



# DIOCESE OF GULBARGA

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**Popes prayer intention for the Month:** We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

Dear Rev Fathers, Sisters and Lay faithful, Greetings of Peace in the Lord!

I am glad, we had good Mission Orientation Programmes at the Deanery and Zonal Level. Thanks for your Co-operation and active involvement. Hope, by now your Action Plan is ready. Please send us a copy of the same at the earliest. You may bring it along with you when you come for monthly Recollection on 5-6th July. Please remember to bring also the class wise list of Children and Youth in your parish. I wish you all a fruitful ministry.

**Sinchana the Diocesan News Bulletin:** is a need of the Diocese to be in touch with our people. I request all Parish priests and sisters (Superiors) to promote this bi-monthly bulletin and get the subscription from the families. Thanks to Fr. Roshan D'Souza who has now taken over the publication of the same. Subscription is just Rs 100/- per year. I also request the Mission Directors and Parish Priests to appoint one responsible youth (boy or a girl) to collect the advertisements/news/articles get subscriptions, deliver the news bulletin to the subscribers etc, and send the name and number of the person appointed to Fr. Roshan the Editor.

**Clergy Recollection:** Dear Fathers and Sisters Monthly recollection of the Clergy and Religious Priests (Superiors) will be held on Thursday on 5-6<sup>th</sup> July. All are expected to be present. Rev Fr. Archibald OCD (Ex Provincial) has kindly consented to be the resource person of the day.

**Loan for Education:** You are aware that the Diocese offers to pay the college fees as Educational Loan for students seeking admission in catholic colleges or degree, diploma or other professional courses. This special benefit is only for the poor catholic students whose parents are laborers and do not have a fixed income. Please encourage our youth to come forward and take up education in good catholic college which ensures a good exposure and quality teaching. In a catholic institution they will certainly know their potential better, grow in self-confidence and will be better prepared to face their future. Parish Priest shall issue the Recommendation letter only after he makes sure all the norms of GDES are fulfilled and shall send all the applications to the Secretary GDES along with the required documents. (marks card copy, Adhar card copy, SCST/ income certificate, affidavit and the recommendation letter) as early as possible, by the end of July.

### **Feast of St. Thomas - July 3:**

The feast day is an occasion to honor and remember the life, ministry, and martyrdom of St. Thomas the Apostle. St. Thomas is renowned for his missionary work in India. During the feast, we reflect on the lessons from St. Thomas' journey of faith and his faith expression, "My Lord and my God," upon seeing the resurrected Jesus. It is an invitation for us to be ready to give ourselves to the mission of the Lord in this present situation keeping our trust

in the Lord. Let us take the example of St. Thomas the apostle as we work in different mission places, seek his intercession for the smooth running of our mission works.

**Feast of St. James – July 25:** St. James is the brother of John the Evangelist. The two were called by Jesus as they worked with their father in a fishing boat on the Sea of Galilee. He had the privilege of witnessing the Transfiguration, the raising to life of the daughter of Jairus, and the agony of Jesus in the garden of Gethsemani. St. James is traditionally associated with evangelistic efforts beyond the borders of Israel. According to tradition, he traveled to Spain to preach the Gospel, making him an important figure in the spread of Christianity to the Western world. St. James was the first apostle to be martyred for his faith.

**Feast of St Joachim and St. Ann – July 26 :** The Feast of St. Joachim and St. Anne is a celebration in the Catholic Church that honors the parents of the Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus Christ. It is a time to honor the faith and example of Joachim and Anne, as well as to seek their intercession for families, expectant mothers, and grandparents. The feast day is an opportunity for families to gather, reflect on the importance of family life, and ask for the blessings of God through the intercession of St. Joachim and St. Anne. I invite the Youth of the parish to take initiative and celebrate the feast and honor all the elders in the Parish on the Day of Grand- Parents.

**Saint Alphonsa Muttathupadathu – July 28:** The Feast of St. Alphonsa Muttathupadathu is a celebration that commemorates the life and holiness of St. Alphonsa, a revered and first women saint from India. St. Alphonsa lived a life of great suffering with endured various physical ailments throughout her life. Despite her suffering, St. Alphonsa maintained a deep devotion to God and a life of prayer. St. Alphonsa is remembered for her humility, patience, and unwavering faith in the face of adversity.

**A warm welcome to Pierist Fathers to the Diocese:** With great joy we extend a warm welcome to Fr. Philip Sch as the new Assistant Director at Shorapur Mission. We are confident that his dedicated service will greatly enrich our community and strengthen the spiritual journey of Shorapur faithful.

**From the Procurator:** Kindly Submit all the Ear marked Collections- Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter, Lenten Campaign, Collection for Manipur, Peter Pence at the earliest.

### **ZONAL LEVEL TRAINING PGMS**

During the zonal level Training Programmes we've agreed to have the trainings and Programmes of some Commissions zonally. Accordingly, the following Programmes are planned. Please mark the dates given below in your Planner and organise them well. Zonal leaders shall take the initiative and, Parish Priests and Secretaries, shall collaborate to organise the Programmes successfully.

#### **MCA Trainings:**

July 1 – Santpur  
2 – Bhalki

9 – Humnabad  
16 - Hulsoor

23 – Bidar

#### **YOUTH Trainings:**

Bidar 1 - July 9  
Bidar 2 - Oct 22  
Bidar 3 - Feb 11  
Bhalki 1 - July 23  
Bhalki 2 - Sept 24

Bhalki 3 - Jan 21  
Santpur 1 - July 16  
Santpur 2 - Sept 10  
Santpur 3 - Dec 3  
Hmnbd 1 - Aug 27

Hmnbd 2 - Oct 15  
Hmnbd 3 - Jan 14  
B. Kalyan 1 - July 30  
B. Kalyan 2 - Sept 10  
B. Kalyan 3 - Dec 10

**LAITY Training****SAMAVESHA/CONVENTION**

Aug 12-13 at Bidar (District Level)

Bidar 1 - Nov 5

Bidar 2 - Feb 4

Bhalki 1 - Oct 8

Bhalki 2 - Jan 28

Santpur 1 - Sept 17

Santpur 2 - Feb 11

Hmnbd 1 - Oct 10

Hmnbd 2 - Feb 18

B.Kalyan 1 - Oct 29

B.Kalyan 2 - Feb 25

**WOMEN CELL Training**

July 9 - Bhalki

16 - Humnabad

23 - Bidar

30 - Santpur

Aug 6 - B.Kalyan

**BEC/SCC Training**

JULY 8 - Santpur

15 - Bhalki

Aug 20 - Hmnbd


27 - Bidar

Sept 3 - B. Kalyan

**BISHOP'S PROGRAMME FOR THE MONTH OF JULY**

- 1 MCA training Programme – Santpur
- 2 MCA training Programme – Bhalki
- 5-6 Clergy Recollection &
- 6 Forum meeting
- 7 KUCF Meeting
- 8 Village Visit – Hippargaon
- 10 School Visit – Bhalki & Santpur
- 11 Village Visit – Daddapur & nemthabad
- 13 Consulter's Meeting
- 14 GB Meeting – Seva Sangama/ORBIT
- 20 Regional Evangelization Commission Meeting, Bangalore
- 25 School Visit- Itga /Chincholli

Kripalaya  
Bishop's House  
30-6-2023

  
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Bishop of Gulbarga

**Happy Birthday**

Date	Birthday Babies	Date	Birthday Babies
5	Bro. Melwyn Fernandes, Itga	11	Sr. Anupama CSST, Shahabad
6	Fr. Joby Kanimattathil SDB, Kalaburagi	12	Sr. Alisha Mary SAB, Aland
6	Sr. Cynthia D Souza SSpS, Kalaburagi	16	Fr. Jim Jose SDB, Yadgir
6	Sr. Sandra Maria BS, Chittapur	19	Sr. Gracy Ulahannan SSA, Wadi
7	Fr. Anil Crasta, Ekamba	21	Sr. Helen Sangpui BS, Chittapur
7	Sr. Dorathi SCCG, Muddebihal	22	Sr. Prashanthi Monis SRA, Ujini
9	Sr. Rosin SAB, Aland	24	Sr Patsy D Souza SCCG, MTCH
10	Sr. Joanna Coelho SCCG Talikote	26	Sr. Esther Rani JMJ, D Hippargi
11	Sr. Shilpa Siddappa OSS, Kadaganji	27	Sr. Sunitha D'souza SCB, Hulsoor
16	Sr. Adrian SRA, Santhpur	27	Sr. Rosemary Murmu SSA, Wadi
27	Sr. Mary Josphine SCB, Hulsoor	29	Fr. Sachin Christi, Jalasangli
27	Sr. Anita Harnodkar SHM, Sedam		

### **Necrology:**

- Mr Apolinaris Crasta, Father of Fr John Crasta S.J Bhalki, is gone to the eternal abode on 2<sup>nd</sup> June.
- Sr Rita Maria (Secular), who was serving in Divine Retreat Center; Potta, passed away on 5<sup>th</sup> June. She is sister of Fr Jose, Ballary Diocese and Mr Sebastian, Vice president of Wadi Parish.
- Mrs. Mary D'mello, mother of Sr Edna D'mello, St Ann's Convent Basavakalyan, is gone to the eternal abode on 5<sup>th</sup> June.
- Mrs. Mary Poulouse. mother of Sr. Anupama CSST superior at Mount Carmel Convent Shahabad expired on 20th June

May the departed souls through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Hearty condolences you Father, Sisters and the members of the bereaved families.

### In the News:

- Mission Orientation Programs: The Mission Orientation Program was organized throughout the Diocese of Gulbarga to keep Parish Pastoral team active and effective in the parish. DPP coordinator Fr Stany Lobo explained the strategy of planning the center's action plan and Bishop explained the different thrust areas of the Mission. Good number of people priest, sisters and lay people attended and benefited though this programme
- Inauguration of Sacred Heart Apostolic School year 2023-24 was a grand event on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023, and it was a joyous welcome to four aspirants. Please keep these young aspirants in your prayers always that they may realise their dream of becoming a priest for this diocese one day. Thanks to the Parish Priest who promoted their Vocation.
- St Mary's Mission, Humnabad was inaugurated by the bishop on 05-06-2023 at Sai Colony, on Bidar - Humnabad road. Rev Sr Rose DC the provincial superior of Daughters of charity of St. Vincent de Paul, Fathers and Sisters of Jalasangi Misssion were present for the Inaugural Programme. A heartfelt welcome to the congregation of Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and best wishes to the Sisters Carmel Jyothi DC and Aloka DC as they start their new mission at Jalasangi.
- A two-day training program for the Youth of Gulbarga Diocese and for the Youth Animators was held on 24-25 June 2023 at Sugyan, the pastoral center of the diocese. Bishop Robert Miranda, Rev Fr Lourdu Raj, Regional Youth Coordinator, Rev Fr Christy, Director of Youvachethana, Sr Leena Benies BS, Reginal Youth President and Mr. Naveen Antony were present. Sessions were held to explain the duties and responsibilities of youth. They led the groups into activities and made the sessions interesting. Nearly 65 ICYM office bearers participated in the session and benefitted. The whole event was coordinated by Fr Sachin Christy, Youth Director and Sr Leena Benies BS.



*A grand parent is one who strengthens you with prayer,  
blesses you with love and encourages you with hope.*

