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Happy Birthday

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MOST REV. DR GERALD ISAAC LOBO

A very happy birthday, our Good Shepherd
May God give you all desires of your heart
May his grace strenghten you always
May you have many blessed moments in life.

**The Clergy, the Religious and the Laity,
Diocese of Udupi**

Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,

1. SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

We begin the month of November with the celebration of the solemnity of all Saints: canonized or beatified, and the multitude of those who are in heaven enjoying the beatific vision that are only known to God. During the early centuries, the saints venerated by the Church were all martyrs. Later on, the Popes set November 1 as the day for commemorating all the saints. We all have the “universal call to holiness”. What must we do in order to join the company of the saints in heaven? We “must follow in His footsteps and conform [our]selves to His image, seeking the will of the Father in all things. [We] must devote [our]selves with all [our] being to the glory of God and the service of [our] neighbor. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history.” (*Lumen Gentium*, 40)

I exhort all of you, dear Fathers, to celebrate this solemnity meaningfully, catechizing the faithful on the importance of this solemnity and also announce to the faithful about the requirements to obtain either plenary or partial indulgence, the details of which are found on page 189 of *ORDO*.

2. KARNATAKA RAJYOTSAVA

We celebrate Karnataka Rajyotsava on 1st November. This was the day in 1956 when all the Kannada-speaking regions of South India were merged to form the state of Karnataka. As we belong to the state of Karnataka, let us be proud of the rich heritage and traditions of our state and join the others to celebrate the day meaningfully. Let us remember to pray for all leaders of our State so that they always strive for peace and harmony among all religions and work for the all-round development of the State.

3. ALL SOULS’ DAY

The Church remembers and prays for all the faithful departed on 2nd November. Our faith teaches us that the Church exists in three states: the triumphant, the pilgrim and the suffering. The Triumphant

Church refers to the Church in heaven- the realm in which the holy Trinity, angels and saints, and the abode of all who have reached the fullness of salvation in Christ - and we remember them on November 1 every year. The Church Suffering refers to the Church in purgatory, the threshold, the ante-chamber of heaven. In purgatory, all those who have reached the gates of death without reaching the full perfection of life represented in Christ are purified by the enlightening fire of the Holy Spirit. The suffering of purgatory is not one of destruction, but the suffering that comes from leaving the old self behind and taking on the new. As members of the Pilgrim Church, we can help the Suffering Church to attain heaven by our prayers and the sacrifice of the Mass. The Church reminds us of the continued and close relationship between the three states of the Church (communion of saints) and invites us, all, to offer prayers and Mass for the suffering Church on 2nd November every year.

I exhort you, dear Fathers, to follow the instructions given in *ORDO* for the celebration of the Mass on this day. Please do not arrange any mass for the dead in the church or cemetery on the previous day. Let us encourage our faithful to pray for their dear departed so that those who have gone before them may obtain the remission of sins and be admitted to the triumphant Church.

4. SIXTH WORLD DAY OF THE POOR 2022

We shall celebrate the sixth **World Day of the Poor on Sunday, 13 November 2022**. This day was launched by Pope Francis at the end of the Jubilee Year of Mercy when he invited Christians around the world to serve the poor with concrete actions that address their daily needs.

In this year's message for the annual observance themed "For your sakes Christ became poor (2 Cor. 8:9)", Pope Francis recalls the words of St Paul to the Christians of Corinth, in order to encourage their efforts to show solidarity with their brothers and sisters in need. The Pope notes that the World Day this year comes "as a healthy challenge, helping us to reflect on our style of life and on the many forms of poverty all around us." He stresses the urgent need to find solutions that can go beyond the approach of social policies conceived as "a policy *for* the

poor, but never *with* the poor and never *of* the poor, much less part of a project that brings people together.” Please find the entire message as annexure.

5. DALIT LIBERATION SUNDAY

The Church in India celebrates Dalit Liberation Sunday on **13 November 2022**, with the theme "All Equal in Christ" (There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3/28). I invite every parish and religious community to offer special prayers on this day for the well-being of Dalit Christians in India.

6. DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

The Diocesan Eucharistic Procession this year will take place on Sunday, **November 20**, on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. There will be **Eucharistic celebration at 3.30 p.m. in Milagres Cathedral, Kallianpur**, followed by a short **Adoration** with a solemn **Eucharistic Procession to Mount Rosary Church and Benediction**. The Eucharistic celebration will be preceded by Divine Mercy Rosary at 3.00 p.m. I request you, dear Rev. Fathers, to announce to your parishioners the significance of this annual Diocesan Eucharistic Procession and encourage them to participate in large numbers. I appeal to all priests, both diocesan and religious, to concelebrate with me and join the procession, without fail. The members of the official bodies and associations/organizations like the Altar Servers, Legion of Mary, SVP, SFO, etc. are requested to wear their insignia during the procession.

7. DECENNIAL YEAR CELEBRATION

The decennial year of the diocese will be celebrated after the mass and the diocesan Eucharistic procession on **20 November 2022** in a modest way such as releasing of books and souvenir, establishing a medical fund, etc. I invite every one of you to participate in this celebration. Do consider this as my personal invitation and announce the same to your parishioners too.

8. ELECTION TO THE PARTICIPATORY STRUCTURES

(CONSULTATIVE BODIES)

I am pleased to approve and promulgate the revised Constitutions governing the Consultative Bodies in the Diocese of Udupi making it effective from 07 October 2022, Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. Since the term of the present Parish Finance Council, Parish Pastoral Council, Deanery Pastoral Council and Diocesan Pastoral Council expires on 31 December 2022, I appeal to the concerned to hold elections to these consultative bodies as per the revised Constitution and send the names as required by the Constitution to me (two copies each) for approval before 31 December 2022. The new consultative bodies come into effect from 1 January 2023. The new Deanery Pastoral Councils must meet before 15 January 2023 and elect the Secretary and select the Deanery Conveners of the 18 Commissions in each deanery. The copies of the revised Constitution are available in the Bishop's House at Rs 100 per copy.

9. MASS CALENDAR- *ORDO*

The *ORDO*, useful and essential for the recitation of the Divine Office and celebration of the Mass for the year 2022-23, is ready and available now at **Divya Jyothi** at a price of Rs 125 per copy. I hereby direct all parishes and houses of men and women religious in Udupi Diocese procure the copies of *ORDO* published by *Divya Jyothi*, and note the earmarked collections, dates and events specific to our Diocese.

10. ANNUAL PARISH FEASTS

The Annual Parish Feasts will begin soon in many parishes of our Diocese. The Parish feasts are occasions for families and relatives to meet and greet each other, come together and share a fellowship meal. It is also an occasion to promote parish unity and family spirit, and grow more in spiritual strength and grace. I appreciate the good will of *Pirjents* and generous donors in parishes for their contribution to make these parish feasts devotional, joyous and attractive. As per the custom in our diocese, I request the parish priests to set aside the **offertory collection** made during the annual parish festal mass for the **PWS**, and send the same to the Secretary-cum-Treasurer of Priests' Welfare Scheme.

11. FAITH-FORMATION CAMPS- THANKS

Every deanery enthusiastically conducted the Faith- Formation Camps, *Jeevan Amrith, Jeevan Disha and Jeevan Jyothi*, for the children of the 8th, 9th and 10th Standards. I am aware of the great effort put in by our Parish Priests to bring the children of their respective parishes together in these camps. The camps were made interesting, informative, faith-oriented and resourceful. I thank the Deans, Parish Priests, Asst Parish Priests, other priests, coordinators, animators and volunteers for organizing these camps in all the five deaneries of our Diocese.

Yours sincerely in Christ

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+Gerald I. Lobo

OBITUARY

Mrs Justine Lewis (83 Yrs), M/o Rev. Fr Romeo Lewis, Estate Manager and Parish Priest, Christ Church, Manipal, passed away on 05.10.2022 at Thottam and the funeral was held on 07.10.2022. May God grant her eternal rest. We offer our heartfelt condolences to Fr Romeo Lewis.

Mrs Florine D'Mello (90 Yrs), M/o Rev. Fr Norbert D'Mello, CSC, Asst., Christ the King Church, Karkal-Town, passed away on 22.10.2022 at Borivili West, Mumbai and the funeral was held on 25.10.2022. May God grant her eternal rest. We offer our heartfelt condolences to Fr Norbert D'Mello.

COMMUNICATION FROM PASTORAL COMMISSIONS

1. FAMILY COMMISSION

- 06 Nov Elders Day & Senior Citizens' Club Inauguration -
Kemmannu Parish
- 11 Nov Remote Preparation for Family Life 10th Std -
Karkal Deanery
- 12 & 13 Nov Marriage Preparation Course
- 12 & 13 Nov MFC Training for Couples – Kallianpur & Udupi
Deanery (Residential)
- 27 Nov Remote Preparation for Family Life 7, 8, 9 & 10

30 Nov Std - Udupi Deanery
KRCBC Regional Secretaries meet - KROSS
Bangalore

2. Mr Leslie Arouza
3. Director

4. COMMISSION FOR SCC'S

5. 06.11.20 Bible Mirror Method Training at Belman Parish
22 -
13.11.2022 - Bible Mirror Method Training at Kemman Parish
20.11.2022 - Samudai Day at Miyar Parish
22.11.2022- Regional Meeting for SCC Secretaries
27.11.2022 - SCC Parish Sanchalaks meeting at Anugraha
30.11.2022 - Regional meeting for Diocesan Pastoral Commissions'
Coordinators

Rev. Fr Harold Pereira
Director

DIAMOND BIRTHDAY

Rev. Fr Harold Pereira, Director : 'Anugraha'-
Pastoral Centre, Commission for SCC's,
Commission for Ecumenism

21-11-2022

CONGRATULATIONS & BEST WISHES DEAR FATHER

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