



Archdiocese of Bangalore

## CIRCULAR



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Dear Rev. Fathers / Sisters / Brothers / Lay Faithful,

Peace of Christ!

### **1. DAY OF THE CLERGY**

St. John Mary Vianney Day is at our door (4<sup>th</sup> August). It is the day of the Priests.

St. John Mary Vianney is supposed to have said *"Oh, how great is the Priest! ... If he realized what he is, he would die!"* The Holy Father, Francis, embodies in himself in a very special way the spirit of the St. John Mary Vianney – simple and humble, down-to-earth, with mercy and compassion in boundless proportions. In one of his homilies, the Pope said, *"I see clearly that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful; it needs nearness, proximity. I see the church as a field hospital after battle. The Church sometimes has locked itself up in small things, in small-minded rules. The most important thing is the first proclamation: Jesus Christ has saved you."*

Since some years, St. John Mary Vianney is proposed as the Patron of not only the Diocesan Clergy but of all the Priests. As we celebrate this feast on the 1<sup>st</sup> of August with the participation of our lay faithful, may we re-live his closeness and proximity to our people, through our family visits, the meaningful celebration of the sacraments, especially confession with mercy and compassion in our approach.

This feast also reminds the people to acknowledge the services of their Pastors, and at the same time it sounds an alarm to us Pastors to evaluate our life as Priests, whether we need to change our life-style and pattern of service to be closer to the people in the name of Jesus. Let us remember the words of St. John Marie Vianney: *“Priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus.”*

## **2. ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS BERNARD MORAS’ 77<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**

It falls on 10<sup>th</sup> August. Though he himself is not too keen on celebrating it, I have invited him to join us in blessing and thanking God for his life, presence and long and fruitful service in the Archdiocese. I invite all the Priests and Religious in the Archdiocese to be present for the Eucharistic Celebration **on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at 5.30 p.m. in St. Francis Xavier Cathedral**, followed by a short felicitation and supper. I thank and appreciate the Archbishop Emeritus for his continued service in the Archdiocese, especially at the liturgical services and programmes, which I am not able to attend due to my other prior commitments. From this month onwards, we will also be publishing the engagements of Archbishop Emeritus Bernard Moras in our circular.

## **3. NEW BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF MANGALORE**

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018, the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle, we received the good news of the appointment of Rev. Msgr. Peter Paul Saldanha as the new Bishop of Mangalore. At the time of the announcement, Msgr. Peter Paul was the Professor at Urbaniana University, Rome. Earlier he served as Priest of the Diocese of Mangalore in the Parishes as also as Professor of St. Joseph’s Seminary, Jeppu, Mangalore.

Msgr. Peter Paul Saldanha was born in Kirem Parish, Mangalore, in 1964 and was ordained a Priest on 6<sup>th</sup> May 1991. Known for his suave manners and pleasing personality, Msgr. Peter has distinguished himself as a Pastor, Community leader and Academician knowing number of Indian as well as European languages. Msgr. Peter Paul’s Episcopal Ordination will be held in **Mangalore on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 9.30 a.m.** We congratulate

the Bishop-Elect and assure him of our prayers for his future episcopal ministry.

At this time, we also place on record our gratitude and appreciation to Most Rev. Aloysius Paul D'Souza, Bishop Emeritus of Mangalore, who served the diocese untiringly for 22 long years. Being an eminent Pastor he has left indelible marks of his stewardship in the Diocese of Mangalore and also in the Region of Karnataka.

#### **4. INVESTITURE OF THE PALLIUM CEREMONY**

The **Pallium** (derived from the Roman **pallium** or palla, a woolen cloak) is an ecclesiastical vestment in the Roman Catholic Church, for many centuries bestowed by the Pope on metropolitans and primates as a symbol of the jurisdiction delegated to them by the Holy See. Though in the past, the Holy Father conferred the Pallium at the Vatican on the Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul, from 2015, however, Pope Francis changed the ceremony to conferring the Pallium by the Apostolic Nuncios in the places of the Metropolitans, in order to better demonstrate to the faithful the unity between the local churches and the Pope in Rome. I am happy to let you know that the Apostolic Nuncio in India, Most Rev. Giambattista Diquattro, has consented to come to Bangalore to confer the Pallium on me **on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at the Eucharist in St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral at 6.00 p.m.** The Bishops of the Region will also be present. I invite the Priests and Religious and lay faithful of the Archdiocese to grace this occasion with their presence, and also to pray for my pastoral ministry in the Archdiocese.

#### **5. RECOLLECTION FOR ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS (PRIESTS)**

The Recollection for the Priests and Religious in the service of the Archdiocese will take place **at Paalanaa Bhavana on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> August, 2018 at 10.00 a.m.** Please be present.

#### **6. MY VISIT TO THE DEANERIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE**

In order to familiarize myself with the Archdiocese, and also to meet the Priests of the Archdiocese in their own deaneries, I have

planned to visit the deaneries on the following days in the months of August and September, 2018.

Sl. No.	Date	Time	Name of the Deanery
1	02-8-2018	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Basilica
2	04-8-2018	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Harobale
3	14-8-2018	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Mariannapalya
4	20-8-2018	10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Cathedral
5	21-8-2018	10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.	Madivala
6	23-8-2018	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Beguru
7	27-8-2018	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Chikkaballapura
8	30-8-2018	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Jalahalli
9	04-9-2018	10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	T. C. Palya
10	10-9-2018	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Tumkur
11	17.09.2018	10 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Briand Square

## **7. PRISON MINISTRY SUNDAY (12.8.2018)**

The Prison Ministry is one of the recent apostolates that the Church is associating itself with and is certainly a most endearing one. To be imprisoned is a very tragic and traumatic part of one's life. The shame and guilt, pain and suffering, isolation and stigma of those condemned justifiably or falsely can leave a person emotionally crippled for life. That is why the Church wishes to be close to the prisoners in this sad part of their life and condemnation.

The Prison Ministry Day falls on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of August, close to the celebration of the Feast of St. Maximilian Kolbe, a Polish Saint, who died in the Nazi concentration camp, offering his life in exchange for the prisoner who was destined to die.

The Prisoners, however cruel they may have been, still deserve a second chance. We have also to take into account thousands who are languishing in the jails as under trials, falsely accused and

even unjustly punished. The repercussions of their being imprisoned and sometimes tortured, in terms of human dignity, shame, guilt and isolation as also the humiliation faced by their families, cannot be ignored. With more and more people entering jails and not all of them hard-core criminals but even defaulters from normal families and ordinary backgrounds, there is a need to understand the prisoners, counsel them and reach out to them in their needs and rehabilitate them to the extent possible. Their families, especially the children, form part of our concern and care.

We reflect over these realities on the Prison Ministry Day (Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018) and put ourselves for a moment in their place.

## **8. THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY AND THE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION**

We, the Christians in our country, have a pleasant spiritual coincidence in the celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of our Lady on the same day as the independence of our country. Mary is the ultimate sign and symbol of our freedom. Her assumption into heaven, which is a dogma of faith in the Church, is the celebration of her immaculate condition of freedom from all sin and slavery that characterised the humankind.

On 15<sup>th</sup> August, we Indians celebrate the independence of our country. We are free; so we say! While the level of freedom in our country is debateable, we have to bless and thank God for small mercies. *“Into the heaven of freedom, my father, let my country awake”* – this verse by our national poet, Rabindra Nath Tagore, keeps reminding us that we have still a long way to go.

In an era when even innocent and well-meaning appeals for prayer for the country are construed as dangerous statements, we have to examine how free and liberated we are! And that leads us to pray fervently for our country and our leaders. Mary is our model and epitome of freedom, because it is only the Spirit that can make us completely free. As for us individuals striving to attain freedom in our personal lives, let us not forget the words of St. John Paul II, *“Freedom consists not in doing what we like, but in having the right to do what we ought.”*

## **9. THE FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR LADY – THE FEAST OF THE GIRL CHILD**

Oh, to be born a girl child in India! It is not easy. It is not desired. Sadly our girl-children are disappearing. The demographic crisis is not very far, viz, the ratio of women to men is now almost 924 to 1000 on an average in India. In some states, which are considered more educated, it is more critical. The situation is also no different in the Christian Community.

There is virtual closing up to new births and, if welcomed, it is selective of the boy child in our society, which is a serious malady. Recent statistics have shown that higher the income of the family and more proficient is the educational standard of the women in society, the higher is the rate of girl infanticide. As it is our families are shrinking and worse still there is a deep rooted preference for a boy child in the family and disappointment at the birth of girl child. The future is bleak in the Indian situation as we are not sure if we can correct the imbalance at all.

The Church has taken a bold step to take the side of the “girl child”. The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lady in recent times has been marked as an occasion to sing “Magnificat” to Our Lady and at the same time remind ourselves of encouraging the birth and growth of more “Marys” in our families. The Church wishes to conscientize the people of this fact and to do everything we can to promote new life in our families. This is the theme at the novena and feast of the Nativity of our Lady (8<sup>th</sup> September).

## **10. FORMATION OF THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS AND PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEES**

As mentioned in the last circular, I request the Parish Priests to start the process of informing the people about the formation and functioning of the Parish Pastoral Councils. To help conscientizing the people through Seminars or In-put Sessions, and to train lay leaders and youth in each of the Parishes of the Archdiocese, the Parish Priests may contact the Special Team formed for this purpose (Team Leader: Fr. Arokia Swamy Sebastian – Mob. No.: 9008004255). A brief write up on the Parish Pastoral Council is printed in this Circular and also in the TABOR Magazine.

## 11. CONDOLENCES

- a. To CPPS Congregation on the death of Fr. Franklin Rayappan, CPPS on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018. He served in the Archdiocese of Bangalore for a few years.
- b. To Jesuit Society on the death of Fr. Claude D'Souza, SJ on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018. He served as Human Rights Activist in the Archdiocese of Bangalore and elsewhere.

## 12. BIRTHDAYS OF ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Name	Date
Fr. Joseph M. Abraham	05 <sup>th</sup> August
Fr. Pius D'Sa	06 <sup>th</sup> August
Archbishop Bernard Moras	10 <sup>th</sup> August
Fr. Jayaraj L.	13 <sup>th</sup> August
Fr. Peter Edwin J.	15 <sup>th</sup> August
Fr. Rajarathinam	18 <sup>th</sup> August
Fr. Clement Frank Anthony and Fr. Hrudayaraju A.	22 <sup>th</sup> August
Fr. Bala Francis Kumar C.	24 <sup>th</sup> August
Fr. Justin Durai Raj	30 <sup>th</sup> August

## 13. FEAST DAYS OF OUR EMERITUS ARCHBISHOPS

Archbishop Alphonsus Mathias	01 <sup>st</sup> August
Archbishop Bernard Moras	20 <sup>th</sup> August

## 14. ORDINATION DAY OF OUR ARCHDIOCESAN PRIEST IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Fr. Rai Prasad Moras	23 <sup>rd</sup> August
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## CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF JULY 2018



### 1) CLERGY SECURITY FUND

1	29.06.18	Fr Arokiadass P	Jalahalli	34,000
2	05.07.18	Fr Alphonse Bhaskar	JC Nagar	6,500
3	12.07.18	Fr Udaya Kumar Stanislaus	Briand Square	5,0000

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### 2) HUNGER AND DISEASE CAMPAIGN Dated 09.04.2017

(To be sent to Caritas, Delhi)

1	02.07.18	St. Anthony's Church	Nelamangala	570.00
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### 3) VOCATION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS Dated 07.05.2017

(For the Maintenance of Major and Minor Seminarians of our  
Archdiocese)

1	20.07.18	Infant Jesus Church	Vijayapura	627
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### 4) SOCIETY OF ST PETER, APOSTLE Dated 25.06.2017

(Towards the up keep of Seminarians in the whole world)

1	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Nelamangala	780
2	20.07.18	Infant Jesus Church	Vijayapura	748
3	26.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	79

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### 5) CATHOLIC INFORMATION BUREAU (C.I.B) Dated 09.07.2017

(For the spread of Good News in the Archdiocese of Bangalore)

1	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Nelamangala	790
2	20.07.18	Infant Jesus Church	Vijayapura	422
3	26.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	66

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### 6) AFRICAN MISSION Dated 20.08.2017

(Towards Mission work in Africa)

1	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Nelamangala	460
2	20.07.18	Infant Jesus Church	Vijayapura	592
3	26.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	63

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**7) PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION Dated 17.09.2017****(Towards Holy Father's Charity)**

1	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Nelamangala	510
2	20.07.18	Infant Jesus Church	Vijayapura	634
3	26.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	77

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**8) MISSION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS Dated 22.10.2017****(Towards World Mission Works)**

1	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Nelamangala	3,000
2	20.07.18	Infant Jesus Church	Vijayapura	8,672
3	26.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	4,997

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**9) HOLY SEE MAINTENANCE Dated 19.11.2017****(Towards Up Keep of The Holy See)**

1	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Nelamangala	400
2	20.07.18	Infant Jesus Church	Vijayapura	623
3	26.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	81

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**10) CHRISTMAS COLLECTION Dated 25.12.2017****(Towards Maintenance of Retired Priests)**

1	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Nelamangala	1,200
2	20.07.18	Infant Jesus Church	Vijayapura	2,903
3	26.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	108

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**11) HOLY CHILDHOOD COLLECTION Dated 11.02.2018**

1	27.07.18	Mothers Of Mines Shrine	Oorgaum	2,013
2	29.07.18	Notre Dame Convent	Palace Road	15,000
3	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Nelamangala	600
4	20.07.18	Infant Jesus Church	Vijayapura	1,153
5	26.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	149

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**12) HUNGER AND DISEASE CAMPAIGN Dated 25.03.2018****(To be sent to Caritas, Delhi)**

1	27.06.18	Mothers Of Mines Shrine	Oorgaum	1,448
2	29.06.18	Notre Dame Convent	Palace Road	30,000
3	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Nelamangala	570
4	12.07.218	St Peter's Church	Rustum Bagh	31,020
5	20.07.18	Infant Jesus Church	Vijayapura	1,298
6	26.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	162

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**13) HOLY LANDS COLLECTIONS Dated 30.03.2018****(Towards Holy Land maintenance)**

1	27.06.18	Mothers Of Mines Shrine	Oorgaum	1,903
2	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Magadi	1,200
3	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Nelamangala	1,700
4	09.07.18	Sacred Heart Church	Richmond Road	1,07,140
5	12.07.18	St Peter's Church	Rustum Bagh	33,990
6	18.07.18	Our Lady of Divine Providence Semi Public Church	Kannuru	5,115
7	20.07.18	Infant Jesus Church	Vijayapura	2,308
8	23.07.18	St Paul's Church	Marikuppa	1,240
9	23.07.18	St Mary's Minor Basilica Church	Shivajinagara	36,990
10	26.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Bettada Halasuru	248

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**14) EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION Dated 01.04.2018****(Extension of Mission Works in Archdiocese)**

1	27.06.18	Mothers Of Mines Shrine	Oorgaum	2,500
2	28.06.18	St Anthony's Church	Agrahara	4,984
3	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Magadi	440
4	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Nelamangala	1,500
5	05.07.18	St Joseph's Church	Garehalli	300
6	09.07.18	Sacred Heart Church	Richmond Road	1,23,430
7	12.07.18	St Peter's Church	Rustum Bagh	17,890
8	13.07.18	St Joseph's Church	Channapatna	4,395
9	18.07.18	Our Lady of Divine Providence Semi Public Church	Kannuru	2,051
10	19.07.18	Immaculate Heart Church	Kalena Agrahara	18,600
11	23.07.18	St Thomas the Apostle Church	Kanakanagara	7,100
12	23.07.18	St Paul's Church	Marikuppa	1,599
13	23.07.18	St Mary's Minor Basilica Church	Shivajinagara	1,16,365

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**15) VOCATION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS Dated 22.04.2018**

(For the Maintenance of Major and Minor Seminarians of our Archdiocese)

1	26.06.18	Sacred Heart Church	Sidlaghatta	450
2	26.06.18	Good Shepherd Church	Murphy Town	14,653
3	27.06.18	Mothers Of Mines Shrine	Oorgaum	1,329
4	28.06.18	St Teresa of Kolkata Church	Boopasandra	15,580
5	28.06.18	St Anthony's Church	Agrahara	1,960
6	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Magadi	590
7	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Nelamangala	530
8	03.07.18	Holy Rosary Church	Venkatala	30,522
9	05.07.18	St Joseph's Church	Garehalli	400
10	05.07.18	Holy Trinity Church	Sahakarnagar	15,390
11	05.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Basavanapura	7,880
12	09.07.18	Sacred Heart Church	Richmond Road	42,760
13	12.07.18	St Joseph's Church	Briand Sqare	16,971
14	12.07.18	St Peter's Church	Rustum Bagh	19,240
15	13.07.18	St Joseph's Church	Channapatna	3,255
16	18.07.18	Our Lady of Divine Providence Semi Public Church	Kannuru	3,548
17	19.07.18	Immaculate Heart Church	Kalena Agrahara	26,497
18	23.07.18	St Paul's Church	Marikuppa	960
19	23.07.18	St Mary's Minor Basilica Church	Shivajinagara	48,365
20	27.07.18	Christ the King Church	Malleswaram	24,350
21	28.07.18	St Thomas the Apostle Church	Kanakanagara	9,750

**16) SOCIETY OF ST PETER, APOSTLE Dated 24.06.2018**

(Towards the up keep of Seminarians in the whole world)

1	26.06.18	St Micheal's Church	Shanthinagar	8,200
2	26.06.18	Sacred Heart Church	Sidlaghatta	855
3	26.06.18	Good Shepherd Church	Murphy Town	13,937
4	28.06.18	St Anthony's Church	Agrahara	2,051
5	29.06.18	St Anne's Church	Mestripalya	1,975

6	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Magadi	3,494
7	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Guddadahalli	7,550
8	02.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Nelamangala	780
9	03.07.18	Holy Rosary Church	Venkatala	35,664
10	04.07.18	Holy Family Church	Ramamurthynagar	45,659
11	04.07.18	Resurrection Church	Indiranagar	75,442
12	05.07.18	St Joseph's Church	Garehalli	320
13	05.07.18	Holy Trinity Church	Sahakarnagar	14,120
14	06.07.18	St Anthony's Frairy Church	Madiwala Check Post	83,885
15	09.07.18	Infant Jesus Shrine	Viveknagar	1,01,735
16	09.07.18	Sacred Heart Church	Richmond Road	46,300
17	10.07.18	Ascension Church	Dacosta Layout	66,412
18	12.07.18	St Joseph's Church	Briand Sqare	12,565
19	12.07.18	St Peter's Church	Rustum Bagh	21,660
20	13.07.18	St Joseph's Church	Channapatna	4,120
21	16.07.18	Assumption Church	Rajajinagar	27,020
22	16.07.18	Our Lady of Vailankanni Church	Yelahanka New Town	13,817
23	16.07.18	Chritha Prabhalaya Epiphany Church	Jayanagar	58,030
24	16.07.18	St Patrick's Church	Brigade Road	1,23,830
25	18.07.18	Our Lady of Divine Providence Semi Public Church	Kannuru	1,514
26	19.07.18	Immaculate Heart Church	Kalena Agrahara	27,758
27	20.07.18	St Joseph's Church	Lingarajapuram	5,918
28	20.07.18	Annunciation Church	Nandidurga Road	7,048
29	23.07.18	St Rita's Church	Kunigal	601
30	23.07.18	St Paul's Church	Marikuppa	890
31	23.07.18	St Mary's Minor Basilica Church	Shivajinagara	57,035
32	23.07.18	Immaculate Conception Church	Doresanipalya	12,500
33	27.07.18	Christ the King Church	Malleswaram	24,325

**17) CATHOLIC INFORMATION BUREAU (CIB) Dated 08.07.2018**

**(Towards For the spread of Good News in the Archdiocese of Bangalore)**

1	11.07.18	St Micheal's Church	Shanthinagar	9,540
2	12.07.18	St Joseph's Church	Briand Sqare	15,363
3	12.07.18	St Peter's Church	Rustum Bagh	22,030
4	13.07.18	Nithyadhara Mathe Church	Srinivasapura	800
5	13.07.18	St Joseph's Church	Channapatna	2,860
6	16.07.18	St Paul the Hermit Church	Nagenahalli	5,234
7	16.07.18	Ss Peter and Paul Church	Rayapuram	5,000
8	16.07.18	St Patrick's Church	Brigade Road	1,36,610
9	18.07.18	Our Lady of Divine Providence Semi Public Church	Kannuru	2,489
10	20.07.18	Holy Family Church	Ramamurthy Nagar	60,782
11	21.07.18	St Anthony's Church	Gangondanahalli	6,160
12	23.07.18	St Rita's Church	Kunigal	602
13	23.07.18	St Paul's Church	Marikuppa	780
14	23.07.18	St Mary's Minor Basilica Church	Shivajinagara	60,420
15	23.07.18	Immaculate Conception Church	Doresanipalya	13,500
16	27.07.18	Christ the King Church	Malleswaram	31,995

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**Note :** We Request Parishes Which Collect Masses for Every day More than one intention to send the Bination, Trination Cumulative & Unsaid Masses to the Procure.