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Holy Father's Intention for the Month: For The Pastoral Care of The Sick: We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brethren, *Jai Christ!*

I am pleased that our Mission Orientation Programs at the Deanery levels were successful. I wholeheartedly thank Rev. Fr Richard Quadros SVD for guiding us with his rich experience. Thank you for your cooperation and active participation. By now, your Action Plan should be prepared. Please send us a copy as soon as possible. You can also bring it with you to the Monthly Recollection on July 3-4. Additionally, please remember to bring the class-wise list of children and youth in your parish. Wishing you all a fruitful ministry.

1. Solemnity of the St Thomas, the Apostle of India (July 03): 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.

2. Feast of St Mary Magdalene (July 22): The Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of St Mary Magdalene on July 22nd each year. Mary Magdalene was a devoted follower of Jesus, who accompanied him and ministered to him. She was present at his crucifixion and burial, and was the first witness to the Resurrection. Mary Magdalene is referred to as the "apostle to the apostles" because she was the first to proclaim the good news of the Risen Christ to the other disciples. Mary Magdalene's encounter with the Risen Christ is seen as a model of how believers should seek the Lord with faith and love, and how he will reveal himself to those who do so.

3. Feast of St James, the Apostle (July 25): St James Major, apostle, son of Zebedee and brother of St John the Evangelist, who, together with St Peter and St John, was a witness of the transfiguration of the Lord and of his agony. St James is traditionally associated with evangelistic efforts beyond the borders of Israel. St James was the first apostle to be martyred for his faith, beheaded by Herod Agrippa near the feast of Easter.

4. Feast of Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of BVM (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.

5. Clergy Recollection:

Dear Fathers, Monthly recollection of the Clergy and Religious Priests (Superiors) will be held on 3-4 July 2024. All the priests of the diocese, the mission directors and superiors of men religious communities are expected to be present.

Rev. Fr Deepak Thomas KJ OCD has kindly consented to be the resource person of the day.

As there is going to be the Election to the Council of Priest members and other important matters to be discussed, everyone's presence is requested on the previous day evening on 3rd by 06:30 PM.

6. Samavesha - PPC/VPC/PFC Convention:

On Sunday 04th August 2024

at St Don Bosco Hall, Chikpet, Bidar

Please keep the day free.

7. Study of Vatican II Documents: The study of the Vatican II Document has started. Priests are asked to be ready before the scheduled date. If you are ready early, please inform Fr Roshan D' Souza, director of Premavani Communications, so that he can record and have enough time to do the editing. Do not delay. For any questions or guidance, please contact Fr Roshan.

The Third episode will be streamed on **15.07.2024** on the theme "Tradition", presented by Fr Frederick D' Souza. The Fourth episode will be streamed on **30.07.2024** on the theme "Inspiration", presented by Fr Deepak Furtado. Thanks to Fr Roshan for the recording and editing.

8. Sinchana: I am pleased to inform you that Sinchana, our diocesan official magazine, is coming out well. I congratulate Sinchana editorial team. Our aim is to reach all families in the diocese. I request all the Directors and mission teams to collect the subscription fee of Rs 100/- and gather the addresses. Please send these addresses to Fr Roshan, the Editor and Publisher, so that it reaches by post to all the subscribers.

If anyone is not receiving the magazine by post, please inform us immediately. Additionally, we publish articles on history of the parish in Kannada in each issue. I request the mission directors to prepare the soft copy of the history of your parish in Kannada.

I also encourage you to motivate our educated parishioners and youth to write articles for Sinchana based on their areas of interest.

Hearty Welcome

Rev. Fr Saji Anachalil George SDB, Parish Priest, Sahaya Mathe Church, Yadgir.
Rev. Fr Sonychen Matthew M. SDB, Parish Priest, Don Bosco Church, Chikpet.
Rev. Fr Martin Vijay SDB, Superior, Don Bosco Pyar, Kalaburagi.
Bro. Sachin Monteiro, Regent, SANKALPA, Bishop's House, Kalaburagi.

Priests Transfers and New Assignments - 2024 (Continues..)

No.	Name	To	w.e.f
11	Fr Saji George SDB	Parish Priest, Sahaya Mathe Church, Yadgir	09.06.2024
12	Fr Sonychen Matthew SDB	Parish Priest, Don Bosco Church, Chikpet	16.06.2024

Commissions Speak:

Deanery Level PPC Meeting: For Bidar Deanery is scheduled on 7th July 2024, at 03:00 at Bhalki. Vice-president and Secretaries from every centre and Parish Priests & Superiors should be present for the same.

- Fr Clary D' Souza, Dean, Bidar Deanery

Support for Village Tuition Teachers: Goodwill Mission Supports tuition teachers in the villages of Bidar deanery. Those who would like to conduct tuition classes to village children are requested to find a suitable teacher and send them for an interview on July 6th at Infant Jesus Shrine, Bhalki along with the list of the children attending the tuition classes, and Parents' request letter. The number of children attending the classes should be more than 30.

- Fr Vincent Thoras, Coordinator, Balajyothi Program

Commission for Proclamation & Evangelization: MCA animators training programs at Zonal level is scheduled on 13th July 2024 for Aurad Zone at Santpur and on 14th July 2024 for Bidar Zone at Sacred Heart Church, Bidar.

- Fr Abhishek Moses, Secretary, Commission for Proclamation & Evangelization

Commission for Youth: The Youth Commission is organizing *Yuvaspandana* programme as follows:

Aurad Zone: Thursday, July 14th at Holy Cross Church, Santpur

Bidar Zone: Friday, July 21st at Sacred Heart Church, Bidar

Bhalki Zone: Friday, July 28th at Holy Redeemer Church, Bhalki

- Fr Sachin Christy, Secretary, Commission for Youth

Commission for Women: Women Commission animators and office bearers training programme for Bidar Zone is scheduled on 14th July 2024, from 02:30 to 05:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church, Bidar and for Humnabad Zone on 21st July 2024, from 02:30 to 05:00 PM at ORBIT.

- Sr Maria Reetha AC, Secretary, Commission for Women

Commission for Social Communications: Learn Photoshop and design posters in a workshop on July 17th 2024 from 10:00 AM to 03:30 PM at Sugyan Pastoral Center in Gulbarga. The program is for brothers, priests, sisters, and youth. Bring your laptop and learn AI Canva features. Internet will be provided. Register by July 12th or WhatsApp 8105473029 to join us.

- Fr Roshan D' Souza, Secretary, Commission for Social Communications.

Commission for Health: There will De-Addiction 15 days Camp/Programme from 20th July. Kindly support and help our people to be transformed.

- Fr Vincent Pereira, Secretary, Commission for Health.

BISHOP'S PROGRAMME: JULY 2024

01	- Mass at Kawadiyal
03-04	- Clergy Recollection/COP/DPC Election
05	- Silver Jubilee Mass of Mr & Mrs Vincent Paily, Sugyan
06	- Visit to Muchalamba Mission
07	- Visit to Shahabad Parish
09	- Visit to St Joseph's Mission, Bidar
10	- Blessing of New School Building, St Ann's School, Wadi
13	- Mass for Neo-catechumenate
14	- Mass, Little Flower Church, Chincholi
15-17	- Visit to Shahapur/Hebbal/Talikote
20	- Mass at Kadeganchi Mission
	- Mass at Bethany Sisters (Foundation Day Celebration)
21	- Mass at Santpur Church
27	- CRI General Body Meeting
28-29	- Mass at Ujini Parish

Kripalaya, Bishop's House
01 July 2024



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Bishop of Gulbarga

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR FATHERS AND SISTERS

05	Sr Mary Bhanu MC, Bhalki	18	Br Melrick Rodrigues, <i>Kadaganchi</i>
06	Sr Sandra Maria BS, <i>Chittapur</i>	19	Sr Gracy Ulahannan SSA, <i>Wadi</i>
06	Fr Joby SDB, <i>Kalaburagi</i>	20	Sr Nerissa Fonseca SCSC, <i>Zalki</i>
06	Sr Cynthia D Souza SSpS, <i>Kalaburagi</i>	21	Fr George Antony SCJ, <i>Talmadige</i>
06	Fr Josephvaz Monteiro SJ, <i>Vijayapur</i>	23	Sr Saritha Clara Dsouza SRA, <i>Ujini</i>
07	Fr Anil Crasta, <i>Ekamba</i>	23	Sr Josphin John BS, <i>Kalaburagi</i>
07	Sr Dorathi Fernandes SCCG, <i>Muddebihal</i>	26	Sr Esther Rani JMJ, <i>Devara Hippargi</i>
09	Fr Suman Balu SJ, <i>Vijayapura</i>	27	Sr Sunitha D'souza SCB, <i>Hulsoor</i>
10	Sr Joanna Coelho SCCG, <i>Talikote</i>	27	Sr Mary Josphine SCB, <i>Hulsoor</i>
11	Sr Shilpa Siddappa OSS, <i>Kadaganchi</i>	27	Sr Anita Harnodkar SHM, <i>Sedam</i>
16	Sr Adrian SRA, <i>Santpur</i>	28	Sr Maura Leitao SCCG, <i>Kalaburagi</i>
16	Fr Jim Jose SDB, <i>Yadgir</i>	29	Fr Sachin Christi, <i>Jalasangi</i>

NECROLOGY

Mrs Phelomina Xalxo (67 Years),

M/o Sr Regina RNDM, Dupat-magaon, Santpur, passed away on 08 June 2024.

Mrs Annamaria,

Sister of Sr Philomena, Sedam, entered into the eternal rest on 21 June 2024.

May the Lord receive them in His Eternal abode.

Our heartfelt condolences to dear Sr Regina, Sr Philomena and their family members.

News JUNE 2024

GDES Hosts Teachers Enhancement Program (June 03,04&05, 2024): The Gulbarga Diocesan Education Society (GDES) organized a Teaching Enhancement Program at Sugyan, Gulbarga; Talikote and St Joseph, Bidar on June 03, 04 and 05 respectively. The event aimed to improve teaching skills for educators from Gulbarga, Yadgir and Bidar Districts. Fr Joyson Vas SJ dealt on the topic, "Profile of a Good Teacher," offering practical advice and engaging activities. Around 140 teachers participated, enjoying interactive sessions that combined theory and practice. The program received positive feedback, helping teachers gain new insights and tools for better teaching.

Inter-District Domestic Workers' Meet in Gulbarga (June 05, 2024): The Labour Commission of the Gulbarga Diocese and the Karnataka Domestic Workers Union held an inter-district domestic workers' meet at Mother Theresa Hall. The event gathered 35 union leaders from Kalaburagi, Yadgir, Bidar, and Bijapur. Fr Stany Lobo, the Vicar General, inaugurated the meeting, highlighting the vital role of domestic workers in the society and urged for their fair treatment.

Sacred Heart Church Feast and Hall Blessing in Bidar (June 09, 2024): Sacred Heart Parish, Bidar celebrated its feast and the blessing of its newly renovated hall. The event was led by the bishop, with deanery priests, sisters, and parishioners in good number. The celebration marked a significant moment for the community, uniting everyone in faith and fellowship.

Newly built St Joseph Block Inaugurated at St Mary School, Cathedral (June 12, 2024): The newly built St Joseph Block at St Mary School was blessed and inaugurated by the bishop on 12th June 2024. The programme was attended by a number of dignitaries priests, sisters, staff, and students. The event marked a significant milestone for the school, enhancing its facilities and reinforcing its commitment to providing quality education.

KRCE and GDES organized Educator Training Programme (June 13-14, 2024): The Karnataka Regional Commission for Education (KRCE) and the Gulbarga Diocese Education Society (GDES) successfully held a training program for educators at the SUGYAN Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Gulbarga and St Joseph's PU College in Bidar. Rev. Dr Francis Assisi Almeida, KRCE Secretary, led sessions on building relationships, teacher conduct, legal issues, and time management. Bishop emphasized the importance of professional development in his speech, noting the focus on training for the 2024-25 academic year across KRCE's extensive network. The program, attended by over 600 participants from various schools, featured interactive sessions, case studies, and group discussions.

Mission Orientation Program across Deaneries (June 14-16, 2024): Mission Orientation Program was successfully conducted at Humnabad, Kalaburagi and Vijayapura on June 14, 15 and 16, 2024 respectively. Rev. Fr Richard Quadros SVD led the sessions with insightful talks that captivated the audience. The Bishop provided guidelines and priorities for the Action Plan for the year, emphasizing focus areas. The program aimed to equip participants with the necessary tools and knowledge to effectively carry out their missions.

YSM Training Event in Gulbarga (June 29, 2024): The Young Students' Movement (YSM) training was conducted for students of Bidar and Gulbarga deaneries at Mother Teresa Hall, Gulbarga. The session was led by Mr Anson Nazareth, the National YSM President, who emphasized the importance of YSM and facilitated a cell meeting. Students from 11 schools actively participated in the event.

MCA Animators Training (June 23, 29 & 30 2024): A training session for Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) animators was held at Bhalki, Hulsoor and ORBIT on 23,29&30 June respectively, catering to the Bhalki, Basavakalyana and Humnabad zone. The event saw the participation of more than 80 lay animators. The session aimed to enhance the skills and knowledge of the animators, ensuring better guidance and support for the youth in their respective communities.

ICYM Training and Inauguration at Sugyan Gulbarga (June 29, 2024): A training session for newly elected ICYM office bearers and animators was held on June 29-30, 2024, at Sugyan Gulbarga. The event marked the inauguration of ICYM 2024 in the presence of Bishop and the dignitaries. Bishop in his speech encouraged the youth to evaluate their growth in faith. Mr. Navien Anthony, the resource person, focused on the youth's contributions to local churches. The program, coordinated by Fr Sachin Christy, Youth Director, included various motivational activities. A total of 46 youth attended the event.

“Children’s children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children.”
Proverbs 17:6.



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