

# VOX NOSTRA

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*Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,*

## **1. FEAST OF ST LAWRENCE BASILICA**

August 1, 2020 marks the fourth anniversary of the proclamation and dedication of St Lawrence Basilica, Attur, Karkal. The mass and novena in honour of the Patron St Lawrence in preparation for the feast on August 10th, will begin on 1 August 2020. If the government permits the public religious services in unlockdown-3 phase, sufficient arrangements will be made for the faithful to take part in these celebrations. However, if the restrictions continue for public religious services, the mass and novena on 9 days and the feast will be telecast/live-streamed in Divine Word TV channel and Divyavani Live YouTube channel.

## **2. ST JOHN MARIE VIANNEY**

We celebrate the memorial of St John Marie Vianney, the Patron of Parish Priests, on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020. As the Parish Priest of the parish of Ars in France, he endeavoured to bring the faithful who were indifferent to religion due to the French Revolution back to the Church and consequently to God, through his ministry of confession and homilies. His zeal for souls stemmed from his intimate relationship with Jesus through long hours of prayer. I wish all Parish Priests, a happy and joyful feast of your patron. As communicated earlier, due to the current situation, the day will be celebrated at deanery levels. May St John Marie Vianney inspire all of us to carry out our pastoral service

with zeal and commitment with a focus on experiencing God ourselves and the faithful entrusted to our care.

### **3. PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY**

The Prison Ministry Sunday is celebrated on 9 August this year with the theme **“Reform to Reintegrate”**. The vision of Prison Ministry India is to reach out, release, renew, rehabilitate, reintegrate and redeem prisoners through committed volunteers, priests, religious and laity by conducting need-based training, creating sensitivity in government authorities, facilitating empowerment, appropriately using philanthropic people, praying, using scientific research tools, follow up programs, creating social awareness, planning and executing meticulous preventive measures, conducting regular and holistic counselling, and providing legal assistance to prisoners. When we celebrate the Prison Ministry Sunday let us remember and pray for prisoners all over the world especially the 4.5 lakhs of languishing in the 1412 Indian prisons, their families, victims, the officers and the volunteers who serve them. Our Diocesan Prison Ministry unit under the guidance of Rev. Fr Francis Cornelio also works enthusiastically towards the realization of the goals of Prison Ministry India.

### **4. NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY**

The National Youth Sunday this year will be celebrated on 9 August 2020 with the theme **‘Young man, I say to you, arise’**. Youth are an integral part of our parish communities. The Youth Sunday invites us to rededicate ourselves to their welfare in the Church, recognizing their presence in the parishes, helping them to experience the love and mercy of Jesus, gently guiding them in their choice of careers and vocations so that they may truly inculcate Christian virtues and bear witness to their

Catholic faith. The youth in our parishes look up to the Church with a sincere hope of finding opportunities to be at the service of the community and society and, as pastors, let us make every effort to make their hope true by serving them irrespective of their different family backgrounds, education, economic situation and life-patterns. Please convey my best wishes to all the youth in your parishes on this occasion of the National Youth Sunday.

## **5. ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

We celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady on Saturday, 15 August 2020. The feast has its origin in the 5th Century. St Juvenal of Jerusalem stated as early as the Council of Chalcedon in 451 that Our Lady, after her death, was assumed body and soul into heaven. Pope Pius XII, on 1 November 1950, in *Munificentissimus Deus* officially defined the doctrine of the Assumption as an article of the Catholic Faith. He stated: “By the authority of Our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define as divinely revealed dogma: The Immaculate Mother of God, Mary ever Virgin, after her life on earth, was assumed, body and soul to the glory of heaven.”

Since it is a **Day of Obligation** in India too, keeping in mind the current situation, I exhort Parish Priests to arrange sufficient Masses so that the faithful are able to partake in the Holy Eucharist. I wish you all a happy feast of Assumption.

## **6. INDEPENDENCE DAY**

On 15 August 2020, as proud citizens of India, we celebrate the Independence Day of our nation. Although our country has achieved a lot during the past 73 years of Independence, we are aware of the problems faced by all

sections of our society. Hence, as we celebrate the Independence Day, let us join our fellow-citizens and strive to uphold the rights of all enshrined in the Constitution and work towards redeeming our country from all divisive forces. We see a daily rise in the number of cases infected with corona virus in our country. Let us raise our hearts and minds to God imploring His mercy to deliver us from this pandemic. I wish you festal greetings and best wishes on the occasion of the Independence Day.

## **7. JUSTICE SUNDAY**

The Justice Sunday this year falls on 16 August 2020, the Sunday after Independence Day. “Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor.” Justice toward God is called the "virtue of religion." Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons and to the common good. The just man, often mentioned in the Sacred Scriptures, is distinguished by habitual right thinking and the uprightness of his conduct toward his neighbor. “You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.”“Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.”(CCC 1807) Let us pray that justice and peace may prevail among all sections of our society and also support the work of the Commission for Justice and Peace in our Diocese.

## **8. WORLD SENIOR CITIZENS’ DAY**

The World Senior Citizens’ Day is celebrated on August 21 each year. The former president of the United States, Ronald Reagan, officially founded World Senior Citizens’ Day in 1988. The day is dedicated to increase awareness about the issues that affect older adults. It also

recognizes and acknowledges the contributions of older people to the society. It is an important moment to remind the government of its commitment to work for the welfare of the old persons, to help them end hunger and poverty for the elderly and people of all ages. It's also a day to remember and celebrate the senior persons and thank them for their contribution. Let us convey our wishes and remember to pray for all senior citizens in our parish communities.

## **9. INSTRUCTION: "THE PASTORAL CONVERSION"**

The Vatican Congregation for the Clergy released a new document on 29 June 2020 to help guide the reform of parish communities. It is entitled 'The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelizing mission of the Church.' 'The Church offers space for everyone to find their place, while respecting the vocation of each individual' forms the core of the Instruction. The document does not promulgate any new legislation, but proposes methods to better apply existing rules and canonical norms. The aim is to encourage the co-responsibility of the baptized and to promote pastoral care based on closeness and cooperation among parishes. What emerges most forcefully from the Instruction is the urgency of missionary renewal, a pastoral conversion of the parish, so that the faithful may re-discover the dynamism and creativity which allows the parish to be always "going forth", aided by the contribution of all the baptized faithful.

The Instruction consists of 11 chapters and can be divided into two parts: the first (chapters 1-6) offers a broad reflection on pastoral conversion, missionary outreach, and the value of the parish in the contemporary context. The second part (chapters 7-11) dwells on the subdivisions of parish communities, various pastoral roles that make them up, and the ways in which the governing norms are applied.

## 10. FUNERAL OF COVID-19 DEATHS

Keeping in mind the time-to-time guidelines given by the Central and State governments and district authorities regarding the funeral of Covid-19 deaths, we have formulated necessary guidelines for the Diocese of Udupi to help the parish priests and the family members of the deceased so that the deceased may be given a dignified burial. I request the parish priests to follow these guidelines in case of such deaths and help the family members experience the closeness of the Church in their grief. The guidelines are given as Annexure 1.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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✠ Gerald Isaac Lobo  
Bishop of Udupi

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## GOLDEN BIRTHDAY

Rev. Fr Vincent Coelho, Parish Priest, Byndoor 02/8/2020

### *Ad Multos Annos* OBITUARY

Mr Ronald Lewis (68 Yrs), Br/o Rev. Fr Charles Lewis, Parish Priest, Trasi passed away on 16 July 2020. May God grant him eternal rest.

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**CATHOLIC EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY OF UDUPI**  
**Results of CBSE Schools and PU Colleges**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Std (CBSE)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Institution</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
1	St Mary's English Medium School, Kannarpady	100%
2	Don Bosco English Medium School, Shirva	98.63%
3	Christ School, Manipal	100%

**PUC (State Board and CBSE)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Institution</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
1	Milagres PU College, Kallianpura	96.37%
2	St Lawrence PU College, Moodubelle	88.3%
3	St Mary's PU College, Shirva	83%
4	St Mary's Composite PU College, Kundapura	93.27%
5	St John's Composite PU College, Shankerpura	90.54%
6	St Mary's English Medium School, Kannarpady (CBSE)	100%

Congratulations to all the Correspondents, Principals, Head Masters/Head Mistresses, Managing Committee Members, Teachers and the students for the excellent results.

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