



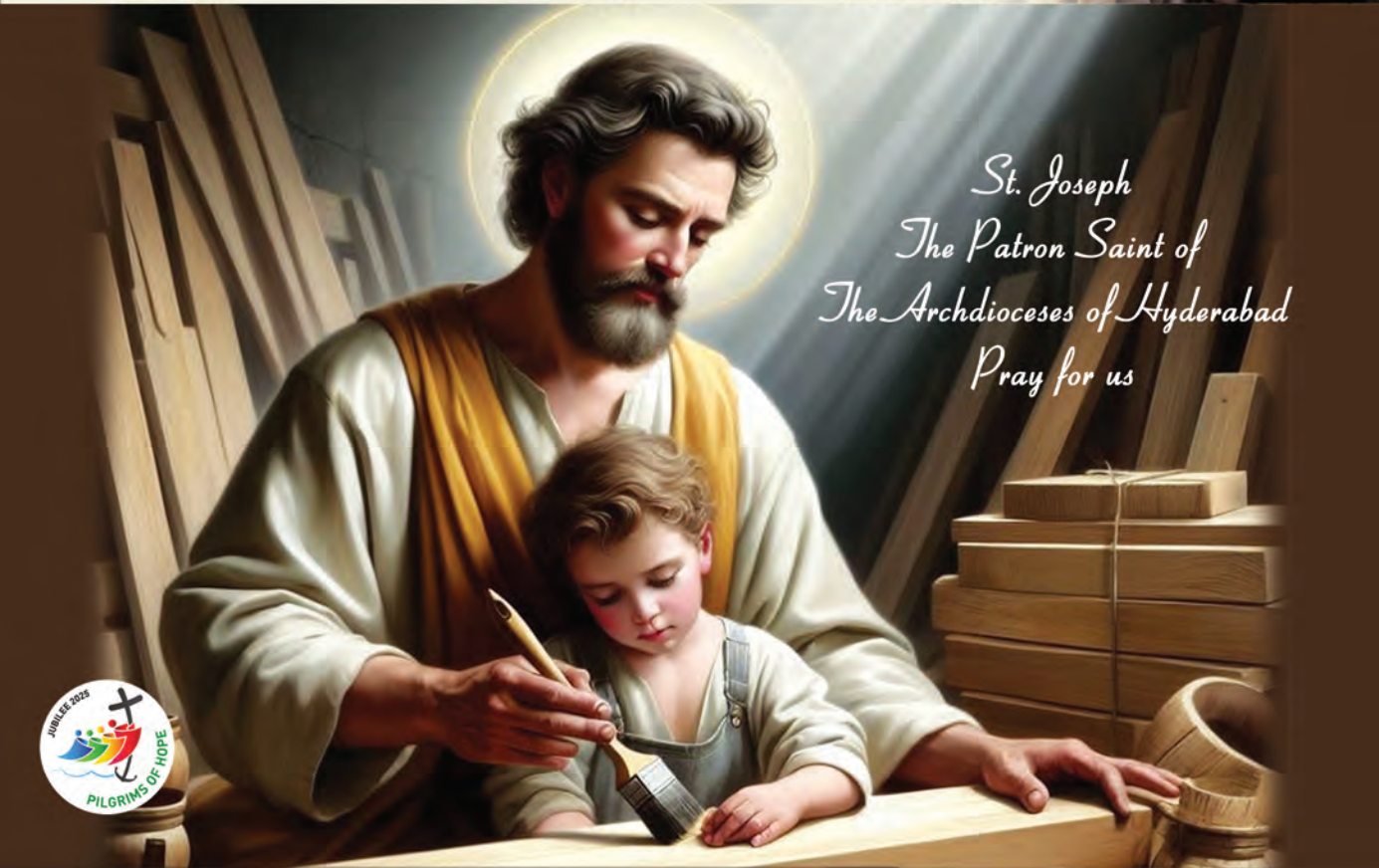
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*St. Joseph
The Patron Saint of
The Archdioceses of Hyderabad
Pray for us*



Pope Francis

Saints of God, come to his aid!
Come to meet him, angels of the Lord!
Receive his soul and present him to God the Most High.
May Christ, who called you, take you to himself:
may angels lead you to Abraham's side
Give him eternal rest, O Lord,
and may your light shine on him forever, Amen.

Date of Birth : 17-12-1936

Date of Death : 21-04-2025



**CHRISM MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL,
GUNFOUNDRY ON 10TH MAY, 2025**



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Archbishop's Message



The recent departure of our Holy Father Pope Francis from our midst in Christ and in the Holy Spirit during the ebbing moments of the Easter solemnity (reportedly at 11.57 p.m.), as he long-sufferingly served in Christ's Petrine office by fulfilling the duties of this office 'to the end' even as he served and participated in the Son our Lord Jesus Christ's annual sacramental memorial of His one Passover cum covenant sacrifice of the Cross to sanctify His one believing flock as the Good Shepherd of His one Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, was most truly a historical participation in the Son our Lord Jesus Christ's own love for His flock: *'Having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end (Jn.13:1b).'*

The attendance of close to a quarter million people (quite universal in its composition) for his funeral rites, witnessed to the unparalleled manner in which he had touched the hearts of every human person whom he had encountered and every human issue to which he had applied his diligent thinking. Pope Francis apparently did not 'address crowds.' He spoke to human persons even in a crowd and consequently his sentences were always contextual! While his sentences sparked the intelligence of the persons to whom he spoke, it left many others who 'heard' those sentences quite bewildered! But the message of his contextual encounters with every human person was always the same: "God has created you

as a unique human person to give you the unspeakable and everlasting joy of being loved by Him, and the task of expressing yourself in His world as a person loved by Him.” And every human person who received this divine truth from him experienced him in their innermost selves as a person who has been deeply loved by God, and felt inspired to become, like him, a person loved by God. And behold, he showed everyone who cared to learn the truth, where and in what manner God makes sinners into human persons loved by Him, by publicly kneeling down before Him in the forum of His merciful sacrament of reconciliation, confessing with true contrition his sins against God’s love for him, and receiving in turn from God, even as he received the words of absolution from the priestly act of the Son our Lord Jesus Christ, an increase of the mission of the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth in his human soul and become empowered by Him to love God the Eternal Father, with all his mind, heart, spirit and body and serve His Providential love in His Eternal Son Jesus Christ not only for every created human person but even for every creature created by Him: “God the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of His Son, has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins. Through the ministry of the Church, may God grant you pardon and peace. And I absolve you from your sins, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

POPE’S INTENTION: MAY 2025

For Working Conditions: Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity and that society might be humanized. That the world may grow in compassion.



CARDINAL’S INTENTION: MAY 2025

For Humility: Let us pray for the gift of humility. Each one may recognize their limitations and acknowledge God’s presence in their lives. May we serve others with a gentle heart and walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, who embodied humility and love.



Solemnities and Feasts

MAY 1st

St. Joseph the Worker (Feast)

St. Joseph, the beloved spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and earthly father of Jesus, is celebrated twice by the Catholic Church every year — first on March 19 for the feast of St. Joseph, husband of Mary, and again on May 1 for the feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

While the saint's March feast dates back to the 10th century, his May feast wasn't instituted until 1955. What was behind it? Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1, 1955 so that it would coincide with International Workers Day, also known as May Day — a secular celebration of labor and workers' rights. During this time, the Soviet Union proclaimed themselves as the defender of workers and utilized May Day as an opportunity to exalt Communism and parade its military prowess. Pope Pius XII chose the date specifically to ensure that workers did not lose the Christian understanding of work.

In his address to the Catholic Association of Italian Workers on that day in 1955, Pius XII said: "There could not be a better protector to help you penetrate the spirit of the Gospel into your life...From the Heart of the Man-God, Savior of the world, this spirit flows into you and into all men; but it is certain that no worker has ever been as perfectly and deeply penetrated by it as the putative Father of Jesus, who lived with Him in the closest intimacy and commonality of family and work."

Source:mycatholic.life



MAY 3rd

Sts. Phillip and James, Apostles (Feast)

Saint Philip was one of the Twelve Apostles. He was most likely a follower of Saint John the Baptist and was aware of John pointing to Jesus as the Messiah. Philip might have been a brother to Simon Peter and Andrew, making him a fisherman by trade. The day after Simon and Andrew were invited to follow Jesus, Jesus encountered Philip and said, "Follow me" (John 1:43). Philip obeyed. He was from the town of Bethsaida, just north of the Sea of Galilee. Philip's first act of evangelization was to tell his friend, Nathanael, that they had found the Messiah. Nathanael was reluctant at first, stating to Philip, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip's response was ideal. He said to his friend, "Come and see" (John 1: 46). When Nathanael came and saw, he immediately professed his faith in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. Early Church theologians believe that Philip followed our Lord from that time forward, witnessing Jesus' first miracle at Cana.

Saint James is also one of the Twelve. The traditional view, from as early as the second century, is that there are only two disciples of Christ in the New Testament with the name James. Some modern scholars identify three or more. If we stick with the traditional view, which was also held by Saint Jerome in the fourth century, then the two Jameses are James the Son of Zebedee and James



the Less (also referred to as James the brother of the Lord, and James the Son of Alphaeus). Later authors call him James the Just. If James the Less is also the James who is the Lord's brother, then James' father was Alphaeus and his mother was Mary of Clopas, the sister of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This would make James the nephew of the Blessed Virgin and a first cousin to Jesus. He is referred to as Jesus' "brother" because it was common at that time to refer to cousins and other relatives as brothers and sisters. In Mark's Gospel, Levi (better known as Matthew) is also referred to as the son of Alphaeus (Mark 2:14) which could make James and Matthew brothers.

Source:mycatholic.life

MAY 13th

Our Lady of Fatima



May 13 is the anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady to three shepherd children in the small village of Fatima in Portugal in 1917. She appeared six times to Lucia, 9, and her cousins Francisco, 8, and his sister Jacinta, 6, between May 13, 1917 and October 13, 1917. The story of Fatima begins in 1916, when, against the backdrop of the First World War which had introduced Europe to the most horrific and powerful forms of warfare yet seen, and a year before the Communist revolution would plunge Russia and later Eastern Europe into six decades of oppression under militant atheistic governments, a resplendent figure appeared to the three children who were in the field tending the family sheep. "I am the Angel of Peace," said the figure, who appeared to them two more times that year exhorting them to accept the sufferings that the Lord allowed them to undergo as an act of reparation for the sins which offend Him, and to pray constantly for the conversion of sinners. Then, on the 13th day of the month of Our Lady, May 1917, an apparition of 'a woman all in white, more brilliant than the sun' presented itself to the three children. The woman wore a white mantle edged with gold and held a rosary in her hand. The woman asked them to pray and devote themselves to the Holy Trinity and to "say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war." She also revealed that the children would suffer, especially from the unbelief of their friends and families, and that the two younger children, Francisco and Jacinta would be taken to Heaven very soon but Lucia would live longer in order to spread her message and devotion to the Immaculate Heart. In the last apparition the woman revealed her name in response to Lucia's question: "I am the Lady of the Rosary." That same day, 70,000 people had turned out to witness the apparition, following a promise by the woman that she would show the people that the apparitions were true. They saw the sun make three circles and move around the sky in an incredible zigzag movement in a manner which left no doubt in their minds about the veracity of the apparitions. By 1930 the Bishop had approved of the apparitions and they have been approved by the Church as authentic. The messages Our Lady imparted during the apparitions to the children concerned the violent trials that would afflict the world by means of war, starvation, and the persecution of the Church and the Holy Father in the twentieth century if the world did not make reparation for sins. She exhorted the Church to pray and offer sacrifices to God in order that peace may come upon the world, and that the trials may be averted. *Source:mycatholic.life*

The first act of the apostles after the Ascension of Jesus was to find a replacement for Judas. With all the questions, doubts, and dangers facing them, they chose to focus their attention on finding a twelfth apostle. Why was this important? Twelve was a very important number to the Chosen People: twelve was the number of the twelve tribes of Israel. If the new Israel was to come from the disciples of Jesus, a twelfth apostle was needed. But Jesus had chosen the original twelve.



One hundred and twenty people were gathered for prayer and reflection in the upper room, when Peter stood up to propose the way to make the choice. Peter had one criterion, that, like Andrew, James, John, and himself, the new apostle be someone who had been a disciple from the very beginning, from his baptism by John until the Ascension. The reason for this was simple, the new apostle would must become a witness to Jesus' resurrection. He must have followed Jesus before anyone knew him, stayed with him when he made enemies, and believed in him when he spoke of the cross and of eating his body — teachings that had made others melt away. Two men fit this description — Matthias and Joseph called Barsabbas. They knew that both these men had been with them and with Jesus through his whole ministry. But which one had the heart to become a witness to his resurrection. The apostles knew that only the Lord could know what was in the heart of each. They cast lots in order to discover God's will and Matthias was chosen. He was the twelfth apostle and the group was whole again as they waited for the coming of the Holy Spirit. That's the first we hear of Matthias in Scripture, and the last. Legends like the Acts of Andrew and Matthias testify to Matthias' enthusiastic embrace of all that being an apostle meant including evangelization, persecution, and death in the service of the Lord. *Source: mycatholic.life*

The Visitation of Mary is a deeply meaningful event in the Christian faith, recounting the journey of the Virgin Mary to visit her cousin Elizabeth shortly after the Annunciation, when the angel Gabriel revealed to her that she would conceive and bear the Son of God. Found in the Gospel of Luke (1:39–56), this moment is both intimate and profound. Mary, newly pregnant with Jesus, travels a considerable distance to the hill country of Judea—not out of obligation, but out of love and concern for Elizabeth, who is also experiencing a miraculous pregnancy in her old age, carrying John the Baptist. As soon as Mary enters Elizabeth's home and greets her, an extraordinary event occurs: the child in Elizabeth's womb leaps with joy. Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, immediately understands the sacredness of Mary's presence and the identity of the child she carries. With awe and reverence, she exclaims, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" This moment is not only a recognition of Mary's faith and obedience but also a powerful affirmation of Jesus as the promised Messiah—even before His birth. It is one of the earliest public acknowledgments of Christ's divine nature.



In response to Elizabeth's greeting, Mary proclaims the Magnificat, a song of praise that expresses her deep gratitude and awe at God's mercy, power, and faithfulness. Her words reflect the hope of the poor and lowly, the justice of God, and the fulfillment of His promises to Israel. The Visitation, therefore, is not just a meeting between two women—it is a celebration of faith, divine joy, and the recognition of God's presence at work in the world. This event holds a special place in Christian devotion and is one of the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. It highlights Mary's humility, her willingness to serve others even during her own time of need, and the joy that comes from encountering God through others. The Feast of the Visitation is celebrated on May 31 in the Roman Catholic Church and is a reminder of the beauty of fellowship, the power of the Holy Spirit, and the blessings that flow from faithful trust in God. *Source: mycatholic.life*

Archbishop's Engagements

N.B.: "In office days", Please call the Secretary before coming. Ph No : 72079 40883

TENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS : JUNE

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| 4. Wed | 10.30 a.m. | : | First Holy Communion and Confirmations and Akshara Abyasamatha Feast at St. Paul the Hermit Church, Nandrakal. |
| 6. Thu | 05.30 p.m. | : | Blessing and Inauguration of the Renovated Chapel at CHAI. |
| 8. Sun | | : | Occupied |
| 10. Tue | 10.30 a.m. | : | Blessing of St. Mary's Vidya Nikethan High School, at Pragnapur. |
| 13. Fri | 11.00 a.m. | : | Festive Mass at St. Anthony's Shrine, Mettuguda. |
| | 06.00 p.m. | : | Festive Mass at St. Anthony's Church, Bazarghat |
| 15. Sun | 10.00 a.m. | : | Festive Mass at St. Anthony's Church, Venkatapuram. |
| 22. Sun | 10.00 a.m. | : | Blessing of the Renovated Church at Holy Cross Parish, Vanastalipuram. |
| | 06.00 p.m. | : | Festive Mass and First Holy Communion and Confirmations at St. John the Baptist Church, Arul Colony, A.S. Rao Nagar. |

30th April, 2025
Archbishop's House

+ Cardinal Poola Anthony
Archbishop of Hyderabad

Communications

1. IN LOVING MEMORY OF MOST REV. THUMMA BALA FORMER ARCHBISHOP OF HYDERABAD

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord... they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.” (Revelation 14:13)

As we approach the first death anniversary of Most Rev. Thumma Bala, the former Archbishop of Hyderabad, who was called to eternal rest on 30th May 2024, we remember him with deep love, gratitude, and reverence. His life was a testimony of steadfast faith, humble service, and pastoral dedication to the Church and her people.

On this Death Anniversary, we invite all the faithful to unite in prayerful remembrance of Archbishop Thumma Bala. Let us offer the Holy Eucharist, recite the Rosary, and lift our hearts in prayer for the repose of his soul. May the Lord grant him eternal peace and reward him for his faithful ministry.

May the soul of Archbishop Thumma Bala rest in peace, and may his memory continue to guide and inspire us in our journey of faith.

2. RECOLLECTION IN MAY:

All the Clergy are asked to make Personal Recollection in the month of May, 2025.

3. ‘A BIG THANK-YOU’ TO THE PRIESTS ON TRANSFER:

We express and extend our sincere and heart-felt thanks to all the priests who are on transfer from Parishes and Institutions for their dedicated ministries and valuable services. We remember their contributions in their respective places and appreciate it very much and thank them whole- heartedly. We wish them all the best, abundant blessings of the Risen Lord, and the loving care and protection of our Blessed Mother in their new assignments.

4. HEARTY CONGRATS AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW PRIEST:

We congratulate our New Priests **Rev. Fr. Pentarddy Manohar Akhil** who is from Don Bosco shrine, Bandlaguda Parish. We extend a Warm and Hearty Welcome to him into our Presbyterium. We wish him all the best, every success, God's abundant blessings and loving care and protection of our Blessed Mother.

5. JUBILEE FAMILY CONVENTION:

The Archdiocese of Hyderabad together with CCR, Catholic Association of Hyderabad and Holy Family Church, Trimulgherry is organizing a Family Convention in this Jubilee Year 2025 from 16th May to 18th May, 2025 at Holy Family Church Grounds. We encourage all the priests to announce in your respective parishes and encourage people to participate in the convention.

6. SUMMER VACATION:

All the offices connected with Hyderabad Archdiocese Society will remain closed (except for emergency) from 12th May, 2025 until 24th May 2025 (both days inclusive) in view of Summer and Audit. No Financial transactions in the Archbishop's House during this period.

7. TRANSFERS & APPOINTMENTS

General Transfers – 22nd April, 2025

Sl. No.	Name	New Appointment 2025
1.	Fr. Vedamuthu Kulandai Swamy	Parish Priest St. Alphonsus Church, Banjarahills.
2.	Fr. David Francis	Relieved from OLPH Seethaphalmandi Parish - Family Apostolate, Residence at Pastoral Centre, Gunfoundry
3.	Fr. Kandi Marreddy	Parish Priest, Divine Mercy Church, Madinaguda.
4.	Fr. Valentine J. D'Mello	Parish Priest Our Lady of Fatima Church, Dammaiguda.

Sl. No.	Name	New Appointment 2025
5.	Msgr. Yeruva Balashowry	Director & Correspondent St. Joseph's Deg. & P.G. Col & Extn. Campus, King Koti
6.	Fr. Thirumalareddy Anthony	Director of Infant Jesus Hostel, Shamshabad Relieved from In-charge Principal of Infant Jesus School, Shamshabad.
7.	Fr. Chinnabathini Jayaraj	Parish Priest Maria Rani Church, Mariapuram (Aadibatla).
8.	Fr. Dion Isaac	Parish Priest St. Anthony's Church Gandhinagar.
9.	Fr. Gopu Sundar Reddy	Parish Priest St. Joseph's Church, Bolarum.
10.	Fr. Swarna Bala Prabhakar	Priest in Residence at Sacred Heart Extn. Block, Lallaguda.
11.	Fr. Madanu Joseph (Sr)	Dean of Vikarabad together with present assignment.
12.	Fr. Govindu Arogyasamy	Rector & Parish Priest St. Joseph's Cathedral, Gunfoundry.
13.	Fr. Bandanadam Anand	Parish Priest Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Seethaphalmandi.
14.	Fr. Bandanadam Dennis Bhaskar	Parish Priest St. Joseph's Church, Cherlapally
15.	Fr. Madanu Lourdu Vijay Kumar	Parish Priest St. Sebastian Church, Synikpuri.
16.	Fr. Samala Marianna Michael	Parish Priest St. Ignatius Church, Gagillapur & Dean of Gagillapur
17.	Fr. Chinnabathini Benjamin	Rector & Parish Priest St. Jude Shrine, Vikarabad
18.	Fr. Pasala Joseph (Sr)	Relieved from H.M. St. Joseph's School, Trimulgherry.
19.	Fr. Yelugu Jude Raj	Logos Centre, Bangalore
20.	Fr. Yeruva Amal Francis	Principal, Infant Jesus Int. School, Shamshabad

Sl No.	Name	New Appointment 2025
21.	Fr. Bandanadam Prem Kumar	Relieved from PP St Alphonsus Church, Banjarahills.
22.	Fr. Chinta Mohan Michael D'Souza	H.M. St. Joseph's High School, Trimulgherry
23.	Fr. Madanu Arogya Swamy	Parish Priest St. Vincent's Church, Nedunoor.
24.	Fr. Yeruva Marreddy	Abroad Ministry, Residence at Khairatabad Home.
25.	Fr. Pidikirala Prabhudas	Director, Pastoral Centre, Gunfoundry
26.	Fr. Jerome Emmanuel Lewis	Youth Director, Gunfoundry
27.	Fr. Madanu Ajith Kumar	Relieved from St Joseph's Church, Jodi Jamalpur
28.	Fr. Ambati Pranith Reddy	Parish Priest Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Bandlines parish, together with Vice-Principal & Accounts Administrator of St. Joseph's P.G & Degree College, Academic In-charge at St. Joseph's Ext Campus
29.	Fr. Jogu Naveen	Parish Priest St. Paul the Hermit Church, Nandrakal
30.	Fr. John Vijay Kumar	Parish Priest St. Joseph's Church, Jodi Jamalpur
31.	Fr. Romald Joseph	Parish Priest Holy Spirit Church, Chinthalacheruvu.
32.	Fr. Christopher Joseph Michael	Cardinal's Secretary
33.	Fr. Pentareddy Manohar Akhil	Asst PP at Lourdu Matha Church & Asst at St. Joseph's High School Dharmaram.

Sl. No.	Name	New Appointment 2025
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Assistant Parish Priests from other Dioceses and Religious.

34.	Fr. C. Joseph Thambi MoC	Holy Trinity Church, Bagumpet
35.	Fr. Yammala Kranthi Kumar	St John Maria Vianney Church, Bhoiguda.
36.	Fr. Kali Satish	Mount Carmel Church, Bowenpally
37.	Fr. Paul Prabhakar Ery MMI	Infant Jesus Shrine, Emjala.
38.	Fr. Anthony Muthu MSC	St Joseph's Cathedral, Gunfoundry.
39.	Fr. David Vijay MoC	Our Lady of Health Shrine, Khairatabad.
40.	Fr. Stephen Nandamala	Our Lady of Health Shrine, Khairatabad.
41.	Fr. Kankipati Anil	Immaculate Conception Church, Kukatpally.
42.	Fr. Bommu Mathai	Sacred Heart church, Lallaguda
43.	Fr. Wilfred MMI	St Anthony's Shrine, Mettuguda.
44.	Fr. Vinod Koduru SCJ	St Mary's Basilica, Secunderabad.
45.	Fr. Vidya Sagar	Karunagiri Shrine, Suraram.
46.	Fr. Charles MMI	Holy Family Church, Trimulgherry.
47.	Fr. Dayalan MSC	St Anthony's Church, Venkatapuram.
48.	Fr. Sagayaraj SVD	Relieved from Parish Priest (Ad-tempus), Cherlapally.

We wish you all the best and God's Blessings in your new assignments. May the Risen Lord give you wisdom and knowledge to be effective ministers of the Gospel.

The Above transfers will come into effect on or before 13th May, 2025 unless specified or permitted by the Archbishop.

Thanking you for your valuable services and wishing you all the best and God's Blessings,

**With Regards and Prayers
+ Cardinal Poola Anthony
Archbishop of Hyderabad.**

8. 2ND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2025

Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount	Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount
1	22-03-2025	Aliabad	1100	51		Lillipur	
2	14-03-2025	Alirajpet	550	52	27-03-2025	Mahendra Hills	3150
3		Ammuguda		53	13-03-2025	Madinaguda	2500
4		Arogya Nagar (Mission)		54	18-03-2025	Mallapur	992
5	25-03-2025	Arul Colony	9821	55		Manikonda Mission	
6	10-03-2025	Balaji Nagar	1000	56	11-03-2025	Mariapuram (Adibatla)	750
7	29-04-2025	Balaiah Nagar (Old Alwal)	13245	57	27-03-2025	Medchal	2200
8		Band Lines		58	27-03-2025	Medipally	2200
9		Bandlaguda Jagir (Kismatpur)		59	21-03-2025	Mettuguda	16220
10	11-04-2025	Banjara Hills	12000	60	15-04-2025	Miyapur	3000
11	18-03-2025	Basuregadi	910	61	07-04-2025	Moul-Ali	7765
12	23-04-2025	Bayyaram	770	62	22-03-2025	Mudfort	5000
13	24-03-2025	Bazar Ghat	2000	63		Muthangi	
14	10-03-2025	BHEL - MIG	3240	64	29-03-2025	Nacharam	1500
15	12-03-2025	Begumpet	4260	65		Nandrakal	
17	17-03-2025	Bodhan	200	66		Narayankhed	
18		Boduppall		67	24-03-2025	Nedunoor	300
19	14-03-2025	Bhoiguda	15000	68		Neela Camp	
20	10-03-2025	Bolarum	18500	69	09-04-2025	Nizamabad	3300
21		Borabanda		70	13-03-2025	Pargi	916
22	24-03-2025	Bowenpally	9000	71	13-03-2025	Patancheru	950
23		Cherlapally		72	12-03-2025	Ramachandrapuram	8000
24		Chintalacheruvu		73	28-03-2025	Ramanthapur	3200
25		Church Colony		74	26-03-2025	Ramnagar	17545
26		Dammaiguda		75	14-03-2025	Sadasivpet	150
27	17-03-2025	Dharmaram	1250	76	19-03-2025	Sainikpuri	5600
28		Dayanandnagar		77	10-03-2025	Sanathnagar	19520
29	21-03-2025	Emjala	20000	78		Sangareddy	
30	20-03-2025	Gaddiannaram	4240	79	24-03-2025	Santhoshnagar	2000
31		Gagillapuram		80		Sappers Lines	
32	17-03-2025	Gajwel	400	81	17-03-2025	Secunderabad	55931
33	17-03-2025	Gandhinagar	3000	82		Shabad	
34	02-04-2025	Garrison (Trimulgherry)	1016	83	24-03-2025	Shamshabad	1500
35	10-03-2025	Ghatkesar	800	84	10-03-2025	Shanthinagar	3105
36		Golconda		85	12-03-2025	Shapurnagar	3883
37		Gothumakunda		86		Siddipet	
38		Gunfoundry		87	17-03-2025	Seethaphalmandi	4300
39	17-03-2025	Jadi Jamalpur	200	88	10-03-2025	Sultan Bazar	3000
40	10-03-2025	Jagadgirigutta	3500	89	11-03-2025	Suraram	3000
41		Jahanuma		90		Tandur	
42		Jogipet		91		Toopran	
43		Joipet		92	17-03-2025	Trimulgherry	32500
44		Kalwakole		93		Uminthal	
45		Kamareddy		94		Vanasthalipuram	
46		Khairatabad		95	17-03-2025	Venkatapuram	4000
47		KissanNagar(Armoor)		96		Vikarabad	
48		Kukatpally		97	10-03-2025	Yapral	3500
49	06-03-2025	Lallaguda	15000	98	10-03-2025	Yeddumylaram	450
50	22-04-2025	L. B. Nagar	2050	99		Yellareddy	
				100		Zaheerabad	
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POPE FRANCIS' LIFE JOURNEY

JORGE MARIO BERGOGLIO WAS BORN ON 17 DECEMBER 1936 IN BUENOS AIRES INTO A MIDDLE-CLASS FAMILY OF SEVEN IN 1936, HIS FATHER A RAILWAY WORKER AND HIS MOTHER A HOUSEWIFE. HAPPY YOUTH? PORTRAIT SHOTS ARE OFTEN FORCED, BUT A YOUNG JORGE MARIO BERGOGLIO LOOKS RELAXED AND CHEERY HERE, AND RIGHT, HE NOW POPE FRANCIS (LEFT) IN HIS YOUNG YEARS WITH HIS BROTHER OSCAR BERGOGLIO



Regina and Mario Bergoglio

One of five children
of Italian immigrants



Jorge Mario Bergoglio

his given name was
Jorge Mario Bergoglio.



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Dec. 2, 2013

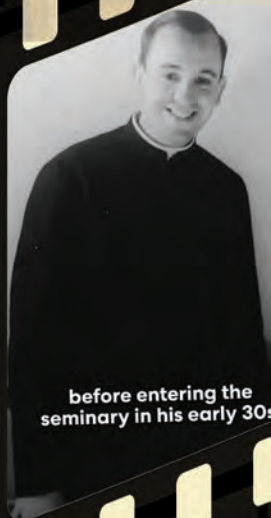
Pope Francis was once a bouncer

By Daniel Rothberg

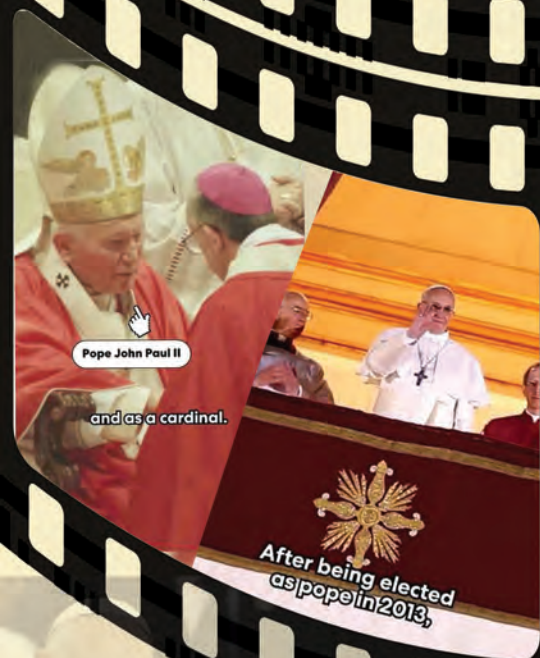
including a stint as a
club bouncer,



Young Jorge



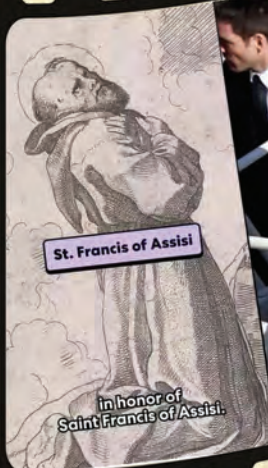
before entering the
seminary in his early 30s



Pope John Paul II

and as a cardinal.

After being elected
as pope in 2013,



St. Francis of Assisi

In honor of
Saint Francis of Assisi.



Bergoglio took
the name Francis



Archbishop of Hyderabad Antonio
installed as Cardinal



He was ordained
as a Jesuit priest



taking vows
of poverty,

the Catholic leader
of Buenos Aires,



as the archbishop
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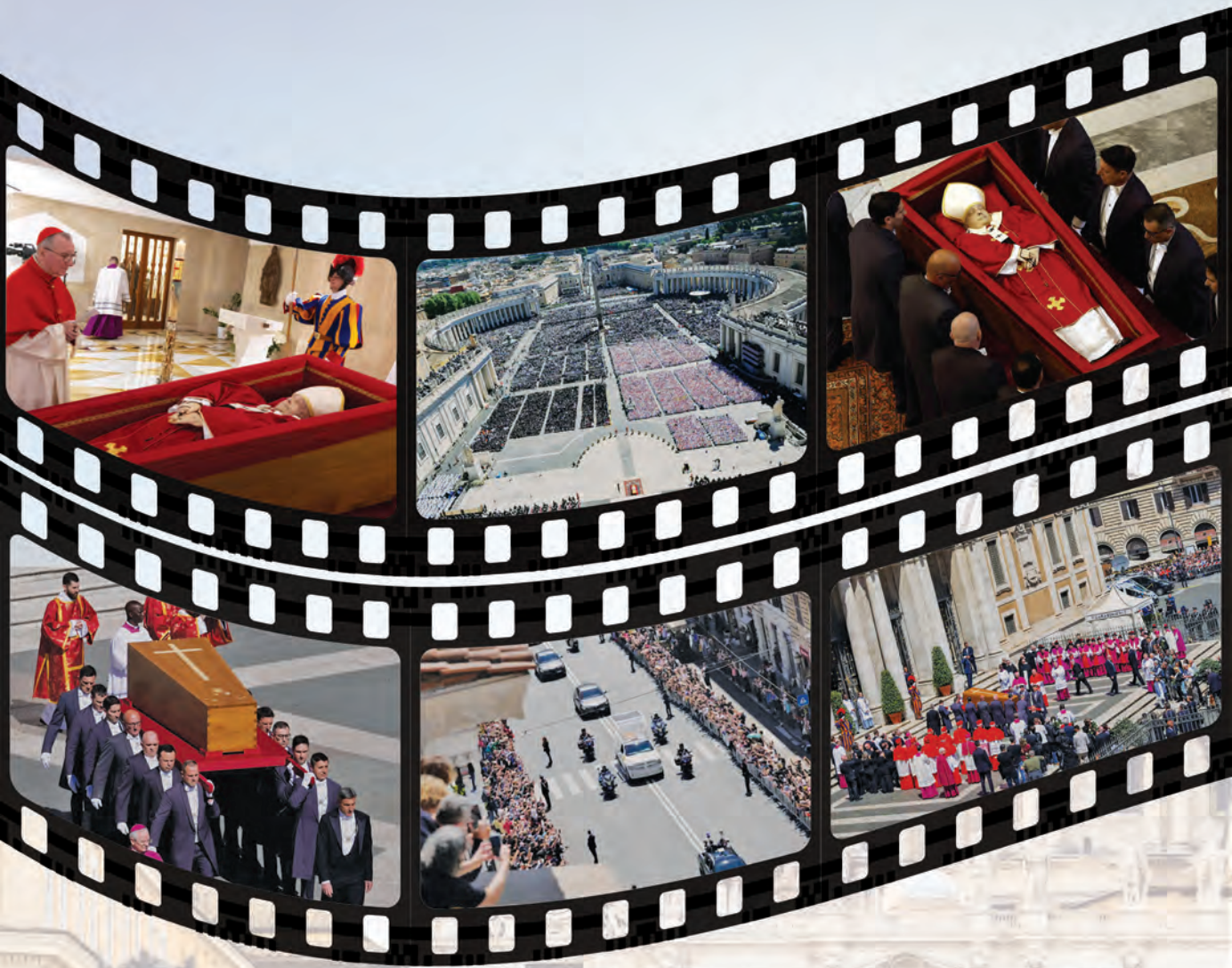


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Cardinal Anthony Poola with
Pope Francis at Rome





Pastoral News

1. HOLY THURSDAY MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL, GUNFOUNDRY ON 17TH APRIL, 2025.



2. BLESSING AND INAUGURATION OF ST. ANN'S CONVENT (CSSA) AT KUSHAIGUDA ON 22ND APRIL, 2025.



3. FIRST PROFESSION AND SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS AT HOLY SPIRIT CONVENT, JEEDIMETLA ON 23RD APRIL, 2025.



4. BLESSING AND INAUGURATION OF AUDITORIUM AT INFANT JESUS INTERMEDIATE AND DEGREE COLLEGE AT SHAMSHABAD ON 23RD APRIL, 2025.



5. PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF DN. PENTAREDDY MANOHAR AKHIL AT DON BOSCO SHRINE , BANDLAGUDA ON 24TH APRIL, 2025.



Archdiocesan News

1 . BIO DATA OF FR. PENTAREDDY MANOHAR AKHIL

Name: Fr. Pentareddy Manohar Akhil

DOB: 29th June 1997

Parish: Don Bosco Shrine, Bandlaguda Jagir

Parents name: Pentareddy Arogya Reddy, Pentareddy Fathima Mary

Siblings: Pentareddy Ravindra Prashanth

Motto: “I have called you by name, you are mine.” (Isaiah 43: 1)

School: Archangels High School

Intermediate: St. Josephs’s Junior College, Trimulgherry (2014-2016)

Degree: Vagdevi Degree College, Kothavalasa, Vizianagaram.

Minor Seminary: Orientation Course at Queen of Apostles Seminary PIME, Eluru.(2013-2014)

Spiritual Orientation: St. Paul’s Regional Seminary, Nuzvid (2016-2017)

Philosophical Studies: St John’s Regional Seminary, Kondadaba (2017-2020)

Regency: Immaculate Conception Church, Kukatpally (2020-2021)

Theological Studies: St. John’s Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad. (2021-2024)

Diaconate Ordination: 26thOctober 2024 at St. John’s Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad by His Excellency Most Rev. Udumala Bala, Bishop of Waramgal.

Diaconate Ministry: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Seethaphalmandi

Priestly Ordination: 24th April 2025 at Don Bosco Shrine, Bandlaguda Jagir, by His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad.



2. JEEVADHARA – COUNSELLING CENTRE

A safe space where people feel seen, heard, and empowered to find clarity and healing from within.

Founded in 2005 by a group of like-minded individuals, under the aegis of the **Family Apostolate, Archdiocese of Hyderabad**, Jeevadhara was born out of a shared vision — **to enable and nurture the joy of living**. At its core, is the belief that every human deserves to be heard with empathy and without judgment.

Jeevadhara's mission is simple yet profound: to **listen deeply and empathetically**. *According to the National Mental Health Survey (NMHS), 13.7% of Indians experience mental disorders in their lifetime, with 10.6% currently affected. Nearly 15% of adults are in need of intervention, and treatment gap ranges from 70% to 92%.*

To fulfil this mission, Jeevadhara is supported by a team of Counsellors trained in Family Counselling. They assist in navigating challenges like **relationship issues, academic stress, peer pressure, addictions, as well as in coping with major life transitions like marriage, job change, childbirth, loss of loved ones**, etc. They also journey alongside those **seeking self-understanding and personal growth** using a **facilitative, non-directive approach**.

By offering a confidential, empathetic, and safe space for people to share their deepest pain, fears, hurt and thoughts, Jeevadhara is a refuge for anyone needing a listening ear and a chance to rediscover the joy of living.

The list of Counsellors and their parishes are given below. Please avail their services at the parish/deanery/archdiocese.

FAMILY COUNSELLORS & THEIR PARISHES – AVAILABLE FOR COUNSELLING

S. No.	NAME	NAME PARISH/INSTITUTION
1	Amalnathan Roche	St Thomas Church, Sultan Bazar
2	Anithaa Kearle	Mount Carmel Church, Bowenpally
3	Anitha Mekala	Don Bosco Shrine, Bandlaguda Jagir
4	Ann Frances	St Michael's Church, Golkonda
5	Anoop Francis	St Joseph's Church, Bolarum
6	Basani Sundari	Immaculate Conception, Kukatpally
7	Bellinda Dsouza	St John The Baptist Church, A S Rao Nagar
8	Bonagiri Margret Mary	St Francis Xavier Church, Alwal
9	Cassandra Pereira	Holy Trinity Church, Begumpet
10	Cecilia Francis	Holy Trinity Church, Begumpet
11	Gp Captain Joachim Joseph (Retd)	St Francis Xavier's Church, Yapral

12	John Vincent Paul A S	St Pius X church, Nacharam
13	Leena Mary Dass	St Francis Xavier Church Alwal
14	Leena Vargheese	Mount Carmel Church, Bowenpally
15	B Lucy Reddy	St Mary's Basilica, Secunderabad
16	Mekala Rayappa Reddy	Don Bosco Shrine, Bandlaguda Jagir
17	Praveen Kearle	Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Bowenpally
18	Rambha Devi Simon	Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Bowenpally
19	Sheila Ben	St Joseph Church, Bolarum
20	Sindhu Joseph	Holy Trinity Church, Begumpet
21	Sr Flavia Rodrigues	Shrine of Our Lady of Good Health, Khairatabad
22	Sr Sharmila Thumma	Asha Kiran Convent, Gandhinagar Parish
23	Sylvie Joseph	St Francis Xavier's Church, Yapral
24	V Philomena Raj	St Pius X Church, Nacharam
25	Vernon Eldred Joseph	St. Joseph's Church, Venkatadri Township, Ghatkesar.
26	K V Lakshmi (Vimala Mary)	St Mary's Basilica, Secunderabad

Call 733-749-4032 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm to make an appointment with a Counsellor.

- Fr. David Francis Director, Family Apostolate

RECEIPT OF LOCAL MASS INTENTIONS		
Date	Parish/Individual	No. of Masses
04-04-2025	GANDHINAGAR	20
07-04-2025	MOULA - ALI	299
09-04-2025	NIZAMABAD	90
11-04-2025	BOLARUM	20
15-04-2025	SURARAM	100
23-04-2025	EMJALA	100
23-04-2025	BAYYARAM	50
24-04-2025	METTUGUDA	5000
25-04-2025	TRIMULGHERRY	550
25-04-2025	VEKATAPURAM (DEC' 24 TO MARCH '25)	794
	Total	7023

Regional News

1. "RUN FOR JESUS" FLAG OFF AT ST. MARY'S BASILICA, SECUNDERABAD ON 19TH APRIL, 2025.



International News

Cycle of Catechesis – Jubilee 2025.

1. Jesus Christ our Hope. II. The life of Jesus. The encounters 4. *The rich man. Jesus looked at him (Mk 10:21)*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we will look at another of Jesus' encounters, narrated by the Gospels. This time, however, the person encountered does not have a name. The evangelist Mark presents him simply as "*a man*" (10:17). He is a man who has observed the commandments ever since his youth but who, despite this, has not yet found the meaning of his life. He is searching for it. Perhaps he is one who has not yet truly made up his mind, despite his appearance as a committed person. Indeed, beyond the things we do, our sacrifices and successes, what truly counts in order to be happy is what we carry in our heart. If a ship has to set sail and leave the port to navigate in the open sea, it can be a wonderful ship, with an exceptional crew, but if it does not pull up the ballast and the anchors that hold it down, it will never manage to depart. This man has made himself a luxurious ship, but he has stayed in the port!

As Jesus makes His way through the street, this fellow runs up to Him, kneels before Him and asks: "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" (v. 17). Notice the verbs: "*what must I do to have eternal life*". Since observance of the Law did not give him the happiness and security of being saved, he turns to the Master Jesus. What is striking is that this man does not know the vocabulary of gratuitousness! Everything seems to be owed. Everything is a duty. Eternal life is for him an inheritance, something that is obtained by right, through meticulous observance of commitments. But in a life lived in this way, although certainly for good purpose, what space can love have?

As always, Jesus goes beyond appearances. While on the one hand this man sets out before Jesus his fine resume, Jesus goes beyond and looks within. The verb that Mark uses is very significant: "*looking at him*" (v. 21). Precisely because Jesus looks within each one of us, He loves us as we truly are. Indeed, what will He have seen inside this person? What does Jesus see when He looks within every one

of us and loves us, despite our distractions and our sins? He sees our fragility, but also our desire to be loved as we are.

Looking at him, says the Gospel, He “*lovedhim*” (v. 21). Jesus loves this man before He even extended the invitation to follow Him. He loves him just as he is. Jesus’ love is gratuitous: exactly the opposite of the logic of merit that has beset this person. We are truly happy when we realize we are loved in this way, freely, by grace. And this also applies to the relationships between us: as long as we try to buy love or beg for affection, those relationships will never make us feel happy.

The proposal Jesus makes to this man is to change his way of living and relating with God. Indeed, Jesus recognizes that inside him, as in all of us, something is lacking. It is the desire we carry in our heart to be loved. There is a wound that belongs to us as human beings, the wound through which love passes. To overcome this lack we do not need to “buy” recognition, affection, consideration: instead, we need to “sell off” everything that weighs us down, to make our hearts freer. There is no need to continue to take for ourselves, but rather to give to the poor, to provide, to share.

Finally, Jesus invites this man not to stay alone. He invites him to follow Him, to be within a bond, to live a relationship. Indeed, only in this way will it be possible to emerge from his anonymity. We can hear our name only within a relationship, in which someone calls us. If we remain alone, we will never hear our name spoken, and will continue to be that “*man*”, anonymous. Perhaps today, precisely because we live in a culture of self-sufficiency and individualism, we find ourselves more unhappy because we no longer hear our name spoken by someone who loves us freely.

This man does not accept Jesus’ invitation and stays alone, because the ballast of his life keeps him in the port. His sadness is the sign that he has not managed to leave. At times, what we think are riches are instead only burdens that are holding us back. The hope is that this person, like each one of us, will sooner or later change and decide to set sail.

Sisters and brothers, let us entrust to the Heart of Jesus all people who are sad and undecided, so that they may feel the loving gaze of the Lord, who is moved by looking tenderly within us.

2. Jesus Christ our Hope. II. The life of Jesus. The encounters 5. The merciful father. He was lost and has been found (Lk 15:32)

Dear brothers and sisters,

After reflecting on Jesus' encounters with some figures from the Gospel, I would like to pause, starting with this catechesis, on some parables. As we know, they are stories that draw on images and situations from everyday reality. That is why they also touch our lives. They provoke us. And they ask us to take a position: where am I in this story?

Let us begin with the most famous parable, the one that we perhaps all remember from when we were children: the parable of the father and the two sons (Lk 15:1-3, 11-32). In this we find the heart of the Gospel of Jesus, namely God's mercy.

The evangelist Luke says that Jesus tells this parable for the pharisees and the scribes, who lamented that He ate with sinners. This is why it could be said that it is a parable addressed to those who are lost, but do not know it, and judge others.

The Gospel is intended to give us a message of hope, because it tells us that wherever we are lost, and however we are lost, God always comes looking for us! Perhaps we have gone astray like a sheep, which has wandered off the path to graze, or fallen behind due to fatigue (cf. Lk 15:4-7). Or maybe we have been lost like a coin, which has perhaps fallen on the ground and can no longer be found, or someone has put it somewhere and cannot remember where. Or maybe we are lost like the two sons of this father: the youngest because he got tired of being in a relationship that he felt was too demanding; but the eldest is also lost, because it is not enough to stay at home if there is pride and resentment in his heart.

Love is always a commitment, there is always something that we must lose in order to go towards the other. But the younger son in the parable thinks only of himself, as happens in certain phases of childhood and adolescence. In reality, we also see around us many adults who are like this, who are unable to maintain a relationship because they are selfish. They delude themselves that they will find themselves and instead they lose themselves, because only when we live for someone do we truly live.

This younger son, like all of us, hungers for affection, he wants to be loved. But love is a precious gift; it must be treated with care. Instead, he squanders it, he disregards it, he does not respect himself. He realizes this in times of famine, when no-one cares for him. The risk is that in those moments we beg for affection and attach ourselves to the first master we chance upon.

It is these experiences that give rise within us to the distorted belief that we can only be in a relationship as servants, as if we had to atone for a guilt or as if true love could not exist. Indeed, the younger son, when he hits rock bottom, thinks he will go back to his father's house to pick up a few crumbs of affection from the ground.

Only those who truly love us can free us from this false view of love. In the relationship with God, we have precisely this experience. The great painter Rembrandt, in a famous painting, beautifully depicted the return of the prodigal son. Two details in particular strike me: the young man's head is shaven, like that of a penitent, but it also looks like the head of a child, because this son is being born again. And then the father's hands: one male and the other female, to describe the strength and tenderness in the embrace of forgiveness.

But it is the eldest son who represents those for whom the parable is told: he is the son who always stayed at home with his father, yet was distant from him, distant in heart. This son may have wanted to leave too, but out of fear or duty he stayed there, in that relationship. When you adapt unwillingly, however, you begin to harbour anger within you, and sooner or later this anger explodes. Paradoxically, it is precisely the eldest son who in the end risks being left out, because he does not share his father's joy.

The father goes towards him too. He does not reproach him or call him to duty. He wants only that he feels his love. He invites him to enter and to leave the door open. That door remains open for us too. Indeed, this is the reason for hope: we are able to hope because we know that the Father is waiting for us, He sees us from afar, and He always leaves the door open.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us ask ourselves, then, where we are in this wonderful tale. And let us ask God the Father for the grace that we too can find our way back home.

Dates & Events to Remember

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers

01. Fr. Gunda Balakiran
14. Fr. Madanu Joseph (Jr.)
14. Fr. Ambati Pranith
16. Fr. Yeruva Marreddy
16. Fr. Golamari Vinay Kumar
20. Fr. Kandula Charles



21. Fr. Joseph Murickan
21. Fr. Pentareddy Gnanareddy
29. Fr. Gopu Sunder Reddy
30. Fr. Susai Antony (Tony)
31. Fr. Madanu Isaac

Happy Ordination day Dear Fathers

01. Fr. Bandanadam Dennis Bhaskar
03. Fr. Pasala Joseph Kumar
03. Fr. Pidikirala Prabhudas
03. Fr. Vaddamalla Vinod Kumar
06. Fr. Chinnabathini Benjamin
06. Fr. Anthony Sagayaraja
06. Fr. Tharigopala Victor Emmanuel
06. Fr. Therukunnel M. Mathew
07. Fr. Thomas Andrew Raj
07. Fr. Joseph Murickan
11. Fr. Bandanadam Prem Kumar

11. Fr. C.M. Micheal D' Souza
11. Fr. Madanu Arogya Swamy
11. Fr. Pamisetty Praveen Kumar
11. Fr. Polisetty Anthony Vinay Kumar
11. Fr. Thonta Prabhu Das
17. Fr. Gunda Balakiran
19. Fr. Narisetty Anthony Paul Raj
23. Fr. Pasala Sleeva Raju
23. Fr. Thatireddy Anil Kumar
31. Fr. Susai Anthony (Tony)

Necrology



09. Fr. Thirumalareddy Papaiah
11. Fr. Aloysius Benny
12. Fr. Maramreddy Anthony Reddy
18. Fr. Mulaguri Dhanraj

21. Fr. Udumala Anthaiah
22. Fr. Golamari Innareddy
23. Most Rev. Alfonso Beretta, PIME
27. Fr. Yeruva Bali
30. Archbishop Thumma Bala
31. Fr. Henry D' Souza

MAY ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.
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**REQUIEM MASS FOR HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS AT
ST. MARY'S BASILICA, SECUNDERABAD ON 22ND APRIL, 2025.**



"A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of birth"
- Ecclesiastes 7:1



First Death Anniversary

30th May, 2025

Most Rev. Thumma Bala

ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS OF HYDERABAD

Date of Birth: 24th April, 1944

Date of Ordination to Priesthood: 21st December, 1970

Episcopal Ordination: 12th March, 1987

Archbishop of Hyderabad : 12th March, 2011

Date of Death: 30th May, 2024

