

# VOX NOSTRA

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*Dear Rev. Fathers, Brothers and Sisters,*

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

August 1, 2021 marks the fifth anniversary of the proclamation and dedication of St Lawrence Basilica, Attur, Karkal. The mass and novena in honour of St Lawrence in preparation for the feast will begin on 1 August 2021. The Rector of the Basilica has made adequate arrangements for the celebration of mass on the days of the Novena and feast day on 10 August 2021. While we thank God for the gift of this Basilica to our Diocese, let us implore God through the intercession of St Lawrence for more and more faithful to experience the divine presence during their pilgrimage to the Basilica through the sacraments of Confession and Holy Eucharist, and reflect the powerful intercession of St Lawrence in their daily life.

## **2. PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY**

The Prison Ministry Sunday is celebrated on 1 August this year with the theme **“Prisoners’ Reintegration and Redemption”**. This Sunday provides us with an opportunity to conscientize our faithful on the plight of prisoners in India and how the Church in India works towards their change of heart towards a positive outlook and also their re-integration in the society. 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.

### **3. ST JOHN MARIE VIANNEY**

We celebrate the memorial of St John Marie Vianney, the Patron of Parish Priests, on 4 August 2021. I wish all Parish Priests a happy and joyful feast of your patron. Let us emulate St John Vianney in serving the faithful in our parishes by being available to their needs and offering them peace and comfort through the Sacrament of Confession and also by patiently listening to their life-stories, and helping them to discover God's benevolent presence in their lives. In view of the current situation, I request each deanery to organize the celebration of the day at the deanery level. May St John Marie Vianney intercede for us all.

### **4. NATIONAL PRAYERSERVICE**

We are all going through a very difficult time and many of us are facing seriouschallenging situations on account of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Many are still in the hospitals, struggling under the grip of the invisible enemy. Many others lost their jobs and are finding it hard to make ends meet. With a view to pray for the departed souls, express solidarity with the grieving families and communities and pray for the health of the world, the CCBI will hold a **one-hour National Prayer Service on Saturday, 7 August 2021, from 8.30 to 9.30 pm**. The event will be conducted from the tombs of St Thomas, St Francis Xavier and St Teresa of Kolkata and from the Marian Basilicas of Bandra (Mumbai), Sardhana (Meerut), Hyderabad, Shivajinagar (Bangalore) and Vailankanni. This Special Prayer Service with a Eucharistic Benediction will be telecast on Catholic satellite television

channels and will also be streamed through leading Catholic YouTube channels. Let us all participate in this prayer service and pray for the health of the world. The text of prayer service and the links to YouTube channels will be shared in the Chancery WhatsApp group.

## **5. NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY**

The National Youth Sunday this year will be celebrated on **8 August 2021**. Please convey my best wishes to all the youth in your parishes on this occasion of the National Youth Sunday.

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

We celebrate the feast of the Assumption of Our Lady on **Sunday, 15 August 2021**. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “Finally, the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things so that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son’s Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians.” I wish you all a happy feast of Assumption. Please remit the collection of all masses of the day to the Diocese for the cause of *Communio India*.

## **7. INDEPENDENCE DAY**

On 15 August 2021, as proud citizens of India, we celebrate the 75th Independence Day of our nation. It is an occasion for us to gratefully remember the freedom-fighters for their selfless sacrifice for the nation for freeing it from the foreign powers. As an independent and democratic

nation, India has seen development in all sectors and all of us have benefitted from it. However, we also have experienced the attempts by the government to subvert the freedom by crushing the voices of dissent and threatening the status of unity-in-diversity in India. Let us pray for all leaders of our nation so that they lead our nation on the path of development that benefits one and all. I convey my best wishes on the occasion of the Independence Day.

## **8. JUSTICE SUNDAY**

The Justice Sunday this year is on **22 August 2021, the Sunday after Independence Day**. The CBCI Commission for Labour has informed us that the material will be sent to us very soon. The same will be posted in the Chancery WhatsApp group. 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.

## **9. SUNDAY AND SCHOOL CATECHISM AND VALUE EDUCATION**

We were beginning Catechism in parishes and schools every year in the month of June. However, since the advent of the pandemic this has been disrupted. Last year we mostly held online Sunday Catechism and a few offline classes towards the end of the academic year. However, this year, I exhort all Correspondents and Catholic Heads of our educational institutions to begin online Catechism and Value Education in all Catholic schools and Sunday Catechism in parishes from the **1<sup>st</sup> of August 2021**. Online meeting of Sunday Catechism, School Catechism and Value Education Coordinators was organized by Divya Jyothi on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July 2021 respectively and the director has given relevant

instructions to them for organizing Catechism and Value Education. Please encourage children to attend Catechism and strictly follow Covid Protocol while bringing them together for Catechism and Mass. Kindly follow the syllabus prepared by Divya Jyothi.

## **10. RENEWAL OF MANDATE**

We have published a booklet of all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who are given mandate by us to distribute Holy Communion in the parishes of Udupi Diocese. Since the mandate of many of them has expired, I request the parish priests to ask me in writing before 31 August 2021 to renew their mandate after following the instructions given in the booklet.

## **11. NEW DEAN**

V. Rev. Fr Clement Mascarenhas, the parish priest of Christ the King Church, Karkal-Town, has been appointed the new Dean of Karkal- St Philip Deanery. I extend my best wishes to him and also request the priests and the faithful of the deanery to work as one team in serving the faithful and in earnestly implementing the Pastoral Plan in the deanery.

## **12. RECENT REFORM IN CANON LAW**

With the Apostolic Constitution '*Pascite Gregem Dei*', Pope Francis has reformed Book VI of the Code of Canon Law, continuing a revision begun by Benedict XVI and applying penal sanctions to criminal offenses. The new text is a more agile tool for correction, which is to be applied promptly to "avoid more serious evils and to soothe the wounds caused by human weakness."

Some reflections to help us in understanding the rationale and the effects of these reforms in the Code of Canon Law.

### **13. TRANSFERS/APPOINTMENTS (See pages 7-10)**

### **14. MINISTRIES OF LECTOR AND ACOLYTE**

On 10 January 2021, Pope Francis, with the Apostolic Letter *Spiritus Domini* issued Motu Proprio, modified the first paragraph of the Canon 230 of the Code of Canon Law and established that both men and women can have access to the ministries of Lector and Acolyte in a stable manner. Earlier, Pope Paul VI, through the Apostolic Letter *Ministeria Quaedam* (15 August 1972), had suppressed the “the minor orders” and declared services of lector and acolyte as “ministries”. These are not reserved only for those who are to be admitted to Sacred Orders. The changed paragraph of the Canon 230 § 1 reads as follows: “Lay persons who possess the age and qualifications established by decree of the conference of Bishops can be admitted on a stable basis through the prescribed liturgical rite to the ministries of lector and acolyte. Nevertheless, the conferral of these ministries does not grant them the right to obtain support or remuneration from the Church”.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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+ **Gerald Isaac Lobo**  
Bishop of Udipi

## CLERICAL TRANSFERS / APPOINTMENTS - 2021

| <b>N<br/>O</b> | <b>NAME</b>               | <b>FROM</b>                    | <b>TO</b>                                      | <b>w.e.f</b>    |
|----------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| 01             | Fr Wilson D'Souza         | Parochial Admn.<br>Kuntalnagar | PP. Kuntalnagar                                | 01 May<br>2021  |
| 02             | Fr Prakash Anil Castelino | Parochial Admn. Giri           | PP. Giri                                       | 01 May<br>2021  |
| 03             | Fr Rolwin Aranha          | Asst. Udyavar                  | Asst. Shirva<br>& Teaching Don Bosco<br>School | 01 May<br>2021  |
| 04             | Fr Charles Menezes        | Parochial Admn. Udupi          | PP. Udupi & Director, ICYM                     | 01 June<br>2021 |
| 05             | Fr Edwin D'Souza          | PP. Belman                     | Director, YCS & YSM                            | 01 June<br>2021 |
| 06             | Fr Rohan Dias             | Asst. Shirva                   | Back to M'lore Diocese                         | 30 June<br>2021 |
| 07             | Fr Roshan D'Cunha         | Asst. Pangla                   | Back to M'lore Diocese                         | 30 June<br>2021 |
| 08             | Fr Anil Francis Pinto     | M'lore Diocese                 | Asst. Pangla                                   | 01 July<br>2021 |
| 09             | Fr Melwyl Roy Lobo        | Asst. Basilica, Attur          | Asst. Kalmady, Law Studies                     | 01 July 2021    |
| 10             | Fr Jesudasan, sfx         | Goa Province                   | Asst. Giri                                     | 01 July<br>2021 |
| 11             | Fr Joy Jolsan Andrade     | Shimoga Diocese                | Asst. Cathedral, Kallianpur                    | 01 July<br>2021 |

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|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 12 | Fr Stany D'Cunha         | Ajekar                   | Back to Shimoga Diocese | 01 July 2021 |
| 13 | Fr Canute Noronha        | Asst. Cathedral          | Sick Leave              | 01 July 2021 |
| 14 | Fr Steevan Nelson Peris  | M'Lore Diocese           | Asst. Shirva            | 01 July 2021 |
| 15 | Fr Baptist Menezes (Jr)  | Rector, Minor Sem. Belle | PP. Kalmady             | 05 July 2021 |
| 16 | Fr Thomas Roshan D'Souza | Leave                    | PP. Gangolli            | 05 July 2021 |



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|----------------|------------------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 17             | Fr Rajesh Pasanna, CSC       | Bangalore Province                                 | PP. Katapadi            | 05 July<br>2021 |
| 18             | Fr Ronson R. D'Souza,<br>CSC | PP. Katapadi                                       | Back to Province        | 05 July<br>2021 |
| 19             | Fr Jerald Sandeep<br>D'Mello | Administrator,<br>Propadeu-<br>tic Seminary, Jeppu | Resident, Belman        | 05 July<br>2021 |
| 20             | Fr Alban D'Souza             | PP. Kalmady  | Rector, Basilica, Attur | 06 July<br>2021 |
| 21             | Fr Albert Crasta             | PP. Gangolli                                       | PP. Piusnagar           | 06 July<br>2021 |
| 22             | Fr George Thomas<br>D'Souza  | Rector, Basilica, Attur                            | PP. Belle               | 07 July<br>2021 |
| 23             | Fr John A. Barboza           | PP. Piusnagar                                      | PP. Pilar               | 07 July<br>2021 |
| 24             | Fr Praveen Amrith Martis     | HM, Kundapur                                       | PP. Ajekar              | 07 July<br>2021 |
| 25             | Fr Sunil D'Silva             | PP. Ajekar   | PP. Sastan              | 08 July<br>2021 |
| 26             | Fr Clement Mascarenhas       | PP. Belle  | PP. Karkal Town         | 08 July<br>2021 |
| 27             | Fr Lawrence C. D'Souza       | Resident, Belle                                    | Resident, Karkal Town   | 08 July         |

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|    |                                     |                               |                        | 2021            |
| 28 | Fr Vishal Lobo                      | PP. Pilar                     | PP. Kanajar            | 08 July<br>2021 |
| 29 | Fr John Walter<br>Mendonca          | PP. Sastan                    | PP. Hirgan             | 09 July<br>2021 |
| 30 | Fr Alexander Lewis                  | PP. Kanajar                   | Director, Belve Colony | 09 July<br>2021 |
| 31 | Fr Joswey Fernandes                 | PP. Karkal Town               | PP. Yermal             | 09 July<br>2021 |
| 32 | Fr Cyril Lobo<br>(Gulbarga Diocese) | Resident, Mudipu<br>Mangalore | Asst. Belle            | 09 July<br>2021 |
| 33 | Fr Melwin Pinto, MSIJ               | Bondel                        | Asst. Basilica, Attur  | 09 July<br>2021 |

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|----------------|----------------------------------|---|--|--------------|
| 34             | Fr Roman Mascarenhas             | Socius, Giri                              | Spiritual Director<br>Basilica, Attur                            | 09 July 2021 |
| 35             | Fr Vijith Mathias, CSC           | Provincialate,<br>Bangalore               | Asst. Karkal Town  | 10 July 2021 |
| 36             | Fr Vincent Lobo                  | Director, Belve Colony                    | Sick Leave, Bangalore  | 10 July 2021 |
| 37             | Fr Ronald Miranda                | Parochial Admn. Yermal                    | PP. Mundkur  | 10 July 2021 |
| 38             | Fr Rosario Fernandes             | PP. Mundkur                               | PP. Trasi  | 12 July 2021 |
| 39             | Fr Charles Lewis                 | PP. Trasi                                 | Retires, Residence<br>Basrur Church                              | 12 July 2021 |
| 40             | Fr Anil Cornelio                 | PP. Hirgan                                | Diocesan Vocation<br>Promoter,<br>Residence, Minor Sem.<br>Belle | 12 July 2021 |
| 41             | Fr Sunil Joseph Veigas           | PP. Fajir, M'Lore Dio.                    | Rector, Shrine, Kerekatte  | 20 July 2021 |
| 42             | Fr Xavier Pinto                  | Rector, Shrine,<br>Kerekatte              | Retires, Residence, Udyavar                                      | 20 July 2021 |
| 43             | Fr Paul Francis Coutinha,<br>SAC | Director, Pallotti Vikas,<br>Berke, Miyar | Priest in-charge, Kera<br>Chapel                                 | 26 July 2021 |
| 44             | Fr Pascal Menezes                | Quasi PP. Kera Chapel                     | Medical Leave, Res. Pernal                                       | 01 Aug 2021  |
| 45             | Fr Jithesh I. Castelino          | Asst. Belle                               | Higher Studies, Rome   | 15 Aug 2021  |
| 46             | Fr Ivan Joy Martis               | Asst. Belman                              | Diplomatic Studies, Rome   | 30 Sept 2021 |

## **DIACONAL MINISTRY**

Dn Jason Stewart Martis, SJ,  
Karnataka Province

Basrur Parish      12 July 2021

## **THEOLOGICAL STUDIES**

1. Bro. Leevan R. Mathias
2. Bro. Oswald Vaz
3. Bro. Rohan E. Mascarenhas

Urbaniana College, Rome  
Papal Seminary, Pune  
St Peter's Seminary,  
Bangalore

## **REGENCY POSTINGS**

1. Bro. Steevan D'Souza
2. Bro. Kevin D'Souza
3. Bro. Shawn Andrade

Byndoor  
Minor Seminary, Belle  
Belman

+ Gerald Isaac Lobo  
**Bishop of Udupi**

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## **PLATINUM BIRTHDAY**

Rev. Fr Alphonsus D'Lima, Parish Priest  
St Joseph Church, Kota

02 August 2021

## **DIAMOND BIRTHDAY**

Rev. Fr Louis D'Sa, Parish Priest

St Theresa of Child Jesus Church, Mukamar

11 August 2021

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

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## **OBITUARY**

**Mrs Mary D'Sa** (86 yrs), M/o V. Rev. Fr Denis D'Sa, Parish Priest, Our Lady of Health Church, Shirva, passed away on 13 July 2021 and the funeral was held on 14 July 2021 at Mount Rosary Church, Santhekatte, Kallianpur. May God grant her eternal rest.

## **INTENTION OF POPE FRANCIS FOR AUGUST 2021 The Church**

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

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