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Papal Intention: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Dear Fathers, Sisters, Jai Christ.

Jathra Utsav 2022 and Ruby Jubilee Celebration of Bidar Mission (4-6 Nov): ("My soul magnifies the lord, and my spirit rejoices in god my Saviour" (Lk: 1:47)

With Immense joy and Profound Gratitude to God for blessing us from last 40 years of its holistic service in Bidar, we joyfully thank God through this celebration, the Jatra Utsav 2022 and Ruby Jubilee Celebration of Bidar Mission. Let's co-operate whole heartedly with the Organizing Committee and fulfil the task assigned to us, so that this Jathra Utsav and Ruby Jubilee becomes a blessed and Memorable Event.

As usual, this year also we are sending one Sunday Contribution from our missions/Parishes towards Jathra expenses. As we have the Jathra on first Sunday of November, let's offer contribution on Sunday, 16th October towards Jathra Expenses.

Annual Retreat for Priests: The annual retreat of the priests will be held at Sugyan from 27th November to 3rd December 2022. All the priests are expected to reach the venue Sugyan by Sunday 27th November. Let us keep all those days only for the Lord and not compromise on this. Please bring your Bible copy, Personal Mass diary etc, along with you when you come. Those who cannot do retreat due to some valid reasons shall meet me personally. Please request the people to pray for the Priests in Retreat.

All Saints Day (Nov-1): On this the day church celebrates the feast of all the Saints, both known and unknown. This feast reminds us that all of us are called to be saints, and saints are people who lived on earth like us but always remained faithful to Christ. When we do our best to live out the beatitudes, we contribute to building up the Kingdom of God here on earth. We pray in a special way to the saints that they continue to help and guide us along our journey of life. As it is also the Karnataka Rajyotsava Day, let us pray for our State, its leaders and all people that all may enjoy Peace, Equality, Justice and prosperity in our State.

All Souls Day (Nov-2): is the day of commemoration of all the faithful departed. We not only remember the dead but also earnestly pray that they may soon experience the bliss of heavenly abode. Praying for the Souls in purgatory is not only an act of charity but also a Christian obligation. Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven. There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin." Our prayers for God's mercy helps them to be free from the pain and anguish of the Purgatory and enter into

heaven. Let us educate our people in our Parishes and Mission Centers to pray for their dear departed ones and catechise them about the practise of visit to the graveyard, offering prayers and masses for the repose of souls in this month of November. A *plenary Indulgence*, applicable only to the souls in purgatory is granted to the faithful who 1) during the month November devoutly visit a Cemetery and pray. 2) On All Souls Day visit a Church or Chapel with devotion and there recite the *Our Father* and the *Creed*.

CBCI GENERAL BODY MEETING: The thirty fifth (35) General Body Meeting of the CBCI will be held on 6 – 11 November 2022 at St John National Academy of Health Sciences with the theme “The Call to be a Synodal Church”. Please pray for the success of this meeting

Solemnity of Christ the King (Nov 20):

This feast is a proper conclusion to the Liturgical Calendar Year inviting us to accept Jesus as our Lord and King. Christ is our spiritual King and Ruler who rules by truth and love. We belong to his Kingdom only when we try to walk with him and declare our loyalty to him by the quality of our Christian commitment, expressed in our serving of others with sacrificial and forgiving love, and by our solidarity with the poor. His citizens need obey only one major law: “Love God with all your being, and love others as I have loved you.” (Lk. 10:24). It is customary to have the Eucharistic Procession on this day at the deanery level. I request the Deans to organize the Eucharistic Procession on 20th Nov requesting all the deanery priests to cooperate. If not possible on 20th, you may also have the same on the first Sunday of the New Year, the Feast of the Epiphany.

World Day of the Poor: is celebrated on Sunday 13th November. The theme chosen for this year is ‘for your sakes Christ became poor (cf. 2 Cor 8:9)’ In his message for the 6th World Day of the Poor, Pope Francis invites Christians to greater solidarity and responsibility for the poor in society, stressing the importance of putting our faith into practice through personal involvement.

Holy Season of Advent: We begin the Season of Advent on Sunday, 27th November. We know, this Holy Season has a twofold character: it’s a time to prepare for the great celebration of Christmas and to prepare our mind and heart for the second coming of Christ. This is a time to prepare ourselves by prayer, reflection, confession and reconciliation to welcome the Saviour in our hearts. Please help our people to observe the spirit of Advent and prepare themselves spiritually well for the celebration of Christmas.

Communio Sunday (27 Nov): In India, the first Sunday of Advent is observed as the Communio Sunday. It is the one Sunday in the year when the entire Latin Church in India comes together to support the Church’s mission in our county. And every single donation from Communio Sunday goes to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in the areas where the Church is new, young and poor. This is an opportunity and privilege to show our love and solidarity. Through our prayers and contribution we support missionaries everywhere in our country spreading the Good News. Let us make a proper announcement and motivate our people to contribute generously to Communio India


Training program for extraordinary ministers of Eucharist will take place on 17-11-2022 in ORBIT at 2pm. Those of you still to send names of participants please do so. Kindly keep in mind to write to Bishop for faculty.

-Fr. David D’Souza, Secretaries for the commission for Liturgy

BISHOP'S PROGRAMME

1. All Souls Day – Mass at Cathedral
2. All Saints Day – Mass at Cathedral
- 4-6 Jathra Utsav 2022 and Ruby Jubilee
- 7-12 CBCI Meeting
- 15 Seva Sangam GB Meeting
- 17 Eucharistic Ministers Training Programme
- 27 Missionary Childhood – Diocese level Programme, Belthangady

Kripalaya,
Bishop's House
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In the News

Jeevan Jyothi Camp was held at Bhalki Mission from 7-9 October 2022. Ninety nine SSLC and PUC students who participated in the Camp had a memorable faith experience. Topics like Vocation, Sex Education, and Respect for women and girl child, Me and my Family, Me and the Church etc were taken up effectively by a team of experienced Priests, Sisters. Thanks to Fr. Christuraj SDB, Fr. David, Sr. Neelavathi JMJ and Regent Brothers who accompanied the participants during the Camp.

Gulbarga Catholic Association was formed at the Cathedral Parish on 17th October with members from several parishes of Gulbarga deanery. Dr. Mr Kiran as the President, Mrs Aarathy as the Vice president, Mr Anandraj as Secretary, Mr Royappa Reddy as the treasurer were elected during the meeting. Hearty Congratulations to the office bearers and executive body members. All the best to the Association.

New Priest Gathering: a day's Orientation Programme for the newly ordained priests who are serving in the Gulbarga Diocese was organised on 13th October at Sugyan Pastoral Centre. Bishop, Fr. Stany Lobo and Rev. Fr. Santhosh Dias the Parish Priest of Cathedral facilitated the programme. Thanks to all the priests for your participation. They had a good sharing.

Magis 2022: 23 youth attended 'Magis' programme on 4- 6th at Manvi, Raichur. This Programme was combined faith and life experience was well appreciated by the participants.

Regional Youth Convention with the theme: Springs called to be free, to grow and to serve held at Christ College, Bangalore on 22-25 October was a blessing for 70 of our Youth who had a great exposure to challenges of the Christian community and how youth are the hope of our community and society. Thanks to Fr. Christuraj SDB and Sr. Leena Bennis BS who accompanied the youth.

6th State Conference on Prison Ministry India, Karnataka was held at Shomoga at SANNIDHI, Diocesan Pastoral Centre on 4- 5th October. Sr. Asumpta BS, Secretary of Prison Minstry along with Team members attended and benefited in the programme.

The Journey of the Cross: Concluded on 21st of October and the Holy Cross was taken to Bangalore for the Regional Youth Convention. Thank to Fr. Christuraj SDB, Parish Priests and all the youth for attending with devotion the journey of the cross in our diocese.

DATE	B' DAY BABIES	DATE	B' DAY BABIES
10	Sr. Veena Lobo DHM, Indi	20	Sr. Philomena SCCG, Kotnoor
11	Sr. Rita JMJ, Devara Hippargi	20	Fr. Roshan D' Souza, Wadi
13	Sr. Jacinta Machado DHM, Indi	22	Fr. Mark Arun Kumar SAC
16	Sr. Jyothi Galbao BS, Humnabad	23	Sr. Rani FMA, Afzalpur
16	Sr. Reethika AC	23	Fr. Thomas D'Souza, Vijayapur
17	Fr. Christuraj N SDB	23	Sr. Rita D' Souza DHM, Indi
17	Fr Robert Rodrigues SJ	24	Sr. Raxy SJT, Vijayapura
18	Sr. Dini Williams DHM, Indi	28	Sr. Reena D'Souza SSpS, Glb
18	Sr. Stella SCCG, Muddebihal	30	Sr. Shobha SCCG, Muddebihal
19	Sr. Gracy M SMMI, Talmadige		

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Fr. Sunil Mankare	10	Fr. Anil Victor Vas	29
Fr. Anthony Lawrence SJ	15	Fr. Wilbert Lobo	29
Fr. Salvadore Fernandes	29	Fr. Joseph Praveen	30

Jathra Utsaw 2022 and Rubee Jubilee Competition Final Result

✽ Congratulations to the Winners ✽

Competitions	First	Second
Bible Patana For Juniors	Riya Itga	Kusum, Jalasangi
Bible Patana Senior	Preethi, Hulsoor	Asha Bidar
MCA Dance Junior (Group)	Hulsoor	Itga
MCA Dance Senior (Group)	Santhpur	Jalasangi
Bible Still MCA junior	St. Joseph Church, Bidar	Jalasangi
Bible Stil MCA Senior	St. Joseph Church Bidar	Santhpur
ICYM speech (Boys)	Chandrakanth, S.H Bidar	Sampath Katti, Bidar
ICYM speech (Girls)	Ashwini, Chiitapur	Sanjana Bidar.
ICYM Folk Dance (Girls)	Chittapur	Bhalki
Folk Song (Women)	St. Joseph Church Bidar	Hulsoor
Kavali (Men)	St. Joseph Church Bidar	Sacred Heart, Bidar
SHGs Awareness Song	Hulsoor	St. Joseph Church, Bidar
Volly Ball	Ujini	Bhalki
Throw Ball	Hulsoor	Ujini