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***Mary is a cure for solitude and dispersion.
She is the Mother of consolation : she stands
“with” those who are “alone”***

- Pope Francis

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THE JUBILEE PRAYER

*Father in heaven,
may the faith yu have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

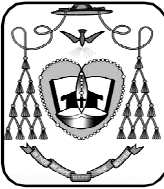
*May your grace transform us into
tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of
a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanguished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.*

Amen



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SHEPHERD'S VOICE

Dear & Rev. Fathers / Brothers / Sisters / Laity,

Greetings from Archbishop Bernard Moras, Apostolic Administrator, Mysore.

This October 2024, the Synod on Synodality is set to hold its final assembly. This gathering, which will take place in Rome, is a key moment for the Synod's process, as it will bring together bishops, religious leaders and lay representatives from around the world to deliberate on the outcomes of the extensive consultations that have taken place throughout the synodal journey.

As we journey together in faith, the Synod on Synodality invites us to embrace a transformative path that reflects our call to walk together as one body in Christ. This Synod is not merely a series of meetings or a set of documents; it is a profound invitation to engage more deeply with one another and with our shared mission in the Church.

Synodality is about more than just listening to each other; it is about actively participating in the life of the Church and contributing to its mission. It calls each of us to bring our unique gifts and perspectives to the table, ensuring that every voice is heard and

valued. This is a moment of grace and opportunity for us to reflect on how we can better embody the unity and inclusiveness that Christ desires for His Church.

In this spirit, I encourage each of you to take to heart the call to walk in the synodal way. This journey requires openness, humility, and a willingness to engage in honest and respectful dialogue. It asks us to listen not only with our ears but with our hearts, recognizing the Holy Spirit at work in the diverse experiences and insights of our fellow Catholics.

Walking in the synodal way means acknowledging that the Church is a living, dynamic community where every member has a role to play. Whether you are a layperson, a religious, or a member of the clergy, your voice matters. Your experiences, your questions, and your hopes for the Church are valuable contributions to our shared journey. By participating in the synodal process, you help shape a more vibrant and responsive Church that better serves the needs of all its members.

Let us also remember that synodality is deeply rooted in our faith tradition. It is an expression of our commitment to the Gospel values of love, respect, and unity. As we engage in this process, let us pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who will lead us to deeper understanding and greater harmony in our communal life.

In these moments of reflection and discussion, let us be mindful of our call to witness to the love of Christ in the world. Our synodal journey is not just about internal Church matters; it is also about how

we can be more effective in our mission to bring the message of Christ's love and salvation to all people.

I urge you to participate with enthusiasm and dedication, knowing that this process is a vital step in renewing and strengthening our Church. Together, let us walk this synodal path with faith and hope, trusting that our collective efforts will bear fruit in the form of a Church that is more inclusive, compassionate, and attuned to the needs of our time.

May God bless us abundantly as we engage in this sacred journey of discernment, transformation and mission.



IMPORTANT EVENTS

NEW PRESBYTERY BLESSING AT CHAMARAJANAGARA

The blessing of the new presbytery in Chamarajanagara was held on 28.07.2024. Apostolic Administrator blessed and opened the presbytery, marking a new chapter for the parish. The celebration was enriched by the parish feast, during which the parish children received the sacrament of Confirmation. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to these wonderful events.

INAUGURATION OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE SHRINE

We are delighted to announce that the **St. Mary Magdalene Shrine** in Keerapathi has been officially inaugurated. The ceremony was presided over by Apostolic Administrator, who blessed the shrine and the tabernacle, marking the occasion with great solemnity on 29.07.2024. With this, the shrine has been officially declared a **diocesan shrine**. This significant milestone invites all to visit, pray, and deepen their faith at this new sacred space. We pray that St. Mary Magdalene Shrine becomes a beacon of hope and devotion for all those who visit it.

ST PHILOMENA'S FEAST : 11.08.2024

On August 11, 2024, Cathedral parish celebrated the feast of St. Philomena with great devotion. The Solemn Eucharistic Celebration was led by Archbishop Bernard Moras, the Apostolic Administrator of our Diocese. The liturgy was marked by a reverent candlelit procession, during which the faithful carried candles in a moving display of faith. The procession culminated in a serene Eucharistic Adoration and a blessing, enriching our spiritual experience. As we reflect on this blessed day, let us continue to seek the intercession of St. Philomena for our diocese.



NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS

The Holy Father has appointed Fr. Arokia Raj Satis Kumar (47), the Chancellor of the Archdiocese and Fr. Joseph Soosainathan (60), Parish Priest of the Sacred Heart Church as the Auxiliary Bishops of Bangalore Archdiocese.

Fr. Arokia Raj Satis Kumar was born on 5th September 1977 in Bangalore. He studied Philosophy and Theology at the St. Joseph's Seminary, in the Diocese of Mangalore and was ordained priest on 2nd May 2007 for the Archdiocese of Bangalore.

Fr. Joseph Soosainathan was born on 14th May 1964 in Bangalore. He studied Philosophy at the St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary and Theology at St. Paul's Seminary in the Diocese of Tirucharapalli. He was ordained a priest on 15th May 1990 for the Archdiocese of Bangalore.

The Archdiocesan territory was formerly part of the Mysore Mission, which was separated from Pondicherry in 1845. The Mysore Mission was elevated to an apostolic vicariate in 1850 and elevated to a diocese with Bangalore as its headquarters in 1886. The diocese of Bangalore was bifurcated from Mysore on February 13, 1940, and it became the Archdiocese in 1953.

Consecration of these Auxiliary Bishops took place on 24th August at a solemn ceremony at St. Francis Xavier Cathedral, Bangalore.

The Diocese of Mysore Congratulates the two Auxiliary bishops and wishes all the God's blessing in their pastoral ministry. It also Congratulates Archbishop Peter Machado for having now two Auxiliaries to assist him.

TEACHER'S DAY

We celebrate ***Teachers' Day on the 5th of September every year***, honouring the vital role teachers play in shaping our students and our nation. Teachers are instrumental in guiding young minds and instilling values that contribute to a brighter future. This day also commemorates the birth of ***Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan***, a distinguished educator and former President of India, who believed in the transformative power of education.

As we recognize the dedication and impact of our teachers, let us also reflect on the need for responsible and committed educators who inspire and nurture the next generation. Join us in expressing gratitude for their hard work and commitment to excellence in education.

NATIVITY OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

On ***September 8***, we joyfully celebrate the ***Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary***, also known as the ***Feast of Our Lady of Good Health***. This feast commemorates the birth of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and holds a special place in Christian life as it marks the beginning of our salvation through her Son. The Catholic Church honours this day with special Masses, prayers, and devotion, reflecting on Mary's role as a beacon of hope and grace.

As we celebrate this feast, let us also remember and pray for all those who are ill. May Our Lady of Good Health intercede for their healing and comfort. We invite everyone to join us for a special Mass dedicated to this intention and to offer prayers for those in need of God's healing touch. Let us come together in faith and devotion to honour Mary and support those who are unwell.

Please note: as in the previous years, this year too, a collection during the masses on 8th September is to be sent separately to the diocese. Please contact the Financial Administrator for any clarification. This collection is meant for the healthcare of poor patients. Kindly send the cheques in the name of "St. Joseph's Charitable Trust" or you may do the NEFT to St. Joseph's Charitable Trust, A/C No.: 0493053000000002 in South Indian Bank, with IFSC Code: SIBL0000493Bannimantap Branch.

EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

On September 14th, we will celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. As 1 Corinthians 1:18 (ESV) reminds us, *"For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."* Our Christian life finds its true meaning in embracing the Cross, not as a curse but as a symbol of salvation. Christ calls us to carry our cross daily, and this feast serves as a powerful reminder of that invitation. Let us reflect on the significance of the Cross and renew our commitment to live out our faith with courage and grace.

THE ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT

The Annual Clergy Retreat for this year 2024 will be held at Prabodhana Theologate, Mysore as usual in two batches for all the priests of our diocese. The priests of the diocese are divided into two batches based on the list available in the Diocesan directory: all odd numbers will be the first batch and all even numbers will be the second batch for the retreat. The first batch will begin the retreat on Monday 23rd September at 06:00pm and end with lunch on 28th September 2024. The second batch will begin the retreat on Monday 30th September at 06:00pm and end with lunch on 05th October 2024. The transport facility will be arranged to and fro - Bishop's House and Prabodhana, for which please contact the Procurator in advance. Let us all participate in the annual retreat for our own personal sanctification and of the good of our ministry in the Church. Priests are requested to bring the personal Mass diary and submit it to the Apostolic Administrator during the retreat for the scrutiny. **List of the batches is found in the Annexure I.**

MISSION SUNDAY 2024

On **October 20, 2024**, we celebrate **Mission Sunday** under the theme, "**Hearts on Fire for Mission.**" This day highlights our duty to support the universal Church and its mission efforts. A special collection will be taken during all Masses to raise funds for the Pontifical Mission Societies, which are crucial for pastoral and humanitarian work worldwide. In addition to contributing generously, let us engage in various parish activities such as talks, mission

fairs, and volunteer opportunities. Let us come together to fulfil our mission, share God's love, and make a meaningful impact globally.

PARISH AND SOCIETY MEETINGS

The parish and society meeting of all deaneries went on smoothly. I thank, on behalf of the Diocese, all the deans for making all necessary arrangements for the meetings and the parish priests for their cooperation. I request parish priests to implement all that has been discussed and shared. It is very important that we follow all the required procedures under the Canon law, Income tax and Diocesan norms.

Priests in charge of societies are required to file the returns to the registrar of societies within 14 days and get the Society renewed. Please send a copy of the renewed certificate to the procurator to update the files in Bishop's house.

LEAVES FROM THE PAGES OF TIME

A new book on the history of Christianity in the Diocese of Mysore titled LEAVES FROM THE PAGES OF TIME from 1800 to 2018 has been published by ATC Bangalore written by Mr. Gerald Rodriegues. This book in an abridged form and complete work form is available for sale.

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WAYANAD RELIEF

We are well aware of what happened in Wayanad district on 30th of July, 2024. The heavy and continuous rains have swept away a few villages. Several lives are lost and a great destruction has come upon the district. Many are homeless and have lost everything they had. Their condition is pathetic indeed. The Catholic Bishops Conference of India (CBCI) through "Caritas India," has come forward to help the victims of the landslides by way of collecting funds from the churches all over India. "As we thank God for blessing us with safety, it is our bounden duty to support our brothers and sisters who are in need. As a result, in our diocese, a special collection has to be made on 15th September and the money has to be sent to the diocese. You may send the cheque in the name of "Bishop and Procurator" or you may do the NEFT to "Bishop and Procurator, A/c no.:0524053000011563, South Indian Bank, IFSC Code: SIBL0000524.

EARMARKED COLLECTIONS

All are reminded to send the stipulated collections to the Financial Administrator at the earliest. While thanking you all for sending the collections for specific purposes, I request those who have not sent the same, to send them without delay. Let us avoid last minute transactions.

Please find enclosed the details of the earmarked collections received for the period from July - August 2024 in **ANNEXURE II**.

+ Archbishop Emeritus
Most Rev. Dr. Bernard Moras
The Apostolic Administrator,
Diocese of Mysore

ANNEXURE - I

Annual Retreat at Prabodhana: Batch - 1

Date: 23.09.2024 to 28.09.2024

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- † Archbishop Bernard Moras
1. Rev Fr. Durai Swamy
 2. Rev. Fr. A. George Deepak
 3. Rev. Fr. Abhilash G
 4. Rev. Fr. Angelo Pais
 5. Rev. Fr. Anthonappa Chinnappa
 6. Rev. Fr. Anthony Clifford
 7. Rev. Fr. Anthony Raj Ennasappa
 8. Rev. Fr. Anthony Raj Rajendra
 9. Rev. Fr. Arockia Raj Leonard
 10. Rev. Fr. Avinash H. N
 11. Rev. Fr. Belavendra Sagayaraj
 12. Rev. Fr. Charles Noronha
 13. Rev. Fr. Chinnappa I
 14. Rev. Fr. Christopher Mathew
 15. Rev. Fr. Cyril D'Souza
 16. Rev. Fr. David Sagaya Raj G
 17. Rev. Fr. Dayananda Prabhu
 18. Rev. Fr. Ephnezer Paul S
 19. Rev. Fr. Gilbert D'Silva
 20. Rev. Fr. Gnana Prakash
 21. Rev. Fr. Ignasi Muthu
 22. Rev. Fr. Issac Rathnakar N. S
 23. Rev. Fr. James Dominic
 24. Rev. Fr. Jebamalai Muthu
 25. Rev. Fr. Jerald Sequeira
 26. Rev. Fr. Johannes L
 27. Rev. Fr. John Fernandis A

28. Rev. Fr. John Paul Rayappa
29. Rev. Fr. John Sequeira
30. Rev. Fr. Joseph Alexander
31. Rev. Fr. Joseph C. P
32. Rev. Fr. Joseph Marie A
33. Rev. Fr. Joseph N. T
34. Rev. Fr. Joseph Packiaraj
35. Rev. Fr. Leslie Moras
36. Rev. Fr. Lourdu Prasad
37. Rev. Fr. Manuel D'Souza
38. Rev. Fr. Maria Xavier
39. Rev. Fr. Martin M
40. Rev. Fr. Michael Mari A
41. Rev. Fr. Naveen Kumar K
42. Rev. Fr. Nehru Muthu A
43. Rev. Fr. Patrick Xavier
44. Rev. Fr. Paul C
45. Rev. Fr. Praveen Kumar Gregory
46. Rev. Fr. Rajesh
47. Rev. Fr. Rayappa Joseph
48. Rev. Fr. Raymond
49. Rev. Fr. Rohan A
50. Rev. Fr. Rony Ravi Kumar
51. Rev. Fr. Roxan Thomas Baros
52. Rev. Fr. Santiago L
53. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Alexander
54. Rev. Fr. Siluvainathan A
55. Rev. Fr. Staney D'Almeida
56. Rev. Fr. Stephen Joseph
57. Rev. Fr. Thomas Becket D'Souza
58. Rev. Fr. Valentine Rajendra Kumar
59. Rev. Fr. Vijay Raj Jaunet

60. Rev. Fr. Vincent Fernandes
61. Rev. Fr. Vincent Madali Muthu
62. Rev. Fr. Wilfred A
63. Rev. Fr. Xavier M
64. Rev. Fr. Yesu Prasad

Annual Retreat at Prabodhana: Batch - 2
Date: 30.09.2024 to 05.10.2024

1. Rev. Msgr. Alfred John Mendonca
2. Rev. Fr. Alex Prashanth Sequeira
3. Rev. Fr. Aloysius Menezes
4. Rev. Fr. Anthappa M
5. Rev. Fr. Anthonappa Joseph
6. Rev. Fr. Anthony Raj Juvannes
7. Rev. Fr. Anthony Swamy R
8. Rev. Fr. Arogya Swami R
9. Rev. Fr. Arul Selva Kumar
10. Rev. Fr. Balraj
11. Rev. Fr. Bernard Prakash Barnis
12. Rev. Fr. Charles Perianayagam R
13. Rev. Fr. Christopher Claret Sesu A
14. Rev. Fr. Christopher Sagayaraj
15. Rev. Fr. Cyril Selva Kumar
16. Rev. Fr. David Sagayaraj S
17. Rev. Fr. Denis D'Souza
18. Rev. Fr. Edward William Saldanha
19. Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier J. A
20. Rev. Fr. George Martiz
21. Rev. Fr. Ignatius Mascarenhas
22. Rev. Fr. Irudayraj A
23. Rev. Fr. Jacob Kollanoor

24. Rev. Fr. Jayaraj D
25. Rev. Fr. Jeevan Preeth
26. Rev. Fr. Jnana Pragasam
27. Rev. Fr. John Bosco
28. Rev. Fr. John Gerald D'Cunha
29. Rev. Fr. John Louis
30. Rev. Fr. John Paul Perianayagam
31. Rev. Fr. John Sagaya Pushparaj
32. Rev. Fr. Joseph Charles K
33. Rev. Fr. Joseph G
34. Rev. Fr. Joseph Marie J
35. Rev. Fr. Joseph Rodrigues
36. Rev. Fr. Joseph S. D
37. Rev. Fr. Louis Noronha
38. Rev. Fr. Madalai Muthu
39. Rev. Fr. Mari Raj
40. Rev. Fr. Marian Pinto
41. Rev. Fr. Michael Augustine Pro
42. Rev. Fr. Naveen Bal Kumar A
43. Rev. Fr. Naveen Kumar R
44. Rev. Fr. Paulus T
45. Rev. Fr. Praveen Kumar Anthonyraj
46. Rev. Fr. Praveen Kumar Pedru
47. Rev. Fr. Rayappa Chikkegowda
48. Rev. Fr. Rayappa Mariyappa
49. Rev. Fr. Richard Britto
50. Rev. Fr. Ronald Danthi
51. Rev. Fr. Roshan S
52. Rev. Fr. Sanjay Kumar F.
53. Rev. Fr. Santhosh Kumar
54. Rev. Fr. Sebastian Gilbert
55. Rev. Fr. Soosai A

56. Rev. Fr. Stanislaus Manickam
57. Rev. Fr. Tenny Kurian
58. Rev. Fr. Vijay Kumar
59. Rev. Fr. Vijeth Martin
60. Rev. Fr. Vincent Thangraj
61. Rev. Fr. William E. Pinto

ANNEXURE - II

LIST OF THE EARMARKED COLLECTIONS RECEIVED FOR THE PERIOD JULY AND AUGUST 2024

PARISHES	Vocation Sunday	Second Sunday Collection	Holy Thursday	Communio Sunday	St. Peter the Apostle Collection	Hunger & Disease	St. Peter's Pence	Maint of Holy Land
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Maralli			4,360.00	15,020.00		10,070.00		
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Srirampura	4,640.00	21,903.00			3,700.00			
Infant Jesus Mission Station, Yathagadanaahalli	3,150.00	16,980.00			4,060.00			4,400.00
St. Sebastian's Church, Kushialnagar	5,897.00						7,149.00	
Arogya Mathe Church, Hulikere	2,170.00		4,271.00	4,931.00	2,508.00	8,121.00		
St. Alphonsa's Church, M. K. Halli	1,650.00	6,010.00			1,850.00			4,115.00
Nirmala Mathe Church, Kutta		1,566.00						
St. Anne's Church, Virajpet		20,405.00						
St. Joseph's Church, Mandya		11,137.00						12,072.00
Sacred Heart Church, Nagavalli		7,110.00						
Holy Cross Church, Belawadi		12,740.00						3,140.00
Christ the Redeemer Church, Shaanthinagar		4,100.00	1,900.00	2,000.00		3,000.00		4,050.00
St. Lawrence Church, Aboorkatte					1,780.00		1,360.00	3,840.00
St. Thomas Church, Thomayarpalayam								
Divine Mercy Church, K. R. Nagar								
Church of Mary Mother of God, Jakkalli								
Mother of Humanity Mission Station, Mandya West								
St. Lawrence Church, Aboorkatte								
	17,507.00	1,01,951.00	10,531.00	21,951.00	40,143.00	21,191.00	8,509.00	31,617.00

N.B.: There are a few bank remittances without details. We are not able to trace and issue necessary receipts. We request them to contact the diocesan office with the details of transfer and obtain necessary receipts for the remittances made.



***HAPPY FEAST
OF NATIVITY***