



SHEPHERD'S CALL

NEWSLETTER OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD

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THE MOST
HOLY
Body and Blood
OF CHRIST
(CORPUS CHRISTI)

THE MOST
SACRED
Heart
OF JESUS

*"Whoever
eats My **Body**
and drinks
My **Blood**
remains in Me
and I in him.*

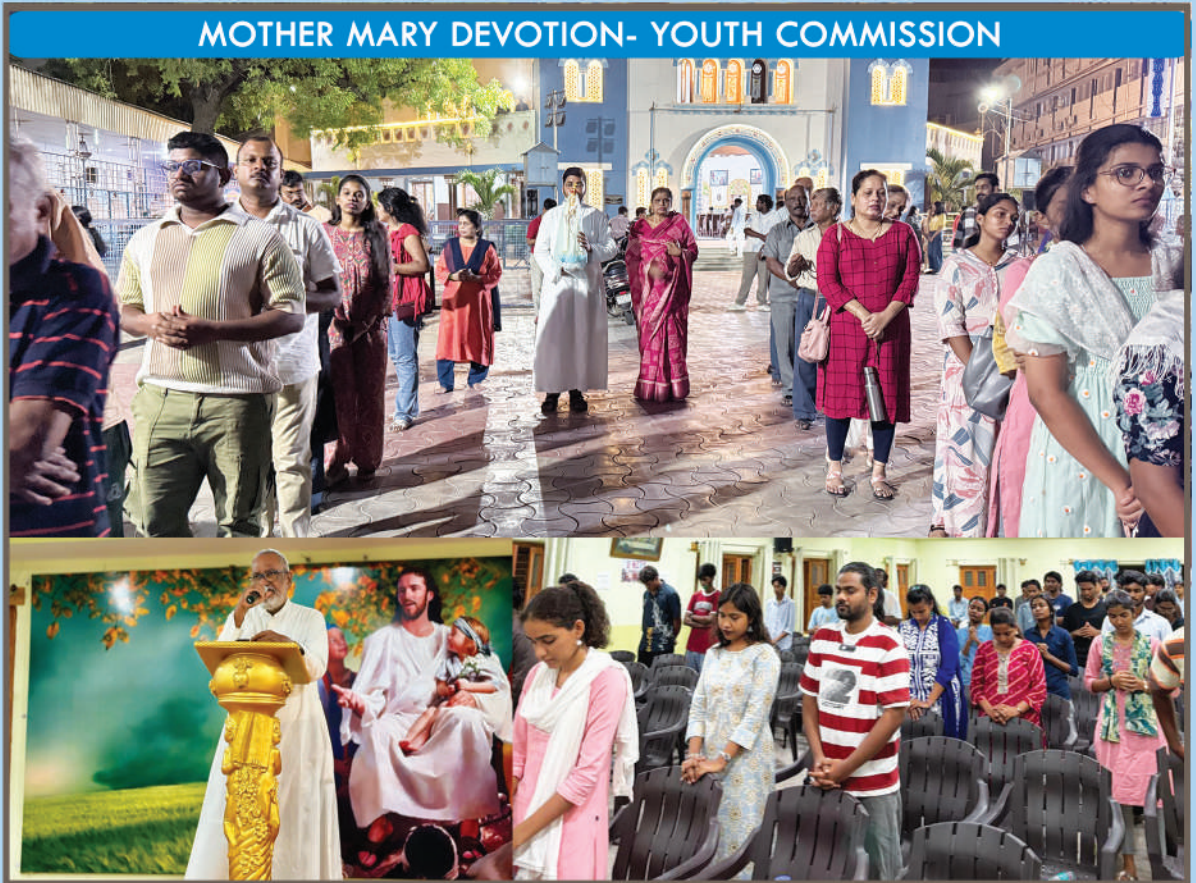
— John 6:56

*"Behold
this Heart
which has
so loved men."*

— Jesus

✠ ONE BODY. ONE BLOOD. ONE HEART. ONE LOVE. ✠

Let us adore Him, love Him, and live for Him.



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Archbishop's Message



"Come to Me all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden light (Mt.11:28-29)." These are the gracious words uttered by the incarnate Eternal Son of God with the human lips of His Sacred Heart to every human person who has accepted 'the yoke' of the Lord God's covenantal commandments but experiences difficulty and failure in fulfilling their demands while endeavouring to enter into the eternal rest of His promised salvation: "For the needy who groan and the poor who are oppressed, I Myself shall arise, says the Lord, with the salvation for which they thirst (Ps.12:8)." Surprisingly, in contradistinction to this 'yoke' of the Sinai covenant, the incarnate Son of God speaks of His yoke and guarantees that every person who accepts the yoke of His new covenant in the Holy Spirit, will not only enter the rest of His Eternal Father's promised salvation but will also find delight in fulfilling the demands of His yoke! What then is the yoke of the new covenant in the Holy Spirit that the Son of God Jesus counsels us to accept from Him? It is the denial of the 'self' that every human person experiences in his or her very consciousness and names it 'myself': "If any one would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." This 'self' is not the human person existing and expressing himself or herself in his or her human soul with its innate need for eternal life with the Eternal Father which God's incarnate Son seeks to fulfil

through His high-priestly work and compassionate zeal of His Sacred Heart. It is *the psychological and psychosomatic self*, constituted of three sinful needs condemned by God but unceasingly created by the Devil and his angels in the intimacy of one's own human consciousness to express oneself against the Eternal Father in His own created world: 'the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life (1 Jn.2:15).' And the mind of this self, the flesh, 'is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed it cannot (Rom.8:7).'

These are the three sinful needs which we renounced in our sacramental baptism, as true human persons, in order to receive the Holy Spirit permanently as the Spirit of Truth in our individual human souls, to securely pursue our synodal pilgrimage of faith, hope and charity to the judgement seat of Christ, to be found worthy of being elected by Him for the blessedness of eternal life with His Eternal Father.

The Church fosters this baptismal devotion of Her faithful children to the Sacred Heart of God's incarnate Son during the month of June every year. What else is devotion to the Sacred Heart of God's incarnate Son other than the baptized person's firm resolve and commitment to make the high-priestly work He began in his or her individual soul in Holy Baptism a grand success, even as he or she enters the portals of His judgement seat in heaven, away from the devouring face of an everlasting Hell!

POPE'S INTENTION: JUNE, 2026

FOR THE VALUES OF SPORTS: Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.



CARDINAL'S INTENTION: JUNE 2026

Let us pray for teachers and educators, that they may be guided by wisdom, patience, and integrity in forming young minds and hearts, and may they recognize their vocation as a noble service for the growth of individuals and the good of society.



Solemnities and Feasts

June 07

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*) (Solemnity)

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi celebrates the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist — His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity given for the life of the world. The feast originated in the 13th century through the devotion of St. Juliana of Liège and was later extended to the universal Church by Pope Urban IV.

Celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, or on the following Sunday in many countries, this solemnity calls the faithful to deepen their faith and devotion to the Eucharist, the source and summit of Christian life.

At every Mass, the Church gathers around the altar where Christ becomes truly present in the consecrated bread and wine. The Eucharist is not merely a symbol but the living presence of Jesus who nourishes His people, strengthens them in grace, and unites them in love. The feast also reminds us that the Church itself is the Body of Christ, called to reflect His unity, compassion, and self-giving love in the world. Corpus Christi processions, often held publicly through streets and communities, become powerful signs of faith and adoration. By carrying the Blessed Sacrament among the people, the Church proclaims that Christ walks with His people and remains present in their daily lives. Our devotion to the Eucharist must lead us beyond worship into service. As we receive the Body of Christ, we are called to become His living presence through acts of charity, justice, reconciliation, and love for others. **Source: Catholic News Agency**



June 11

St. Barnabas, Apostle (Feast)

St. Barnabas, whose name means “son of consolation,” was a first-century disciple of Jesus and a native of Cyprus. Born with the name Joseph, he was a Levite known for his generosity and deep faith. The apostles gave him the name Barnabas after he sold his land and donated the proceeds to support the early Christian community in Jerusalem. According to St. Clement of Alexandria and the historian Eusebius, Barnabas was among the seventy disciples of Jesus.

After the conversion of St. Paul, it was Barnabas who first introduced him to the apostles and assured them of the sincerity of Paul’s conversion (Acts 9:26–30). Filled with missionary zeal, Barnabas and Paul were chosen by the Holy Spirit and sent forth by the Church at Antioch to proclaim the Gospel. Their first missionary journey began in Cyprus and extended to many regions, spreading the



message of Christ with courage and conviction (Acts 13:1–5).

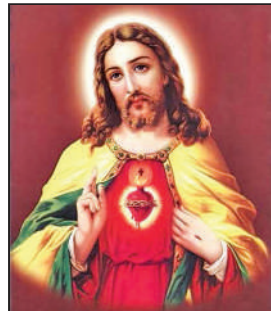
Though differences later arose between Paul and Barnabas regarding John Mark, Barnabas remained a model of encouragement, patience, and reconciliation. He took Mark with him back to Cyprus, nurturing him in faith and ministry. In time, Mark and Paul were reconciled, showing the healing power of Christian charity. St. Barnabas reminds the Church of the importance of encouragement, trust, and generous service. His life teaches us that supporting and believing in others can help bring forth great saints and missionaries for the Kingdom of God.

JUNE 12

Sacred Heart of Jesus (Solemnity)

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a celebration of Christ's infinite love and mercy for humanity. Devotion to the Sacred Heart was especially spread through the visions received by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, a seventeenth-century Visitation nun, who experienced profound revelations of Christ's love and compassion.

From her youth, Margaret Mary had a deep devotion to Jesus and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Through visions, Jesus revealed His desire that people come to know the depth of His merciful love. He entrusted to her practices of devotion that included receiving Holy Communion on the First Friday of nine consecutive months, spending time in Eucharistic Adoration, and honouring the Feast of the Sacred Heart.



The Sacred Heart symbolizes the very centre of Christ's love — a love wounded for humanity yet always overflowing with mercy and forgiveness. In times when fear, guilt, and excessive focus on human unworthiness overshadowed the message of the Gospel, devotion to the Sacred Heart reminded the faithful that Christ came not to condemn, but to heal, reconcile, and save.

This solemnity invites us to contemplate the compassionate heart of Jesus, pierced for our salvation, and to respond with trust, gratitude, and love. As we draw closer to His Sacred Heart, we are called to become instruments of mercy, forgiveness, and compassion in the world. The Sacred Heart of Jesus continues to remind the faithful that God's love is personal, tender, and unfailing — a refuge for all who seek peace, hope, and reconciliation.

Source: Catholic News Agency

JUNE 24

THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST (SOLEMNITY)

The Church celebrates the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, the great prophet chosen by God to prepare the way for the coming of Christ. Jesus Himself declared that among those born of women, none was greater than John (Luke 7:28). Yet John lived in profound humility, always directing others toward Jesus.

Living an ascetic life in the desert, John preached repentance and conversion of heart, calling people to prepare for the Kingdom of God. He boldly proclaimed that one greater than himself was coming — One who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire. John's mission was never about himself; his life was entirely centered on Christ. His famous words remain a

model of discipleship: “He must increase; I must decrease” (John 3:30). When Jesus came to be baptized in the Jordan, John humbly resisted, recognizing the holiness of Christ. Yet Jesus insisted, sanctifying the waters and revealing Himself publicly as the beloved Son of the Father. The Gospel of Luke beautifully parallels the births and missions of John and Jesus, showing John as the bridge between the Old and New Testaments. Though many wondered whether John himself was the Messiah, he consistently pointed beyond himself to Christ. John’s unwavering witness eventually led to his imprisonment and martyrdom at the hands of Herod. Even in suffering and death, he remained faithful to truth and justice. The life of St. John the Baptist teaches us humility, courage, repentance, and total dedication to God’s mission. He stands as a shining example of one who prepared hearts for Christ and gave his life in witness to the truth.



Source: Franciscan Media

JUNE 29

Sts. Peter and Paul (Solemnity)

On June 29, the Church joyfully celebrates the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, the two great pillars of the Church and courageous witnesses of the Gospel. Through their preaching, leadership, and martyrdom, they became founders of the Church in Rome and shining examples of faithfulness to Christ.

St. Peter, originally called Simon, was a humble fisherman from Galilee. After being called by Jesus, he received the name Cephas — “Rock” — signifying his mission as the foundation upon which Christ would build His Church. Though Peter experienced moments of weakness, even denying Jesus during the Passion, he was transformed by God’s mercy into a fearless shepherd of the early Christian community. As the first Pope, Peter guided the Church with faith and courage until his martyrdom in Rome around 64 AD, where he was crucified upside down out of humility.



St. Paul, formerly known as Saul, was once a zealous persecutor of Christians. His dramatic encounter with the risen Christ on the road to Damascus completely transformed his life. Baptized and filled with missionary zeal, Paul became the Apostle to the Gentiles, tirelessly proclaiming the Gospel across many lands. Through his letters, preaching, and suffering, Paul became one of the greatest evangelizers in the history of the Church. He was eventually martyred in Rome around 67 AD.

Though very different in personality and background, Peter and Paul were united in their love for Christ and dedication to the mission of the Church. Their lives reveal that God works through human weakness and transforms ordinary people into extraordinary witnesses of faith. This solemnity calls the faithful to remain steadfast in faith, courageous in witness, and united in the mission of proclaiming the Gospel to the world.

Source: Franciscan Media

Archbishop's Engagements

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

JUNE 2026

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| 01. | Mon | 09.00 a.m. | : | Inaugural Holy Mass at Dharmaram Vidya Kshetram, Bangalore |
| 03. | Wed | 10.30 a.m. | : | House Blessing (Bl. George Minor Seminary) and Diaconate Ordination OF MIC Brothers at Pedda Tuppra |
| 04. | Thu | | : | In Office |
| 06. | Sat | | : | Inauguration of Jnana Deepa Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Pune |
| 08. | Mon | 10.00 a.m. | : | Holy Mass, Blessing and Inauguration of the New St. Theresa's ICSE School Building, JMJ, Sanathnagar |
| 09. | Tue | | : | In Office |
| 10. | Wed | | : | Occupied |
| 11-12. | Thu - Fri | | : | In Office |
| 13. | Sat | 11.30 a.m. | : | Annual Feast of St. Anthony's Shrine, Mettuguda |
| 14. | Sun | 05.30 p.m. | : | Festive Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Lallaguda |
| 15-17. | Mon-Wed | | : | In office |
| 18-19. | Thu – Fri | | : | Occupied |
| 22-30. | Mon-Tue | | : | Extra Ordinary Consistory, Rome |

TENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS: JULY 2026

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| 03. | Fri | | : | Episcopal Ordination of Msgr Vijaya Paul Reddy Duggimpudi, Bishop Elect of Warangal Diocese |
| 20-26. | Mon-Sun | | : | FABC- Plenary Assembly, Indonesia |
| 29. | Wed | 10.30 a.m. | : | Perpetual Vows of JMJ sisters, Provincialate, Somajiguda |

31th May 2026
Archbishop's House

✠ Cardinal Poola Anthony
Archbishop of Hyderabad

Communications

1. DEANERY LEVEL MONTHLY RECOLLECTION:

All the Deans are here-by requested to conduct the Recollection at Deanery level in the last week of the month of June, 2026. All the clergy are requested to attend the “Deanery Level Recollection.” If anyone is unable to attend the recollection, please inform the respective Deans. All the Deans are here-by requested to note down the minutes of the meetings with the list of the participants and send a copy to Archbishop’s House, Secunderabad.

2. NEW ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-2027

Archdiocese of Hyderabad would like to express and extend best wishes, every success, for the new academic year 2026 - 2027 to Principals/Headmasters/Headmistresses/Correspondents/Directors/Directresses Managements, Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff and Students of all the Catholic Schools, Colleges, Boarding Homes and all other Institutions in the Archdiocese of Hyderabad. We wish and hope that all our Catholic Institutions, during this new academic year, will strive towards excellence through quality academic performance, value-based education and all-round development of the students and there-by become exemplary institutions offering not only quality education but also moulding the lives of the students with values, ethics, morals, Faith Formation and Catechism Classes to Catholic Students. Please be assured of our prayers, cooperation and collaboration.

3. CHANCERY NOTICE:

1. REMINDER:

All Parish Priests and Heads of the Institutions, who have not yet paid the special collections and Second Sunday Collections, are requested to pay as soon as possible. Please clear all dues till June, 2026. Please contact Procurator’s office for details of your parish/institute dues.

2. ARCHBISHOP’S HOUSE OFFICE:

- a. Kindly note that all offices at Archbishop’s House will function Five days a week. (Monday to Friday).
- b. All financial transitions to be done from 1st to 25th of every month.
- c. Second Sunday and other special collections to be sent before 25th of every month.

4. TRANSFERS & APPOINTMENTS

Fr. Govindu Arogyaswamy- Dean of Hyderabad Deanary with the present assignment

Parish Priests of Religious Parishes

No.	Name	Appointment
1.	Fr. Y. Ravi Kumar Reddy SVD	Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church, Muthangi
2.	Fr. Madanu Balaprasad SVD	Parish Priest of Our Lady of Rosary Church, Miyapur
3.	Fr. Jose D. Maliekal SDB	Parish Priest of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Borabanda
4.	Fr. Simon Satish Chatla OCD	Parish Priest of St. Pius X Parish, Nacharam
5.	Fr. Peter Pabbati OCD	Parish Priest of St. Ann's Parish, Mallapur
6.	Fr. Sudhakar Lawrence Nannam OFM Cap.	Parish Priest of St. John the Baptist Parish, Arul Colony
7.	Fr. Melchior Kata OFM Cap.	Parish Priest of Arogyanagar Parish, Kamareddy
8.	Fr. Jaddu Joseph MSFS	Parish Priest of Mother of Compassion Church, Medipalli

Assistant Priests of Religious Parishes

1.	Fr. S. Raja Sekhar SVD	Assistant Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church, Muthangi
2.	Fr. Nagothu Sunil Paul SVD	Assistant Parish Priest of St. John's Church, RC Puram.
3.	Fr. Stephen Valan SVD	Assistant Parish Priest of St. Alphonsa's Church, MIG, BHEL
4.	Fr. Morcha Yesudas SDB	Assistant Parish Priest of St. Francis Xavier's Church, Borabanda
5.	Fr. Vemagiri Rajeev SDB	Assistant Parish Priest of St. Don Bosco Shrine, Bandlaguda
6.	Fr. Dileep Panga OFM Cap.	Assistant Parish Priest of Arogyanagar Parish, Kamareddy
7.	Fr. Sameer Baliar Singh OFM Cap.	Assistant Parish Priest of St. John the Baptist Parish, Arul Colony
8.	Fr. Pudhota Bala Chandu MSFS	Assistant Parish Priest of St. Cecilia's Church, Dayananda Nagar

Religious/ Other Dioceses Assistant working in the Archdiocese

1.	Fr. A. Charles MMI	Assistant Parish Priest of St. Anthony's Church, Venkatapuram
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2.	Fr. David Vijay MoC	Assistant Parish Priest at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Gunfoundry
3.	Fr. Anthony Raj	Assistant Parish Priest of Holy Family Church, Trimulgherry
4.	Fr. Kurapati Prem Kumar	Assistant at St. Joseph's Degree and PG College, King Koti
5.	Fr. Kakarala Ashok Kumar	Assistant Parish Priest of Holy Trinity Church, Begumpet
6.	Fr. Palipe Bala Yesu	Assistant Parish Priest of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Bowenpally

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

Appointment of Regents

1. Bro. Pasala Claret (Archdiocese of Hyderabad) - St. Francis Xavier Hostel, Yapral
2. Bro. RayappaVarikuti (MOC)- Infant Jesus Boys Hostel, Shamshabad
3. Bro. Thudum Jose (SHS) - Infant Jesus School, Gajwel

With Regards and Prayers
✠ **Cardinal Poola Anthony**
Archbishop of Hyderabad

LOCAL MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	PARISH/INDIVIDUAL	NO. OF MASSES
30-04-2026	DAMMAIGUDA	25
30-04-2026	VENKATAPURAM	709
05-05-2026	GOLCONDA	101
14-05-2026	SECUNDERABAD	1000
18-05-2026	BOWENPALLY	100
19-05-2026	REV. FR. L. MENEZES	16
19-05-2026	SURARAM	50
25-05-2026	ARUL COLONY	500
25-05-2026	TRIMULGHERRY	550
25-05-2026	METTUGUDA	6000
	Total	9051

2ND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2026

Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount	Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount
1		Armoor		52	21-04-2026	L. B. Nagar	1441
2		Aliabad		53		Lillipur	
3		Alirajpet		54		Mahendra Hills	
4	15-04-2026	Alwal	14350	55		Madinaguda	
5	28-04-2026	Ammuguda	2500	56	27-04-2026	Mallapur	978
6		Arogya Nagar (Mission)		57		Manikonda Mission	
7	25-05-2026	Arul Colony	18581	58	11-05-2026	Mariapuram (Adibatla)	1000
8		Balaji Nagar		59		Medak	
9		Band Lines		60		Medchal	
10	16-04-2026	Bandlaguda Jagir	53296	61	29-04-2026	Medipally	2100
11	14-04-2026	Banjara Hills	12560	62		Mettuguda	
12		Basuregadi		63	29-04-2026	Miyapur	3000
13		Bayyaram		64		Moul-Ali	
14		Bazarghat		65		Mudfort	
15	11-05-2026	BHEL - MIG	7000	66		Muthangi	
16	17-03-2026	Begumpet	5624	67		Nacharam	
17		Bodhan		68		Nandrakal	
18		Boduppall/Bolligudem		69	16-04-2026	Nedunoor	300
19	15-04-2026	Bhoiguda	10000	70	11-05-2026	Neela Camp	300
20		Bolarum		71		Nizamabad	
21	06-05-2026	Borabanda	3300	72		Nizampet	
22	18-05-2026	Bowenpally	10000	73		Pargi	
23		Cherlapally		74		Patancheru	
24	17-04-2026	Chintalacheruvu	500	75		Ramachandrapuram	
25	18-04-2026	Church Colony	3000	76		Ramanthapur	
26	30-04-2026	Dammaiguda	10100	77	16-04-2026	Ramnagar	20350
27		Dharmaram		78		Sadasivpet	
28		Dayanandnagar		79		Sainikpuri	
29		Emjala		80	20-04-2026	Sanathnagar	20000
30		Gaddiannaram		81		Sangareddy	
31		Gagillapuram		82	21-04-2026	Santhoshnagar	2000
32	22-04-2026	Gajwel	500	83		Sappers Lines	
33	18-04-2026	Gandhinagar	11920	84	21-04-2026	Secunderabad	50000
34		Garrison (Trimulgherry)		85		Shabad	
35	29-04-2026	Ghatkesar	800	86		Shamshabad	
36	22-04-2026	Golconda	15585	87		Shanthinagar	
37	17-04-2026	Godumakunda	800	88	05-05-2026	Shapurnagar	3379
38		Gunfoundry		89		Siddipet	
39	23-04-2026	Jadi Jamalpur	300	90	13-04-2026	Seethaphalmandi	2500
40		Jagadgirigutta		91	04-05-2026	Sultan Bazar	4000
41		Jahanuma		92	21-04-2026	Suraram	3000
42		Jeeditmetla		93		Tandur	
43		Jeeva Jala		94		Toopran	
44		Jogipet		95	21-04-2026	Trimulgherry	32500
45		Joipet		96		Uminthal	
46		Kalwakole		97		Vanasthalipuram	
47		Kamareddy		98		Venkatapuram	
48	20-04-2026	Khairatabad	20000	99		Vikarabad	
49		Kissan Nagar		100	07-04-2026	Yapral	6000
50		Kukatpally		101	14-04-2026	Yeddumylaram	1105
51		Lallaguda		102		Yellareddy	
				103		Zaheerabad	
						Total	354669

Lenten Campaign Contributions from 9th March 2026 to 15th May 2026

S.No.	Name of the Parish & Institutions	R.No.	Date	Amount
1.	The Sisters of St. Anns of Providence - Central Province	1103	24-03-2026	1,75,000.00
2.	Ashley John Coelho	1104	09-03-2026	25,000.00
3.	Our Lady of Fatima Church, Dammaiguda	1105	06-04-2026	38,435.00
4.	Maria Rosa Mystica Church, LB Nagar	1106	06-04-2026	11,510.00
5.	St. Francis Xavier Church, Yapral	1107	07-04-2026	52,450.00
6.	St. Josephs Cathedral, Gunfoundry	1108	07-04-2026	1,02,290.00
7.	St. Peters Church, Bodhan	1109	07-04-2026	2,000.00
8.	St. Alphonsus Church, Banjara Hills	1110	08-04-2026	22,000.00
9.	Holy Family High School	1111	08-04-2026	15,000.00
10.	Superior Holy Family Convent	1112	08-04-2026	5,000.00
11.	Christ the King Church, Ramanthapur	1113	09-04-2026	3,000.00
12.	Auxilium Church, Mahendra Hills	1115	13-04-2026	8,560.00
13.	Vijay Marie Convent, Sisters of Charity, Khairathabad	1116	13-04-2026	10,000.00
14.	Our Lady of Fathima Shrine, Surarum	1117	13-04-2026	8,300.00
15.	Arogya Matha Church, Zaheerabad	1118	14-04-2026	4,900.00
16.	St. Josphs Church, Patancheru	1119	14-04-2026	10,000.00
17.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Jagathgirigutta	1120	15-04-2026	8,000.00
18.	Nirmala House, Padma Rao Nagar	1121	15-04-2026	10,000.00
19.	St. Francis Xavier Church, Alwal	1122	15-04-2026	15,000.00
20.	St. John maria Vianney Church, Bhoiguda	1123	15-04-2026	20,000.00
21.	Fathima Matha Church, Godumakunta	1124	17-04-2026	2,500.00
22.	St. Francis De Sales Parish, Shanthinagar	1125	17-04-2026	37,037.00

23.	Holy Spirit Church, Chinthala Cheruvu	1126	17-04-2026	3,610.00
24.	Holy Family Church, Thirumalagherry	1127	20-04-2026	32,500.00
25.	St. Johns Church, Ramachandrapuram	1128	22-04-2026	10,000.00
26.	St. Josephs Church, Allirajpet	1129	22-04-2026	5,300.00
27.	Maria Rani Church, Neela Camp	1130	23-04-2026	2,300.00
28.	St. Anns Church, Nizamabad	1131	23-04-2026	10,000.00
29.	St. Marys Basilica, Sec-bad	1132	24-04-2026	1,01,460.00
30.	St. Francis Convent, Sec-bad	1133	27-04-2026	10,000.00
31.	St. Ignatius Church, Gagillapur	1135	28-04-2026	34,950.00
32.	St. Anthonys Church, Gandhi Nagar	1136	28-04-2026	65,840.00
33.	Our Lady of Rosary Church, Miyapur	1137	29-04-2026	10,000.00
34.	St. Barnard's Church, Ammaguda	1138	29-04-2026	35,000.00
35.	St. Francis Girls High School, Secunderabad	1139	29-04-2026	20,000.00
36.	St. Anne's Convent, Madinaguda	1140	30-04-2026	9,000.00
37.	St. Agnes Church, Shapur Nagar	1142	05-05-2026	26,843.00
38.	St. Vincenza Nilayam, Bandlaguda Jhagir	1143	06-05-2026	20,000.00
39.	Maria Rani Church, Mariapuram	1144	11-05-2026	2,000.00
40.	St. Francis Xaviers Church, Borabanda	1145	15-05-2026	11,000.00
			Total	9,95,785.00

Thank You: Dear Rev. Parish priests/Principals/Directors/Superiors, On behalf of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad and the Hyderabad Archdiocese Social Service Society, I Thank you for making efforts to mobilize the funds for the Lenten Campaign Contributions. God bless you for your generosity.

Reminder: Dear Rev Fathers/Head of the Institutions/Religious Superiors we request you to forward whatever the collections made towards Lenten campaign from your parishes/ convents/institutions /communities. Kindly forward your contributions to "HASSS Lenten Campaign Account" at the earliest. We look forward your journey with HASSS in promoting this campaign. Thank you.

Rev. Fr. G. Mathyas Reddy
Executive Director HASSS

Pastoral News

1. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION AT ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BOLARUM



Archdiocesan News

1. ANNUAL FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA CHURCH AT SURARAM PARISH ON 13TH MAY 2026

The feast began with the triduum prayers from 10th to 12th May 2026, inaugurated with the Holy Mass followed by flag hoisting by Rev. Fr. Michael Samala, Dean and Parish Priest of Gagillapur. On the following day, the Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Dodda Sundar, Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Church, Moulali. The final day of the triduum began with the procession of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima through the lanes of Suraram Colony, followed by the Holy Mass celebrated by Rev. Fr. Naredla Vidyasagar, Assistant Parish Priest.

The feast day Mass commenced with a devotional entrance dance by the KGS children, creating a prayerful atmosphere and welcoming the main celebrant and priests to the altar. The Holy Mass was celebrated by Most Rev. Dr. Pilli Anthony Das, Coadjutor Bishop of Nellore, along with 15 concelebrating priests. During

the homily, Bishop Dr. Pilli Anthony Das emphasized the importance of seeking Mother Mary's intercession through praying the Rosary, wearing the Rosary, and following her example, which ultimately leads the faithful closer to God.

The intercessory prayers of Our Lady of Fatima continue to shower blessings, promised graces, and healings upon all the faithful who devoutly pray the Rosary. Every year, devotees from the twin cities of Secunderabad and Hyderabad participate in the feast celebrations of Our Lady of Fatima at Suraram Parish. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of Fatima, continue to inspire all the faithful to live a life of true discipleship.

The Parish Priest and Assistant Parish Priest, along with the KGS Committee, felicitated Most Rev. Dr. Pilli Anthony Das and expressed their gratitude to the priests, sisters, brothers, and all those who contributed to the fruitful celebration of the feast. Bishop Most Rev. Dr. Pilli Anthony Das appreciated the Parish Priest, committee members, youth, children, and parishioners for celebrating the feast in a united and meaningful manner.

Soon after the Mass, the faithful approached the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, touched it reverently, and offered prayers for their special intentions. Around 1,500 faithful participated in the festive Eucharistic celebration.

- Rev. Fr. Yeruva Joji Reddy (Parish Priest, Suraram Parish)

2. AI-CLOUD WORKSHOP 2026

The Youth Commission of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, in collaboration with AMY AI & Cloud Hub, successfully organized a two-day "Workshop on AI-Cloud" on 2nd and 3rd May 2026 at St Joseph Cathedral Hall, Gun foundry Abids.

The workshop was conducted in both English and Telugu and witnessed the enthusiastic participation of youth, students, graduates, and working professionals from different parts of Hyderabad. The sessions focused on Artificial Intelligence and Cloud Computing, helping participants understand modern technology and its practical applications.

During the workshop, participants learned about AI tools, AI business techniques, personalized resume preparation, and hands-on projects. The event also provided an opportunity for the youth to gain practical knowledge and improve their technical skills for future careers.

The program was organized under the guidance of Fr. Jerome, Youth Director, and Harry Wilfred, Youth President. The workshop concluded successfully with active participation from the youth and positive feedback from all attendees. Certificates of participation were also provided to the participants.

- A. Jesney Mary (General Secretary-Youth Commission, Archdiocese of Hyderabad)

3. MOTHER MARY DEVOTION

The Archdiocese of Hyderabad Youth Commission organized a beautiful Mother Mary Devotion program on 23rd May 2026 at Our Lady of Good Health Church, Khairtabad. The gathering began at 5:30 PM in the parish hall with a spiritual talk on Blessed Mother Mary delivered by Fr. Thumma Solomon.

Fr. Aduri Dwijesh Fatima, Assistant Parish Priest, also joined the celebration and concelebrated the Holy Mass. The main celebrant of the Mass was the Parish Priest, Fr. Michael Selvajra. The liturgy during the Holy Mass was led by the diocesan youth team. After the Holy Mass, the youth conducted the Rosary devotion followed by a Marian procession around the church campus with the statue of Mother Mary. The celebration also included the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Later, the youth presented a small action song program in the parish hall. Fr. Jerome joined the gathering later and led a short concluding prayer.

The devotion concluded with group photographs and fellowship through a small snack gathering. The entire program was prayerful, joyful, and spiritually enriching for all the faithful who participated.

- **A. Jesney Mary** (General Secretary-Youth Commission,
Archdiocese of Hyderabad)

4. SUMMER CAMP REPORT, ST. MARY'S BASILICA, SEC-BAD MAY 18TH TO 22ND, 2026

Theme: "Growing in Faith, One Adventure at a Time!"

St. Mary's Basilica, Secunderabad, successfully conducted Summer Camp for children aged 6–15 years from May 18th to 22nd, 2026. The camp was designed to help children to grow in faith while enjoying a week of fellowship, learning, and creativity and play.

Camp Highlights

The camp opened with a prayer led by Parish Priest Fr. M. Arogyam, followed by praise and worship conducted by Mr. Antony Fernandes. Mrs. Juditha Jude Francis organized the camp under the able guidance of Fr. M. Arogyam and Assistant Parish Priest Fr. Manoj Kumar. Fr. Jerome Louis led the daily sessions focusing on parables. Key personalities from the Old and the New Testaments, and the Sacraments. Campers were divided into seven groups with mixed age ranges to encourage teamwork and inclusivity.

Daily activities included: Praise and worship with action songs, Bible verse explanations and related activities, Creative presentations by the campers, Refreshments and snacks.

The camp concluded with the Holy Mass, Bible Quiz, Cultural performances, and a fellowship meal. Participation Certificates and prizes were distributed to all campers.

Volunteer Support: The camp was supported by a dedicated team of volunteers and teachers: Mrs. Juditha Francis, Mr. Antony Fernandes and dedicated volunteers. Their commitment and service were instrumental to the camp's success.

Impact: The camp enabled participants to: Deepen their understanding of the faith; Build team work and leadership skills; Express their creativity; Form new friendships and lasting memories.

Gratitude: We sincerely thank Fr. M. Arogyam, Fr. Manoj Kumar, Fr. Jerome and all the volunteers for their tireless efforts in organizing this meaningful event.

- (Mrs. Juditha Jude Francis, Coordinator)

5. The Golden Jubilee of St. Joseph's cathedral Youth 1975

Church is not about a place, but about the people of God. Church is not merely *where* we gather, but *who* we are in Christ. On 17th May 2026, this reflection reigned supreme in the packed Cathedral.

It was a day to celebrate several jubilee milestones — 50 years of the formation of the St.



Joseph's Cathedral Parish Youth Club; 50 years of the youth choir; 50 years of the enactment of St. Joseph's very first Stations of the Cross. The legacy of faith, commitment, spirituality and countless memories was unmistakable in every corner of the Church that morning.

A brainchild of late Rev. Fr. M. Dhanaraju, the Youth Club started with a bang in 1975, under the able guidance of Sr. Levenis D'Souza, Fr. Yvonne Ambrose, Fr. C. Arogyam, Fr. K. Charles, and Sr. Philomena Raj. And, as the Parish's senior youth, Ms. Clarina D'Souza and late Mr. Raymond Arland spared no effort to ensure that members imbibed the commitment and dedication needed to form a strong youth group.

The day began with a thanksgiving Eucharistic celebration by Fr. K. Charles,

the main celebrant at the 8 am mass in the Cathedral, which brought together several former and present members of the club and youth choir. This was followed by the “Golden Jubilee” celebrations, which not only marked the several milestones, but also highlighted the need to pass on the legacy to the current generation. Like St. Joseph our Patron, the model of humility and silent service, the gathering recalled many of the “old” Club’s activities: the enactment of the Stations of the Cross; the entertaining adaptation of the Christmas story; the mobile Christmas float and carol singing; fund-raising activities such as the ‘East meets West’ music show, and the “Spring Fete 80” in the Rosary Convent School grounds; the health and wellness program executed by the Holy Family Dispensary; the visits to the Home for the Aged/Home for the Disabled...

The year 2026 marks the 100th birth anniversary of late Rev. Fr. M. Dhanaraju, which was yet another reason for a moment of reflection and remembrance. Many persons who were closely associated with the genesis of the youth club, are no longer with us today. A solemn lighting of the lamp served as a tribute to those unforgettable souls.

6. Listening Hearts, Healing Homes - Orientation on Ministering to Families in the Parishes

The Family Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad held an orientation at **St. Ann’s, Bolarum** on Monday 25th May, 2026, for about **20 sisters** preparing to serve families through visits, prayer, listening, and pastoral care.

The session highlighted family ministry as a **mission of presence**. The sisters were encouraged to enter homes as women consecrated to Christ, bringing peace, hope, encouragement, and compassionate listening.

They were reminded that family visits are not merely to collect information, but to know families humanly and spiritually, pray with them, listen to their concerns, and accompany them with care.

The formation also noted the realities of Indian family life, including joint, nuclear, and intergenerational homes, along with challenges such as migration, interfaith marriages, in-law tensions, and generational gaps.

A simple pastoral method was shared: **welcome, listen, clarify, encourage, and follow up**. The sisters were also reminded to respond with empathy, especially in grief, conflict, or sensitive family situations. This orientation strengthens parish family ministry around Bolarum and helps families experience the closeness of the Church and the love of Christ in their homes.

- Fr David Francis (Director Family Apostolate)



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Your Eminence/Grace/Excellency/Monsignor/ Reverend Major Superiors and Rectors
Cordial Greetings of Peace in the Lord.

Subject: Responsible Use of social media - Urgent Pastoral Directives of CCBI

As it is resolved in our CCBI 99th EC meeting and as the Chairman of the Commission for VSCR send this communication for your kind perusal and follow up.

The digital world today has become a powerful space for evangelization and pastoral outreach. At the same time, it carries serious risks when used without discernment. In recent times, certain trends have caused concern regarding the dignity of priestly and consecrated life in digital platforms.

In this context, the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI) published a White paper on "Mission in the Digital Environment: Social Media Engagements and SOPs for the Catholic Church in India" which is a 'Guidelines for the Use of Social Media' and in Section 3 A mentions about 'General Directives for Clergy and Religious' (February 2026) calls for greater responsibility, discipline, and accountability in digital engagement.

As shepherds and superiors, we have a shared duty to ensure that our clergy and religious give an authentic, dignified, and scandal-free witness in the digital space. You are therefore requested to communicate and implement the following directives with seriousness and pastoral care:

1. Priests and religious must remember that their presence on social media is never merely personal. All content must reflect credibility, responsibility, and communion with the Church. Every post, comment, or interaction should build faith and not weaken it. (Ref: CCBI Guidelines, 2026 - Public Witness and Accountability)
2. Cassock and religious habit are sacred signs of consecration and must be treated with reverence. Posting photos, reels, or videos in religious attire that are trivial, entertaining for cheap popularity, or lacking dignity must be strictly avoided. Any such appearance should serve only genuine pastoral, liturgical, or formative purposes. (Ref: CCBI Guidelines, 2026 - Dignity of Ecclesial Identity)

3. Communication in the digital space must reflect the mind and heart of Christ. Offensive language, sarcasm, ridicule, ideological aggression, or divisive comments are not acceptable. Clergy and religious must avoid controversies and express themselves with charity, truth, and pastoral sensitivity. (Ref: CCBI Guidelines, 2026-Ethical Communication)
4. Digital communication requires clarity of boundaries and maturity. Private chats and online Interactions must be limited, appropriate, and transparent. Avoid conversations that may lead to emotional dependency, misunderstanding, or compromise of one's vocation. Prefer official and accountable channels for pastoral communication. (Ref: CCBI Guidelines, 2026 Responsible Engagement and Safeguarding)
5. The pursuit of popularity, visibility, or personal gain contradicts the spirit of priestly and consecrated life. The use of social media for self-promotion, trend-following, monetization, or sensational content must cease. The digital presence of clergy and religious should reflect simplicity, humility, and mission. (Ref: CCBI Guidelines, 2026-Integrity and Discipline in Media Use)
6. Responsible use of media requires continuous formation and self-regulation.

All clergy and religious are to be guided towards disciplined and meaningful engagement so that social media becomes a tool for evangelization and communion, not confusion or scandal. The credibility of our witness today extends into the digital world. Let us ensure that those who encounter us online encounter Christ-never confusion, division, or scandal. (Ref: CCBI Guidelines, 2026-Ongoing Formation in Digital Mission)

I request your whole hearted support to adhere to the above directives of our conference.

Joyfully yours in Christ

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+ **Varghese Chakkalakal**

Archbishop of Calicut

Chairman of the Commission for Vocations Seminaries Clergy and Religious (VSCR)



Regional News

1. APPOINTMENT OF BISHOP FOR WARANGAL DIOCESE

On 09 May 2026, Pope Leo XIV has appointed Rev. Fr. Vijaya Paul Reddy Duggimpudi, currently serving as the Diocesan Administrator of Warangal, as the fourth Bishop of the Diocese of Warangal.

Born on 8 January 1965 in Manugonda, Telangana, Bishop-elect Vijaya Paul Reddy completed his philosophical and theological studies at St. John's Major Seminary, Hyderabad. He also obtained degrees in Arts and Education from Osmania University and Annamalai University.



He was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Warangal on 2 April 1992. Over the past three decades, he has served in various pastoral, educational, and administrative roles, including Parish Priest, Director of educational institutions, and Director of the Lodi Multipurpose Social Service Society, Warangal. Since April 2025, he has been serving as the Diocesan Administrator of Warangal following the transfer of Bishop Udumala Bala as Archbishop of Visakhapatnam.

The Diocese of Warangal was erected on 22 December 1952 from the Archdiocese of Hyderabad. It currently serves over 85,000 Catholics in 78 parishes across the districts of Warangal and Karimnagar in Telangana.

The clergy, religious, and faithful of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad extend their heartfelt congratulations and prayerful best wishes to Bishop-elect Vijaya Paul Reddy Duggimpudi on his appointment as the Bishop of Warangal. May the Lord bless his episcopal ministry with wisdom, zeal, and abundant graces as he shepherds the People of God entrusted to his care.

International News

1. Summary of the ENCYCLICAL LETTER MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence

Pope Leo's *Magnifica humanitas*: AI must serve humanity, not concentrate power

Marking the 135th anniversary of *Rerum novarum*, Pope Leo XIV released his first encyclical, *Magnifica humanitas*, on 25 May 2026. The document addresses the challenges posed by Artificial Intelligence and calls for safeguarding human dignity, truth, work, justice, and peace.

The Pope warns humanity against building a “new Tower of Babel” through uncontrolled technology and instead calls for building a society rooted in communion with God and one another. While technology is not evil in itself, it is never neutral, since it reflects the values of those who create and use it. Therefore, AI must always serve the common good and preserve the human person.

Church's social doctrine

The first chapter explains the dynamic nature of the Church's Social Doctrine, beginning from *Rerum novarum* to the teachings of Pope Francis. Pope Leo XIV highlights key principles such as human dignity, the dignity of work, solidarity, subsidiarity, peace, fraternity, and care for creation.

Safeguarding human dignity

The encyclical strongly reaffirms the dignity of every human person created in the image of God. Human worth does not depend on productivity or achievement. Pope Leo XIV defends the right to life from conception to natural death and reiterates the Church's opposition to abortion, euthanasia, and all forms of exploitation. He also calls for greater recognition and participation of women and minorities in society.

Technology must not be in the hands of a few

The Pope warns against concentrating technological power and wealth in the hands of a small elite. AI and digital technologies must benefit all people and not deepen inequalities between the powerful and the excluded.

Social justice and migrants

Social justice in the digital age requires fair opportunities, protection of the vulnerable, and public oversight of technologies. Pope Leo XIV describes migrants and refugees as a “litmus test” of society’s justice and fraternity, calling for safe migration pathways and addressing the root causes of displacement.

Abuse and examination of conscience by the Church

The Church herself, the Pope says, must undergo an examination of conscience by addressing abuses of power, conscience, sexual abuse, and lack of transparency. Justice requires acknowledging harm, providing reparation, and preventing future abuse.

An ethical code for AI

Pope Leo XIV urges the development of ethical and legal frameworks for AI with accountability, transparency, and independent oversight. AI can imitate human intelligence but cannot replace moral conscience, empathy, relationships, or spirituality. The Pope also stresses the environmental impact of new technologies.

Disarming AI

The Pope calls for “disarming AI” by preventing it from becoming an instrument of military, political, or economic domination. Technology should support humanity rather than replace it. Human limitations and fragility, he says, are not defects but part of human greatness and openness to God.

Technological progress without regression of the heart

True progress must preserve humanity’s capacity for love, relationships, and compassion. The Pope warns against transhumanism and ideologies that seek to overcome human nature through technology.

The dignity of work

AI and automation must not undermine workers or reduce people to machines. Technology should assist workers, not replace them for the sake of profit. Pope Leo XIV also calls for renewed labor organizations and humane working conditions.

Peace and development

The Pope links peace with justice and integral human development. He encourages international cooperation, reduction of inequalities, and economic systems that prioritize human dignity over profit.

The family, “primary social good”

The encyclical reaffirms the family, founded on the union of a man and a woman, as the fundamental cell of society. Families should be supported through policies that protect stability and healthy work-life balance.

Risks for freedom

Pope Leo warns against digital surveillance, manipulation through algorithms, misinformation, and the exploitation of personal data. He stresses the importance of protecting human freedom and critical thinking.

New forms of slavery and colonialism

The Pope condemns all forms of slavery, trafficking, and exploitation linked to technology, including unjust labor practices and the exploitation of poor nations for technological resources.

Overcoming the “just war” theory

Pope Leo XIV strongly criticizes war, the arms race, and AI-based weapons systems. He insists that no algorithm can make war morally acceptable and calls for dialogue, diplomacy, forgiveness, and peace-building instead of violence.

Crisis of multilateralism

The encyclical laments growing global mistrust and the weakening of international institutions. The Pope calls for reforms of global organizations to promote justice, peace, and the common good.

The civilization of love

Christians are called to reject the culture of power and build a “civilization of love” rooted in truth, justice, mercy, and peace. Pope Leo XIV highlights the importance of standing with victims, speaking truthfully, and becoming peacemakers.

Importance of interreligious dialogue

The Pope stresses that religion must never be used to justify violence or terrorism. Interreligious dialogue is essential for promoting peace, fraternity, and mutual respect among peoples.

Grandeur of humanity

Concluding the encyclical, Pope Leo XIV invites humanity to face the age of AI with wisdom and faith, ensuring that technology always serves the human person. Even in a technological age, humanity continues to reflect the greatness of God, “in whom God has made His dwelling.”

Dates & Events to Remember

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| 01. St. Justin, Mtr, (M) | 11. St. Barnabas, Ap (F) |
| 02. Sts. Marcellinus & Peter, Martyrs (Op. M) | 12. The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, (Sol) |
| 03. St. Charles Lwanga & comp (M) | 13. The Immaculate Heart of the BVM (M) |
| 05. St. Boniface, Bish, Mrtr (M) | 13. St. Anthony of Padua, Pt & Dr (M) |
| 06. St. Norbert, Bp (Op. M) | 19. St. Romuald, Abbot (Op. M) |
| 07. The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
(<i>Corpus Christi</i>) (Sol) | 24. The Birth of St. John The Baptist (Sol) |
| 08. St. Mariam Theresia, Vir (Op. M) | 29. Sts. Peter and Paul, Ap (Sol) |
| | 30. The First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church |

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers

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| 01. Fr. Dominic Savio | 17. Fr. Gali Samson |
| 01. Fr. Madanu Prathap | 18. Fr. A. E. Raju Alex |
| 02. Fr. Yeddnapalli M. Joseph | 18. Fr. Gali Mathyas Reddy |
| 03. Fr. Madanu Joseph (Sr.) | 19. Fr. Mettu Arogyam |
| 07. Fr. Udumala J. Chinnappa Reddy | 23. Fr. Marneni Varaprasad |
| 09. Fr. Yeruva Bala Sudhir | 23. Fr. Thumma Fatima Reddy |
| 13. Fr. Udagandla Julian | 29. Fr. Pentareddy Manohar Akhil |
| | 30. Fr. John Vijay Kumar |



Happy Ordination day Dear Fathers

02. Fr. Madanu Ajith Kumar

Necrology

02. Most Rev. Caprotti Pietro, PIME
 02. Fr. Avvari M Sleevappa
 11. Fr. A. Amirdhan
 16. Fr. Agnello
 21. Fr. Chinnabathini Chinnaiah



MAY ALL THE SOULS OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE. AMEN.

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