, Cordel	11.05.2026
49	Rev. Vijay Monteiro	Asst PP, Cordel	Asst PP, Bajpe	12.05.2026
50	Rev. Joel Monteiro	New Priest	Asst PP, Bendur	11.05.2026
51	Rev. Vivek Deepak Pinto	Asst PP, Bendur	Asst PP, Suratkal & B.Ed Studies	12.05.2026
52	Rev. Johnson Pereira	Asst PP, Suratkal & B.Ed Studies	Teaching, St Mary's, Uppinangady	13.05.2026
53	Rev. Vivian N. Rodrigues	Asst Dir., St Antony's Jeppu & Studies	Asst PP, Puttur	25.05.2025
54	Rev. Denzil Rodrigues	New Priest	Asst PP, Urwa	11.05.2026

55	Rev. Lanson M. Pinto	Asst PP, Urwa	Asst Manager, Codialbail Press	12.05.2026
56	Rev. Pramod Crasta	Asst Manager, Codialbail Press	Asst PP, Bantwal	13.05.2026
57	Rev. Lancy D'Souza	Asst PP, Bantwal	Asst PP, Kinnigoli	14.05.2026
58	Rev. Steevan J. Coutinho	Asst PP, Kinnigoli	Studies in Spiritual Theology	15.05.2026
59	Rev. Gilbert Mascarenhas, SAC	Assumption of the BVM Province, Bangalore	PP, Ukkinadka	01.06.2026
60	Rev. Sunil B. Miranda, SAC	PP, Ukkinadka	Returns to his Province	02.06.2026
61	Rev. Roshan Lopes, SAC	Assumption of the BVM Province, Bangalore	PP, Bovikanam	01.06.2026
62	Rev. Claudy Stany Vas, SAC	PP, Bovikanam	Returns to his Province	02.06.2026
63	Rev. Naveen Pinto	Res: Angelore	Res: Pastoral Institute	10.05.2026
64	Rev. Ivan Peter Cordeiro	Res: Codialbail Press, Bondel	Res: Shakthinagar	11.05.2026
65	Rev. Rupesh A. Madtha	Editor, Raknno	P.R.O. of the Diocese (additional)	01.06.2026
66	Rev. Ivan. M. Rodrigues	PP, Milagres (w.e.f. 19.5.2026)	Spiritual Director, Catholic Sabha Mangalore (additional)	01.06.2026
67	Rev. Victor D'Souza (Jr)	Asst. Director, Shanthi Kiran Counselling Centre Res. Omzoor	Asst. Director, Shanthi Kiran Counselling Centre Res. Urwa	09.06.2026
68	Rev. Rahul Dexter D'Souza	Studies in Counselling	Asst Director, Friendship House Talapady, Res. Omzoor	10.06.2026
69	Rev. Casmir D'Souza, SVD	SVD INM Province	PP, Nala	09.06.2026
70	Rev. Bernard Rodrigues, SVD	PP, Nala	Returns to his Province	10.06.2026

## APPOINTMENT ORDER FOR PARISH RECORDS

A copy of the appointment order of the newly appointed Parish Priest is sent to the outgoing priest to inform him who the new Parish Priest is, when he will assume office, and who the Bishop's delegate is for the installation.

This copy also serves as an official parish record. Therefore, the outgoing Parish Priest must retain the copy of the appointment order in the parish files and should not treat it as a personal copy.

The same principle applies to appointment letters of priests appointed as assistants, residents, or socius; these must also be maintained in the parish records by the Parish Priest.

Only the appointment order issued in one's own name is to be treated as a personal copy.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha  
Bishop of Mangalore

## CONSULTATION FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A VICAR FORANE: SUBMISSION OF RECOMMENDED NAMES

**To the Parish Priests of the following Vicariates**—namely, (i) Episcopal Vicariate; (ii) City Vicariate; (iii) St John Paul II Vicariate; (iv) Mangalore South Vicariate; (v) Eastern Vicariate; and (vi) Southern Vicariate—who are presently *in office and not under transfer*, as well as those *appointed as Parish Priests* in these Vicariates even though *have not yet assumed charge*.

Dear Rev. Fathers,

Following the transfer of certain Parish Priests who also served as Vicars Forane in the above Vicariates, these offices have become vacant. In view of this, I consider it appropriate to consult the Parish Priests of the Vicariates regarding the appointment of new Vicars Forane.

Accordingly, I request each of you to kindly undertake the following individually:

1. Kindly submit to me, in order of preference, **the names of two priests** whom you consider suitable for the office of Vicar Forane of your Vicariate.
2. The proposed candidates should be **capable of fulfilling the functions** outlined in the *Decree on the Office of Vicar Forane and His Role in the Vicariate*, promulgated on August 27, 2020 (cf. *Inter Nos*, September 2020, pp. 155–168). For norms regarding appointment, term of office, and qualifications, kindly refer to Sections II and III of the said Decree (pp. 157–158).
3. Please ensure that the proposed **names reach me** no later than **May 25, 2026**. Submissions received after this date will not be considered. For prompt communication, kindly use the **email address**: bp.mangalorediocese@gmail.com.

Kindly note that the appointment of the Vicar Forane remains the prerogative of the Bishop (cf. canons 157 and 553 §2 of the Code of Canon Law). This consultation is not an election, but an invitation to share your considered judgment in identifying a priest who can serve as a supportive collaborator and a true “elder brother” within the Vicariate.

With gratitude for your dedicated ministry and fraternal cooperation, I assure you of my prayers as you continue to serve God’s people.

✠ Peter Paul Saldanha  
**Bishop of Mangalore**

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After his election, it is said that Pope John Paul I jokingly told the cardinals, “May God forgive you for what you have done.” After his election, Pope Francis famously said: “You know that the conclave’s duty was to give a bishop to Rome... it seems my brother cardinals have gone almost to the end of the world to get him.”

**THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF  
MOST REV. BISHOP ALOYSIUS PAUL D'SOUZA**

May 15, 2026 marks the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Aloysius Paul D'Souza, Bishop Emeritus. At 85 years of age, he continues to remain ever upbeat, cheerful, smiling, and readily available—a gracious and inspiring presence to all who encounter him. Let us unite in prayer, asking the Lord to grant him continued health and abundant blessings.

*Congratulations, dear Bishop Aloysius, on this blessed milestone. Your episcopal ministry is a shining witness to faith, humility, and pastoral love. May the Lord continue to fill your life with peace and joy, and reward you abundantly for the countless blessings you have shared through your devoted service to God's people.*

**MARRIAGE OF EASTERN CATHOLICS IN A  
LATIN PARISH**

*The Case:* A man and a woman intending to marry in the Latin Catholic Church both belong to the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church. However, the man has been regularly participating in the liturgical and sacramental life of a Latin parish and considers himself to be part of the Latin Church as he was also baptised in one of the parishes of Mangalore diocese.

*In this situation, does the Latin Parish Priest have the authority to officiate at their wedding? What is the correct canonical procedure to be followed? Please provide clarification.*

**The Answer:** As a general principle, in marriages between Catholics belonging to different Churches *sui iuris*, each party remains subject to the law of his or her own Church *sui iuris*. Thus, the Latin party is governed by the Code of Canon Law (CIC), and the Eastern party by the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches (CCEO).

A person who belongs to an Eastern Catholic Church *sui iuris*, such as the Syro-Malabar Church or the Syro-Malankara Church, remains ascribed to that Church and subject to its competent authority, notwithstanding regular participation in the liturgical life of a Latin parish. Personal preference, place of worship, or habitual attendance does not effect any change in canonical ascription; such ascription is determined by law either through baptism or by a lawful transfer effected with the consent of the competent authority, in accordance with the applicable canons (cf. CIC, cann. 111–112; CCEO, cann. 29–38). Accordingly, even when Eastern Catholics have received baptism in a Latin parish—particularly prior to the establishment of their own ecclesiastical jurisdictions—such baptism does not alter their ascription to their proper Church *sui iuris*, except in accordance with the law.

If the parents are Eastern Catholics—or at least the father of the child is an Eastern Catholic—then the child belongs to the Eastern Church and not to the Latin Church, even if the baptism took place and is recorded in a Latin parish register. However, if the parents belong to different Churches (one Latin and the other Eastern) and both agree, with such agreement duly documented, that the child is to be ascribed to the Latin Church, then the child is to be considered as belonging to the Latin Church. In all these cases, the Parish Priest, while making the entry in the baptismal register, is required to note in the remarks column whether the child belongs to the Eastern Church—specifying either the Syro-Malabar Church or the Syro-Malankara Church—or to the Latin Church.

When one party is Latin and the other belongs to the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, the situation is not the same as when

both are Eastern Catholics. In this mixed case, the Latin Parish Priest does have jurisdiction to assist at the marriage by virtue of his office (if he is the proper pastor or has faculties in the parish where the marriage is celebrated), according to the law of the Latin Church. However, since one party belongs to the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, the marriage must be celebrated before a priest (not a deacon), even if the other party is Latin. This requirement concerns validity, because the priestly blessing is essential to marriages involving an Eastern Catholic. Hence only a priest can impart this blessing, and not a deacon.

In the case mentioned above, since both parties are members of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, their marriage must be celebrated before their proper Parish Priest or another priest who has the necessary faculties from their Church. A Latin Parish Priest can officiate validly only if he has received proper delegation from the competent Syro-Malabar authority (the Parish Priest or the Eparch/Bishop). Without such delegation, the marriage risks being invalid, not merely illicit.

**Procedure for the Marriage of Two Eastern Catholics in a Latin Parish:** When two Eastern Catholics (e.g., of the Syro-Malabar or Syro-Malankara Churches) seek to contract marriage in a Latin parish, with the Latin Parish Priest assisting and blessing the marriage, the following norms are to be duly observed:

- 1) The parties are to approach their proper Parish Priest or Hierarch (Bishop) of the Eastern Church *sui iuris* to which they belong for guidance and permission. Even if only the groom is Eastern, he should ordinarily be referred to his proper pastor.
- 2) The pre-nuptial enquiry (freedom to marry, documents, etc.) is to be conducted according to the norms of the Eastern Church of the parties.
- 3) Marriage preparation may be done in the Latin parish, but it must be recognized by the competent Eastern authority.
- 4) Permission to celebrate the marriage in a Latin parish must be obtained from the competent Eastern authority (normally the proper Parish Priest or Hierarch).

5) For validity, the Latin Parish Priest must receive explicit delegation (faculty) from the competent Eastern authority (usually the proper Eastern Parish Priest or Hierarchy) to bless the marriage. This delegation should be express and preferably in writing for juridic certainty. Since it is usually granted for a specific case, it cannot be subdelegated unless this is explicitly permitted.

6) Since the parties have chosen to celebrate the marriage in a Latin parish, they are to observe the liturgical norms of the Latin diocese and parish. Accordingly, when the marriage is celebrated in a Latin parish by a Latin priest, the liturgy shall follow the Latin Rite, both for the Mass (if celebrated) and for the rite of marriage.

7) If the Eastern Catholic parties desire to celebrate the marriage fully according to their own Rite, they should, as far as possible, be encouraged to do so within a church of their own *sui iuris* Church, where their liturgical tradition and canonical discipline can be more suitably observed.

8) The Parish Priest of the place where the marriage is celebrated is bound to record the marriage in the parish register. This obligation applies irrespective of the ascription of the parties. The Parish Priest of the place of celebration must transmit without delay a copy of the marriage certificate to the proper Parish Priest of the spouses' Church *sui iuris*, for necessary record in their proper parish. In addition, notification is to be sent to the place of baptism of each party, so that the marriage may be noted in the baptismal registers.

In summary, such a marriage in a Latin parish is permitted, but it must follow the canonical requirements of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church; the Latin Parish Priest can officiate validly only with prior permission and proper delegation from the competent Syro-Malabar authority, and he uses the Roman (Latin) Rite for both the Mass and the marriage.

- **Chancellor**

## COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL COMMUNICATION

### Diocesan-Level Media Training Programme

On the occasion of the **60th World Day of Social Communications**, the Commission for Social Communication, Diocese of Mangalore, is organising a half-day diocesan-level meeting and training programme.

We earnestly request all Parish Priests to encourage and send the Convener of the Commission for Social Communication (Parish Media Convener) from your respective parishes to participate in this important gathering. Their attendance is vital as we work together to strengthen our communication ministry and digital presence at the deanery & parish levels.

#### Event Details:

- **Date:** Sunday, May 31, 2026
- **Time:** 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. (Sunday Mass is included in the schedule)
- **Venue:** St Anthony's Ashram, Jeppu (*Breakfast and lunch will be served*)

- **Rev. Anil Ivan Fernandes** (9844274720)  
Secretary, Commission for Social Communication

## MANGALORE DIOCESAN SERVICE COMMUNION

### Seminar on the Charisms of the Holy Spirit

(Formation in the use of Spiritual Gifts for building up God's people)

The Mangalore Diocesan Service Communion is organizing a three-day seminar on the Charisms of the Holy Spirit, aimed at fostering a deeper understanding and practical use of spiritual gifts in the life and mission of the Church.

**Date** : 13, 14 & 15 July 2026

**Time** : 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.

**Venue** : Cordel Church Hall, Mangalore

**Language** : English

**Resource Person:** Rev. Sr. Elsis Mathew, MSMI (Kerala),  
(Member, CNSC)

Registration Fee: Rs. 1500/- (for all three days)  
(Covers food and seminar expenses; payable at the venue)

*For further information and registration, please contact:*

Fr Clifford Fernandes – 9449330676

Mr. Dolphy Lobo (Coordinator) – 9845114717

All priests, religious, and the laity are encouraged to participate and benefit from this enriching spiritual formation programme.

- Rev. Clifford Fernandes

**Spiritual Director, MDSC**

## **COMMISSION FOR EDUCATION APOSTOLATE**

### **A) Programme for the Conveners of the Commission**

We have organized a half-day training and awareness programme for the **Conveners of the Commission for Education Apostolate** on **Sunday, 31st May 2026**.

Kindly communicate this information to the relevant personnel. The programme will also include the celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

#### **Programme Details:**

- **Date** : Sunday, 31 May 2026
- **Time** : 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
- **Venue** : Shanthi Kiran, Bajjodi
- **Note** : Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

A link to a **Google Form** for registration will be shared via the official Diocesan WhatsApp group in due time.

### **B) Long-Term Residential NEET Coaching Programme**

The Diocese of Mangalore is offering a subsidised, residential NEET coaching programme in collaboration with Inspire NEET Academy, Deralakatte Mangalore at Father Muller Campus, for students who have completed II PUC with PCB (Physics,

Chemistry, Biology), to support talented Catholic students, especially from economically weaker backgrounds. This programme is intended for students aspiring to pursue professional courses through NEET such as MBBS, BDS, AYUSH (BAMS, BHMS, BUMS), Veterinary Sciences, Nursing, and Allied Health Sciences.

The programme will run for approximately 11 months (June 2026 to May 2027) and includes intensive coaching with a structured daily schedule combining classroom teaching and supervised study, along with regular tests, performance analysis, mentoring, and counselling support. It is a fully residential programme, and students are required to stay on campus throughout the duration, follow strict discipline, avoid use of mobile phones, and adhere to the academic timetable.

Selection will be based on academic merit, personal interview, and Parish Priest's recommendation, with priority given to economically weaker students. The total cost of the programme is Rs 2,14,000.00 of which a major portion will be subsidised by the Diocese, and students are required to contribute only Rs 50,000.00.

Parish Priests are requested to identify and motivate deserving students and direct them to the Secretary of the Catholic Board of Education for further process. The last date for the submission of application will be **25 May 2026**. The application form and other details will be available at the CBE office.

Kindly contact **8762669558**.

- **Rev. Praveen Leo Lasrado**

Secretary, Commission for Education Apostolate

## **CODP PROGRAMMES**

- 05.05.2026 : Training on Local Resource Mobilization in Talapady
- 08.05.2026 : Awareness on Free Legal Services in Fajir
- 11.05.2026 : Taluk Level and District Level Federation Meeting in CODP, Mangalore

- 12.05.2026 : Awareness on Government Schemes and Facilities in Moodbidri
- 17.05.2026 : Awareness on Welfare schemes for Labourers at Thokur
- 20.05.2026 : Awareness on Women's Rights in Talapady
- 25.05.2026 : Awareness on Constitutional Rights in Bajpe
- 26.05.2026 : Training on Mahasangha and Okkuta Strenghtening in Shenii
- 27.05.2026 : Awareness on Women's Rights in Bela

## II. Lenten Campaign 2026 update till 21.04.2026

Lenten Collection 2026 from Convents				
S.N	Parish	Convent Name	Amount Received in 2025	Amount Received in 2026
1	Cathedral	St. Ann's, Bolar	10,000.00	10,000.00
2		St. Ursula's , Bolar		3,000.00
3	Allipade	St Joseph of Cluny Convent, Allipade		5,000.00
4	Angelore	Holy Angel's, Belvedere	10,000.00	10,000.00
5		Capitanio, Kankanady	15,000.00	15,000.00
6	Ashoknagar	St. Joseph's Ashoknagar	2,000.00	4,000.00
7	Badyar	Bethany, Badyar	2,000.00	3,000.00
8	Bela	St. Capitanio, Bela	5,000.00	5,000.00
9		Dominican Sisters, C/o Bela Church		3,000.00
10	Bendur	St. Agnes, Bendur		25,000.00
11		Bethany Generalate, Bendur	5,000.00	10,000.00
12		Bethany Convent, Bendur		15,000.00
13		Prabhatar, Bethany Convent, Nanthur		12,000.00
14		St. Bridgit's, Nanthoor	5,000.00	5,000.00
15		Seva Nilaya, Lower Bendur		8,000.00
16	Bondel	Mary Immaculate, Bondel	2,000.00	2,000.00
17		Bal Yesu Nilaya, Konchady-Bondel	3,000.00	2,000.00
18		Vijaymari Convent, Maryhill-Bondel	25,000.00	5,000.00
19		Nazareth Nivas		21,060.00
20		Veronica Vihar		2,000.00
21	Derebail	Maria Bhavan, Kuntikan-St Ann Providence	5,000.00	5,000.00
22	Ferar	Nirmala Niketan, Ferar	4,000.00	2,000.00

23		St Joseph, Suralpady, Kinnikambala		2,000.00
24		Rosa Mystica Tertiate, Gurpur	5,000.00	5,000.00
25	Jeppu	Infant Mary Convent	20,000.00	20,000.00
26		J.M.J. Conv., Kadaba	5,000.00	5,000.00
27	Kasargod	Madonna, Kasaragod		5,000.00
28		Arogya Matha Kendra, Neermarga		5,000.00
29	Kirem	Mother of Mercy, Kirem		2,000.00
30		St Joseph, Nellyady	5,000.00	5,000.00
31	Kulur	Samudra Tare, Kulur	1,000.00	2,000.00
32	Kumbla	Holy Family, Kumbla	5,000.00	5,000.00
33	Kuppepadav	Maria Giri Convent		2,000.00
34	Madanthyar	Maria Kripa Conv., Madanthyar	5,000.00	5,000.00
35	Milagres- Mangalore	St. Mary's, Falnir	10,500.00	10,000.00
36		Nazareth Convent, Balmatta	4,000.00	2,000.00
37	Mogarnad	Deva Matha, Mogarnad	1,000.00	1,000.00
38	Moodbidri – Alangar	Holy Rosary, Alangar	1,000.00	1,000.00
39		Helpers of Mount Rosary, Alangar	10,000.00	10,000.00
40	Moodbidri – Town	Carmel, Moodbidri	5,000.00	10,000.00
41	Mulky	Madeline, Mulky	1,000.00	1,000.00
42	Neermarga	Holy Cross, Neermarga	5,000.00	5,000.00
43	Nirkan	Holy Family, Nirkan		2,500.00
44	Nithyadarnagar	Nithyadar, Nithyadarnagar		5,000.00
45		Somarpann, Generalate, Derlakatte		10,000.00
46		Shanthi Dham, Nithyananda Nagar		10,000.00
47		St Bridgit, Puttur	5,000.00	5,000.00
48		St. Joseph Convent-Patrao Hospital, Puttur	6,000.00	10,000.00
49	Siddakatte	Bal Christ Nivas, Siddakatte		1,000.00
50		Shanthi Rani, Arambodi, via Siddakatte	500.00	500.00
51		Assisi Sadan, Sullia	2,000.00	2,000.00
52	Suratkal	Japamala Matha Ashram, Suratkal	2,000.00	3,000.00
53	Urwa	Annunciation, Ladyhill, Urwa	10,000.00	10,000.00
54	Valencia	Holy Rosary, Jeppu-Valencia	5,000.00	5,000.00
55		Marian Conent, Behind Gerosa High School	3,000.00	1,000.00
56		St. Gerosa, Jeppu-Valencia	5,000.00	5,000.00
57		St Vincent Convent, Fr Muller- Kankanady	20,000.00	20,000.00

58		Dharmajyothi Social Centre, Vamanjoor		5,000.00
59		Bethany Provincialate	5,000.00	5,000.00
60	Venur	Christu Raj Ashram, Venur	1,000.00	1,000.00

Lenten Collection 2026 from Parishes			
S.N	Parish	Amount Received in 2025	Amount Received in 2026
1	Bajal	87,420.00	67,650.00
2	Bajpe	97,500.00	1,37,972.00
3	Bellore	55,000.00	1,02,680.00
4	Ferar	96,050.00	76,000.00
5	Kokkada	34,850.00	31,415.00
6	Komangala	12,850.00	12,350.00
7	Miyapadavu	45,380.00	47,400.00
8	Pakshikere	60,745.00	77,175.00
9	Paladka	53,330.00	61,290.00
10	Panja	10,000.00	9,440.00
11	Pavur	8,640.00	9,200.00
12	Permannur	1,00,000.00	1,00,000.00
13	Thodambila	48,270.00	46,280.00
14	Vittal	1,03,675.00	1,01,570.00

Lenten Collection 2026 from Institutions			
S.N	Institution	Amount Received in 2025	Amount Received in 2026
1	Father Muller	62,382.00	52,510.00

**- Rev. Vincent D'Souza**  
Secretary, CODP

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Humour, therefore, is a tool for humility. The Pope John XXIII often used to recount what he would say to himself when concerns about the church kept him up at night. As Fesquet reports: "Pope John confessed that he had some difficulty in falling asleep on the night of the memorable day that he announced the convocation of the Second Vatican Council. He said that he talked to himself in this way: "Giovanni, why don't you sleep? Is it the pope or the Holy Spirit that governs the Church? It's the Holy Spirit, no? Well, then, go to sleep, Giovanni!"

## MANGALA JYOTHI

### I. Programmes for May:

- 4-8 : Online CCC training for Catechesis.  
18-22 : Online CCC training for Catechesis.  
23 : Sunday Catechism Teachers Training, Mangala Jyothi, Bajjodi  
24 : Training Next - Gen Catechists, Mangala Jyothi, Bajjodi  
31 : Newly selected Catechism Training, Bajjodi

### II. Commission for Faith Formation - information

**1. Inauguration of the New Catechetical Year 2026:** New catechetical year begins on June 07, 2026. More details regarding the inaugural service will be sent to you by 15th May 2026.

**2. Newly Selected Catechism Teachers' (Catechists) Training:** Register them for an essential training program at Mangala Jyothi on Sunday, 31 May 2026, from 9.00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Parishes coordinators are requested to submit registrations by May 25th, 2026. (for registration contact: 8277937784). A registration fee of Rs. 200/- per teacher is to be covered by the parish (receipts issued). Certificates will be awarded to all participating teachers.

**3.** Online sessions on Catechism of the Catholic Church to the Catechists from **4 May to 8th/18th-22nd evening at 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m.** by Karnataka Region Faith Formation Commission.

#### **4. Catechists' Training at Mangala Jyothi:**

- 1. May 23, 2026 - Creative Tips and Tools for Sunday Catechism Teachers** (Open to all Sunday Catechism teachers)
- 2. May 24, 2026 - Training for Next-Gen Catechists** (For First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechism Teachers, other teachers too can register)

**Kindly Note:**

- a) Parish Priests are requested to encourage catechism teachers to participate in these programmes for proper formation and enrichment.
- b) Registrations to be done through a Google Form, which will be shared shortly.
- c) Registration fee: Rs. 200/- (for each programme). Parishes are requested to sponsor their catechism teachers.

**Resource Person:** Rev. Dr. Gilbert Choondal SDB, Christu Jyoti College, Bangalore

**4. Sunday/School Catechism Text Books:** Textbooks and all catechetical resources will be available at Mangala Jyothi. Please collect all materials by 15 June 2026.

**III. Commission for Liturgy - Information:****1. Training for the Newly Selected Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - 2026:**

Date : 14 June 2026,

Place : Mangala Jyothi

Registration Fee: Rs 200/-. Timing: 9.00 am to 2.00 pm,

Venue : Pastoral Centre, Bajjodi

**Note:**

1. Register the candidates Name at our office during office hours Monday to Friday between 9.00 am to 5.00 pm / Saturday 9.00 am to 1.00 pm by WhatsApp 8277937784.
2. Parish Priest is the authorized person to select the candidates, but not the Vice President, Secretary of the PPC.
3. Age Criteria: 40 for admission and 65 for retirement from ministry (Religious persons exempted).
4. To do this ministry Training, Certificate and Installation is mandatory.

5. Insignia is mandatory for the extraordinary ministers of distribution of Holy Communion, including religious sisters
6. If the faculty of the existing members not renewed kindly write to Bishop for the renewal. Renewal of faculty is mandatory. After the renewal it should be entered in online portal.

### III. New Arrivals and Other Items Available in the Stall:

1. ಮಿಸಾಚೈ ಸಂಭ್ರಮ್ಪೆಚಿ ಮಾಂಡಾವಳ್ - ಭಾವಾಡ್ತಾಂಚ್ಯಾ ವಾಪರಾ ಪಾಸತ್
2. ಆಮ್ಚೆಂ ಮೀಸ್ ತಾಚ್ಯಾ ಉಗ್ಡಾಸಾಕ್, ಬಾ| ವಾಲೆರಿಯನ್ ಫೆರ್ನಾಂದ್
3. Together Forever in Christ - Marriage Homilies (English)
4. All books and items related to Liturgy.

- **Rev. Rohith D'Costa**  
Director, Mangala Jyothi

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“I have searched all city-parks and found no statues of committees”  
(This remark is often attributed to G. K. Chesterton, though no verified source confirms it as his original statement).

“A committee is a group of people who individually can do nothing, but collectively decide that nothing can be done” (attributed to Fred Allen).

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## DIAMOND BIRTHDAY

Rev. Stany Monteiro, Parish Priest, St Francis Xavier Church, Indubettu, completes 60 years on 01 May 2026.

Warm and prayerful greetings on your 60th birthday! “A good shepherd gives his life in service, not counting the cost, but measuring the love.” May the Lord who called you continue to bless your priestly ministry richly, and grant you many years of peace, grace, and fruitful service.

## **R.I.P.**

- Mr Simon D'Souza (79 years), brother-in-law of Rev. Fr. Sylvester D'Costa, passed away on 16 April 2026. His Funeral Mass and burial rites were held on 17 April 2026 at Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Madanthyar.
  - Rev. Fr. Pius D'Sa (89 years), paternal uncle of Rev. Fr. Roque Victor D'Sa, Valencia, and Rev. Fr. Rudolph Ravi D'Sa, Gurpur, passed away on 14 April 2026. His Funeral Mass was held at Sacred Heart Church, Richmond Circle, Bangalore, followed by burial at the Sacred Heart Church Priests' Cemetery on 18 April 2026.
  - Mr Jerald Pinto (63 years), elder brother of Rev. Fr Ronald Pinto, Parish Priest, Permude, passed away on 22 April 2026. His Funeral Mass and burial rites were held on 25 April 2026 at St Thomas Church, Ammembal.
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