



Archdiocese of Bangalore  
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**No. 6**

**NOVEMBER 2018**

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

Peace of Christ!

**1. ALL SAINTS' DAY**

All Saints' Day is a solemnity celebrated on 1<sup>st</sup> November by parts of Western Christianity, and on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Eastern Christianity, in honour of all the saints, known and unknown. The day commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven. Catholics celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day in the fundamental belief that there is a prayerful spiritual communion between those in the state of grace who have died and are either being purified in purgatory or are in heaven (the 'church penitent' and the 'church triumphant', respectively), and the 'church militant' who are presently living in the world.

All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints.

The Holy Day was eventually established on 1<sup>st</sup> November by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. The May 13 celebration was subsequently abandoned.

The Saints in heaven are those who led an ordinary and simple life like any one of us. They faced challenges and tribulations, met with failures and underwent pain and sickness, but they were deeply rooted in their Christian faith and placed their unshakable faith and trust in God. They bore all their sufferings for their own salvation and for the salvation of the whole world. Besides praying for all of us, they also serve as our role models to help us emulate their exemplary lives.

## **2. KARNATAKA RAJYOTSAVA DAY – 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER**

It is a matter of joy and happiness for the people of Karnataka to celebrate the Karnataka Rajyotsava Day. As language, culture and traditions form part of the fibre of Karnataka, we should do our best to promote the interest of Karnataka. Perhaps what distinguishes our State from others is the sense of unity and magnanimity of our people in accommodating people, even from other linguistic, cultural and demographic backgrounds in a most harmonious way. I request that special prayers be conducted in our churches and institutions for the welfare and development of our Karnataka State.

## **3. ALL SOULS' DAY**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> November, All Souls' Day is an important day in the calendar of the Church, as we pray for our dear departed. For us Christians, next to the Church, the cemetery is another sacred place. I request the Parish Priests to bless all the cemeteries in their jurisdiction, even where the burials may have been stopped. It goes without saying that the cemeteries have to be cleaned up and prepared well for the liturgical services and blessings of graves.

## **4. ARCHDIOCESAN BIBLE FEST 2018**

The Archdiocesan Commission for Bible and Catechetics is organizing “**The Bible Fest-2018**” with the theme “**Proclaiming Jesus to all**” for all the Parish Sunday Catechism Children on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 at St. Aloysius College, Cox Town from 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. It is a wonderful opportunity for the children to explore Bible as well as to express their love and knowledge of the Bible.

The BIBLE FEST 2018 is one of the first of the Biblical Programmes conducted for the Parish Catechism Children. So I request all the Parish Priests to cooperate and support in encouraging their parish children to actively participate in the Bible Fest 2018. Kindly confirm your participation to the office of COMMISSION FOR CATECHETICS AND BIBLE, either by email (abcatcom@gmail.com) or calling the office (080-23096552) on or before 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018. I will appreciate your personal presence for the Bible Fest to encourage your children.

The selected team of 20 Catechism students (1<sup>st</sup> Std. to 10<sup>th</sup> Std.) from each Parish can participate in it. All the Parishes can participate in all the events. Three Prizes will be awarded for each event. Each event will gain 5 points for the parish. Special marks will be awarded for the discipline of the Children. There will be an **Overall Winner Rolling Trophy** and **Two Runners-up Trophy** will be given to the Parish, which has won points respectively. Events: Bible Quiz, Biblical Choreography (Dance), Biblical Skit, Biblical Fancy Dress, Biblical Painting and Sketching, Recitation of the Biblical Psalms or any Bible Passage.

## **5. FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, THE ARCHDIOCESAN PATRON – 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

The Cathedral of St. Francis Xavier is the mother Church of the Archdiocese. While the celebrations of Church feasts in many of the Churches, especially those with the Saints as their Patrons, are more for the convenient for the people on Sundays, I prefer to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis Xavier on the actual feast day, i.e. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December. I expect all the Priests of the Archdiocese as well as the religious and some representatives from the city Parishes to participate in the Eucharist on the Feast Day (3<sup>rd</sup> December). St. Francis Xavier, our heavenly Patron, inspires us to open our hearts and minds to the world by being true missionaries in our approach, which go beyond our languages, cultures and traditions to proclaim the Word of God in season and out of season.

## **6. DAY OF THE POOR**

Since last year, the Holy Father Pope Francis has requested the world to observe the 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year (18<sup>th</sup> November, this

year) as the Second World Day of the Poor. The theme chosen is: *"This poor man called, and the Lord heard him"* (Ps. 34, 6). The purpose basically is to be aware of the fact that, as noted in the Bible, the poor are always with us (Mk. 14, 7) and that we have to do something for them. There is often the wide gap between what we say and what we do. A true Christian life consists in doing what we are expected to do what our Blessed Lord did to the needy and the poor. Our own city, though it is popularly referred to as the silicon valley of India, we cannot deny the fact that there are many poor people who live in utter poverty and misery. Everyday hundreds of migrants from all over the country are pouring into Bangalore in search of jobs and seek opportunities for their livelihood. The number of the homeless and the jobless is increasing day by day.

I was happy that there was a very good response for our appeal for homeless of Kodagu and Kerala due to the incessant rains, floods and landslides in August. We are now in the process of extending our hand in the building of houses for the flood affected people. There are some others who are supporting ASHA Charitable Trust that educates the students who are economically poor.

But much can still be done for the poor in our own parishes and in the Archdiocese. Some of our educational institutions are still out of bounds for the poor. Besides, I also find there is a lot of wasteful expenditure in our churches and institutions. While God and the Saints are adorned and glorified in the simplicity and humility of our hearts, elaborate decorations inside and outside of our Churches with flowers, buntings, the exquisite 'Car' decorations and processions at church feasts, as also our own expensive life style. *Can't we save something and share it with the poor and the needy in our Parishes? Let us not forget that we show our love to God only by showing our love, concern and care to the poor around us.*

It is indeed sad to note that many of our People would be comfortable in donating for such external expenses of the Church, rather than giving it to the poor. I am planning to earmark in future

a certain percentage of the budget of the Archdiocese for the poor. I also request the parishes and institutions to outreach to the poor through proper channels and systematic action plans. That is the only way we will be celebrating meaningfully the Day of the Poor. Let us not forget the words of the Holy Father Pope Francis who says that *“poverty is caused by selfishness, pride, greed and injustice. These are evils as old as humanity, but also sins in which the innocents are caught up, leading to consequences on the social level, which are dramatic.”*

## **7. CEMETERY ISSUE**

To bury the dead with dignity is one of the corporal works of mercy. But unfortunately many of the city parishes in Bangalore have the problem of burying the dead. The existing cemeteries are congested and not very well organised and utilised. As a result, it is creating a lot of tensions to bury the dead for the near and dear ones of the departed and also for the concerned Parish Priests. It is impossible to get new graveyards in the city and so we have to meet these challenges by seeking out new measures, like stopping the building of permanent graves, setting up a time limit for keeping the mortal remains in the graves, re-using those graves for future burials, creating niches in the compound walls etc. To discuss these problems and to seek solutions unitedly, I am convening a meeting of the Curia Officials, Deans, Parish Priests with burial grounds and Priests facing acute burial problems. The members of the general public in your Parishes who wish to offer genuine solutions may also be invited for this meeting, which will take place in **Paalanaa Bhavana on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2018 at 2.30 p.m.**

## **8. SYNOD ON YOUTH**

The Holy Father Pope Francis could not have chosen a better moment in history to convene the Synod of Bishops on a topic of so much importance for the world, viz, *‘Youth, the theme being ‘Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment.’* The 15<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on Youth took place in Rome from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October. The aim of the Synod was to

accompany the young on their existential journey to maturity through a process of discernment as they discover their plan for life and realize it with joy. The Final Statement of the Youth Synod is awaited and when it comes, we shall try to highlight the same in our Archdiocese.

## **9. BOOK OF BLESSINGS IN KANNADA**

The Regional Liturgical Commission has translated and published the Book of Blessings in Kannada and is now available for our use. The book is the first official translation approved by the KRCBC and Rome, and it contains the Rites of 40 Blessings for various occasions. It is priced at Rs. 750. Since the book is rather bulky and unwieldy to carry around, a smaller booklet containing the Order for the Annual Blessing of Families and the Rite of Communion to the Sick is printed and will be offered as a complimentary copy along with each copy of the Book of Blessings. I exhort all parish priests to purchase a copy of the Book of Blessings and keep it in the parishes. It is also made available at the Reception Desk in the Archbishop's House during office hours.

## **10. LITURGICAL ORDO**

The Liturgical ORDO for the Archdiocese of Bangalore for the Year 2018-2019 is available for sale at Rs. 80/- at the following places:

Finance Office in the Archbishop's House; Asian Trading Corporation – Da Costa Layout; Resource Centre – Paalanaa Bhavana & ATC Book Stall; St. Anthony's Friary Church, Madivala; Infant Jesus Shrine – Viveknagar; Liturgical Centre – Guru Yesu Bhavan; St. Mary's Shrine Basilica – Shivajinagar; St. Paul's Book Centre – Museum Road.

## **11. NEW COUNCIL OF PRIESTS**

The Code of Canon Law Can. 495 §1 stipulates that *“In each diocese there is to be established a Presbyteral Council (Council of Priests) that is, a group of priests who represent the presbyterium and*

*who are to be, as it were, the Bishop's senate. The council's role is to assist the Bishop, in accordance with the law, in the governance of the diocese, so that the pastoral welfare of that portion of the people of God entrusted to the Bishop may be most effectively promoted."*

I am pleased to issue the Decree of Formation of the New Council of Priests for the Archdiocese of Bangalore for a period of 3 years w.e.f. 14.11.2018.

The First Meeting of the new Priests' Council will take place on 14.11.2018 beginning with the Eucharist at 10.00 a.m. at Paalanaa Bhavana Chapel, followed by meeting and lunch at the Archbishop's House. The list of the new Priests' Council Members is attached herewith.

#### **I. EX-OFFICIO**

1. Msgr. S. Jayanathan – Vicar General
2. Msgr. C. Francis – Vicar General
3. Very Rev. Fr. Xavier E Manavath, cmf  
Episcopal Vicar for Religious
4. Very Rev. Fr. A. S. Anthony Swamy – Chancellor
5. Very Rev. Fr. Martin Kumar, Financial Administrator

#### **II. ELECTED FROM ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS**

1. Rev. Fr. D.S. Arokiasamy
2. Rev. Fr. Joseph Susainathan
3. Rev. Fr. Balraj R.
4. Rev. Fr. Dominic Xavier
5. Rev. Fr. Barthalomew S.
6. Rev. Fr. Jude Conrad Santhosh Kumar
7. Rev. Fr. Rayappa M.
8. Rev. Fr. Anthony Pravin Rajan G.

### **III. ELECTED FROM RELIGIOUS PRIESTS WORKING IN PARISHES**

1. Rev. Fr. Arockiaswamy Aruldass, cpps
2. Rev. Fr. Alexander Daniel, ofm, cap

### **IV. FROM RELIGIOUS PRIESTS**

1. Rev. Fr. Xavier Sanjeevi, cssr
2. Rev. Fr. G.A. Arul Raj, csc

### **V. NOMINATED**

1. Rev. Fr. Anthony Prasad
2. Rev. Fr. Arockia Swamy Sebastian
3. Rev. Fr. John Anthony
4. Rev. Fr. Arokya Swamy D.
5. Rev. Fr. Sebastian R.
6. Rev. Fr. Michael Antony
7. Rev. Fr. V. Varghese
8. Rev. Fr. James Prabhu
9. Rev. Fr. John Rose
10. Rev. Fr. Christopher Vimalraj H.
11. Rev. Fr. Devadass D.
12. Rev. Fr. Joseph Menezes

## **12. PRIESTS' RECOLLECTION AND DEANS' MEETING**

The Archdiocesan Priests' Recollection will be conducted at Paalanaa Bhavana on Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. All the Archdiocesan Clergy and Religious Priests working in the Archdiocesan Parishes, Institutions and Commissions are requested to take part in the Recollection to utilise this opportunity for their spiritual renewal.

The Deans' Meeting will be held on the same day at 2.30 p.m. at Paalanaa Bhavana.



### 13. APPOINTMENTS

#### a. General

Sl. No.	Name	To	Designation	Date
1.	Fr. Devanbu John A.	BMSSS & Minority Commission	Co-ordinator	01.11.2018
2.	Fr. Michael Y Fr. Balraj J.	Hosanna	Joint- Editor Chief-Editor	01.11.2018 01.11.2018
3.	Fr. Anthony Swamy Fr. Balraj J.	Tabor Vani	Joint- Editor Chief – Editor	01.11.2018 01.11.2018

#### b. Archdiocesan Commissions

Sl. No.	Commission	Secretary	Joint Secretary	Date
1.	Prison Ministry	Fr. Rai Prasad Moses	Fr. Kiran Kumar B.	01.11.2018
2.	Differently Abled		Fr. Prashant Prem Kumar B.	01.11.2018
3.	Proclamation & Evangelisation		Fr. Bala Francis Kumar C. Mr. Mahime Raj F.	01.11.2018 01.11.2018
4.	Liturgy		Fr. Maria Louis C.	01.11.2018
5.	SC/ST & Justice, Peace & Development		Mr. Inban Francis	01.11.2018

With best wishes and God's blessings,

Yours in Christ,



✠ **Peter Machado**  
*Archbishop of Bangalore*

## Annexure – I

### FEAST DAYS OF OUR ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Name	Date
Fr. Martin Anand Kumar	11th November
Fr. Clement Frank and Clement Deep	23rd November
Fr. Christy Raj	25th November

## Annexure – II

### BIRTHDAYS OF ARCHDIOCESAN PRIESTS IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

Name	Date
Fr. Dominic Xavier	01st November
Fr. John Anthony	02nd November
Fr. Michael Antony	04th November
Fr. Esaac B & Fr. Arun Santosh M.	06th November
Fr. Arockiadoss J. & Fr. Divya Yesu Balan	07th November
Fr. Kiran Kumar B.	08th November
Fr. Pradeep Kumar Z.	09th November
Fr. Martin Kumar	11th November
Fr. Christopher Gerord White	13th November
Fr. Viven John Monis	22nd November
Fr. Francis Christopher A.	25th November
Fr. Vincent Santhosh B.	28th Novembe



## CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2018



### 1) HUNGER AND DISEASE CAMPAIGN Dated 25.03.2018

(To be sent to Caritas, Delhi)

1	08.10.18	Holy Eucharist Church	Mangammanapalya	9,674
2	18.10.18	Sacred Heart Church	Tipturu	520

### 2) HOLY LANDS COLLECTIONS Dated 30.03.2018

(Towards Holy Land maintenance)

1	08.10.18	Holy Eucharist Church	Mangammanapalya	11,174
2	18.10.18	Sacred Heart Church	Tipturu	700

### 3) EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTION Dated 01.04.2018

(Extension of Mission Works in Archdiocese)

1	01.10.18	Christhalaya Church	Bethamanagala	210
2	08.10.18	Holy Eucharist Church	Mangammanapalya	5,421
3	18.10.18	Sacred Heart Church	Tipturu	525
4	20.10.18	Holy Cross Church	BEML Nagar	2,635

### 4) VOCATION SUNDAY COLLECTIONS Dated 22.04.2018

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

1	01.10.18	Christhalaya Church	Bethamanagala	110
2	08.10.18	Holy Eucharist Church	Mangammanapalya	8,220
3	18.10.18	Sacred Heart Church	Tipturu	580
4	20.10.18	Holy Cross Church	BEML Nagar	2,486

### 5) SOCIETY OF ST PETER, APOSTLE Dated 24.06.2018

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

1	01.10.18	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	Kolar	2,080
2	01.10.18	Christhalaya Church	Bethamanagala	201
3	05.10.18	Our Lady of Fathima Church	Jalahalli	47,720
4	08.10.18	St Rock's Church	Chelikere	11,033
5	08.10.18	Holy Eucharist Church	Mangammanapalya	8,497
6	11.10.18	St Jude's Church	Karahalli	1,363
7	18.10.18	Sacred Heart Church	Tipturu	550
8	20.10.18	Holy Cross Church	BEML Nagar	2,200

**6) CATHOLIC INFORMATION BUREAU (CIB) Dated 08.07.2018**  
(Towards For the spread of Good News in the Archdiocese of Bangalore )

1	01.10.18	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	Kolar	2,000
2	01.10.18	Christhalaya Church	Bethamanagala	130
3	05.10.18	Holy Trinity Church	Sahakar Nagar	14,370
4	08.10.18	St Rock's Church	Chelikere	12,001
5	08.10.18	Holy Eucharist Church	Mangammanapalya	9,958
6	12.10.18	Sacred Heart Church	Sidlagatta	210
7	18.10.18	Sacred Heart Church	Tipturu	500
8	20.10.18	Holy Cross Church	BEML Nagar	3,039

**7) AFRICAN MISSION Dated 19.08.2018**  
(Towards Mission Work in Asia)

1	19.09.18	St Joseph's Church	Channapatna	2,780
2	01.10.18	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	Kolar	6,820
3	01.10.18	Christhalaya Church	Bethamanagala	150
4	05.10.18	Church of the Holy Name of Jesus	Rajarajeshwari Nagar	4,086
5	05.10.18	Holy Trinity Church	Sahakar Nagar	14,040
6	08.10.18	St Rock's Church	Chelikere	13,066
7	08.10.18	St Teresa's Church	Robertsonpet	7,500
8	08.10.18	Holy Eucharist Church	Mangammanapalya	9,642
9	11.10.18	St Jude's Church	Karahalli	1,494
10	12.10.18	Sacred Heart Church	Sidlagatta	275
11	16.10.18	St James Church	Mariannapalya	11,080
12	18.10.18	Sacred Heart Church	Tipturu	575
13	20.10.18	Holy Cross Church	BEML Nagar	2,505
14	24.10.18	Sacred Heart Church	Bangarpete	800

**8) PETER PENCE COLLECTION Dated 16.09.2018**  
(Towards Holy Father's Charity)

1	01.10.18	St Anne's Church	Mestripalya	2,190
2	01.10.18	Immaculate Heart of Mary Church	Kolar	1,690
3	01.10.18	Christhalaya Church	Bethamanagala	170
4	01.10.18	St Paul the Hermit Church	Nagenahalli	20,593

5	03.10.18	St Anthony's Church	Munnekolala	19,960
6	03.10.18	Ss Peter and Paul Church	Rayapuram	5,000
7	03.10.18	St Anthony's Church	Guddadahalli	9,000
8	04.10.18	St Thomas the Apostle Church	Kanakanagar	9,200
9	04.10.18	Good Shepherd Church	Murphy Town	14,170
10	05.10.18	Infant Jesus Shrine	Viveknagar	1,05,910
11	05.10.18	Church of the Holy Name of Jesus	Rajarajeshwari Nagar	4,521
12	05.10.18	Holy Trinity Church	Sahakar Nagar	13,270
13	05.10.18	Our Lady of Fathima Church	Jalahalli	41,395
14	05.10.18	St Pius X Church	Kammanahalli	74,085
15	05.10.18	Immaculate Conception Church	Railway Colony	11,120
16	06.10.18	Our lady of Vailakanni Church	Yelahanka	15,172
17	08.10.18	St Rock's Church	Chelikere	12,393
18	08.10.18	St Teresa's Church	Robertsonpet	5,455
19	08.10.18	Holy Eucharist Church	Mangammanapalya	10,406
20	09.10.18	St Joseph's Church	Chintamani	1,037
21	11.10.18	St Jude's Church	Karahalli	1,198
22	11.10.18	Ascension Church	Dacosta Layout	55,204
23	12.10.18	Sacred Heart Church	Sidlagatta	180
24	18.10.18	Sacred Heart Church	Tipturu	530
25	20.10.18	Holy Cross Church	BEML Nagar	2,055
26	23.10.18	St Joseph's Church	Lingarajapuram	5,224
27	24.10.18	Sacred Heart Church	Bangarpete	910
28	24.10.18	Nithyadhara Mathe Church	Srinivasapura	290

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**Note :** We request Parishes which collect Masses for every day more than one intention to send the Binatation, Trination Cumulative & Unsaid Masses to the Procure.



## FLOOD RELIEF FUND COLLECTION FOR KERALA & KARNATAKA



### Religious, Congregation & Lay People

1	29.09.18	Society of Jesus Mary and Joseph	Bangalore	100000
2	04.10.18	Dr. John F. Tharakan	Bangalore	80000
3	05.10.18	St. Anne's Convent	Silvepura	5000
4	05.10.18	Sr. Daisy	Silvepura	1656
5	09.10.18	Dominican Sisters		10000
6	15.10.18	Sisters of Our Lady of Fathima	Hoskote	10000
7	05.10.18	Sister of the Most Sacred Heart Jesus	Viveknagar	5,000
8	10.10.18	Amariha Suzy	Bangalore	5,000
<b>Total</b>				<b>216656</b>

### Parishes

1	05.10.18	Sacred Heart Church	Silvepura	30000
2	15.10.18	Church Of compassion	Mulbagal	950
3	04.10.18	Good Shepherd Church	Murphy Town	8,535
4	18.10.18	Sacred Heart Church	Tipturu	13,610
<b>Total</b>				<b>30950</b>

### Schools

1	18.09.18	St. Augusine School	Electronic city	10000
2	05.10.18	Sacred Heart Public School	Silvepura	17410
3	05.10.18	Sacred Heart Primary & Middle School	Silvepura	7270
4	19.10.18	Archdiocese Board of Education	Bangalore	357336
<b>Total</b>				<b>392016</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>639622</b>