



# DIOCESE OF GULBARGA

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BISHOP OF GULBARGA

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**HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION:** We pray for the spread of peace and non-violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

Dear Rev Fathers, Sisters and Lay faithful, Jai Christ! Greetings of Peace in the Lord! We begin the Holy Week on Sunday 2nd April. I wish and pray the liturgy at your parish /mission becomes a faith experience and catechesis to all the faithful. Please prepare well all things especially Word of God you are preaching on these solemn celebrations. The Paschal Triduum begins at sunset on Holy Thursday when Christ accomplishes the work of Redemption and enters into the glory. We commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord observing the Solemn Liturgy of the Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday. The Fathers of the Second Vatican Council remind us of the extraordinary significance of the Triduum: "Christ redeemed us all and gave perfect glory to God principally through his Paschal Mystery: Dying he destroyed our death and rising he restored our life." Please read diligently the instructions given in the ORDO as well as the Missal before you celebrate the Easter Triduum, and your liturgy of TRIDUUM will become meaningful, beautiful and according to the mind of the church. Wish you all a meaningful Paschal Triduum

**Family Blessing during Easter:** The practice of House Blessing is a beautiful tradition preserved for centuries in the Church. Visiting the parishioners in their homes during the Easter time, the Parish Priest represents the Risen Lord meeting his people in the families bringing forgiveness, Peace and hope of a new life with the Lord. I request all Parish Priests to begin Family Blessings soon after Easter and complete the same before the Easter Season ends.

**SANKALPA Hostel** in view of promoting children to Civil Services: Children with exceptional intelligence (A+) in all the subjects will be accepted at the SANKALPA Hostel at the GDES, Bishop House Campus to be given all the soft skills and motivation to achieve their heart's ambition for minimum fees. More of it will be explained to you in the next Circular. Please popularize these programmes among the people and children. Please contact Fr Stevan Veigas for further details (mob 9449273504).

**SUMMER CAMPS 2022:** After a long break we are glad to organise the summer camps and make our children's Summer Holidays fruitful. I request the Directors/Parish Priests to organise these camps. For want of personnel and other infra-structure facilities, you are free to join other centres. You are expected to get the budget approved before you take up the following activities:

**a. FAITH FORMATION CAMP** to be held at your Missions/Parishes on 1 - 9 April 2023 for all children from Std IV to IX. The Commission for the Catechetics has prepared the lessons and other teaching material for you. These lessons provide you with only the required basic material. The teacher must study them, take pain to prepare the lessons

suitable to the class one is teaching adding his or her faith-experience. You can enrich the lesson by giving better examples, adding appropriate songs, action songs, dramatization etc. Make your lessons more and more experiential and let it be a joyful faith experience for our children receiving the knowledge of faith, values and convictions.

**b. PRERANA Camp (April 11 -30):** is aimed at giving a boost to all children to look forward to studying next academic year well prepared. It is an opportunity especially for children going to government schools. You are welcome to hold Prerana Camp for all children from Std 1 to 9th desiring to study especially those deprived of good education in the villages. The afternoon time can be utilized to help children to know their talents organizing various faith formation and cultural activities. Let there be Prayer, *Bhajans*, Mass and Rosary every day. Include some educative films too. Please engage good teachers and able Camp Masters. Also, please get the budget approved before you begin the camp.

**c. SANKALPA CAMP (April 11 -30):** will be organized only for A and A plus students of Std VIII, IX and X (of the coming Academic Year). Please take care in sending the children to this Camp, as it is meant only for intelligent children or above average. Possibly, we'll promote them for civil services through the Sankalpa Hostel at GDES. Please note, those not eligible will be sent back. Fr Steevan Veigas (mob 9449273504), Secretary of GDES will give you further details.

**Summer Ministry for Brothers:** Welcome to our Brothers studying in major seminaries in Mangalore and Bangalore who have come for their summer ministry.

**SINCHANA – the diocesan bulletin :** We thank Fr Baapu and his Team for regularly publishing SINCHANA, the bi-monthly bulletin of our diocese. So far, we have been distributing it free of cost. It is time we own it. I request all the Parish Priests, Mission directors, heads of the institutions to appeal to the people and get as many subscriptions as possible paying only Rs100-00 a year(April- Marsh). Kindly hand over the subscriptions to Fr Santhosh Baapu.( 9448790575). Let us make our best efforts in this line as it is the only instrument to be in touch with our people.

**Divine Mercy Sunday (16th):** Divine Mercy Sunday feast falls on the Sunday after Easter Sunday. It is a celebration of the revelations of Jesus Christ to St. Faustina Kowalska, in the early 20th century. The message of Divine Mercy is one of love, forgiveness, and compassion. It emphasizes the infinite mercy of God and encourages all people to trust in Jesus and his mercy. On this Sunday, encourage people to go to confession, receive Holy Communion, recite of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, venerating the image of the Divine Mercy, symbolizing his mercy and love of God for all people.

**Mark the Evangelist (25th):** St. Mark the Evangelist, also known as John Mark, was one of the four Evangelists who wrote the Gospels in the New Testament. He was born in Cyrene, a city in North Africa, of Jewish descent. St. Mark accompanied St. Paul and St. Barnabas on their first missionary journey, but he later returned to Jerusalem. He also traveled with St. Peter as his interpreter. Mark wrote his Gospel in Rome around AD 70, based on the teachings of St. Peter. The Gospel of Mark is the shortest of the four Gospels and focuses on the actions and deeds of Jesus rather than his teachings. Mark is also credited with founding the church in Alexandria, Egypt, and is venerated as the patron saint of that city. According to tradition, Mark was martyred in Alexandria in the late 1st century AD. His symbol is the winged lion, which represents courage and strength.

**Good Shepherd Sunday (Prayer for vocation)(30):** "Good Shepherd Sunday" is also known as "Vocation Sunday". It is the fourth Sunday of Easter reflecting Jesus as the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep. This day celebrated as a day to reflect on the Call to Priesthood and Religious life and praying for those who are discerning their vocations. Please promote vocations in our families and Parish/Mission Centre by meeting children and their parents and prepare to send at least one aspirant to the Apostolic School.

**From the Procurator:** This year Final Audit of the Diocese/CDSB will be begin from **15th of April**. I request the Parish Priests/Mission Directors and Managers of the Pre primary schools to update the accounts till March 31<sup>st</sup> and submit to the procurator's office with all the documents by **12th of April**. Kindly submit flowing documents:

1. Tally soft copy (please continue in the latest audited Tally),
2. Receipt Books,
3. Bills & Vouchers (to be continued in the same file of interim audit,
4. Bank Statement
5. **Balance confirmation letter from the Bank,**
6. **FD Interest certificate from the bank with details of TDS done by the bank.**
7. Updated FD receipts
8. **Fee analysis list (Fee Collection details and fee due list for Pre Primary Schools- printed copy duly signed by the HM),**
9. PEA receipt book
10. PEA Collection details

**Please number the bills and vouchers and file them and submit in an orderly way.**

***Forth-coming programmes***

- Family Commission: PRE-CANA Programme will be held on the 6 - 7th (Saturday and Sunday) at ORBIT. The programme begins on Saturday Evening 09.30 am.
- Youth Commission: Spoken English Course will be held from 1-25 May 2023 at Don Bosco Premises at Yadgir.
- Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee Celebration of Fr Santhosh Dias and Fr Clary D'Souza May 6th.

**BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023**

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| 2   | Palm Sunday                       | Cathedral            |
| 3-4 | Visits to Faith Formation Camps   |                      |
| 6   | Holy Thursday                     | Cathedral            |
| 7   | Good Friday                       | Cathedral            |
| 8   | Holy Saturday                     | Cathedral            |
| 11  | Jubilee Mass                      | Dharwad              |
| 12  | Sankalpa Camp Inaugural Programme |                      |
| 13  | Jubilee Mass                      | Bethany Convent, Glb |



† **Robert Miranda**  
Bishop of Gulbarga

Kripalaya, Bishop House  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2023

**Necrology:** Augustine Crasta (69) beloved father of Sr Harshitha SRA Premanjali convent, Ujjini, passed away on 27th March. May his soul rest in the heavenly abode. Condolences to Sr Harshita and all members of her family.

### In the News:

- Bala Milana, a day's motivational event under the Sponsorship Program was held on 4th March at Divya Jyothi School in Balaki. Beneficiary children from all the mission centers attended the event. Various competitions were held for the children and Balajyothi tuition teachers and animators prepared the children for the competitions. Around 270 children from 12 villages participated in the event. Mr. Beemanna Biradar was the Chief Guest of the day inspiring the children to inculcate the virtues of work and forgiveness from Jesus and the virtue of service from Mother Theresa. Bishop Robert Miranda president of the program encouraged the children to have faith in God and faith in themselves. He also inspired them to aim high. Fr Vincent Thoras and Sr Stella Mendonsa coordinated the program and worked for the success of the program.
- As part of the Ongoing Formation, Self-assessment as well as envisioning Programme for all the priests on 14-15 March 2023 at Sugyan, the diocesan pastoral center. Fr Fedrick D'Souza, introduced and welcomed the resource persons. Rev Fr Dion Vaz S. J Provincial Superior of Karnataka Jesuits, and Rev Fr Jossie SJ.

Fr Dion Vas SJ dealt with the Vocation of the priest, Conflict Management and Confrontation, Discipleship in troubled times/ Reflection on Leadership in a time of crisis, and Empowering through leadership. Fr Jossie SJ dealt with Examine of Consciousness, Interiority, Discernment in troubled times, and Forming an integrated way of living. Priests were sent for spiritual conversation and shared their views during the plenary hour. A total of 29 priests participated and refreshed themselves to live their priesthood to the fullest.

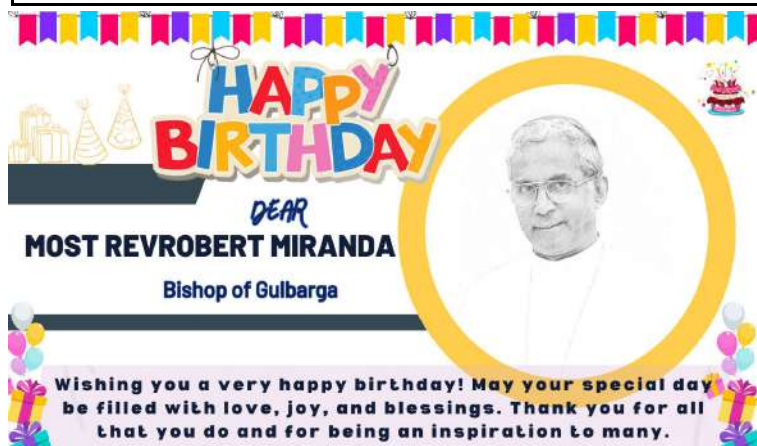
- Annual Evaluation of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan, was held at Sugyan, on 16 March 2023. Fr Stany Lobo, the Diocesan Coordinator of DPP welcomed the Bishop and Fr Anil Joel, the KRPP Regional Coordinator. Secretaries of various commissions presented their annual reports of the activities the year 2022-23. The Bishop and Priests of the diocese gave their remarks and observations to the Secretaries. In his address to the gathering, Fr Anil Prasad expressed appreciation for the work being done in the Gulbarga Diocese despite all the difficulties and challenges it is facing. Bishop thanked the Commission Secretaries for their support. All the Secretaries except one were present for the Annual Evaluation.
- The Decennial Celebration of St Joseph Church Bidar took place on the 19th Sunday of 2023. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Rev Fr Stany Lobo, the Vicar General of the Gulbarga Diocese. Priests from the Bidar deanery, religious, and lay faithful participated and thanked the Lord for the gift of St. Joseph Church at Bidar.
- The newly renovated Holy Cross Chapel was blessed at village Gudpally on Saturday 25th at 5pm and St Alphonsa Chapel at village Beldal was blessed by the Bishop on Sunday 26th at 5pm in the presence of a large gathering of people. The liturgy of the blessing as well as the stage program went on beautifully well. Congratulations to Fr Sunil Andrade and Team.
- Recollection and Holy Chrism Mass was celebrated on 30 March 2023 at Mother of Divine Grace Cathedral, Kalaburagi. Rev Fr Jude Nirmal Das, Vice Rector of St Peter's Pontifical Seminary, B'lore, the resource person of the day shared his reflections on the theme : Jesus, the Compassionate Priest. Bishop celebrated the Holy Chrism Mass along with his brother priests, Brothers, Sisters and Faithful. Over 60 priests concelebrated at the Chrism Mass. All the priests, sisters and brothers expressed great joy and satisfaction over all the arrangements.
- The Way of the Cross at Holy Cross Church, Santhpur was enacted by the youth of Santpur and Ujini mission on Friday 31st March, 2023. The Way of the Cross that

started from SRA Convent Santpur depicted the various Stations until it reached the Holy Cross Church. The programme that included Adoration, Word of God, Confessions and Healing Prayer was well attended by priests, sisters and the lay people. We appreciate and thank the initiative of the youth, priests and sisters especially the leadership of Fr Lawrece, the Director and his Team.

DATES	BIRTHDAY BABIES	DATES	BIRTHDAY BABIES
1	Sr. Reena Dsouza BS, Humnabad	14	Sr Synthia D'mello UFS
5	Fr. George Lobo, Kawdiyal	14	Fr. Prashanth SAC, Muchalmba
6	Sr. Maria Chrisette AC, Bidar	14	Sr. Amala FMM
6	Sr. Leena Crasta FMA	15	Fr. Wilbert Lobo, Chincholli
6	Sr.Precilla Fernandes BS, Chittapur	16	Sr. Pushpa Eerketta CSJ
8	Sr. Conceptia Maria BS, Chittapur	16	Sr. Veronica Fernandes SCCG
8	Sr. Reena BS, Humnabad	24	Fr. Fredrick D'Souza, Chittapur
8	Sr. Priyanka Kanbarkar UFS	24	Fr. Sunil Mankare
10	Sr. Sowmya Prakash CSST	25	Sr. Celestine Pinto SCCG, Bhalki
10	BP ROBERT MIRANDA	25	Fr. Victor Anil Vas, Humnabad
12	Sr. Vasantha Prathipati SSpS, GLB	27	Sr. Parimala JMJ, Devara Hippargi
12	Sr. Shobha Rani JMJ	27	Fr. Gerald Sagar, Itga
12	Fr. Sathish Kumar OFM Cap, Halbarga	28	Sr Divya Reshma UFS*
13	St. Leena SJT	29	Sr. Riving Kyndait RNDM
13	Fr. Maria Anthony, Ekamba		

### ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Fr. Anil Prasad	15.04.2007	Fr. Sunil Andrade	27.04.2006
Fr. Sandeep Goveas OCD	16.04.2015	Fr. Roque D'Souza	27.04.2006
Fr. Santhosh Bapu	17.04.2008	Fr. Stephen Veigas	27.04.2006
Fr. Clary D'Souza	20.04.1998	Fr. Roshan D'Souza CSC	28.04. 2021
Fr. Santhosh Dias	20.04.1998	Fr. Robert Crasta	28.04.2009
Fr. Prashanth SAC	22.04.2007	Fr. Anil Crasta	28.04.2009
Fr. Mark Arun Kumar SAC	22.04.2010	Fr. James Gonsalves SJ	28.04.1980
Fr. Lawrence Rodrigues OFM Cap	22.04.2022	Fr. David D'Souza	28.04.2009
Fr. Cyril Lobo	23.04.2007	Fr. Fredrick D'Souza	28.04.1994
Fr. George Lobo	23.04.2007	Fr. Prashanth OFM Cap	29.04.2009
Fr. Gerald Sagar	27.04.2003	Fr. Thomas D'Souza SJ	30.11.1992



On this occasion you are cordially invited for a thanksgiving Eucharist at 11.30a.m on 10th of April and thereafter for a fellowship meal in honor of Bishop Robert's birthday at Sugyan, (Bishop's House) which will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy each other's company and celebrate Bishop Robert's life and achievements.

- Vicar General - Msgr Stany Lobo

