

# VOX NOSTRA

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*Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,*

## **1. RESUMPTION OF MASSES**

The meeting of the College of Consultors and Deans was held on Monday, 29 June 2020, to deliberate on the views sought from priests, religious men and women, doctors and the faithful of all parishes on the resumption of masses in our churches. The following decisions were arrived at for the Diocese of Udupi:

1. As the Catholic faithful are without the Holy Mass since almost a hundred days, most of them have been yearning for the spiritual nourishment. Moreover, the Covid-19 situation is worsening day by day. Hence, we have to learn to live with the virus with due precaution. The Government has permitted many activities in the State. However, the next 5 Sundays beginning with 5 July will be locked down as a precautionary measure. Based on this directive, it has been decided that the Churches of Udupi Diocese will be opened for people to participate in the Holy Eucharist from Monday, July 6, 2020. The parish priests shall consult the Parish Pastoral Council regarding the mandatory guidelines and be prepared to fulfill them before resuming the masses.
2. Due to lock-down, the Sunday Eucharist (including Saturday evening) cannot be celebrated for people till August 02. Once the lock-down is lifted, masses on Sundays/Saturday evenings may be resumed.
3. Parish churches falling inside the Containment zones shall wait till the situation is improved and only then, after

consulting the Parish Pastoral Council, they may resume weekday masses.

4. The weekday masses for Women Religious in convents too may be resumed from 6 July, 2020.
5. Funeral, wedding, requiem and other masses may be celebrated on weekdays following strictly the norms prescribed by the Government regarding the number of participants.
6. The parish priest shall supervise the arrangements for the celebration of masses and shall be responsible to adhere to the mandatory norms laid down by the Central, State and District administrations. The detailed guidelines have been given as annexure 1.

## **2. ANNIVERSARY OF THE ERECTION OF THE DIOCESE**

On 16 July 2012 Pope Benedict XVI erected the Diocese of Udupi which completes eight fruitful years during this month of July. We have experienced abundant grace and providence of God during these years. We acknowledge these blessings of God and raise our hearts and minds in praising and thanking God the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. We also acknowledge the **sincere commitment, dedication and hard work of our Priests, Religious and Lay Faithful** through bringing together their unique talents and abilities in contributing to the growth of this fledgling Diocese despite the lack of infrastructural facilities at the Diocesan level. I wholeheartedly thank and appreciate the services of all priests, religious and the lay faithful and request you all to work with greater zeal and enthusiasm in realizing the kingdom of God in this local Church. May God bless you. Let us march forward together with faith and hope, and let us always be assured of the maternal care of Our Lady of Miracles, our Patron in our mission.

## **3. OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL**

The feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, celebrated on July 16, was first instituted in the late 14th century in

commemoration of the approval of the rule of the Carmelite Order a hundred years earlier and it entered the Calendar of the universal Church in the early 18th century. The brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, according to the Carmelite tradition, was presented by Our Lady to St Simon Stock, the then Father General, on July 16, 1251. Many popes and saints have strongly recommended wearing the Brown Scapular to the Catholic faithful. The scapular stands for a commitment to follow Jesus, like Mary, the perfect model of all the disciples of Christ. This commitment finds its origin in baptism. It is also an expression of the belief that the bearers of the scapular will meet God in eternal life, aided by the intercession and prayers of Mary, our heavenly Mother.

#### **4. ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT**

The **Annual Retreat** for the clergy of the Diocese scheduled for 19-24 July 2020 is postponed to 4-9 October 2020 and will be held at Shanthi Kiran, Bajjodi, Mangalore. Kindly keep these dates free. However, please know that even on the new dates, the retreat will be held only if the situation is favorable to do the retreat together.

#### **5. PASTORAL CONSULTATION 2020**

Considering the prevailing situation of corona virus pandemic, the meeting of the Council of Priests held on 16 June 2020 has proposed to cancel the Pastoral Consultation for this year. However, as per its suggestion, we will come together for discussing any urgent and important pastoral issues on the day of the Chrism Mass, which again will be held when the situation is conducive for it.

#### **6. VIANNEY DAY CELEBRATION**

We had decided last year to hold the Vianney Day celebration at the Diocesan level from the current year onwards. But since the present situation is not conducive to hold it at the Diocesan Level, the Deans may organize and celebrate the Vianney Day with the priests of the deanery on 4 August 2020 at the deanery level in a modest manner.

## **7. NORMS AND PROCEDURES ON PROMOTING SAFE MORAL ENVIRONMENT**

As per the direction of the Holy See, the Diocese of Udupi has finalized the norms and procedures on promoting safe moral environment, after presenting them at the meeting of the Council of Priests held on 16 June 2020 and have been approved by the College of Consultors during its meeting on 19 June 2020. The norms were promulgated on 24 June 2020, on the Solemnity of the Birth of St John the Baptist, and would be effective from 1 July 2020. The copy of the norms will be printed and published and the copies will soon be made available at the Bishop's House.

## **8. PRAYER FOR RAIN**

We are all aware that though the season of rain has begun, we have not received rain as expected and needed in the month of June. Rain in time is very important for agricultural activities. Therefore, I request you all to kindly offer special prayers so that God may bless us with sufficient rains, for the scripture says, "again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops" (James 5:18). Please include a prayer for rain in the prayers of the faithful when you celebrate Mass on Sundays. Do encourage the faithful to care for our 'common home' by protecting the earth through planting of saplings in the rainy season and also effective harvesting of rain water.

## **9. PRAYERS FOR RELIEF FROM COVID-19**

The cases of Covid-19 are still on the rise all over India. Hence, let us continue to raise our hearts and minds to God with unceasing prayers so that the world is completely delivered from the pandemic of the corona virus.

## **10. PROGRAMMES IN JULY 2020**

All scheduled programmes for the month of July 2020 stand cancelled. All these programmes may be rescheduled after the situation permits us to hold them.

## **11. SANTVANA- A TELECOUNSELING HELPLINE**

We are all affected by the Corona Virus pandemic in various ways. In addition to the fear of the spread of Corona Virus, we are aware that our faithful are experiencing anxiety, loneliness and stress due to financial problems, job-loss, especially in foreign countries, and the consequent return of our people, difficulties of stay at home or quarantine life, uncertainty about education and future, etc. Although the anxiety and stress are normal in these situations, the inability to handle the anxiety and stress properly may lead to depression and also can lead eventually to loss of life. Hence, the Family Commission of our Diocese has launched **SANTVANA**- a telecounseling facility with the help of a few qualified priests and lay persons of our Diocese. The initiative will start from 1 July 2020. I congratulate the Director of the Family Commission and sincerely thank all the Counselors for coming forward to help our people in these tough times. Please inform your parishioners about this initiative and let us help our brothers and sisters in facing these times of stress and anxiety. The details are given as annexure 2.

## **12. NEW ADDITIONS TO THE LITANY OF OUR LADY**

Pope Francis has approved the inclusion of three additional invocations in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also called the Litany of Loreto. The three new invocations are: “Mater misericordiae,” which means, “**Mother of Mercy**,” should be placed after “Mater Ecclesiae” (Mother of the Church), “Mater spei,” which means “**Mother of Hope**,” should follow “Mater divinae gratiae” (Mother of Divine Grace) and “Solacium migrantium,” which means “**Comfort of Migrants**,” should follow “Refugium peccatorum” (Refuge of Sinners). The letter of the Prefect of the Congregation for Liturgy sent to the presidents of Conferences of Bishops explaining the purpose of adding these new invocations is given as annexure 3. The Konkani Translation of these new invocations will be done by the Regional Commission for Liturgy in Konkani and will be sent to you soon.

### 13. COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA CHANNELS OF THE DIOCESE

- A. **UDUPI CHANCERY WhatsApp group:** As there could be multiple WhatsApp groups started by various persons in the name of Udupi Diocese, this will be the Official Channel of communication hereafter. Vox Nostra, Circulars and other communications from the Bishop's House will be posted in this group. Only the admins will post the communication. Hence, do not leave the group lest you miss the communication from the Diocese.
- B. **www.udupidiocese.in website:** This is the official website of the Diocese which is updated periodically.
- C. **DIVYAVANI LIVE:** This is the official YouTube Channel of the Diocese where the media products of the Diocese are available.

### 14. CLERICAL TRANSFERS/APPOINTMENTS

Fr Rohan Michael Dias, Asst., Bendur (Mangalore Diocese) is appointed as Asst., Shirva, w.e.f. 11.06.2020. We welcome him to the Diocese. He can be contacted on **8722088817**.

Fr Steevan Fernandes, Asst., Udupi is transferred to Mount Rosary, Santhekatte as Asst. w.e.f. 24.06.2020.

Fr Ashwin Aranha, Asst., Shirva is transferred to Udupi as Asst. w.e.f. 26.06.2020.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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✠ Gerald Isaac Lobo  
Bishop of Udupi

## **RUBY BIRTHDAY**

Rev. Fr Wilson D'Souza, Parochial  
Administrator, Kuntalnagar

17 July 2020

### **CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES DEAR FATHER**

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#### **DIVYA JYOTHI**

#### **Note:**

1. The New three-volumes English Lectionary has arrived. Those who had ordered pre-publication, the price is Rs 4500 and for those who had ordered post-publication, the price is Rs 7500. Those who had placed orders for them, kindly take them as early as possible.
2. On the back cover page of our diocesan ORDO 2019-2020 in the Table of Movable Feasts for the year 2021, Ash Wednesday is mentioned as occurring on Feb 27. Please correct it as **Feb 17**.

**Rev. Fr Stephen D'Souza**  
**Director**

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## **SAMPADA UDUPI**

### **Lenten Campaign 2020 - Results**

The draw of the Lenten Campaign 2020 in Aid of the Housing Fund was held on 15 June 2020 at SAMPADA UDUPI office, by Rev. Fr Stephen D'Souza, Director, Divya Jyothi, Diocese of Udupi.

Result is as follows:

I Prize: **082024** (Sasthan)

II Prize: **110593** (Thottam)

III Prize: **047543** (Karkal Town)

Consolation Prizes:

1. **100800** (Milagres Cathedral)

2. **072573** (Kundapura)
3. **120357** (Katpadi)
4. **108369** (Petri)
5. **126134** (Perampalli)

Prizes can be claimed from Sampada office by **30th July 2020**. Personal letter has been sent to the Parish Priests together with the Receipts and information regarding claiming their share of Lenten Campaign 2020 amount for their projects of construction of new houses, undertaken by parish or its organizations.

Thanks to Rev. Parish Priests, all Priests, and Superiors of Religious Communities for your whole hearted cooperation.

**Rev. Fr Reginald Pinto**  
**Director**

*Annexure 2:*

**SANTVANA**  
**A Telecounseling -Helpline by Udupi Diocese**



- *Are you feeling stressed in these times of Corona Virus?*
- *Are you feeling lonely and depressed during lockdown?*
- *Are you searching for comfort due to loss of job and finance?*
- *Are you looking for techniques to coping with anxiety?*

If your answer to any of these questions is a 'YES', the Diocese of Udupi through the **COMMISSION FOR FAMILY** is at your service through its initiative **SANTVANA** to be of assistance to you. You may call any of the following trained counselors/guides through



phone/mobile and seek the required help. STAY HOME.  
STAY SAFE.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Mobile No</b>
1	<b>Mr Leslie Arouza</b>	MS - Counseling & Psychotherapy, Diploma in Pastoral Counseling	<b>9980018634</b>
2	<b>Fr Vincent Lobo</b>	BTh, MS – Counseling & Psychotherapy, MSCP	<b>9482316651</b>
3	<b>Fr Vincent Crasta</b>	BTh, BPh, NET MSW - Medical & Counseling	<b>9880072036</b>
4	<b>Fr Dr Leslie DSouza</b>	BTh, MA (English, Religious Studies, Medical Ethics) Phd (Moral Theology) Diploma in Depth Psychology	<b>9845700683</b>
5	<b>Fr Stephen DSouza</b>	BTh, STL (Church History) Diploma in Professional Counseling	<b>7353447130</b>
6	<b>Fr Mark DSouza SAC</b>	BTh, Diploma in Counseling & Spirituality	<b>9483346925</b>
7	<b>Sr Lenita DSouza SRA</b>	MA,BEd. Diploma in Community & Pastoral Leadership, Diploma in Depth Psychology	<b>9902187534</b>
8	<b>Dr Rayan Mathias</b>	MSW - Medical & Psychiatry, Phd	<b>9901535315</b>
9	<b>Mr Jeevan Lewis</b>	MSW – Medical & Psychiatry	<b>9964643260</b>
10	<b>Ms Meghana Saldanha</b>	MSc – Counseling & Psychology	<b>7406921657</b>

11	<b>Mrs Suja DSouza</b>	MA – English,BEd, MS – Counseling & Psychotherapy	<b>9945120166</b>
12	<b>Ms Renu V. DSouza</b>	MSc – Psychology (Clinical & counseling)	<b>7760230803</b>
13	<b>Dr Deeraj Fernandes</b>	MD Consultant Homeopath	<b>9743886539</b>
14	<b>Ms Veronica Mendonca</b>	MSc – Counseling & Psychology	<b>9538217201</b>
15	<b>Fr Cyril Roshan Menezes</b>	BTh, MSc – Guidance & Counseling	<b>9845616859</b>
16	<b>Fr Alban DSouza</b>	BTh, Diploma in Counseling & Spirituality	<b>9902540814</b>

***Annexure 3:***

LETTER TO THE PRESIDENTS OF CONFERENCES OF  
BISHOPSON THE INVOCATIONS “MATER  
MISERICORDIÆ”, “MATER SPEI”,AND “SOLACIUM  
MIGRANTIUM”TO BE INSERTED INTO THE LITANY  
OF LORETO

Your Eminence/Your Excellency,

The Church which walks along the pathways of history as a pilgrim towards the heavenly Jerusalem and enjoys inseparable communion with Christ her Spouse and Saviour, entrusts herself to her who believed in the word of the Lord.

We know from the Gospel that the disciples of Jesus had in fact learned from the very beginning to praise her as “blessed amongst women” and to count on her maternal intercession.

The titles and invocations which Christian piety has reserved for the Virgin Mary over the course of the centuries, as the privileged and sure way to an encounter with Christ, are innumerable. Even in this present moment which is marked by feelings of uncertainty and trepidation, devout recourse to her, which is full of affection and trust, is deeply felt by the People of God.

Discerning this sentiment and welcoming the desires expressed, the Supreme Pontiff, Pope Francis, wishes to provide that in the formulary of the litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, called “The Litany of Loreto”, the invocations “Mater misericordiæ”, “Mater spei” and “Solacium migrantium” should be inserted.

The first invocation shall be placed after “Mater Ecclesiæ”, the second after “Mater divinæ gratiæ”, while the third shall be placed after “Refugium peccatorum”.

With every good wish and kind regard, we wish to entrust this notification to you for your information and application.

Sincerely in the Lord,

**Robert Card. Sarah**  
**Prefect**

+**Arthur Roche**  
**Archbishop – Secretary**

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