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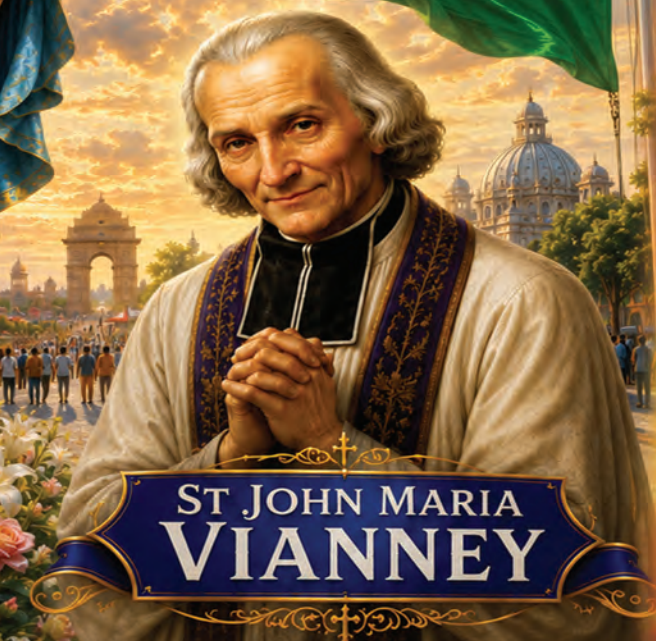
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OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION



Happy
**INDEPENDENCE
DAY**



**ST JOHN MARIA
VIANNEY**

The priesthood is the love
of the Heart of Jesus.

— St. John Maria Vianney

In Loving Memory

Late Rev Fr Joseph Karamayil Murickan

Date of Birth: 21 May 1949

Priestly Ordination: 07 May 1975

Date of Death: 11 July 2026

Memorial Mass at St Mary's Basilica
on 10 August 2026 at 09.30 am.

Funeral Mass of

Rev Fr Joseph Karamayil Murickan



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Archbishop's Message



Among the eschatological parables uttered by the Son our Lord Jesus Christ as presented to us by St. Matthew in his gospel account of Jesus, the parable of the five wise and five foolish virgins is a particularly intriguing one. The parable expresses the condition of the baptized population in our Lord's Catholic Church at the time He returns 'to judge the living and the dead,' and take all those who have definitively demonstrated their covenantal belongingness to His Eternal Father in the Holy Spirit, clothed forever in the holiness and immortality of His divine Sonship in their individual spirit, soul and human bodies to enjoy eternal life with Himself as His Eternal Father's adopted children in Christ as a world that will never end. The five wise virgins in the parable signify that portion of the baptized people who successfully join the Son our Lord Jesus Christ in His Holy Spirit in the unspeakable blessedness of this everlasting world, and the five foolish virgins represent that portion of the baptised population of the Church at the time of Christ's return who not only fail in doing so, but are also miserably shut out of this everlasting world of God the Father by the Lord's own eschatological verdict on them: "I do not know you!"

Why will that portion of the Church's baptised at the time of Christ's return, as signified by the five foolish virgins in the parable, fail to enter this blessed

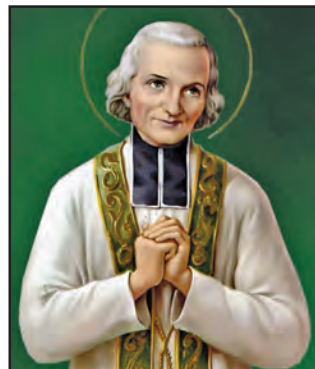
world of the Eternal Father's adopted children at the moment of Christ's return? They will fail to do so because like the five foolish virgins they have been going about their baptized lives in the Church without carrying with them 'the flasks of oil' necessary to keep their baptismal life in the Holy Spirit alive and fruitful until the moment of Christ's return. The intriguing point about the parable is this: what does taking 'the flask of oil' with oneself in the parable, signify or point to, in the actual post baptismal lives of the baptised persons in the Church? It is, firstly, one's personal goal and knowledge that the eschatological finality of one being sacramentally baptized 'into Christ' is to obtain for one's own human body from the Son our Lord Jesus Christ on the day of His return, the very same divine immortality and divine glory that God's own Son obtained for His own bodily human nature (spirit, soul and body) from His Eternal Father through its bodily resurrection from the dead in the Holy Spirit 'on the third day after its death and burial, as he or she was explicitly told when he or she received the lighted candle from the Church in the baptismal rite: *'you have been enlightened by Christ. Keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom.'* Secondly, it is one's persevering obedience of faith to the Eternal Father until the moment of one's death (or of Christ's return) in doing the very same work God's Son Himself did with His human body to obtain His divine immortality for it, namely to reject Satan and his empty promises and its worldly glamour and fulfil the will of the Father as it was made known to Him every day until His death on the Cross, *as he or she agreed to do at the time of baptism: "Do you renounce Satan? I do' etc. 'Not to carry flask of oil'* necessary to keep the baptismal flame in one's spiritual soul alive means to live one's post baptismal life totally ignorant of these two pieces of knowledge and being immersed in the delight of riches and the cares of this world with the rest of the world until the moment he or she is unexpectedly surprised by the sudden visitation of death and termination of his or her earthly life only to be disowned by God at the judgement seat of His Christ! Therefore we, the baptized, are interiorly admonished everyday by the Holy Spirit 'to work out our salvation with fear and trembling' until the Lord's visitation to take us to enjoy eternal life with Him in spirit, soul and body, forever, in the home of His Eternal Father.

Solemnities and Feasts

August 04

ST. JOHN MARIA VIANNEY (Patron of Priests)

The Church celebrates the feast of St. John Mary Vianney, the patron saint of parish priests, whose life reminds us that the holiness of a priest is the greatest gift he can offer to his people. Born on 8 May 1786 in Dardilly, France, to a humble farming family, he overcame many obstacles before being ordained in 1815. Three years later, he was sent to the small village of Ars, where his extraordinary holiness transformed an indifferent parish into a thriving community of faith.



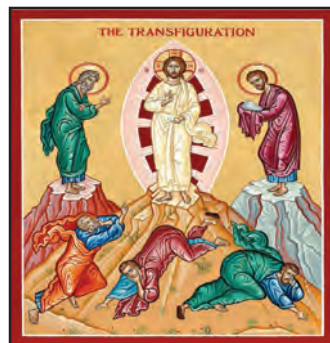
The Curé of Ars preached not with eloquence but with the witness of a life completely surrendered to God. He spent long hours before the Blessed Sacrament and, in the confessional, becoming a living sign of God's mercy. Thousands travelled to Ars seeking reconciliation and spiritual guidance.

St. John Vianney often said: "The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus." His ministry reflected the teaching of St. John Chrysostom, who wrote: "The priestly office is indeed discharged on earth, but it ranks among heavenly ordinances." The Curé of Ars died on 4 August 1859 and was canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1925. His life continues to inspire priests to be faithful shepherds after the Heart of Christ.

August 06

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

The Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord celebrates the glorious revelation of Christ's divine nature before Peter, James, and John on Mount Tabor. As Jesus prayed, His face shone like the sun and His garments became dazzling white. Moses and Elijah appeared beside Him, speaking of His coming Passion, while the Father's voice proclaimed: "This is my beloved Son; listen to Him." (Mk 9:7)



The Transfiguration strengthened the Apostles before the scandal of the Cross, revealing that suffering would lead to glory. It reminds every Christian that our own journey through trials is directed toward eternal communion with God. Reflecting on this mystery, St. Leo the Great taught: "The principal purpose of the Transfiguration was to remove the scandal of the Cross from the hearts of His disciples." Likewise, St. Athanasius reminds us: "The Word became man so that we might become partakers of the divine nature."

The Transfiguration is therefore not only Christ's revelation but also a promise of the glory prepared for all who remain faithful to Him.

August 10

ST. LAWRENCE Deacon and Martyr

St. Lawrence, one of the seven deacons of Rome, suffered martyrdom during the persecution of Emperor Valerian in 258 AD. After the martyrdom of Pope Sixtus II, Lawrence became responsible for the Church's treasury. Ordered to surrender the Church's riches, he gathered the poor, the sick, and the needy before the authorities, declaring: "These are the treasures of the Church."

For this courageous witness, he was condemned to death on a burning gridiron. His joyful fidelity in suffering has made him one of the Church's most beloved martyrs.

Reflecting on Lawrence's witness, St. Augustine preached: "In his life he loved Christ; in his death he followed Him." St. Lawrence teaches that true wealth is found not in possessions but in love, charity, and complete fidelity to Christ.



August 15

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary celebrates the mystery that, at the completion of her earthly life, Mary was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. This solemnity proclaims the destiny prepared for all who faithfully follow Christ and recognizes Mary's unique participation in the mystery of salvation.

Although believed by Christians from the earliest centuries, this truth was solemnly defined as a dogma by Pope Pius XII on 1 November 1950 in *Munificentissimus Deus*.

The Assumption reveals Mary's complete victory through Christ and offers hope to all believers awaiting the resurrection of the body. St. John Damascene, one of the greatest Fathers of the Eastern Church, beautifully wrote: "It was fitting that she who had borne the Creator in her womb should dwell in the divine tabernacles."

Similarly, St. Germanus of Constantinople proclaimed: "You are she who never abandoned the world, O Mother of God, but remain ever united with your Son." Mary's Assumption invites us to fix our hearts on heaven while faithfully serving God on earth.

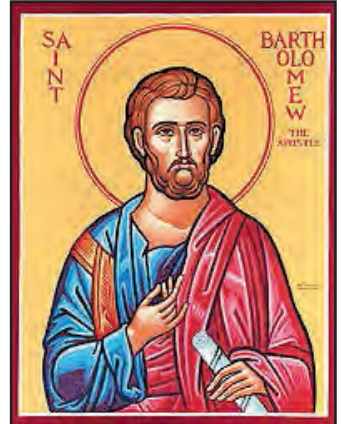


St. Bartholomew, traditionally identified with Nathanael in John's Gospel, was among the Twelve chosen by Christ to proclaim the Good News. After Pentecost, he courageously carried the Gospel to distant lands, enduring hardships and persecution. According to ancient tradition, he suffered martyrdom by being flayed alive because of his unwavering faith.

When Jesus first saw Nathanael, He declared: "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit." (Jn 1:47)

This testimony reveals the simplicity and integrity that marked Bartholomew's discipleship. His apostolic zeal continues to inspire missionaries and all Christians to proclaim Christ fearlessly.

St. Clement of Rome exhorted believers: "Let us fix our eyes on the blood of Christ and understand how precious it is before His Father." Likewise, St. Ignatius of Antioch encouraged the early Christians: "Be eager, therefore, to be firmly grounded in the teachings of the Lord and His Apostles." The life of St. Bartholomew reminds us that authentic discipleship is rooted in sincerity, missionary zeal, and the courage to bear witness even unto death.



POPE'S INTENTION: AUGUST, 2026

For evangelization in the city:

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.



CARDINAL'S INTENTION: AUGUST, 2026

Let us pray for all engaged in prison ministry, that through their witness of compassion and service they may bring Christ's hope, healing, and mercy to those deprived of their freedom.



Archbishop's Engagements

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

AUGUST 2026

01. Sat 05.30 p.m. : Festive Mass, Confirmations & First Holy Communion at St. Alphonsa's Church, BHEL
02. Sun 09.00 a.m. : Festive Mass, Confirmations & First Holy Communion at St. Alphonsus Church, Banjara Hills
07. Fri : In Office
09. Sun : March for Pro-life, Chennai
11. Tue : In Office
- 13-14. Thu-Fri : In Office
15. Sat 09.30 a.m. : Festive Mass at St. Mary's Minor Basilica, Sec-bad
- 17-18. Mon-Tue : In Office
19. Wed : CCBI - Pastoral Plan Meeting for Telugu Region
20. Thu : In Office
22. Sat. : Episcopal Silver Jubilee of Baselios Cardinal Cleemis, Trivandrum
24. Mon 06.00 p.m. : Golden Jubilee Celebrations of St. Anthony's Shrine, Mettuguda
- 25-27. Wed- Thu : MEP Jubilee Celebrations, Pondicherry
29. Sat 07.00 a.m. : Festive Mass, Little sisters of the Poor, Home for the Aged, Bhoiguda

TENTATIVE ENGAGEMENTS: SEPTEMBER 2026

01-03. Tue-Thu	: TCBC Meetings, St. John's Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur
05 Sat	: Holy Matrimony at Infant Jesus Shrine, Emjala
08. Tue	: Annual Feast of the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Health, Khairathabad
13. Sun 11:00 am	: Our Lady of Sorrows Feast, Jahanuma
14-19 Mon-Sat	: CCBI and CBCI Meetings, Bengaluru
23-25 Wed-Fri	: St. Padre Pio National Shrine, Phillipines
26. Sat	: JMJ College of Nursing Jubilee Celebrations, Sanath Nagar

31st July 2026
Archbishop's House

✠ Cardinal Poola Anthony
Archbishop of Hyderabad

LOCAL MASS INTENTIONS

DATE	PARISH/INDIVIDUAL	NO. OF MASSES
29-06-2026	MOULA ALI	162
30-06-2026	DAMMAIGUDA	150
02-07-2026	GUNFOUNDRY	122
07-07-2026	KHARITHABAD	620
13-07-2026	GOLCONDA	240
13-07-2026	KUKUTAPALLY	310
13-07-2026	GANDHINAGAR	400
14-07-2026	SURARAM	50
14-07-2026	RAMANTHAPUR	30
14-07-2026	REV. FR LANCY MENEZES (Emjala)	14
16-07-2026	BEGUMPET	100
16-07-2026	SECUNDERABAD	1000
20-07-2026	GAGILLAPURAM	110
21-07-2026	BOWENPALLY	107
25-07-2026	WORD IGNITE (Secunderabad)	16
25-07-2026	METTUGUDA	6000
	Total	9431

Communications

1. FEAST OF ST. JOHN MARIA VIANNEY

Happy Feast of St. John Maria Vianney to all our beloved priests! As we honour the patron saint of diocesan clergy this August 4th, may his burning love for souls ignite in us the same passion to help many find their way to heaven.” Kindly remember and pray for all the Priests of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad.

2. INDEPENDENCE DAY AND ASSUMPTION

As we joyfully celebrate the twin occasions of our Nation’s Independence Day and the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven on 15th August, we extend our heartfelt and prayerful greetings to all. We lift our hearts in gratitude to God for the countless blessings bestowed upon our beloved Motherland, India. Let us continue to pray for the progress and prosperity of our Country, especially keeping in mind the needs of the poor and the marginalized. May our Blessed Mother Mary intercede for us and keep our Nation under her maternal protection and loving care.

3. DEANERY LEVEL MONTHLY RECOLLECTION

All the Deans are here-by requested to conduct the Monthly Recollection at Deanery level in the month of August, 2026. All the clergy are requested to attend the “Deanery Level Recollection” and 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 of the same to the Archbishop’s House, Secunderabad.

4. ANNUAL RETREAT 2026

Annual Retreat for the Clergy of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad will be held for the first batch from September, 12th to 16th October, 2026 at Pallotine Retreat Center, Trivandrum Kerala and the second batch will be from 19th - 23rd October at Monfort Bhavan, Ramanthapur. Keep yourselves free to participate in the Annual Retreat. Since this will be a closed retreat, please come with your personal belongings.

5. DEMISE OF REV. FR. JOSEPH KARAMAYIL MURICKAN

The Archdiocese of Hyderabad bids a prayerful farewell to Rev. Fr. Joseph Karamayil Murickan, a devoted priest whose life was marked by faith, compassion, and dedicated service to the Church. He passed away peacefully on 11 July 2026 following a cardiac arrest, leaving behind a rich legacy of more than five decades of priestly ministry.

Born on 21 May 1949, Fr. Joseph was ordained to the priesthood on 7 May 1975. Gifted with exceptional academic ability, he earned a Master's degree in Counselling and a Doctorate in Philosophy from Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, USA. He became a pioneer in professional and psychological counselling, accompanying priests, religious, families, youth, and countless individuals with wisdom, hope, and healing.

Throughout his ministry, Fr. Joseph faithfully served the Archdiocese in many important roles, including Secretary to the Archbishop, Chancellor, Archdiocesan Consultor, Admissions Officer at St. John's Medical College, Bangalore, Notary of the Archdiocesan Marriage Tribunal, Programme Coordinator of the SPES Psycho-Social Counselling Centre, Hospital Chaplain at St. Theresa's Hospital, Sanathnagar, and adviser to several Church organizations. In every responsibility entrusted to him, he served with humility, integrity, and deep love for the Church. Even after retirement, while residing at the Retired Priests' Home in Khairathabad, he continued his priestly ministry through prayer, counselling, and quiet pastoral service.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to his family, religious, friends, and all whose lives were enriched by his ministry. We commend his soul to the infinite mercy of God, praying that Christ, the Eternal High Priest, may welcome him into the joy of His heavenly Kingdom.

KINDLY NOTE: Memorial Mass will be celebrated on 10th August, Monday at 09.30 am in memory of Late Fr. Joseph Murickan. I invite all the clergy of the diocese to Join the mass and pray for his noble Soul.

6. JOINT SIGNATURE AND OTHER REGULATIONS

The Archdiocese of Hyderabad, with the endorsement of its auditors, has issued a directive reinforcing administrative compliance regarding the operation of bank accounts and other aspects in the Parishes, Shrines, and Basilica.

- I. Only priests officially appointed by the Archdiocese are authorized signatories of Shrine/Church accounts.
- II. Any joint access granted earlier by the Archdiocesan consent is now revoked.

- III. All parishes function as units of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad Society under the Societies Registration Act (1350 Fasli, Reg. No. 196/73).
- IV. All priests are legal members of the Society and must follow its governance.
- V. Existing procedures for donations, collections, mass intentions, and parish bookkeeping remain unchanged.
- VI. Do not take up any Construction, Renovation, Demolition of any Building or any structure without official written Permission.
- VII. Do not enter into any agreement like lease, rent, construction or any other agreements without my knowledge and official written permission.
- VIII. You are asked to comply with the Archdiocesan Office, HAES Administration and HASSS for smooth functioning.
- IX. Priests are requested to inform and encourage parishioners to follow these norms in a spirit of unity and obedience.

TRASNFERS & APPOINTMENTS

Parish Priests of Religious Parishes

- 1) Fr. Jose Mullenmadackal, MSFS - Parish Priest of Mother of Compassion Church, Medipalli
- 2) Fr. Antony Dcruze - Parish Priest of Holy Cross Parish, Vanasthalipuram

Assistant Priests of Religious Parishes

- 1) Fr. Naveen Kumar Katru IVD- Assistant Parish Priest of St. John Maria Vianney Church, Bhoiguda
- 2) Fr. Sekhar Kalali SAC - Assistant Parish Priest of St. Anthony's Church, Mudfort

Relieving

- 1) Fr. Mallavarapu Sundar Rao – Relieving from the Office of Judicial Vicar (Marriage Tribunal), Episcopal Vicar, College of Consultors.
- 2) Fr. Mettu Arogyam - Relieving from College of Consultors, property committee.

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

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

2ND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026

Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount	Sl No.	Date	Place	Amount
1		Armoor		55		Mahendra Hills	
2		Aliabad		56	14-07-2026	Madinaguda	2500
3		Alirajpet		57	20-06-2026	Mallapur	992
4	16-06-2026	Alwal	13390	58		Manikonda Mission	
5		Ammuguda		59	15-06-2026	Mariapuram (Adibatla)	1000
6		Arogya Nagar (Mission)		60		Medak	
7		Arul Colony		61		Medchal	
8		Balaji Nagar		62		Medipally	
9		Band Lines		63		Mettuguda	
10	30-06-2026	Bandlaguda Jagir	35000	64		Miyapur	
11	22-06-2026	Banjara Hills	10800	65	29-06-2026	Moul-Ali	3710
12		Basuregadi		66		Mudfort	
13		Bayyaram		67		Muthangi	
14		Bazarghat		68		Nacharam	
15	14-07-2026	BHEL - MIG	7000	69		Nandrakal	
16	16-07-2026	Begumpet	5265	70		Nedunoor	
17		Bodhan		71	15-06-2026	Neela Camp	300
18		Boduppal		72		Nizamabad	
19	01-07-2026	Bhoiguda	10000	73		Nizampet	
20	15-06-2026	Bolarum	11240	74		Pargi	
21	15-07-2026	Bolligudem	1500	75		Patancheru	
22		Borabanda		76	17-06-2026	Ramachandrapuram	8100
23	21-07-2026	Bowenpally	10000	77	14-07-2026	Ramanthapur	3200
24		Cherlapally		78	25-06-2026	Ramnagar	15000
25		Chintalacheruvu		79		Sadasivpet	
26		Church Colony		80		Sainikpuri	
27	30-06-2026	Dammaiguda	11200	81	30-06-2026	Sanathnagar	18274
28		Dharmaram		82	03-07-2026	Sangareddy	1000
29		Dayanandnagar		83	17-07-2026	Santhoshnagar	2000
30		Emjala		84	07-07-2026	Sappers Lines	1000
31		Gaddiannaram		85	16-07-2026	Secunderabad	50000
32	20-07-2026	Gagillapuram	2000	86		Shabad	
33		Gajwel		87	11-06-2026	Shamshabad	2500
34	13-07-2026	Gandhinagar	5995	88	20-06-2026	Shanthinagar	2961
35	01-07-2026	Garrison (Trimulgherry)	900	89		Shapurnagar	
36	10-07-2026	Ghatkesar	800	90		Siddipet	
37	26-06-2026	Golconda	16000	91		Seethaphalmandi	
38	15-06-2026	Godumakunda	800	92	16-06-2026	Sultan Bazar	4000
39	02-07-2026	Gunfoundry	14600	93	16-06-2026	Suraram	3000
40	13-07-2026	Jadi Jamalpur	300	94		Tandur	
41	22-06-2026	Jagadgirigutta	3500	95		Toopran	
42		Jahanuma		96	24-06-2026	Trimulgherry	35200
43		Jeeditmetla		97		Uminthal	
44		Jeeva Jala		98		Vanasthalipuram	
45		Jogipet		99		Venkatapuram	
46		Joipet		100		Vikarabad	
47		Kalwakole		101	11-06-2026	Yapral	10000
48		Kamareddy		102	25-06-2026	Yeddumylaram	700
49		Khairatabad		103		Yellareddy	
50		Kissan Nagar		104		Zaheerabad	
51	13-07-2026	Kukatpally	30000			Total	357079
52		Lallaguda					
53	22-06-2026	L. B. Nagar	1352				
54		Lillipur					

Pastoral News

1. FORTY YEARS OF FAITH, FELLOWSHIP AND SERVICE: RUBY JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PARISH, SEETHAPHALMANDI (1986–2026)

With hearts filled with gratitude and joy, the parish community of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Seethaphalmandi, celebrated its Ruby Jubilee on 5th July 2026, marking 40 years of a faith journey built by generations of parishioners, priests, religious, and well-wishers. The celebration was a memorable occasion to thank God for His countless blessings and to honour the dedication, sacrifices, and commitment of everyone who contributed to the growth of the parish.

The Jubilee celebrations reached their peak with the Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad. In his message, the Cardinal appreciated the vibrant faith of the parish community and encouraged everyone to continue being witnesses of Christ through love, unity, and service.

The celebration, guided by Rev. Fr. B. Anand, Parish Priest, reflected the deep bond that exists among the parish families. The active participation of children, youth, elders, choir members, parish associations, and volunteers made the occasion a true expression of the parish's family spirit. The beautifully prepared liturgy, cultural programmes, and joyful fellowship revealed the living faith of the community.

- Fr. B. Anand (Parish Priest, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Seethaphalmandi)

2. GOLDEN JUBILEE OF JEEVAN JYOTHI, BEGUMPET





Archdiocesan News

1. SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GOOD HEALTH, KHAIRATABAD - SUNDAY CATECHISM CLASSES INAUGURAL MASS



The Sunday Catechism Year 2026–2027 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Health, Khairatabad Parish commenced with a solemn Holy Eucharist celebrated on Sunday 5th July, by our Parish Priest, Fr. Michael Selvaraj, whose inspiring homily encouraged children, parents, and teachers to grow in faith and become committed disciples of Christ. The celebration was supported by our Assistant Parish Priest, Fr. Aduri Dwijesh, whose guidance and cooperation added to the solemnity of the occasion.

A significant highlight of the inaugural Mass was the Catechists' Oath, during which all catechism teachers prayerfully renewed their commitment to faithfully

proclaim the Gospel, uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church, and dedicate themselves to the spiritual formation of the children entrusted to their care. As a symbol of their mission and responsibility, each teacher was presented with a Condense version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, reaffirming their commitment to teach the faith with fidelity and love.



Following the Mass, Mr. Anthic Joseph, addressed the parents on their irreplaceable role in their children's educational and spiritual formation. He emphasized that parents are the first teachers of faith and encouraged them to be attentive, responsible, and actively involved in nurturing their children's Christian values and personal growth.

Mrs. Louisa, spoke about the parish initiative to remove the garbage dumpster near the church premises and appealed for the wholehearted cooperation of parents and children in the awareness rally. She also encouraged parents to motivate their children to serve as Altar Servers and actively participate in the life and mission of the Church.

The inaugural celebration witnessed the enthusiastic participation of children, parents, catechists, and parishioners, marking a grace-filled beginning to another year of faith formation. United in prayer and service, the parish community looks forward to nurturing young hearts rooted in Christ and inspired by the teachings of the Catholic Church under the loving patronage of Our Lady of Good Health.

- Ms. Rajeshwari Angelica Cross (Coordinator)

2. REPORT ON FATHERS' DAY CELEBRATION- ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH, VENKATAPURAM

St. Anthony's Parish celebrated Fathers' Day with joy and gratitude on 28th June 2026. The programme was organized by the Parish Youth Group, with around 70 fathers participating. Each father received a handmade badge reading "World's Best Father" as a token of love and appreciation.

The Holy Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Alex, who spoke about the important role of fathers as loving guides and pillars of the family. Fathers



proclaimed the readings, and a special blessing was given to all fathers at the end of the Mass. A fellowship programme followed in the parish hall, featuring games, a photo booth, cake cutting, and breakfast. The youth also shared heartfelt messages expressing gratitude for their fathers, creating a joyful and meaningful atmosphere.

The celebration honored fathers, strengthened parish unity, encouraged youth participation, and fostered closer fellowship among parishioners. The Fathers' Day celebration was a memorable occasion, and we thank God for all fathers and the Parish Youth Group for making the event a great success.

- Fr M. Kennedy (Parish Priest, St. Anthony's Church, Venkatapuram)

3. PLATINUM JUBILEE OF THE DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL IN INDIA

It all began with a special vision that Fr. James received as a 16-year-old diocesan seminarian in the Diocese of Alba, Italy. During four hours of adoration on the night of December 31, 1900, he experienced God's call to do something for the new century. This vision gradually unfolded with the founding of the Pauline Family, beginning with the Society of St. Paul in 1914 and the Daughters of St. Paul in 1915, dedicated to proclaiming the Gospel through the means of social communication.

In 1951, four young Italian sisters arrived in Mumbai to begin the Pauline mission in India. Filled with faith, courage, and trust in Divine Providence, they started by distributing Christian literature through home visits. Despite language and cultural challenges, they laid a strong foundation for the Congregation. Within six years, they established their own house in Bandra, which today serves as the Provincial House, Formation Centre, Publishing House, Printing Press, and Recording Studio.

As we celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of the arrival of our first sisters, we gratefully recall God's blessings over these 75 years. We, the Daughters of St. Paul, are committed to spreading God's Word through print, audiovisual media, the internet, and every new form of communication for evangelization.

Over the years, the Congregation has grown across India with communities in major cities, 22 Pauline Book and Media Centres, and the recently established Pauline Communication Centre. Through book exhibitions, publications, digital media, and the active collaboration of the Association of Pauline Cooperators,

we continue our mission of bringing the Gospel to people of all ages.

We gratefully acknowledge the bishops, priests, religious, principals, benefactors, friends, and countless lay faithful whose encouragement and support have strengthened our mission throughout these years.

What began as a small seed of faith has, by God's grace, grown into a fruitful ministry touching countless lives across India. As we celebrate 75 years of Pauline presence in the country, we thank God for His unfailing guidance and look forward with renewed zeal to continuing our mission of evangelization through the media.

- Sr. Claudette Miranda, FSP (Pauline Book Store, Secunderabad)

4. DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF SR. CLAUDETTE MIRANDA, FSP

June 29, 2026, was a day of joy and thanksgiving as my community and friends gathered to celebrate my Diamond Jubilee, marking sixty years of faithful commitment to the Lord in religious life. The occasion also coincided with the Feast of St. Paul and the Platinum Jubilee of the arrival of the Daughters of St. Paul in India, recalling the missionary spirit of St. Paul and the courage of our pioneer sisters who began the Pauline mission in India with deep trust in Divine Providence.

The celebration began with a solemn and grace-filled Holy Mass attended by priests, religious, Pauline Cooperators, and well-wishers. The Eucharistic



celebration was a heartfelt thanksgiving for God's faithfulness in my life and in the life of the Congregation.

In his homily, Fr. Balashowry appreciated my dedication and service over the past six decades, saying, "*Sr. Claudette is vibrant and dynamic. We see her face in every parish we go to. Sixty years of faithful service are a beautiful testimony of God's love at work through a generous and devoted heart.*"



A felicitation programme followed, with heartfelt tributes recalling my journey of faith and commitment to God's mission. The celebration concluded with a fellowship meal, bringing everyone together in a spirit of gratitude, unity, and family.

- Sr. Claudette Miranda, FSP, (Pauline Book Store, Secunderabad)

5. 6th WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

Honouring Wisdom and Grace: Archdiocese of Hyderabad Celebrates the 6th World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

The Family Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, in collaboration with the Sisters of St. Ann's of Providence, joyfully celebrated the 6th World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly (WDGE 2026) on Sunday, 26 July 2026, at St. Ann's High School (ICSE), Secunderabad. Centred on the theme, "I Will Never Forget You" (Isaiah 49:15), the celebration brought together grandparents, elderly persons, caregivers, and parish representatives from across the archdiocese for a meaningful morning of prayer, thanksgiving, and fellowship.

Observed on the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus, this year's celebration reflected on the Holy Father's message that God never forgets His people. It also highlighted the Church's call to honour the elderly as treasured members of our families and communities, whose faith, wisdom, and witness continue to enrich the life of the Church.

The programme commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp by Rev. Fr. Y.M. Joseph, Rev. Fr. Lourdu Raj SJ (Director, Divyavani TV), Rev. Fr. David Francis (Director, Family Apostolate), members of the Family Apostolate

team, and representatives of the Grey & Graceful community, setting a prayerful tone for the celebration.

The Holy Eucharist was the centrepiece of the event and was beautifully animated by the Holy Trinity Parish Choir, Begumpet. In his inspiring homily, Rev. Fr. Lourdu Raj SJ reminded the congregation that God remembers every sacrifice, every silent prayer, and every act of love offered by the elderly throughout their lives. Expressing gratitude for their enduring faith and witness, he encouraged families to cherish their grandparents and spend quality time with them. Echoing the Holy Father's appeal, he urged young people to reach out not only to their own grandparents but also to elderly persons who may be lonely or forgotten, reminding everyone that the greatest gift we can offer is our presence.

Following the Eucharistic celebration, grandparents and elderly persons who had reached remarkable milestones in their lives of faith and service were felicitated by Rev. Fr. Y.M. Joseph and Rev. Fr. Raju Ephraim Alex, TCBC Secretary. The celebration continued with vibrant cultural performances by members of the Family Apostolate's Grey & Graceful community, whose songs and presentations beautifully reflected that advancing age is a season of joy, hope, and continued mission.

The gathering concluded with a fellowship meal, providing participants with an opportunity to renew friendships and celebrate the invaluable contribution of grandparents and the elderly to family, Church, and society.

The Family Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad, under the leadership of Rev. Fr. David Francis, expressed heartfelt gratitude to His Eminence Cardinal Poola Anthony, Archbishop of Hyderabad, for his constant encouragement and pastoral leadership. Appreciation was also extended to Rev. Fr. Madanu Anthony, Chancellor and Procurator, Rev. Fr. Christopher, Archbishop's Secretary, the Sisters of St. Ann's of Providence, the organising team, volunteers, and all the participants whose generous support made the archdiocesan celebration of the 6th World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly a memorable and grace-filled occasion.

- Roger Anthony for the Family Apostolate

6. PROPOSAL FOR MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT PROGRAM IN PARISHES

Under the Aegis of the Family Apostolate, Archdiocese of Hyderabad

The Hyderabad Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WME) Service Team has submitted a proposal to conduct a series of Marriage Enrichment Programs in selected parishes under the guidance of the Family Apostolate, Archdiocese of Hyderabad. Centred on the theme, “Love is... A Call into Communion,” the initiative seeks to renew and strengthen married life by helping couples build deeper, Christ-centred relationships.

The proposal is inspired by the vision of Worldwide Marriage Encounter, which strives to create a vibrant community of married couples, priests and religious who witness God’s love through joyful, intimate, and life-giving relationships. Its mission is to strengthen the Sacrament of Matrimony by fostering honest dialogue, mutual respect, forgiveness, prayer, and sacramental living, thereby renewing families, enriching parish life, and contributing to a stronger society.

The proposal acknowledges the many challenges confronting families today, including demanding work schedules, financial pressures, excessive digital engagement, limited quality family time, parenting difficulties, mental stress, communication breakdown between spouses, and the absence of sustained parish-based formation for married couples after their wedding. These realities highlight the need for the Church to accompany families through practical and faith-filled pastoral initiatives.

Recognising the family as the Domestic Church and the foundation of both the Church and society, the proposed Marriage Enrichment Program aims to complement existing parish ministries by equipping couples with practical tools for communication, dialogue, emotional intimacy, forgiveness, healing, family prayer, and shared mission. The programme also seeks to introduce couples to the Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience and encourage participation in the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

The key objectives of the initiative are to renew and strengthen marital relationships, foster meaningful husband-wife dialogue, promote Christ-centred family life, encourage reconciliation and healing, deepen sacramental living, and build stronger parish communities through healthier and more resilient families. Through this initiative, the Family Apostolate and the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Service Team hope to offer ongoing pastoral care that empowers couples to live their vocation to marriage with renewed love, commitment, and faith.

Parish priests and Religious are requested to avail of the services of the

Hyderabad Worldwide Marriage Encounter Service Team and the Family Apostolate of the Archdiocese of Hyderabad for couple and family Enrichment Programs in their respective parishes and communities. Preferably such programs can be held on weekends or any holiday. Please contact fr. David Francis (9490941460) or Dr. Clementine and Cassius Duarte (+91 98493 78560) for advance notice and Program details.

Together, we seek to accompany married couples in their vocation, strengthen the Domestic Church, and renew family life through Christ-centred dialogue and communion.

“Love one another as I have loved you.” (John 15:12)

“A stronger marriage builds a stronger family; stronger families build a stronger Church.”

- Cassius 'n Dr. Clementine Duarte - Unit Coordinating Team
(UCT) for WME- Hyderabad

7. WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY CELEBRATED AT ST. ANN'S CHURCH, NIZAMABAD



St. Ann's Church, Nizamabad, joyfully celebrated the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on 19 July 2026 in response to the Holy Father's call to honour the elderly under the theme, "I Will Never Forget You." The celebration highlighted the invaluable role of grandparents and the elderly in the life of the Church, the family, and society.

The occasion was marked by a solemn Holy Eucharistic Celebration, in which the grandparents and elderly of the parish participated with great devotion. The homily reflected on the day's theme, emphasizing God's abiding love for the elderly and encouraging the faithful to cherish their wisdom, faith, and lifelong witness.

The children of the parish reverently conducted the liturgy, beautifully expressing the bond between generations. Following the Holy Mass, a special prayer of blessing was offered for all the grandparents and elderly, seeking God's grace, good health, and peace upon them. The celebration concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony.

The observance served as a meaningful reminder of the Church's commitment to honouring and accompanying grandparents and the elderly, recognizing them as treasured members of the parish community and living witnesses of faith.

8. GEN C – GENERATION CHRIST 2026: TE AMO - LOVE JESUS LIKE THE SAINTS



Gen C – Generation Christ Youth Conference 2026, organized by Word Ignite Catholic Lay Apostolate, was held on 19th July 2026 at St. Theresa's High School, A.S. Rao Nagar. Building on the success of its inaugural conference in 2025, this year's event drew enthusiastic participation from youth representing 26 parishes across Hyderabad and Secunderabad. Young people aged between 15–26 years gathered for a day of faith formation, worship, healing, and fellowship, centered on deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ by learning how to love The Lord as the saints did.

The conference began with the Holy Rosary, followed by a warm welcome from emcees Frank Savio of St. John Maria Vianney Parish, New Bhoiguda and Celeena Anthony of St. Anthony's Parish Venkatapuram. They introduced Word Ignite's mission of new evangelization, which is to primarily offer formation of lay-faithful that nurtures intimate personal friendship with Christ. Their interaction with the participants through Scripture passages prepared everyone to be immersed in an uplifting praise and worship session led by the Word Ignite Music Ministry.

The event was formally inaugurated with lighting of the ceremonial lamp by Rev. Fr. Sudhakar Lawrence the Parish Priest of St. John the Baptist Parish A. S. Rao Nagar, Rev. Sr. Sudha Mary the Principal of St. Theresa's High School A. S. Rao Nagar, Ms. Jayashree senior Psychotherapist cum Counsellor, a member of American Association of Psychologists and resource person for CCBI Family Commission, Ms. Elizabeth a representative of Archdiocese of Hyderabad Youth Commission, Mrs. Nazarene and Mr. Jude who are Mission Team members of Word Ignite Hyderabad. In his brief address at the opening of the event, Fr. Sudhakar joyfully encouraged the youth to remain steadfast in their Catholic faith and embrace their role in the future of the Church.

The keynote session presented by Ms. Jayashree, ignited the hearts and minds of the young people to courageously explore the magnanimity of God's unconditional love, by highlighting the reality of emotional healing through Christ's transformative and altruistic love. Her personal testimony of years of ardent devotion and authentic personal mother-daughter relationship with The Mother of God was truly inspiring. The Holy Mass, celebrated by Fr. Christopher Joseph Michael was at the heart of setting the tone of a deeper experience of fidelity to God. His homily invited the young & yearning hearts to reject moral relativism, embrace repentance, and live vibrant lives rooted in truth, holiness, and God's mercy. One representative from the participating Parishes presented a sampling as offertory during Mass, as a meaningful sign of their lives ready to be nurtured by God's Spirit.

Mr. John Roger Anthony the Founder of Word Ignite Catholic Lay Apostolate challenged participants to cultivate heroic faith by loving Christ through everyday acts of faith and sacrifice. His enthusiastic presentation included examples of few saints and their heroic love for God, especially Pope John Paul II as well as anecdotes from Roger's own personal experiences of God's love & mercy. He encouraged the youth to believe that holiness is a reality and possibility in every generation. A moving testimony by Abner Rohit Service

Team member of Word Ignite Hyderabad inspired many as he shared how God's grace transformed his life, freed him from addictions and put him on the path of discipleship and ministry. Mrs. Jessy John co-founder of Word Ignite facilitated an engaging panel discussion on faith and Church teachings chaired by panelists Rev. Fr. Ambati Pranith the Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Band Lines and Vice Principal of St. Joseph's Degree & PG College - King Koti, Ms. Jayashree and Mr. Roger. This was followed by Jessy leading the experience of praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet and adoring the Eucharistic Lord, offering an immersive experience for spiritual healing & empowerment, deeper reflection and prayer.

The conference concluded with a joyful Gospel music concert, leaving participants renewed in faith and inspired to step up to the invitation of being heroic witnesses of Christ, one day at a time. In conclusion, sincere gratitude was extended to all the priests, religious, volunteers, and St. Theresa's High School for their generous support in making the conference a grace-filled success.

- Bona Colaco (Word Ignite Team)

9. YOUTH COMMISSION - ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD – NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

Dear fathers, we at the youth commission warmly invite the youth from across the Archdiocese to celebrate the National Youth Sunday 2026 at Archdiocese level on 23rd of August, 2026, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Venue: St. Francis de Sales Church, Shantinagar.

We request all Young People to participate in large numbers and make this celebration a joyful witness of our faith.

**YOUTH COMMISSION
ARCHDIOCESE OF HYDERABAD
CELEBRATES
NATIONAL Youth SUNDAY**

"THARSEO"

THEME : **THARSEO** –
TAKE COURAGE. CHRIST IS WITH YOU.

*Stay with Jesus.
GO, MAKE DISCIPLES.*

DATE 23 RD AUGUST 2026	TIME 10.00AM – 05.00PM	CHURCH ST FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH <i>Shantinagar</i>	ALL YOUTH WELCOME! Come, Worship, Be Inspired, Make a Difference.
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*Let's rise together
FOR CHRIST, FOR THE CHURCH,
FOR THE WORLD.*

*You are the
light
of the world!*
Matthew 5:14

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- Fr Jerome Emmanuel –(Youth Commission, Archdiocese of Hyderabad)

3. RENEWING PRIESTLY ZEAL THROUGH THE EUCHARIST – GAJWEL DEANARY 5 JULY 2026 | GAJWEL

The Gajwel Deanery, comprising six parishes, held its annual deanery recollection on 5 July 2026 at St. Peter's EM High School, Gajwel. Priests and religious gathered to deepen their spiritual lives, strengthen fraternity, and renew their commitment to the Church's pastoral mission.

The recollection focused on the theme, **"A True Love Towards the Eucharist,"** emphasizing the Holy Eucharist as the heart of every priest's life

and ministry. The spiritual conference was preached by **Fr. Felix Kandathinkara, OFM Conv.**, who reflected on the Eucharist as the living presence of Christ. Drawing from Sacred Scripture, Church teaching, and pastoral experience, he



encouraged the participants to cultivate a deeper Eucharistic spirituality and reminded them that every Holy Mass is a personal encounter with Christ and a call to become instruments of His compassion.

*"The priest draws his strength
and his very life from the
Eucharist."*

- St. John Paul II

The conference was followed by the Sacrament of Reconciliation and a prayerful Eucharistic Adoration led by the Holy Cross Sisters, with the participation of sisters from various congregations. Priests and religious spent time before the Blessed Sacrament, entrusting their ministries and communities to the Lord. The wholehearted participation of priests from all six parishes and members of different religious congregations made the recollection a rich experience of prayer and communion.



The day concluded with an Agape meal, providing an opportunity for fellowship and discussion on pastoral challenges, evangelization, and greater collaboration in serving the People of God. The gathering reflected the spirit of synodality and reaffirmed the deanery's shared mission of proclaiming Christ through faith, service, and compassion.

The Deanery gratefully acknowledges **Fr. Xavier, OFM Conv.**, Superior of the Community, for his generous hospitality, and **Fr. Babu Rajendra MC, General's Secretary**, for his dedicated coordination. Sincere thanks are also extended to all the priests, religious, and congregations whose wholehearted participation made the recollection a spiritually enriching experience.

The participants returned to their parishes with renewed spiritual strength, deeper Eucharistic devotion, and a stronger commitment to serve God's people with humility, compassion, and missionary zeal. May the fruits of this recollection continue to strengthen the life and mission of the Church.

Fr. Thonta Prabhudas

Dean, Gajwel Deanery

Parish Priest, Infant Jesus Shrine, Gajwel

Golden
Jubilee Year
2025-2026



August 24-25; Closing of *the* **GOLDEN JUBILEE YEAR**
of *the* Miraculous Shrine of Saint Anthony, Mettuguda.



Timeline...

- 1925** 15 Catholic families installed the Miraculous Statue of St Anthony and held the First Novena to St Anthony at Modi's Compound, Mettuguda.
- 1928** St Anthony's Bhajan Society was established, under the Spiritual Directorship of Fr Tinti Giuseppe PIME, Priest In-charge of Lallaguda. It became dormant after some time.
- 1942** The Bhajan Society was revived under the care of Fr Giovanni Seminati PIME (Parish Priest of Lallaguda) and Mr A D Anthony.
- 1950** Bhajan Society was moved to Modi's Compound, to a rented place.
- 1954** Fr Joseph D'Souza (Parish Priest of Lallaguda) purchased a premises from the Modi's and registered it in the name of the Bhajan Society.
- 1954** Primary School was started.
- 1956** Passion Play was staged for the first time.

- 1972** Mrs Clara Peters donated her land to Fr Yeruva Bali, Parish Priest of Lallaguda, during the Episcopacy of Archbishop Mark Gopu.
- 1973** Construction of the Shrine began; offerings from Devotees were accepted and managed by Fr Bandanadam Julian, Parish Priest of Lallaguda.
- 1975** August 23rd, the Miraculous Statue of St Anthony was shifted from Modi's Compound to the Shrine.
- 1975** August 24th, the Shrine was consecrated by Archbishop Samineni Arulappa.
- 1977** August 24th, Mettuguda was erected as a Parish dedicated to St Anthony. Fr Pancras Fernando was the First Parish Priest.
- 1978** February 15th, Golden Jubilee of St Anthony's Bhajan Society.
- 1983** Priests' Residence was built and blessed.
- 1998** Flooring of the Shrine was replaced; a Stage in front of the Shrine was built, to celebrate Tuesday Masses.
- 2002** Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes was renovated and blessed.
- 2003** Roofed Portico in front of the Shrine, was blessed by Archbishop Marampudi Joji.
- 2017** April 27th, Foundation Stone was blessed and laid for a new Church, above the Shrine.
- 2019** November 5th, new Church was consecrated by Archbishop Thumma Bala.
- 2021** January 5th, Archbishop Poola Anthony's first visit to the Shrine after being installed as the Fifth Metropolitan Archbishop of Hyderabad.
- 2022** December 20th, Cardinal Poola Anthony's first visit to the Shrine after being created a Cardinal on 27 Aug 2022 by His Holiness, Pope Francis.
- 2025** August 24th, Inaugural Mass of the Golden Jubilee of the Shrine of the Miraculous Statue of St Anthony.
- 2026** Aug 24th Concluding Mass of the Golden Jubilee Year

Archdiocesan Institutions News

1. ST. JOSEPH'S DEGREE & PG COLLEGE, KING KOTI ROAD, HYDERABAD - SURVEY RANKINGS 2026

RANKINGS	
Department of Commerce	
<i>The Week-Hansa Research Survey</i>	• 3rd Best Commerce College in Hyderabad • 44th Best Commerce College in India
<i>India Today MDRA Survey</i>	• 4th Best Commerce in Hyderabad • 67th Best Commerce College in India
Department of Science	
<i>India Today MDRA Survey</i>	• 3rd Best Science College in Hyderabad • 65th Best Science College in India
<i>The Week-Hansa Research Survey</i>	• 3rd Best Science College in Hyderabad • 61st Best Science College in India
Department of Business Management	
<i>India Today MDRA Survey</i>	• 1st Rank in Placement & Career Progression (PCP) among BBA Colleges in Hyderabad • 1st Rank among BBA Colleges in Hyderabad • 44th Rank among the Top BBA Colleges in India
Department of Mass Communication & Journalism	
<i>India Today MDRA Survey</i>	• Top 1st Mass Communication College in Hyderabad • 57th Best Mass Communication College in India
<i>The Week-Hansa Research Survey</i>	• 30th Best Mass Communication College in India
Department of Arts	
<i>India Today MDRA Survey</i>	• 3rd Best Arts College in Hyderabad • 68th Best Arts College in India
<i>The Week-Hansa Research Survey</i>	• 4th Top Arts College in Hyderabad • 53rd Best Arts College in India

St. Joseph's Degree & PG College has earned prestigious recognition in the India Today - MDRA Best Colleges Survey 2026 and The Week-Hansa Best

Colleges Survey 2026, a testament to its strong performance across critical dimensions of Institutional Excellence - Quality of student intake and Governance, Academic Excellence, Infrastructure and Learning Environment, Personality and Leadership Development, Placement and Career Progression and Stakeholder Perception. This achievement reflects the Colleges' Commitment to delivering a transformative educational experience that prepares students for leadership and professional success.

Source:

1. India Today-MDRA Best Colleges Survey 2026
2. The Week-Hansa Best Colleges Survey 2026.

- Fr. Anthony Sagayaraja (Principal St. Joseph's Degree & PG College)

2. ST. MARY'S CENTENARY JUNIOR COLLEGE VARIOUS CELEBRATIONS



In the last one month continuing the dynamic tempo of exciting Students activities and Celebrations, St. Mary's Junior College has organized HARITHA HARAM on July 3rd to inculcate among the students care for nature and become proactive in fostering greenery and clean surroundings for safer future. Manohar Naik, civil supplies joint commissioner was the chief guest of the day. students have even decorated and set up various nature friendly artifacts.



On the international yoga day our college has organized yoga day for students. importance of this ancient Indian practice for body, mind and spirit has been emphasized for wholesome wellbeing.



On 18th July st. Mary's has conducted a grand investiture Ceremony, installing the new Cabinet. Even Parents of Cabinet leaders were invited, so that they can witness leadership at its best form in our college. Wing Commander Anish (Retired) was the Chief Guest and Pinned the Badges to delivered a powerful Speech on Leadership. All the Students and Parents truly appreciated the glowing event, memorable for life time event for the Leaders.

- Shanti Priya, JL English

International News

1. 12TH PLENARY ASSEMBLY FABC, JAKARTA



Jakarta (Fides News Agency) - The XII Plenary Assembly of the Federation of Asian Bishops' Conferences (FABC), held in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 20 to 26 July 2026, brought together more than 120 participants, including bishops from across Asia, representatives of the Holy See, theologians, religious, and lay collaborators, for a week of prayer, discernment, and dialogue on the future of the Church in Asia.

Guided by the theme, “Synodal Conversion and the Mission to Be Bridges and Bridge-Builders in Asia,” inspired by the Gospel of John (1:50), the Assembly reaffirmed the Church’s commitment to walking together in communion, participation, and mission amid the continent’s rich cultural, religious, and social diversity.

Throughout the week, participants engaged in Eucharistic celebrations, theological reflections, keynote addresses, regional consultations, and “Conversation in the Spirit,” discerning how the local Churches can respond more effectively to contemporary pastoral realities. Particular attention was

given to strengthening synodal leadership, fostering dialogue with other religions and cultures, accompanying young people, caring for creation, promoting justice and peace, and embracing the opportunities and challenges presented by the digital age and artificial intelligence.

The Assembly was enriched by the presence of Cardinal Oswald Gracias as the Holy Father's Special Envoy, Cardinal Filipe Neri Ferrão, President of the FABC, Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle, Cardinal Mario Greck, Msgr. Tomáš Halík, Dr. Choong Pui Yee, and numerous Church leaders whose reflections helped shape the common discernment of the Asian Churches. A message from Pope Leo XIV further encouraged participants to remain faithful witnesses of hope and communion.

One of the significant outcomes of the Assembly was the approval of its Final Message and the Vademecum on Synodality in Asia, (understood as the Implementation Framework), offering pastoral directions for the Churches in Asia as they continue to deepen synodal conversion and missionary outreach in the years ahead.

The closing Eucharist at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption, followed by a symbolic visit through Jakarta's Friendship Tunnel to the Istiqlal Mosque, reflected the Assembly's vision of building bridges—not only within the Church but also with people of other religions, cultures, and traditions, embodying Asia's longstanding vocation to dialogue and peaceful coexistence.

Reflecting on the Assembly, I would describe it as “a moment for the Churches of Asia to listen to one another, discern together, and renew our shared missionary commitment.” He noted that through the collaborative coverage of Radio Veritas Asia and its media partners, the voices and hopes emerging from the Assembly were shared with Catholics throughout Asia, strengthening communion among the local Churches and making the fruits of the synodal journey accessible to the wider People of God. (Fides News Agency) (27/7/2026)

- Executive Secretary of the FABC Office of Social Communication

2. MESSAGE FROM THE ANGELUS OF POPE LEO XIV ON 26TH JULY 2026

At the heart of Jesus' teachings lies the mystery of the Kingdom of God, which today's Gospel likens to treasure and a pearl (cf. *Mt* 13:44–52). The parables convey the surprise of those who find something far beyond what they could have hoped for, so much so that selling or leaving everything behind no longer seems a sacrifice, but a gain. Indeed, from the very beginning, the evangelists portray Jesus' call to follow him as irresistible. It is a free choice, yet also urgent and capable of

eliciting a ready and wholehearted response. This is a first important aspect of how God is near and makes himself known: encountering his Kingdom marks a turning point that does not limit life but enlarges it. If anything must change on our part, it is only so that our lives may be opened to greater possibilities, not fewer.

There is a second aspect that Jesus seems to attach great importance to: the one who finds the treasure hidden in the field is likely a peasant, while the pearl is recognized as precious by a merchant, perhaps a traveler. Two more parables follow, in which the protagonists are fishermen and a scribe well-versed in both the old and the new. Other parables compare the Kingdom to a woman kneading dough or tidying her house, to a king planning for war, a man designing a tower, administrators managing payments or investments, and to shepherds and farmers. In short, the Kingdom of God reveals its inestimable beauty in different ways, but calls everyone — men and women,

**CARDINAL POOLA TO
ASIAN BISHOPS: TRUE
LEADERSHIP IS
SERVICE, NOT POWER**



young and old, rich and poor — to a profound renewal. Everyone is capable of understanding it and is drawn to it.

Today, too, the Church is a communion of people who differ in origin, culture, abilities and responsibilities. Yet all are called to recognize themselves as “one” in Jesus Christ: he is the hidden treasure, the pearl of great price, the net that gathers those who are scattered. From the beginning, Jesus called and gathered around himself people who would otherwise never have come to know one another. In this way, he demonstrated that God has no favorites, but instead offers his love freely, especially to the little ones or those cast aside.

Brothers and sisters, all we have to do is ask for this gift, the very same one sought by the young King Solomon (cf. 1 *Kings* 3:5, 7–12). It is the gift of recognizing the pearl of great price, of discerning the treasure for which it is worth selling everything. While the consumer culture influences our tastes, constantly creating new needs only to sell us solutions that never satisfy, and that sometimes even poison the heart, we must learn to grasp what truly matters: the treasure of a relationship with God that opens us to joy and helps us to live our relationships with one another more fully.

May the intercession of Mary, Seat of Wisdom, direct our desire for life toward Jesus, so that in him it may find its complete fulfilment.

- *Source: vatican.va*

Dates & Events to Remember

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| 01. St. Alphonsus Liguori Bp & Dr (M) | 14. St Maximillian Kolbe, Pt & Mrtr (M) |
| 04. St. John Mary Vianney, Pt (M) | 15. The Assumption of the BVM & Independence Day (Sol) |
| 05. The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (Op.M) | 16. St. Stephen of Hungary (Op.M) |
| 06. The Transfiguration of the Lord (F) | 19. St. John Eudes Pt (Op.M) |
| 07. St. Sixtus II & Companions., Mrtrs & St. Cajetan, Pt (Op.M) | 20. St. Bernard, Abbot & Dr (M) |
| 08. St. Dominic, Pt (M) | 21. St. Pius X, Pope (M) |
| 09. St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Vrg and Mrtr (Op.M) | 22. The Queenship of the BVM (M) |
| 10. St. Lawrence, Deacon & Mrtr (F) | 23. St. Rose of Lima, Vrg (Op. M) |
| 11. St. Clare, Vrg (M) | 24. St. Bartholomew, Ap (F) |
| 12. St. Jane Frances de Chantal & St. John Berchman (Op.M) | 25. St. Louis of France & St. Joseph Calasanz, Pt |
| 13. Sts. Pontian, Pope and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs | 26. St. Mary of Jesus Crucified (Op.M) |
| | 27. St. Monica (M) |
| | 28. St. Augustine, Bp & Dr (M) |
| | 29. The Passion of St. John the Baptist(M) |
| | 30. St. Euphrasia, Vrg (Op. M) |

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers

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| 03. Fr. Vincent Arokiadas | 19. Fr. Swarna Bernard |
| 14. Fr. Aduri Fathima Dwijesh | 22. Fr. Mallavarapu Sundar Rao |
| 15. Fr. Thonta Prabhudas | 27. Fr. Kommarreddy Lourdu Marreddy |
| 16. Fr. Dion Issac | 28. Fr. Thomas Stephen |
| 18. Fr. Chinnabathini Benjamin | 29. Fr. Thumma Arla |
| 18. Fr. Richard John | 31. Fr. Bandanadam Dennis |



Happy Ordination day Dear Fathers

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| 04. Fr. Ambati Pranith | 04. Fr. Prince Xavier Seelam |
| 04. Fr. Jogu Naveem | 04. Fr. Susai Vincent Raj |

Necrology

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| 03. Fr. Madanu Ignatius | 14. Fr. Xavier Roch |
| 11. Fr. Yeruva Thomas | 15. Fr. Udumala Chinnappa |
| 11. Msgr. Francis Xavier Pinto | 27. Archbishop Marampudi Joji |
| | 27. Fr. Gade Peter |



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

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