

# VOX NOSTRA

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*Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,*

## 1. CHRISM MASS

The **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated on **Thursday, 30 March 2023**. In the morning, there will be a spiritually enriching session at 'Anugraha' Pastoral Centre to all priests on the theme, 'Living a life deeply with Cross and Resurrection' by **Rev. Fr Joe Mathias, SJ** and **Dr Stan Lobo** as resource persons. The **registration** will be at **09.30 am** and the session will be held from **10.00 am to 01.00 pm** with a break in between and will end with fraternal lunch. In the evening, **tea** will be served at **03.30 pm** at **Milagres Tri-centenary Hall** and the **Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at **04.00 pm** in **Milagres Cathedral**. I invite all priests, diocesan and religious, to concelebrate with me as a sign of our priestly unity and solidarity as unum presbyterium. It is also the Day of Priests. I request all Parish Priests to announce to your parishioners regarding the Chrism Mass and its importance, and invite them to participate in large numbers, and also to pray for all priests rendering their pastoral ministry in the Diocese of Udupi.

## 2. MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR LENT 2023

The message of the Holy Father Francis for Lent 2023 titled '**Lenten Penance and the Synodal Journey**' was issued on 17 February 2023. In this Message, Pope Francis highlights the relationship between the Lenten journey and the synodal journey, which are both rooted in tradition and open to newness. Pope Francis takes his

inspiration from the Gospel account of the Transfiguration, proclaimed each year on the Second Sunday of Lent. As with the chosen disciples at the Transfiguration, Jesus “takes us with Him to a place apart” during the season of Lent. “Lenten penance,” he writes, “is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross.” This requires effort, sacrifice, and concentration, which are also requirements for the Synodal Journey; and therefore, we can say that *our Lenten journey is ‘synodal’ since we make it together along the same path, as disciples of the one Master.*

### **3. TRAINING FOR PPC VICE PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES AND COORDINATORS OF THE 20 COMMISSIONS**

The training for **Vice Presidents** of Parish Pastoral Councils (PPCs) of all the Parishes will be held in ‘Anugraha’ Pastoral Centre on **05 March 2023** from 09.30 am to 01.00 pm. For **Secretaries** of PPC, the training programme will be held in ‘Anugraha’ Pastoral Centre on **16 March 2023** from 09.30 am to 01.00 pm. All the Secretaries are requested to get the Minute Book of the PPC. For the **Coordinators of 20 Commissions**, the training programme will be held in ‘Anugraha’ Pastoral Centre on **12 March 2023** from 09.30 am to 01.00 pm. During these meetings, they will be briefed on their role in the parish. I hereby request the Parish Priests to inform your PPC Vice President, Secretary and Coordinator of 20 Commissions about the date and time of this training programme and to attend the same without fail.

### **4. TRAINING FOR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The training for the members of the Parish Finance Committee will be held in all the deaneries. It will be conducted in two groups. All the members of the Parish Finance Committee along with the Parish Priests

must attend this training programme. The Secretaries are requested to get the Minute Book of the PFC while attending this training. Kindly find below the dates, places and the timings:

**15.03.2023**

**03:00 pm, Place: Udupi :** Kalmady, Manipal, Perampally, Udupi, Kuntalnagar.

**20.03.2023**

**09:30 am, Place: Kundapur :** Kundapur, Kota, Koteswar, Kandlur, Piusnagar, Basrur.

**03:00 pm, Place: Trasi :** Byndoor, Gangolli, Padukone, Tallur, Trasi.

**21.03.2023**

**09:30 am, Place: Karkal Attur :** Karkal Attur, Parappady, Kanajar, Nakre.

**03:00 pm, Place: Karkal Town :** Ajekar, Hirgan, Miyar, Karkal Town, Kera.

**23.03.2023**

**09:30 am, Place: Udyavar :** Moodubelle, Udyavar, Yermal, Katapady.

**24.03.2023**

**09:30 am, Place: Brahmavar :** Barkur, Brahmavar, Sastan, Pethri.

**29.03.2023**

**09:30 am, Place: Belman :** Belman, Kelmbet, Mundkur, Mukamar, Palimar, Pernal

**03:00 PM, Place: Pamboor :** Shirva, Pamboor, Pilar, Mudarangadi, Kalathur, Pangala.

**31.03.2023**

**09:30 am, Place: Kallianpur :** Mount Rosary, Kallianpur, Thottam, Kemman, Kolalgiri.

## **5. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY**

The theme for the International Women's Day, 8 March 2023 (IWD 2023) is #EmbraceEquity. For International Women's Day and beyond, let's all fully #EmbraceEquity. Equity isn't just a nice-to-have, it's a must-have. A focus on gender equity needs to be part of every society's DNA. And it's critical to understand the difference between equity and equality. IWD 2023's campaign theme gets the world talking about why equal opportunities aren't enough.

With a grateful heart, I sincerely thank and appreciate the contribution of women in pastoral work in all parishes of our Diocese. I offer my warm greetings to all women of our Diocese and wish them divine blessings on the occasion. May this day be an occasion for us to recognize the contribution of women in the Church and offer them due opportunities to grow and express themselves freely in the mission of the Church.

## **6. NATIONAL APPEAL FOR THE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS OF TURKEY AND SYRIA**

In solidarity with the affected in the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria, and in response to the calls from several Bishops from the Conference, the President of CBCI and the Chairman of Caritas India have issued a joint National Appeal to assist the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria. In this season of Lent, let us pray for the victims of this earthquake so that they may receive timely help from the government, different countries and from international organizations. As a sign of our solidarity, I invite all parishes to make a second collection on Sunday, 12 March 2023 in all masses and transfer the amount to the diocese before 31 March 2023.

## **7. BIBLE CONVENTIONS IN PARISHES**

During the season of Lent, we organize various spiritual activities in our parishes. I hereby recommend to organize a day's Bible

Convention in the parishes as a part of implementing the objectives of the Biblical Commission of our diocese which would help our people to nourish the season of Lent with the Word of God. The members of parish Bible Commission can take the initiative to plan and organize the Bible Convention. Kindly contact the Director of Divya Jyothi for assistance.

Yours sincerely in Christ,



+ Gerald Isaac Lobo

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**DIAMOND BIRTHDAY**

Rev. Fr John Walter Mendonca,  
Parish Priest, Hiran

27-03-2023

**Congratulations and Best Wishes Dear Rev. Father**

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**COMMUNICATION FROM PASTORAL COMMISSIONS**

**1. COMMISSION FOR SCCs**

- 13.03.2023     DAT            meeting
- 18.03.2023     New Preraks training
- 26.03.2023     Bible Mirror Method Training at Byndoor

**Rev. Fr Harold Pereira**  
**Director**

**2. COMMISSION FOR ECUMENISM**

- 12.03.2023     Parish Conveners' Meeting at Anugraha  
Pastoral Centre at 3.00 pm

**Rev. Fr Harold Pereira**  
**Director**

### **3 FAMILY COMMISSION**

- 12 March Family Commission Parish Conveners' Meeting  
9.30 am to 12.00 noon
- 12 March Family Enrichment Murudeshwar parish Karwar  
Diocese 2.30 pm – 5.30 pm
- 15 March Karnataka Region Family Commission Directors'  
Meet
- 19 March Resource Team Training on Remote Preparation  
for Family Life, Mandya Diocese
- 25 March Remote Preparation Text book Committee Meet
- 25 & 26 March Marriage Preparation Course
- 29 March 20 Commission Directors' Meet

**Mr Leslie Arouza**  
**Director**

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### **OBITUARY**

**Mr Callistus Joseph D'Souza** (88 yrs), F/o Rev. Fr Ronson D'Souza, CSC, Director, Holy Cross Students' Home, Katapadi passed away on 7 February 2023 and the funeral was held on 9 February 2023 at Milagres Cathedral, Kallianpur.

**MAY GOD GRANT HIM ETERNAL REST**

### **INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR MARCH 2023**

#### **For victims of abuse**

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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