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**Congratulations Dear Bishop  
on the Anniversary of your  
First Episcopal Ordination.**

**16th July 2024**

**We pray for showers of blessings on you  
and your Episcopal ministry.**

**Do remember us at the Holy Eucharist.**

**Your Little Flock,  
The Priests, Religious, Sisters &  
Lay Faithful of the diocese.**





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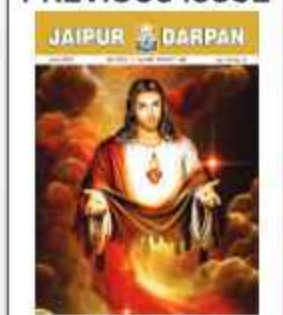
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# BISHOP'S SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	PROGRAMME
01.07.2024		Visit to Lalsot
02.07.2024	5.00 p.m.	Jaipur Pastors Fellowship Prayer Meeting
03.07.2024	6.30 p.m.	Holy Mass- Feast of St. Thomas, the Apostle of India, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Mansarovar.
04.07.2024	6.30 p.m.	Maria Sadan Seminary Jhotwara. Schola Brevis-Inauguration of the New Academic Year
05.07.2024	9.30 a.m.	Mass of the Holy Spirit: Our Lady of the Annunciation Cathedral, Malviya Nagar.
07.07.2024	5.30 p.m.	Holy Mass: Golden Jubilee of Sr. Serena MSA, St. Francis Provincial House, Ajmer.
09.07.2024		Visit to Kuchaman City, Didwana & Nagaur
14.07.2024	6.00 p.m.	Holy Mass: Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Hathikhhera, Ajmer
15.07.2024	5:30 p.m.	Holy Mass, Feast of Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph of Cluny, Phulera.
16.07.2024	6.30 p.m.	Holy Mass-First Episcopal Ordination Anniversary of Bishop Joseph Kallarackal, Our Lady of the Annunciation Cathedral, Malviya Nagar.
20.07.2024		Travel to Gorakhpur.
21.07.2024	9.30 a.m.	Holy Mass-Ruby Jubilee Celebration, St. Antony's Church, Dharampur.
22.07.2024		Arrival at Jaipur
28.07.2024		Holy Mass- First Holy Communion, Bhiwadi.
30.07.2024		Bishops of Hindi Region Meeting, Agra.
31.07.2024		The feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, Feast Day Celebration, Nevta.

## HOLY FATHER'S INTENTION



For the Pastoral Care of the Sick -

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope to all.



Dear Friends,

The scorching sun of June was a reminder of the trials we face and the strength required to endure them. Many people have lost their lives due to the unbearable scorching heat. Many animals and birds too died because of the heat and lack of water.

Our beloved Bishop, after a much-needed short holiday in April-May, returned with renewed vigour. Upon his return, he immediately took charge, overseeing various new construction projects. The diocese is in the process of constructing a school at Lalsot. The dedication of the bishop is a beacon of hope, reminding us that even in times of rest, our responsibilities towards our work should never waver.

This year has also seen several of our dear fathers transferred to different parishes and schools. The departure of these cherished priests was marked by heartfelt farewells from the parishioners and school staff. They have served diligently and with commitment. We extend our best wishes and God's bountiful blessings and protection to all the fathers and sisters embarking on new journeys in their respective parishes and schools. May they continue to inspire and lead with the same passion and dedication that they have shown here.

The school fathers, after a brief holiday at home, returned with renewed enthusiasm, and got ready the schools for the upcoming academic session. The transition back to school always feels like a new beginning, filled with the energy and excitement of students and teachers returning after a well-deserved 45-day vacation. We wish all schools in the diocese God's blessings and protection.

The Mass of the Holy Spirit on 5<sup>th</sup> July was an invitation and prayer to remind us to dedicate our schools and every activity of the year to the Holy Spirit, especially in the face of the challenges we encounter. We need the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit to help us overcome the obstacles and remain steadfast in our faith and trust in God.

We eagerly await the First Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of our Bishop Joseph Kallarackal on July 16th. Time indeed flies, and this momentous occasion is a milestone for our diocese. It signifies a new chapter filled with hope and renewal. We look forward for showers of blessings on our bishop and the diocese.

Do pray for plentiful rains for the parched land of Rajasthan. For the arrival of the monsoons is always a significant marker of change and renewal. The rains cleanse and rejuvenate the earth, turning everything green and vibrant — a potent symbol of new life. Let this natural transformation inspire us to become fresh and humble as we grow in our journey towards Christ. Just as the monsoons renew the earth, we too must seek spiritual renewal and humility in our daily lives.

In these times of transition and renewal, it is crucial to remember to pray for our New Government at the centre. The responsibilities they bear are immense, and they need our prayers to guide them in making decisions that will benefit all. Let us call upon God's bountiful blessings to aid them in their endeavours and to help them lead with wisdom and justice.

Let us pray, for the poor and those suffering from war and persecution, and for our diocese and the Church at large. Prayer is a powerful tool that binds us together and strengthens our resolve. In praying for one another, we invoke God's grace to touch our lives and provide the strength and courage we need to face our daily battles.

**Fr Melvin Jobard**





# Bishop's Message

Most Rev Joseph Kallarackal, Bishop of Jaipur



## 'My Lord and My God'

One of the most iconic moments in the New Testament occurs in the Gospel of John, where St. Thomas the Apostle utters a profound declaration upon seeing the Risen Christ. This declaration, "My Lord and my God," encapsulates the essence of Christian faith and has reverberated throughout history as a testament to the divinity of Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the solemnity of the St. Thomas, Apostle of India, it is good to reflect on this iconic moment of the profession of the faith of St. Thomas, the Apostle. The scene unfolds shortly after Jesus' resurrection. Thomas, known for his skepticism, was not present when Jesus first appeared to the other disciples. When informed of the miraculous event, Thomas famously insists on physical proof, declaring that unless he sees the nail marks in Jesus' hands and puts his finger where the nails were, and his hand into Jesus' side, he would not believe. Eight days later, Jesus appears again among the disciples, despite locked doors. He invites Thomas to touch his wounds, prompting Thomas to exclaim, "My Lord and my God!" This powerful statement goes beyond a mere recognition of Jesus' resurrection. It affirms Thomas' belief in Jesus' divine nature, acknowledging Him as both Lord and God.

Thomas' proclamation carries profound theological implications. It

solidifies Jesus' identity not just as a teacher or prophet but as the Incarnate Son of God. It echoes similar declarations throughout Scripture affirming Jesus' divinity, such as Peter's confession in Matthew 16:16 ("You are the Christ, the Son of the living God"). For believers today, Thomas' journey from doubt to profound faith offers encouragement and challenge. It reminds us that doubts and questions are natural aspects of faith journeys. Yet, when encountered with the reality of Christ's presence and truth, hearts and minds are transformed. Thomas' declaration becomes a model of authentic faith — one that seeks and finds in Christ the answer to life's deepest questions and uncertainties.

In this context, it is also good to reflect upon the life and spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola as we celebrate his feast on 31 July. Ignatius of Loyola, born centuries later in 1491, would later establish the Jesuit order based on his deep spiritual experiences and profound understanding of Christian faith. His teachings and spirituality resonate with the essence of St. Thomas' profession of faith in several key ways:

(a) **Personal Encounter with Christ:** Ignatius emphasized a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, similar to Thomas' encounter. He encouraged individuals to





encounter Christ not merely through doctrinal knowledge but through personal experience and spiritual discernment;

(b) **Contemplation and Spiritual Exercises:** Ignatius developed the Spiritual Exercises, a structured program of meditations and prayers designed to deepen one's relationship with God. These exercises guide participants through a journey of self-discovery, discernment of spirits, and a profound encounter with the divine presence — akin to Thomas' transformative encounter with the risen Christ;

(c) **Faith and Obedience:** Both St. Thomas and St. Ignatius exemplified faith combined with obedience to Christ's call. Thomas, upon encountering the risen Christ, surrendered his doubts and affirmed his faith unequivocally. Similarly, Ignatius' life was transformed when he surrendered his former ambitions and embraced a life of service to God, marked by radical obedience and commitment to Christ's mission;

(d) **Service and Mission:** The Jesuit motto, "*Ad Maiorem Dei Gloriam*" (For the Greater Glory of God), reflects their commitment to serve others and to work for the betterment of society. This mission-oriented approach resonates with Thomas' role as an apostle commissioned to spread the Gospel and with his proclamation of Christ's divinity.

The profound profession of faith by St. Thomas, "**My Lord and my God,**" continues to inspire Christians today to deepen their personal relationship with Christ, embrace a life of faith and obedience, and engage in

mission-oriented service to others. Similarly, St. Ignatius' teachings and spirituality invite believers to encounter Christ personally, discern His will, and respond with generous hearts and dedicated service. At this outset, I invite you all to have the personal experience of Jesus as St. Thomas the apostle and St. Ignatius of Loyola had experienced in their life. I also acknowledge with gratitude the works carried out by Jesuits all over the world and particularly in our diocese with much dedication and love in the footsteps of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

It is also a time to thank the Lord personally for the innumerable graces He has showered up on me and our diocese during this first year of my episcopate. As I celebrate my anniversary of the ordination to episcopate, I express my sincere gratitude to all of you for your constant support and prayers.

It is also a time to take collective responsibility for the upkeep of our environment. The northern part of India is reeling under an unprecedented heat wave condition. Hence, let us unite ourselves in prayer and in action by planting more trees in our campus. As the schools are going to resume their classes after a long summer holidays, I wish God's blessings upon our institutions, Managers, Principals, members of the staff, students, parents and well wishers.

May St. Thomas' declaration of faith and St. Ignatius of Loyola's teachings help us to emphasize the transformative power of encountering Christ personally, surrendering doubts, and living out our faith with obedience and zeal.

# धर्मध्यक्ष का संदेश

Most Rev Joseph Kallarackal, Bishop of Jaipur



प्रेरित संत थोमस पुनर्जीवित प्रभु को देखकर अपने दृढ़ विश्वास की घोषणा करते हैं और यह नये व्यवस्थान का संत योहन रचित सुसमाचार में एक बहुत ही अद्भुत दैवीय अनुभव की घटना है। संत थोमस का कथन, “मेरे प्रभु, मेरे ईश्वर” ख्रीस्तीय विश्वास का सार है और पूरे इतिहास में प्रभु येशु के ईश्वर होने का प्रमाण है। जब हम प्रेरित संत थोमस का पर्व मनाते हैं जो भारत के प्रेरित हैं, यह आवश्यक है कि हम उनके जीवन के उन पलों पर मनन-चिन्तन करें जब वह अपने विश्वास की घोषणा करते हैं। प्रभु येशु पुनरुत्थान के बाद अपने शिष्यों को दर्शन देते हैं और संत थोमस उस समय वहाँ नहीं था। जब अन्य शिष्य संत थोमस का प्रभु येशु के पुनरुत्थान के बारे में बताते हैं तो वह उन पर विश्वास नहीं करता है और कहता है कि जब तक मैं उनके हाथों में कीलों का निशान और उनकी बगल में अपनी उँगली न डाल दूँ, तब तक विश्वास नहीं करूँगा। आठ दिन बाद द्वार बन्द होने के बाद भी प्रभु येशु पुनः उन्हें दर्शन देते हैं। वे थोमस को बुलाते हैं कि वे उनके घाव को स्पर्श करें लेकिन थोमस यह कह उठता है, “मेरे प्रभु, मेरे ईश्वर”। यह शक्तिशाली विश्वास की घोषणा पुनर्जीवित प्रभु येशु में उनके विश्वास को प्रकट करती है। यह उनके विश्वास को दर्शाती है कि वे प्रभु येशु ख्रीस्त को अपने प्रभु और ईश्वर स्वीकार करते हैं।

संत थोमस की यह घोषणा हमारे

धर्मसिद्धान्त से भी जुड़ी हुई है। प्रभु येशु ख्रीस्त की पहचान केवल एक गुरु या नबी के रूप में ही नहीं बल्कि उन सबसे बढ़कर ईश्वर के पुत्र के रूप होती है। यह संत पेद्रुस के विश्वास के घोषणा को पुनः घोषित करती है कि प्रभु येशु सचमुच में ईश्वर के पुत्र हैं (मती 16:16)। आज हम विश्वासियों के लिए संत थोमस के विश्वास की यात्रा हमें प्रोत्साहित करती है और साथ ही साथ हमारे लिए एक चुनौती भी है। यह याद दिलाती है कि संदेह और प्रश्न विश्वास यात्रा के ही पहलू हैं। लेकिन जब हम प्रभु येशु की उपस्थिति और सत्य का साक्षात्कार करते हैं, तो मन और हृदय परिवर्तन हो जाता है। संत थोमस की विश्वास घोषणा एक सच्चे विश्वास का उदाहरण है जहाँ हम अपने जीवन की गहराईयों में अपने प्रश्नों और अनिश्चितताओं का उत्तर प्रभु येशु ख्रीस्त में पाते हैं।

31 जुलाई को हम लोयोला के संत इग्नाशियुस का पर्व मनाते हैं। इस अवसर पर हम उनके जीवन और आध्यात्मिक जीवन पर मनन-चिन्तन करें। सन् 1491 में ‘जन्मे’ संत इग्नाशियुस अपने आध्यात्मिक अनुभवों और ख्रीस्तीय विश्वास की समझ के आधार पर येशु समाज संघ की स्थापना करते हैं। उनकी शिक्षा और आध्यात्मिकता संत थोमस के विश्वास की घोषणा से कई प्रमुख बातों पर मेल खाती हैं—1)





व्यक्तिगत साक्षात्कार – संत थोमस के समान ही संत इग्नाशियुस भी एक व्यक्तिगत साक्षात्कार पर जोर देते हैं। वे ख्रीस्त के साथ व्यक्तिगत और घनिष्ठ साक्षात्कार पर जोर देते हैं न कि धर्मशिक्षा के ज्ञान पर; 2) ध्यान व आध्यात्मिक कार्य – संत इग्नाशियुस ने आध्यात्म में परिपक्व होने के लिए प्रार्थना और मनन-चिन्तन का एक स्वरूप तैयार किया जिसके द्वारा व्यक्ति ईश्वर के साथ गहरा संबंध स्थापित कर सकता है। इस आध्यात्मिक यात्रा में व्यक्ति आत्म मंथन करते हुए स्वयं को जानता है, आत्मा की आवाज का सुनता है और ईश्वर का अनुभव करता है। यह ठीक संत थोमस के परिवर्तन के समान है जब वह पुनर्जीवित ख्रीस्त के दर्शन करता है। 3) विश्वास और आज्ञाकारिता-प्रभु येशु की बुलाहट को स्वीकार कर संत थोमस और संत इग्नाशियुस दोनों ने उनका अनुसरण किया। संत थोमस पुनर्जीवित प्रभु को देखने के बाद अपने सब संदेह को छोड़कर पूर्णरूप से प्रभु येशु में विश्वास किया। ठीक उसी प्रकार संत इग्नाशियुस का जीवन भी पूर्ण रूप से बदल गया जब उसने अपनी महत्वाकांक्षों को त्याग कर ईश्वर की सेवा के लिए अपना जीवन अर्पित कर दिया; उसने पूर्ण समर्पण और आज्ञापालन करते हुए ख्रीस्त के मिशन कार्य को पूरा किया; 4) सेवा और मिशन – “ईश्वर की महान् महिमा के लिए” येशु समाज का यह आदर्श वाक्य उनके सेवा और मिशन को दर्शाता है। उनका मिशन कार्य और सुसमाचार घोषणा संत थोमस के प्रेरितिक आदेश और सुसमाचार घोषणा से मिलता है।

“मेरे प्रभु, मेरे ईश्वर” संत थोमस का यह कथन आज भी ख्रीस्तीयों को प्रेरित करता है कि वे

ख्रीस्त के साथ एक अटूट व घनिष्ठ संबंध बनाये और दूसरों की सेवा करते हुए विश्वास तथा आज्ञाकारिता का जीवन जीयें। संत इग्नाशियुस की शिक्षा और आध्यात्मिकता येशु ख्रीस्त को व्यक्तिगत रूप से अनुभव करने, उसकी इच्छा जानने और उदार हृदय से दूसरों की सेवा करने के लिए बुलाता है। इस अवसर पर हम भी प्रेरित संत थोमस और संत इग्नाशियुस के समान प्रभु येशु का व्यक्तिगत अनुभव करें। साथ ही साथ मैं येशु समाजी धर्मसंधियों के कार्य के लिए कृतज्ञ हूँ विशेष कर जो कार्य वे हमारे धर्मप्रान्त में कर रहे हैं।

व्यक्तिगत रूप से यह मेरे लिए ईश्वर को धन्यवाद देने का अवसर है क्योंकि उसने मेरे धर्माध्यक्षीय कार्यभार के प्रथम वर्ष में मुझ पर और इस धर्मप्रान्त पर बहुत ही कृपा और आशीष बरसायी है। मैं अपने धर्माध्यक्षीय अभिषेक की वर्षगाँठ पर आपकी प्रार्थनाओं और सहयता के लिए सारे हृदय से धन्यवाद देता हूँ। यह एक समय है जब हम अपने पर्यावरण के संरक्षण के लिए भी कार्य करें। पूरा उत्तर भारत गर्मी का प्रकोप झेल रहा है। अतः प्रार्थना और कार्यों द्वारा हम एक होकर अच्छी वर्षा के लिए प्रार्थना करें व अधिक से अधिक पेड़ लगायें। लम्बी छुट्टी के बाद जब हम पुनः स्कूल खोलने जा रहे हैं, मैं सभी शिक्षण संस्थानों, प्रबंधकों, प्रधानाचार्यों, शिक्षकों, विद्यार्थियों, अभिभावकों और शुभचिन्तकों को अपनी शुभकामनाएँ देता हूँ। प्रेरित संत थोमस की विश्वास घोषणा और लोयोला के संत इग्नाशियुस की शिक्षा हमें परिवर्तन करने में मदद करें; हम अपने सभी संदेहों को प्रभु को सौंप दें और उत्साह व आज्ञापालन करते हुए अपने विश्वास में जीते जायें।

# Message Of His Holiness Pope Francis For The 4th World Day For Grandparents And The Elderly “Do not cast me off in my old age” (cf. Ps 71:9)

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

**God never abandons his children, never.** Even when our age advances and our powers decline, when our hair grows white and our role in society lessens, when our lives become less productive and can risk appearing useless. God does not regard appearances (cf. *1 Sam 16:7*); he does not disdain to choose those who, to many people, may seem irrelevant. God discards no stone; indeed, the “oldest” are the firm foundation on which “new” stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice (cf. *1 Peter 2:5*).

**Sacred Scripture as a whole is a story of the Lord's faithful love.** It offers us the comforting certainty that God constantly shows us his mercy, always, at every stage of life, in whatever situation we find ourselves, even in our betrayals. The Psalms are filled with the wonder of the human heart before God who cares for us despite our insignificance (cf. *Ps 144:3-4*); they assure us that God has fashioned each one of us from our mother's womb (cf. *Ps 139:13*) and that even in hell he will not abandon our life (cf. *Ps 16:10*). We can be certain, then, that he will be close to us also in old age, all the more because, **in the Bible, growing old is a sign of blessing.**

At the same time, in the Psalms we also find this heartfelt plea to the Lord: “In my old age do not abandon me” (cf. *Ps 71:9*). Words that are strong, even crude. They make us think of the extreme suffering of Jesus, who cried out on the cross: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” (*Mt 27:46*).

In the Bible, then, we find both the certainty of God's closeness at every stage of life and the fear of abandonment, particularly in old age and in times of pain. There is no contradiction here. If we look around, we have no difficulty seeing that its words reflect an utterly evident reality. All too often, loneliness is the bleak companion of our lives as elderly persons and grandparents. Often, when I was Bishop of Buenos Aires, I would visit rest homes and realize how rarely those people received visits. Some had not seen their family members for many months.

There are many reasons for this loneliness: in many places, above all **in the poorer countries, the elderly find themselves alone because their children are forced to emigrate.** I think too of the many situations of conflict. How many of the elderly are left alone because men – youths and adults – have been called to battle, and women, above all women with small children, have left the country in order to ensure safety for their children. In cities and villages devastated by war, many elderly people are left alone; they are the only signs of life in areas where abandonment and death seem to reign supreme. In other parts of the world, we encounter a false belief, deeply rooted in certain local cultures, that causes hostility towards the elderly, who are suspected of using witchcraft to sap the vital energies of the young; when premature death or sickness, or any other misfortune strike the young, the guilt is laid at the door of some elderly person. This mentality must be combatted and





eliminated. It is one of those groundless prejudices from which the Christian faith has set us free, yet which continues to fuel generational conflict between the young and the elderly.

Yet if we think about it, this accusation that the elderly “rob the young of their future” is nowadays present everywhere. It appears under other guises even in the most advanced and modern societies. For example, there is now a widespread conviction that the elderly are burdening the young with the high cost of the social services that they require, and in this way are diverting resources from the development of the community and thus from the young. This is a distorted perception of reality. It assumes that the survival of the elderly puts that of the young at risk, that to favour the young, it is necessary to neglect or even suppress the elderly. Intergenerational conflict is a fallacy and the poisoned fruit of a culture of conflict. To set the young against the old is an unacceptable form of manipulation: “What is important is the unity of the different ages of life, which is the real point of reference for understanding and valuing human life in its entirety” (Catechesis, 23 February 2022).

**The Psalm cited above – with its plea not to be abandoned in old age – speaks to a conspiracy surrounding the life of the elderly.** This may seem an exaggeration, but not if we consider that the loneliness and abandonment of the elderly is not by chance or inevitable, but the fruit of decisions – political, economic, social and personal decisions – that fail to acknowledge the *infinite dignity* of each person, “beyond every circumstance, state or situation the person may ever encounter” (Declaration *Dignitas Infinita*, 1). This happens

once we lose sight of the value of each individual and people are then judged in terms of their cost, which is in some cases considered too high to pay. Even worse, often the elderly themselves fall victim to this mindset; they are made to consider themselves a burden and to feel that they should be the first to step aside.

Then too nowadays many women and men seek personal fulfilment in a life as independent as possible and detached from other people. Group memberships are in crisis and individualism is celebrated: the passage from “us” to “me” is one of the most evident signs of our times. The family, which is the first and most radical argument against the notion that we can save ourselves by ourselves, has been one of the victims of this individualistic culture. Yet once we grow old and our powers begin to decline, the illusion of individualism, that we need no one and can live without social bonds, is revealed for what it is. Indeed, we find ourselves needing everything, but at a point in life when we are alone, no longer with others to help, with no one whom we can count on. It is a grim discovery that many people make only when it is too late.

**Solitude and abandonment have become recurrent elements in today's social landscape.** They have multiple roots. In some cases, they are the result of calculated exclusion, a sort of deplorable “social conspiracy”; in others, tragically, a matter of an individual's personal decision. In still other cases, the elderly submit to this reality, pretending that it is their free choice. Increasingly, we have lost “the taste of fraternity” (Fratelli Tutti, 33); we find it difficult even to think of an alternative.

In many older persons we can observe the sense of resignation described in the Book



of Ruth, which tells the story of the elderly Naomi who, after the death of her husband and children, encourages her two daughters-in-law, Orpah and Ruth, to return to their native towns and their homes (cf. *Ruth* 1:8). Naomi – like many elderly people today – is afraid of remaining alone, yet she cannot imagine anything different. As a widow, she knows that she is of little value in the eyes of society; she sees herself as a burden for those two young women who, unlike herself, have their whole lives before them. For this reason, she considers it best to step aside, and so she tells her young daughters-in-law to leave her and to build a future in other places (cf. *Ruth* 1:11-13). Her words reflect the rigid social and religious conventions of her day, which apparently seal her own fate.

The biblical narrative then presents us with two different responses to Naomi's words and to old age itself. One of the two daughters-in-law, Orpah, who loves Naomi, kisses her and, accepting what seemed the only solution possible, goes her way. Ruth, however, does not leave Naomi's side and, to her surprise, tells her: "Do not press me to leave you" (*Ruth* 1:16). Ruth is not afraid to challenge customs and inbred patterns of thought. She senses that the elderly woman needs her and she courageously remains at her side in what will be the start of a new journey for both. To all of us, who are accustomed to the idea that solitude is our unavoidable lot, **Ruth teaches that in response to the plea "Do not abandon me", it is possible to say, "I will not abandon you"**. Ruth does not hesitate to subvert what seemed to be an irreversible situation: living alone need not be the only alternative! Not by chance, Ruth – who remained at the side of the elderly Naomi – was an ancestor of the Messiah (cf. *Mt* 1:5), of

Jesus, Immanuel, "God with us", the one who brings God's own closeness and proximity to all people, of all ages and states of life.

Ruth's freedom and courage invite us to take a new path. Let us follow in her footsteps. Let us set out with this young foreign woman and the elderly Naomi, and not be afraid to change our habits and imagine a different kind of future for our elderly. May we express our gratitude to all those people who, often at great sacrifice, follow in practice the example of Ruth, as they care for an older person or simply demonstrate daily closeness to relatives or acquaintances who no longer have anyone else. Ruth, who chose to remain close to Naomi, was then blessed with a happy marriage, a family, a new home. This is always the case: by remaining close to the elderly and acknowledging their unique role in the family, in society and in the Church, we will ourselves receive many gifts, many graces, many blessings!

**On this Fourth World Day devoted to them, let us show our tender love for the grandparents and the elderly members of our families.** Let us spend time with those who are disheartened and no longer hope in the possibility of a different future. In place of the self-centred attitude that leads to loneliness and abandonment, let us instead show the open heart and the joyful face of men and women who have the courage to say "I will not abandon you", and to set out on a different path.

To all of you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, and to all those who are close to you I send my blessing, accompanied by my prayers. And I ask you, please, not to forget to pray for me.

FRANCIS







To,  
The Clergy, Religious and Laity,  
Catholic Diocese of Jaipur.

28.06.2024

**Subject: Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministries in Jaipur Diocese**

Dear Fathers, Sisters and Lay Faithful,

Mental health constitutes an important and indispensable aspect of our life. As human existence becomes more and more complex and various physical needs are always at the top of the priority list, one hardly pays attention to the mental health. In order to pay much attention to the growing need of mental health, Catholic Bishops' Conference of India (CBCI) has established The Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers of India (CMHM) which works under the guidance and direction of the CBCI Commission for Health Care. Members of the CMHM work to make mental health ministry available in every diocese, parish and institution. Hence, in order to contribute significantly to the overall welfare of our diocese and especially those who suffer from mental illness and their families, I hereby establish the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministries of Jaipur Diocese (CMHMJ). I am appointing the following as office Bearers, forming the Executive Committee of the above association:

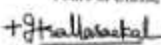
Most Rev. Joseph Kallarackal	Ecclesiastical Advisor
Rev. Sr. Rani Augustine MSA	Chief Coordinator (Agra Regional Director)
Rev. Fr. Jaypal Singh	Executive Director
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Rev. Sr. Aruna Peter MSA	Secretary
Mr. Joseph Maliyil	Member
Mrs. Neelam Chopra	Member
Mrs. Veena Michael	Member

Mental health ministry would provide vital spiritual accompaniment for people experiencing mental health challenges and mental illness as well as those who care for them. Through education, advocacy and compassionate outreach, mental health ministry would enhance mental health literacy and breakdown the stigmas surrounding the mental health, enabling individuals to seek assistance without reservation or fear or scrutiny.

It is also required to establish a unit of CMHMJ in all the parishes of our diocese in consultation with and under the guidance of Fr. Jaypal Singh and Fr. Melwin D'Souza. The main aim of such units will be to address any difficult situation concerning individuals and families in the parishes with an empathetic approach. Therefore, I hereby request all the parish priests to approach Fr. Jaypal Singh and Fr. Melwin D'Souza in order to establish units of CMHMJ at your respective parishes by 30<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

Thanking you all and United in Prayers.

Yours in Christ,

  
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04.06.2024

To,  
The Clergy, Religious and Laity  
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**Subject: Revised Office bearers and Commission Members.**

Dear Fathers, Sisters and Lay Faithful,

This is to inform you that I have made certain changes among the office bearers of the commissions of the Diocese of Jaipur due to recent transfers among the priests and religious.

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With Kinds regards,

Your's Sincerely

  
(+ Joseph Kallarakk)

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# Annual Catechism Exam Results 2023-24

## Diocese of Jaipur

No	NAME	SCHOOL NAME	CLASS	MARKS
1.	ANDREA MARY ALBIN	St. Teresa's School , Jhotwara	L.K.G.	50
2.	ISRAEL GIKSON	St. Teresa's School , Jhotwara	L.K.G.	50
3.	LIAM SHELDON CASTELINO	St. Teresa's School , Jhotwara	L.K.G.	50
4.	NAVEL MUNDU	St. Mary's Convent , Jagatpura	L.K.G.	50
5.	ANCY JOSEPH	St. Teresa's School , Jhotwara	L.K.G.	49
6.	AYDEN MARK	Bikaner Boys School, Bikaner	L.K.G.	48
7.	EMMA LAZARUS	St. Mary's Convent , Jagatpura	H.K.G.	50
8.	ETHAN LAZARUS	St. Mary's Convent , Jagatpura	H.K.G.	50
9.	ALISHA AJISH	Bikaner Boys School, Bikaner	H.K.G.	50
10.	AVNI AJISH	Bikaner Boys School, Bikaner	H.K.G.	48
11.	ABIGAIL DOMINIC	St. Mary's Convent, Jagatpura	I	50
12.	JENISHA CLARA JOICE	St. Mary's Convent, Jagatpura	I	50
13.	SHARON KONATH	St. Teresa's School , Jhotwara	I	50
14.	ALVIN LOBO	St. Anselm's School , Mansarovar	I	50
15.	AARON FINCH VINCENT	St. Anselm's School , Mansarovar	I	50
16.	FELICIA CHALACKAL	St. Anselm's School , Mansarovar	I	50
17.	MANAN MAHIL	St. Anselm's School , Mansarovar	I	50
18.	ANAYA PAUL	St. Anselm's School , Mansarovar	I	50
19.	ELIJAH SINU THOMAS	St. Anselm's School , Mansarovar	I	50
20.	RONIT WILLIAM BAGHWAR	St. Anselm's School , Mansarovar	I	50
21.	NAIRA SINGH	Sophia School, Lalarpura	I	50
22.	ISABELLE ANNA THOMAS	Sophia School, Lalarpura	I	50
23.	AIZEL BANNET	St. Xavier's School, Nevta	I	50
24.	NAYAN KINDO	St. Xavier's School, Nevta	I	50
25.	AASHIMA ROY	St. Xavier's School, Nevta	I	50
26.	DEEPTI TIRKEY	St. Xavier's School, Nevta	I	50
27.	SHONE FABIAN	St. Xavier's School, Nevta	I	48
28.	TERANCE MASSEY	St. Mary's Convent , Jagatpura	I	49
29.	MARCUS RAJAN MATHEW	St. Teresa's School , Jhotwara	I	49
30.	ALIA ELSA	St. Angela Sophia School, Ghat Gate	I	49
31.	MELINA	Bikaner Boys School, Bikaner	I	49
32.	RUBEN JOHN DIPU	St. Mary's Convent, Jagatpura	I	48





33.	VIVIANA LENIN	St. Anselm's School, Jhotwara	II	50
34.	ALBIN VEJOY	St. Teresa's School, Jhotwara	II	50
35.	BRAYDEN MATHAI ALBIN	St. Teresa's School, Jhotwara	II	50
36.	NAYSA TOPPO	Bikaner Boys School, Bikaner	II	50
37.	JUSTIN ROHIT	St. Anselm's School, Mansarovar	II	50
38.	SHANNON S SAMUEL	St. Anselm's School, Mansarovar	II	50
39.	AMAIRA BARISTO	St. Angela Sophia School, Ghat Gate	II	50
40.	MERIEN LAWRENCE	Sophia School, Lalarpura	II	50
41.	VICTORIA THOMAS	Sophia School, Lalarpura	II	50
42.	SUBASHREE	Sophia School, Lalarpura	II	50
43.	ARNOLD LEO STEPHEN	St. Xavier's School, Nevta	II	50
44.	JOANNA MARY JOE	St. Xavier's School, Nevta	II	50
45.	ANMOL KULLU	St. Xavier's School, Nevta	II	50
46.	IVANIA LIBU	St. Teresa's School, Jhotwara	II	49
47.	AARPIT KUJUR	Bikaner Boys School, Bikaner	II	49
48.	VIHAAN VINESH	St. Mary's Convent, Jagatpura	II	48
49.	ETHAN SINU THOMAS	St. Anselm's School, Mansarovar	III	50
50.	JANICE MARY LIJU	St. Teresa's School, Jhotwara	III	50
51.	ALVIN BINOY	Bikaner Boys School, Bikaner	III	50
52.	ANUJ ALEX	St. Teresa's School, Mansarovar	III	50
53.	ALAN MICHAEL JINS	St. Xavier's School, Bhiwadi	III	50
54.	BARUCH RISHIT THAPA	St. Anselm's School, Mansarovar	III	50
55.	SHIKINAK VARDANI	St. Anselm's School, Mansarovar	III	50
56.	STEVE ANTON SACHIN	St. Anselm's School, Malviya Nagar	III	50
57.	ALICE VINCENT LOBO	St. Angela Sophia School, Ghat Gate	III	50
58.	EDWIN JOVI JACOB	St. Xavier's School, C Scheme	III	50
59.	SASHWAT SHIJU JOY	St. Xavier's School, C Scheme	III	50
60.	SERCH GEEJO	St. Xavier's School, C Scheme	III	50
61.	SHANAYA ANGELINA	St. Xavier's School, C Scheme	III	50
62.	SHAUN	St. Xavier's School, C Scheme	III	50
63.	ELIZA AUGUSTIN	St. Anselm's School, Alwar	III	50
64.	ANGEL RACHEL MATHEW	St. Teresa's School, Mansarovar	III	48
65.	EVA MARIAM GEORGE	St. Xavier's School, Nevta	III	48
66.	SERA MARIYAM AJU	St. Teresa's School, Jhotwara	III	48
67.	YOHAN KERKETTA	Bikaner Boys School, Bikaner	III	48
68.	SAILIN KINDA	St. Anselm's School, Phulera	III	48



69.	ANMOL BEHERA	St. Xavier's School, C Scheme	IV	50
70.	GODWIN	St. Teresa's School, Jhotwara	IV	50
71.	JAANNE JOMI	St. Teresa's School, Jhotwara	IV	50
72.	ANSH RAJ	St. Mary's School, Sikar	IV	50
73.	EVANA MARIA GRACE	St. Mary's School, Sikar	IV	49
74.	JOEL BINU	St. Xavier's School, Nevta	IV	49
75.	SHARAV VINCENT WISEMAN	St. Xavier's School, C Scheme	IV	49
76.	NEVIN SHAJU	St. Xavier's School, C Scheme	IV	49
77.	ALVIN GEORGE BINA	St. Anselm's School, Malviya Nagar	IV	49
78.	JOEL BINU	St. Xavier's School, Nevta	IV	48
79.	ERIC JOEL	St. Anselm's School, Mansarovar	IV	48
80.	SMIRITI KUJUR	Bikaner Boys School, Bikaner	IV	48
81.	ANN MARIA	St. Anselm's School, Alwar	V	50
82.	GODSON JOSE	St. Anselm's School, Jhotwara	V	49
83.	SHAWN S GEORGE	St. Anselm's School, Jhotwara	V	48
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## News of the Month

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### Pope to write document on Sacred Heart for a world that 'has lost its heart'

Pope Francis has announced he is preparing to write a document dedicated to that devotion to "illuminate the path of ecclesial renewal, but also to say something significant to a world that seems to have lost its heart."

Speaking during the weekly General Audience - his first in June, the month dedicated to the Sacred Heart - he recalled that last 27 December marked the 350th anniversary of the first of Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque's visions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

He said that, on that date, celebrations for this devotion began in many countries across the world, and that they will conclude on 27 June next year.

For this reason, the Pope said, he is preparing "a document that gathers the precious reflections of previous magisterial texts and a long history dating back to the Holy Scriptures, to reintroduce today, to the whole Church, this devotion full of spiritual beauty."

"I believe it will be very beneficial for us to meditate on various aspects of the Lord's love that can illuminate the path of ecclesial renewal; but also to say something significant to a world that seems to have lost its heart," he said.

Thus, Pope Francis asked believers to accompany him in prayer during this time of preparation, with the intention of making this document public next September.

#### Prayers for peace

At the General Audience, Pope Francis also renewed his appeal for peace in the world, asking the faithful to join him in prayer.

"We ask the Lord for the intercession of His Mother for peace," he said, adding, as he has so many times, prayers for "Peace in tormented Ukraine, peace in Palestine, in Israel, peace in Myanmar..."

"Let us pray that the Lord may grant us the gift of peace and that the world might not suffer so much from wars," Pope Francis prayed.

### Blessing and laying of Foundation Stone for St. Anselm's School at Lalsot

At a solemn and graceful ceremony, the Foundation Stone for St. Anselm's school at Lalsot was blessed and laid by Most. Rev. Bp Joseph Kallarackal on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 10.30 am. Once again like in all our other schools we promise quality education along with good and proper moral values to the children so that irrespective of creed, caste or social status they may be able to live in dignity and contribute their best to humanity. The bishop in his speech to those that had gathered for this solemn occasion said that the Catholic Diocese of Jaipur has been promoting a high standard of education because the foundation of all social transformation is education.

A beautiful prayer service was held on the occasion with devotional hymns, readings from Sacred Scripture, and intercessory prayers seeking the Blessings of God Almighty. Prayers

were offered for the successful completion of the construction and also for the Engineers, Contractors and Labourers who will be involved in the construction of this very impressive and massive school. The school is about 5kms from Lalsot town on the highway. It comes under Behru Bas village, Gangapur Road.

At the end Fr Thomas Maniparambil, the Secretary of Gyandeep Education Society thanked the esteemed dignitaries, guests, priests, sisters and well wishers who had gathered there for the ceremony. The special invitees present on this occasion were Mr Ashok Khatic-Advocate; Mrs Indu, Patwari and Mr Munish the PA to the Thasildar, Lalsot. He requested all to continue to pray for Showers of Blessings from God Almighty and for the children and people of Lalsot for whom the school will be a big boon.





## **News: Cathedral of Our Lady of the Annunciation, Malviya Nagar**

### **Installation of the New Parish Priest at the Cathedral.**

The parishioners of the Cathedral joyfully welcomed their new Parish Priest Rev. Fr. Melvin D'Souza on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> June. It was a solemn moment when in the presence of Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Kallarackal and the entire congregation, Fr. Melvin assumed responsibility as the parish priest of the Cathedral. He made his profession of faith, emphasizing his belief in the Catholic faith and doctrines of the Church. He then took the oath of office.

The Holy Eucharist constitutes part and parcel of Christian life. A Priest is the prime dispenser of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist and his life and mission revolves round the Eucharist. Hence, Rev. Fr. Thomas, the former parish priest handed over the key of the tabernacle to the bishop who in turn presented it to the new parish priest. This signifies that the parish priest is the custodian of the tabernacle where the Holy Eucharist is kept. After two minutes of silent adoration the tabernacle was opened by the new parish priest.

Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Kallarackal was the Main Celebrant at the Eucharistic Mass, con-celebrated by Fr. Melvin D'Souza, Fr. Thomas, Fr. Casmiro and Fr. Amit Lakra. Bishop felicitated Fr. Melvin as the new parish priest with a bouquet of flowers.

The Laity and religious of the Cathedral

### **Mansarovar: Welcome of the new Parish Priest-Fr Jaypal Singh**

16<sup>th</sup> of June was a day of mixed emotions. On one hand the Parishioners of Mansarovar were bidding farewell to Rev. Fr. Edward Oliviera and on the other hand all were happy to welcome the new Parish Priest Rev Fr Jaypal Singh.

The outgoing parish priest, Rev Fr Edward Oliviera was the main celebrant at the Holy Eucharist. The concelebrants were the New Parish Priest Fr Jaypal Singh, Fr Thomas Maniparambil and some other fathers.

parish extend a warm welcome to Fr. Melvin D'Souza and we assure him of our whole hearted support.

### **Celebration of Laity Sunday**

Laity Sunday was celebrated on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, a day after the feast of St. Thomas More, the Patron saint of the laity. In the introduction, the role and responsibility of the laity was explained. The Laity, defined as 'People of God' are the Church, co-responsible with Bishops, Priests and religious to proclaim and work for Christ's Mission on Earth.

It was a pleasant surprise when after Mass; the parish priest felicitated the Laity Commission members and leaders of the various SCC groups for their contribution to church activities. It was indeed a very motivating gesture.

There was another reason to celebrate the day, as we had Rev. Fr. Paulachan P.R. taking over as Principal of St. Anselm's, Malviya nagar. A brief account was read of Father's position in various schools as principal, as well as parish priest in some locations. We welcome Fr. Paul to the Cathedral family and wish him God's blessings as he takes over his new assignment.

After Mass, as part of Laity Sunday celebration, all were invited to snacks and coffee, further strengthening the social ties, spirit of togetherness and joy amongst the parishioners

**Serah Fernandes, Malviya Nagar**

Being a Sunday the Parishioners too were all present to witness this solemn occasion. During the Mass Rev. Fr. Jaypal took the oath as the parish priest of Mansarovar and was handed over the keys of the church and the tabernacle by Rev Fr. Edward in the presence of Fr. Thomas Maniparambil, the diocesan witness appointed by our Bishop, and the faithful of the Parish. Thus begins a new chapter in our parish.

We joyfully welcome Fr Jaypal to our parish.

**Alan Jobard, Mansarovar**

### **Lalarpura News: Farewell to Fr. Moorthilal**

We at St. John the Baptist Church bid a tearful farewell to Fr. Moorthilal on 16th June. Father was our parish priest since June 2021. He is now transferred to Kuchaman city as parish priest

and Manager of the school. After the Sunday mass, a small cultural program was organized wherein Fr. Moorthilal was honored with a safa. The program began with lighting of the lamp followed





by a few dances.

To show our love and gratitude to Fr Moorthilal, representatives from Friends of Jesus, Youth, Women's Commission and the parishioners gifted father handmade cards and gifts. We made a small video showcasing Father's life and the memories of these three years. The video made Fr very emotional. Expressing his joy and love for Fr. Moorthilal, Fr Georgish Britto, the Asst Parish priest got teary eyed. Later, Fr. Moorthilal spoke a few words expressing his gratitude to God and the

parishioners who supported him all these years

Life is a journey and the show must go on. With these sweet memories etched in our hearts all wished the best for Fr. Moorthilal in his future endeavors.

May God bless him with good health and guide him to move ahead in the duties assigned to him. We will miss you dear Father. Thanks once again for your spiritual guidance, blessings, prayers and support.

**Gincy Mathews**

## Welcoming of the new Parish Priest- Fr Edward Oliveira

*"Change is the law of life. Change is inevitable. We must always be open to change. Coz that is what helps us in progressing."*

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 2024, we the parishioners of St John the Baptist Church welcomed our new parish priest, Rev Fr Edward Oliveira. Fr Edward Oliveira, fondly known as Fr Eddie is the Vicar general of the diocese of Jaipur. He is a great orator, a music composer and a very learned man with a loving and helpful nature which makes him all the more popular among his students as well as parishioners. He also has his own You tube channel Sur Sangam and has many subscribers as well.

Mass was offered in the evening at 6:30 by Fr Eddie, Fr Melvin Jobard (as a representative of the Bishop), Fr Moorthilal and Fr Georgish Britto. The choir led by Sister Aruna helped us to pray and sing melodiously. After mass a short felicitation

program was organised by our former parish priest, Fr Moorthilal. The MC for the occasion, Mrs Lorraine Davis, commenced the program by greeting one and all and by welcoming all the four priests with a rose given by our little Friends of Jesus. Following this we had Mr Saju Paulose, the Secretary of the Parish council to officially welcome Fr Eddie.

To know more about Fr Eddie, we had Mrs Nikita elaborate on his journey as a priest. Also, Mrs Anita Dungdung and Mr Varghese Chandy felicitated Father with a shawl and bouquet. Adding more joy to the celebration, our youth came up with a beautiful song presentation. Moving further, we had Fr Eddie share with us his emotions of that beautiful day.

At the end we had the vote of thanks by Mrs Lorraine Davis and then all proceeded for refreshments.

**Mrs Lorraine Davis**

## News: Sacred Heart Church, Ghat Gate

Laity Sunday was celebrated in a simple but meaningful way in Sacred Heart Church on 23<sup>rd</sup> June. The most surprising and best part was Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Kallarackal was present at the Eucharistic Mass. Bishop was the Main Celebrant while our parish priest Rev. Fr. Jijo was the co-celebrant.

The mass began with an introduction in Hindi elucidating a short sketch of the work of Saint Thomas More and the way he demonstrated his unflinching Catholic faith amidst all adversities. Renouncing his highest post in the public domain, his family relations, all failed to waver him from his undaunted decision of opposing King Henry VIII. His unwavering faith

and belief were so strong that he fearlessly accepted to die. He was imprisoned and executed on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1535. This is where the Laity has to develop deep faith in God and Christian values by emulating St. Thomas More.

Most Rev. Bishop Joseph exhorted all to participate in the different Commissions and make best use of their God given talents. Bishop also offered special prayers for the Laity. The congregation was blessed with the sprinkling of Holy water by our bishop. It was a very Solemn and blissful atmosphere. After mass the bishop met all and enquired about every ones well-being. We thank our Bishop for making the celebration of Laity Sunday so enriching

**Mrs. Deepali Paul**





## News from St. Xavier's Parish, C-Scheme

31st May, Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary was joyously celebrated in the parish. The first - decade of the Rosary was recited in front of the grotto with love, dedication, and devotion towards her. The celebration began with a procession from the grotto carrying the statue of Mother Mary. Marian hymns were sung while the statue was brought and placed in the Junior Hall. The main celebrant garlanded the statue whereas the co-celebrants paid floral tributes. The veteran women of the parish performed the symbolic lighting of the lamp ceremony. In every decade of the Holy rosary, the faithful were reminded that it is indeed a wonderful feast on which we need to meditate on God's mercy. The feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, invited us to appreciate Our Lady's own understanding of God's mercy. By reflecting on Our Blessed Mother's Visitation to her cousin,

Saint Elizabeth, the Virgin Mary, can help us understand God's great mercy and love for us.

A farewell was given to Fr. Jose Vattakuzhy SJ and Fr. Joshy Kuruvilla SJ. Fr Jose is transferred to St Xavier's School, Mahwa and Fr. Joshy is transferred to St Xavier's Delhi. We thank our dear fathers for their contribution in the growth of our parish and we extend our best wishes to them for all their future endeavours. We welcome Fr Britto SJ, Sr. Janice MSA, Sr. Rose Lily and Sr. Anishka MC to the parish. Sr Janice has joined Avedna Ashram in SDMH and Sr Anishka and Sr. Rose Lily have joined the Mother Teresa Home. Fr Britto SJ is appointed the new Vice-Principal in St Xavier's, C-Scheme. We wish them God's blessings in their ministry. May they may have a fruitful experience during their stay in Jaipur.

**Neelam Chopra**  
St. Xavier's Parish

## Celebrations : Outcome of a synodal process ?

Though, I have been associated with the church initiatives in Jaipur for the last 35 years, I have never witnessed so much enthusiasm and expression of joy among the laity towards the 'welcoming' and the bidding 'farewell' to the respective Parish Priests and the School Principals. From a very simple to elaborate celebrations were arranged invariably in all the parishes where the transfers were announced. Apart from the words of appreciation, offerings of mutual support and prayers: sweets were distributed, cakes were cut and gifts were exchanged. The number of photos and messages shared through different social media platforms were really amazing and bear witness to the new-found joy and jubilation. Overwhelming was the 'accompaniment': quite a number of people took leave and participated in the "Send-off Caravan", which reminded me of a Kerala Style send off to the beloved Parish Priest.

Reflecting on this phenomenon, I was

just wondering whether this transformation is an outcome of the synodal process through which we emphasized the need to walk/ journey together to enhance the participation, communion and love: leaving no one behind. What I have witnessed in the Cathedral Parish is an increasing trend of unity and a sense of solidarity not only among the laity but also between the laity and the clergy/ religious. I am sure this may be true in other parishes as well.

I strongly believe that the consistent availability, easy accessibility and the spirit with which the clergy is able to walk with the communities; show compassion to the most marginalized; express gratitude for the sacrifices people make and discern the right and legitimate spaces for the laity have started to manifest the synodal process in action.

Collaborative efforts towards 'mutual listening', 'empathizing', 'co-creation' and 'co-responsibility' need to be focused to continue the



journey together beyond 2021-2023, and more and more tangible signs of synodality might

increasingly be manifested in our parishes and the diocese.

**Mr PM Paul**

Malviya Nagar

## **News: St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Mansarovar**

**Finally be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Ephesians 6:10**

It gives me immense joy as I speak about the farewell celebration of Rev. Fr. Edward Oliveira our former parish priest. Father completed almost four years during his second tenure in our parish and is now transferred to St. John the Baptist Church, Lalarpura. We the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Mansarovar bid farewell to Rev Fr. Edward on 30th June 2024. For this celebration Fr. James and Fr. Jaypal Singh our new Parish Priest invited Fr. Edward to the parish. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated by Fr. Edward and concelebrated by Fr. James and Fr. Jaypal.

After the Holy mass the farewell

program commenced in which Mr. Alan Jobard spoke about father's help to the parishioners and also to the community as a whole. Fr. Edward was presented a floral bouquet by Ms Sabina Franklin. Mr Varkey John presented father a token of gratitude on behalf of all the parishioners. Fr. Edward in his speech spoke about the love and care which he experienced from the people of Mansarovar. Father specially thanked Fr. James for his constant support and cooperation throughout his stay here. He also thanked the sisters of both convents as well as the parishioners for their kind support and cooperation. After the farewell celebration everyone was invited to join for the refreshments.

**Ajay Jose**

Mansarovar

## **Laity Sunday Celebration at Mansarovar**

**"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." 1 Peter 2:9-10**

These verses from the Bible tell us about the importance of God's people. On Sunday, 23rd June 2024 we celebrated Laity Sunday and expressed our gratitude to all the lay people of our community. Laity Sunday is celebrated on the occasion of the feast of St. Thomas More who is the patron of all laity. The members of the Laity Commission of Jaipur Diocese did their level best to make the parishioners aware about the role of the laity. As a laity we must participate in all the activities of the church and should extend a helping hand in the work of the parish.

We as laity have a vital role in uplifting our community. Our community has numerous active lay people who try their best to bring about changes in the society which is beneficial for our community. Today the church gives importance to all the laity.

Laity Sunday was celebrated with great enthusiasm in every parish of our diocese with the Holy Mass having an introduction about the laity. The readings and intercessory prayer focused on the laity. In some of the parishes the laity and church leaders were felicitated, which expresses the importance of lay people as well as their support. On behalf of the Laity Commission I, congratulate each one of you for actively participating in the celebration of the Laity Sunday.

**Ajay Jose**

Director

Laity Commission Diocese of Jaipur





## Blessing and Inauguration of St. Anselm Kindergarten at Shalimar extension, Alwar

Kindergarten: A place where little hands have big ideas and hands are full of wonder and amazement. In today's era of globalization, augmenting skills of expository, persuasiveness, debate, and negotiations have become obligatory on the part of educational institutions to provide a plethora of opportunities to the young minds to cultivate and nourish ingenuity, leadership skills, mental ability, confidence and commitment to the cause in today's young generation.

A kindergarten branch of St. Anselm's Senior Secondary School, Alwar was inaugurated at Shalimar extension, a suite of Apartments developed by Trehan group of builders. At present there are about 4000 families residing in this colony. We were honored to have the kindergarten blessed by Most Rev Joseph Kallarackal, Bishop

of the diocese of Jaipur and President of Gyandeeep Education Society. The Chief Guest of the function was Mr. Tika Ram Jully, Leader of Opposition, Rajasthan Legislative Assembly who along with the Bishop cut the ribbon and Inaugurated the kindergarten, on 29<sup>th</sup> June at 6:00 p.m. Rev Fr Edward Oliviera, our Vicar General, Rev Fr Thomas Maniparambil, Principal St. Anselm's North City School, Jhotwara, Rev Fr Melvin Jobard, religious sisters, parents and staff of St. Anselm's School, Alwar were present on this historic moment. A stream of cultural programmes added colour to the event. Mementos were presented to the dignitaries. The vote of thanks was proposed by the school's Principal Fr. Reneesh Joseph. The program came to a close with refreshments for all present.

## Board Exams: High Achievers, High Accolades

**"I can do all things through him who gives me strength."-(Phil 4:13)**

A star studded evening was organized by Jaipur Christian Fellowship to recognize and celebrate the outstanding academic achievement of the students of class 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> in board exams. This event was a testimony of hard work, dedication and perseverance. The Chief Guest for this special evening was the Chairman of JCF, Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Kallarackal. He was accorded a warm welcome with a sapling presentation by the Joint Treasurer of JCF, Ms. Neelam Chopra.

The programme commenced with a reading from the Holy Bible read by Rev. Fr. Vishal Madtha followed by a prayer by Rev. Fr. Jijo, Director of the Pastoral Centre.

The welcome address was delivered by the President of JCF, Dr. John Mathew. A sapling was presented to him by Mr. Aldrin Johny, Treasurer of JCF. Pastor Amit contributed in Praise and worship hymns. A certificate and a trophy was awarded by Bishop to all the high achievers who scored 75% and above in class 10th and 12th board exams.

2 stream toppers of class 10th and two each in class 12th Arts, Commerce and Science faculty received a cash prize of Rs.1000/- and a Gold and

Silver medal respectively by Bishop Joseph Kallarackal.

### Felicitations of City Topper

Angelina Joji Jacob bagged the city topper trophy with an outstanding 96.2%. Through her exceptional talent and hard work Angelina Joji Jacob has exemplified the true spirit of determination and dedication. Her Alma Mater is St. Anselm's Sr. Sec. School, Mansarovar. She was under the eminent guidance of her Principal, Rev. Fr. James TM. Her ecstatic and jubilant parents, Mr. Joji and Mrs. Nisha were also invited on the stage with Angelina.

Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Kallarackal spoke words of blessings to the students gathered there. He urged the children to respect their parents and work hard. He motivated the students with his words of wisdom. The vote of thanks was delivered by the Secretary of JCA, Mr. Justin Boniface. The Final prayer was said by Pastor Raj Kumar and the programme concluded with the final Benediction by Most Rev. Bishop Joseph Kallarackal. The event was graced by the fathers, pastors, religious sisters and other invited guests. Tea and biscuits were served to all.

**Neelam Chopra**  
Joint Treasurer  
Jaipur Christian Fellowship



## When You're waiting on God to answer your Prayer

Waiting on God to answer prayers is one of the hardest places to be. It can feel like a wilderness, like the months and years are being wasted as we wait for God to answer. Our first prayers are big and bold, offered with great expectancy. If the answer doesn't come right away, It's okay. I can draw on my reservoir of patience, trusting that God will answer and His timing is best.

But as the weeks and months – and years — roll on and I'm still waiting, my prayers become less bold and less expectant. They're even less consistent and sound more like questions.

*Are you listening, God? Do you even see me and if so why aren't you doing something? Do you even have this for me or should I let it go? Should I be doing more on my end? Is it too late?*

Waiting on God to answer is always a test of our faith.

The Bible shows us so many who had to wait on God long past their own timelines — like the prophet Habakkuk.

**"How long, O LORD, will I call for help, And You will not hear?"**

This was Habakkuk's cry. He was in a hard place and he came to God with some hard questions. Judah, the country surrounding Jerusalem where Habakkuk lived, teemed with immorality, cult worship and injustice. Why wasn't God doing something? Why was He waiting so long to intervene?

Habakkuk's conversation with God gives us 6 truths when we're waiting on God to answer prayer.

1. When waiting on God, bring hard questions to God rather than letting hard questions drive us from God. **(Hab. 1:2)**: When we lay our **hard questions** before God in trust, God may slowly peel back the layers of our understanding. We can surrender control, let go of burdens that aren't ours to carry and exchange our worry for His peace. Often, though, God doesn't answer our questions. I

wonder if we'd agree with Him if He did. In that gap where there's no explanation, we have to simply trust. God hasn't called us to understand; He's called us to follow.

2. When waiting on God, realize God's answer to our personal situation may hinge on a larger plan. **(Hab. 1:5)**: If our eyes could only pan out to see all that God is orchestrating, we might understand the wait. We'd probably even agree with it! Sometimes we have to wait for God to answer our prayers because our situation is only a small part of the larger work that God is doing.

3. **When waiting on God, realize God is at work even when we cannot see Him.** **(Hab. 1:5)**: Christian culture tosses around phrases like "God showed up" or "God is on the move." But these aren't Biblically accurate. God is always at work, even when we haven't discerned it or can't see it. At the same time Habakkuk was questioning whether God was listening, God was moving on a worldwide level to address the very problems Habakkuk prayed about. **God's silence never indicates God's inactivity.**

4. When waiting on God, reaffirm who God is so we can press through the wait.

**(Hab. 1:12)**: The waiting room causes all kinds of doubt to surface. It's one of the enemy's favorite tools — to whisper doubts about God in our wildernesses of waiting. But God often reveals himself in the wilderness. He did for Hagar and Abraham, Moses, Elijah and all of Israel. In our long wait, we need to reaffirm who God is and what He does and anchor our trust there.

5. When waiting on God, make sure we haven't rejected His answer. **(Hab. 1:13)**: We so often pray with the answer we want in mind. We have our own agenda, our own plans for how we want life to go. When we pray not just for God to answer, but for Him to answer in a specific way, we've already limited Him.





But God doesn't think the way we do nor does He work the way we do. Accepting the way God answers our prayer is as much a surrender as waiting for God to answer. We need to open both hands to receive whatever God gives us instead of keeping them closed until we see an answer that matches our wish list. Above all else, our life must conform to God's will.

6. When waiting on God, trust that God's timing is perfect. **(Hab. 2:3):** Years ago, a young couple in a church group was waiting for their house to sell. Until their house was sold,

she couldn't put in her notice at work, they couldn't make school plans for their kids and her mom couldn't sell her house to move in with them. They waited all through the summer, well past their own timeline. In a just-before-midnight moment, they got a contract. "God is never late!" the wife gushed as she shared the news with her small group. "True," her husband piped in, "but He's rarely early." God's time frame is not our own. It's never too late with God. The waiting isn't wasted time. God will fulfill His promises at the perfect time.

## Praying for that one who's drifted away from God

Sometimes we hear something that makes us very sad. At times we see Parents and grandparents watching their kids pull away from God. Children who once walked closely with Jesus are now out in the world frolicking and playing. They've walked away from the Lord. And their parents' and grandparents' are heart broken.

Someone may have a family member who doesn't walk closely with Jesus anymore—maybe a child, maybe a grandchild, maybe a parent, or maybe even a spouse. We've watched loved ones drift away, fall away, pull away, and even run away from God. Our hearts are broken over them, but we 'arent exactly sure what to do about it.

Here are some ways to pray for that one who has drifted away from God

Pray that the one who has drifted will give up the vain pleasures of the world.

"Don't love the world's ways. Don't love the world's goods. Love of the world squeezes out love for the Father." (1 John 2:15)

**Prayer**—"Father, I pray that our beloved family member will not get too involved in the world or the world's ways. I pray that they will not love the world's goods. Lord, don't allow this world to squeeze out Your love in his/her heart. Instead, open his/her heart back wide to You."

Pray that the one who has drifted will find the world to be empty compared to the burning love of Jesus.

"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless." (Ecclesiastes 1:2)

**Prayer**—"Father, make things of the world so empty, so meaningless, so dry, so desolate, and so hollow to make him/her return to you."

Pray that they will taste the kindness of the Lord.

"If in fact, you have [already] tasted the goodness and gracious kindness of the Lord." (1 Peter 2:3)

**Prayer**—"Lord, kindly allow him/her to get a taste of Your goodness.

Give him/her a sweet taste of your gracious kindness.

Send into him/her a great sense of how kind You are."

Pray that the one who has drifted will experience the love of God's people.

"A friend should treat a troubled person kindly, even if he abandons the fear of the Almighty." (Job 6:14)

**Prayer**—"Father, would You send some loving Christian friends into his/her life? Let him/her experience the kindness of God's people, especially now as he/she has pulled away from



You.

Like never before in life, they need godly people around them. Place these people in his/her world and use them to impact them."

Pray that they will know how much God loves them.

"May you have power together with all the Lord's holy people to understand Christ's love. May you know how wide and long and high and deep it is." (Ephesians 3:18)

**Prayer** – "Oh, Lord, make him/her to understand Your love. Help him/her to know how wide, high, and how deep Your love is for everyone. May he/she begin to grasp how very much You love them.

Pray that the one who has drifted be drawn back to their first love - God.

"But I have this complaint against you. You

**Saint of the month.....**

## **St. Christina of Bolsena and St. Christina the Astonishing**

July 24, is the feast day of two inspirational and incredible saints. Both were named Christina, both have the same feast day, but they lived in different times. St. Christina of Bolsena was a virgin martyr who lived in third century Tuscan Italy, as the daughter of a powerful Roman magistrate. Her father was devoted to the false gods and persecuting Christians. Through witnessing these persecutions, St. Christina found her faith. She saw the courage, the unwavering faith of martyred Christians and the patience in which they bore their torments. At no older than eleven years old, she sought out instruction in the Catholic faith and became baptized.

Her father was furious. He threatened and pleaded with her to give up her faith but she refused, so he locked her in their house with the order to sacrifice and give incense to the gods. She broke his expensive gold and silver idols instead and threw them out the window for the poor. St. Christina's father had her brought

don't love me or each other as you did at first! Look how far you have fallen! Turn back to me and do the works you did at first." (Revelation 2:4-5)

**Prayer** – "Father, please bring him/her back to their first love, which is you.

Once again encourage them to repent, turn back, and do the works they did at first. Bring him/her back into a close relationship with You.

Pray that they will fall deeply in love with Jesus.

"And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6:5)

**Prayer** – "Lord, draw him/her to Yourself. Encourage him/her to fall deeply in love with You once again.

Inspire him/her to love You with all of his/her heart, soul, and strength.

before him in court. She was scourged and iron combs were used to widen her wounds. However, she prayed much to God and bore her sufferings. She even told her father, 'Do with me whatever you like, my dear Father. You can take my life, but the faith of Christ, you cannot tear out of my heart. My Saviour will strengthen me to suffer patiently all that you have threatened.'

Next, she was covered in oil, stretched out on a wheel and set on fire. The fire had no effect on St. Christina, but burned those who were tormenting her. Everyone was unsettled by what they saw. St. Christina's father put her in a dungeon for the night to decide what to do. The next day, her wounds were found to be healed, yet this did not soften his heart towards his child. He gave orders to drown her in the lake, with a huge stone around her neck, but she appeared miraculously on the shore. Still hardened after all he had seen, he put her in the dungeon again with plans to torture her the next day, but he died that night of a heart attack.





The governor that succeeded him, put her in a boiling bath of tar and pitch. This had no effect. He had her brought to the temple to offer incense to the gods. She made the Sign of the Cross and the statue of Apollo broke into a thousand pieces. This governor suffered a heart attack as well. Nearly three hundred people converted right there. These were the guards and people who came to her tomb.

The third governor left her in a furnace for five days and she was untouched by the flames. People saw her walking around, praising God and believed her to be a witch. So, her tongue was torn out and she was thrown into a pit of wild beasts. The animals did not touch her. She still continued to speak quite clearly and finally asked God to take her life in glorious martyrdom. She was then shot with arrows and one of them pierced her heart, ending her life.

St. Christina of Bolsena became a saint through her witness of Christian behaviour and the opening of her heart to faith and she was rewarded with eternal bliss in Heaven. Her father and everyone who did not convert, hardened their hearts against the one true God and suffer eternally in Hell all the actions committed against an eleven-year-old girl and more. The take home message is this: so much depends on rightly using opportunities in this life to increase your faith and escape Hell. Do not miss those opportunities.

**THE OTHER ST. CHRISTINA, KNOWN AS ST. CHRISTINA THE ASTONISHING** was born in twelfth century Europe. She died from an epileptic seizure at the age of twenty-one but in the middle of her funeral Mass, she was remarkably raised back to life. Everyone ran out of the church, except for her older sister and the priest. St. Christina flew to the rafters and sat there until the end of Mass.

She later told people she had gone to Purgatory and given a choice. Our Lord had told

her she could enter Heaven or return to Earth and suffer the most frightful penances on behalf of the souls in Purgatory. She had a special grace from God to do that for the next fifty years. She lived in caves and tombs, in freezing conditions. She would enter the water and it would freeze around her, trapping her for weeks. She would enter furnaces and people could see her wounds but she would emerge miraculously healed. She would throw herself into packs of wild dogs and be ripped to pieces but emerge unharmed.

She could also smell the stench of people's sins and would often fly up into the trees to escape. She would experience ecstasies and lead souls from death to Purgatory or from Purgatory to Heaven. Many people thought her to be insane and she seemed to suffer from autism or a mental illness but she was a very charitable and holy woman.

So, we have two Saints named Christina whose lives were very similar to each other, even though they lived about thousand years apart. St. Christina the Astonishing died on July 24, on the feast day of St. Christina of Bolsena, the virgin martyr. They both suffered terrible torments and flames but would be healed. St. Christina of Bolsena was trapped with beasts who would not touch her, St. Christina the Astonishing would give herself to the beasts to be ripped apart but would emerge, no longer wounded. Both gave themselves to God to suffer and convert many people around them. Both were free from worry.

If we give our own lives to God to do as He wills, then we too, will not be worried or upset or afraid of losing something because we have surrendered everything to Him. We do have our own suffering that God sends to us sometimes but if we make use of it and give it back to Him (with the intercession of the Saints to help us), then we too, shall enjoy eternity in Heaven.



## **Pope Urban IV**

Urban IV led the Catholic Church briefly during the thirteenth century. He was the 183rd pope. Despite his short tenure, Urban IV managed to leave a lasting legacy on the Church.

### **Background and Education**

Before his papacy, Urban IV was known as Jacques Pantaléon. He was born to a very humble family in Troyes, Champagne, which was then a part of the Kingdom of France. Jacques was born as the son of a cobbler around 1195. Not much is known about Jacques's childhood or what led to his path with the Church. Upon reaching adulthood, Jacques left Troyes to study theology and common law in Paris. After that, his career with the Church began.

### **History with the Catholic Church**

Jacques Pantaléon served the Church in many roles. He was first a priest. Shortly thereafter, he also became a professor of canon law in Paris. Jacques quickly climbed the ranks and served as a deacon and archdeacon of Liège.

In 1245, Pantaléon was sent by Pope Innocent IV on two missions to Germany. There, he was tasked with negotiating a peace treaty between the Prussians and Teutonic Knights. After several years of conflict, the Treaty of Christburg was signed in 1248. Even with the tensions that followed after this

mission, Pantaléon became Bishop of Verdun in 1253.

Just two years later, Jacques Pantaléon was made Patriarch of Jerusalem by Pope Alexander IV. Pantaléon worked to restore Jerusalem and provide assistance to oppressed Christians in the East. He served the Church in this position for 6 years until the death of Pope Alexander IV. Nearly three months after the death of Pope Alexander IV, Pantaléon was selected by the cardinals of the Sacred College to serve as the 183rd pope. On August 29, 1261, he adopted the name Pope Urban IV and officially began his papacy.

### **Papacy**

During his tenure as pope, Urban IV was faced with many problems. Just two weeks before he was elected, the Latin Empire of Constantinople was captured by the Byzantines. While he tried to start a crusade and retake the empire, his efforts did not gain any traction.

One of the biggest events to transpire during Pope Urban IV's papacy was the conflict between Sicily and the Hohenstaufen Dynasty. Sicily was dominated by the German Holy Roman Empire. This domination posed a threat to the Church, as papal influence in Italy waned during Alexander IV's reign.

Pope Urban IV worked to negotiate with Manfred. Manfred was the successor of





the Hohenstaufen Dynasty and son to the late emperor Frederick II. Manfred made claims to the Sicilian throne, but Urban IV offered the throne to Charles of Anjou. Charles of Anjou was King Louis IX's brother. Charles promised not to claim Imperial lands in northern Italy or those of in papal states, which would have helped the Church regain some control of the region.

Unfortunately, negotiations stalled. Furthermore, a pro-imperialist political movement, known as the Ghibellines, grew stronger in Italy at the same time. A string of failed promises and slow negotiations led to some tension between the parties. According to some accounts, Urban IV became suspicious that there were assassination plots against him and Charles of Anjou. As a result, he left for Perugia in Italy.

In Perugia, Pope Urban IV fell ill. He died in 1264 before Charles of Anjou, his pick for the Sicilian throne, was able to arrive in Italy.

#### **Quick Facts about Pope Urban IV**

- He was born in Troyes, Champagne, Kingdom of France around 1195.
- Before he took on the moniker of "Urban IV," he was known as Jacques Pantaléon.
- Pope Urban IV died on October 2, 1264, at the age of 69.
- There are no records of the exact cause of death. He fell ill shortly after arriving at Perugia. Coincidentally, he became sick

sometime around the arrival of the Great Comet of 1264 and died after it has passed. Some legends have created a connection between the events.

- His papacy began on August 29, 1261.
- Pope Urban IV's papacy ended upon his death on October 2, 1264.
- The papacy was taken over by Clement IV almost two months after the death of Urban IV.

#### **Fascinating Facts about Pope Urban IV**

- Pope Urban IV established the Feast of Corpus Christi, which is a major Roman Catholic holiday.
- He was one of only a few popes that did not hold the position of Cardinal prior to the papacy.
- Urban IV is part of the Legend of Tannhäuser. In this legend, German Poet Tannhäuser sought to be absolved of his sins by Urban IV. After denying his request, Urban IV's staff grew leaves. There is no historical evidence to support the story.
- He started the construction of the Basilica of St. Urbain, which is in his hometown of Troyes.
- Urban IV agreed to change the succession laws in Denmark to allow women to inherit the throne. Though, the dispensation he issued was not resolved before his death.



## Bible Quiz - June 2024

### ANSWERS

1. A Greek father and a Jewish mother.
2. A man of Macedonia.
3. Artemis.
4. Eutychus.
5. The chief captain.
6. To the elders of the Church of Ephesus.
7. The disciples at Caesarea.
8. Agabus.
9. The Nazarite vow.
10. Gamaliel.
11. Felix.
12. Jesus Christ.
13. The Pharisees.
14. He ordered Paul to be smitten on the mouth.
15. More than 40.
16. True.
17. True.
18. True.
19. True.
20. True.

## Bible Quiz - July 2024

### QUESTIONS

1. Who were the fishermen that Jesus saw as he walked by the Sea of Galilee?
2. What was the profession of Simon and Andrew?
3. According to the beatitudes, to whom does the kingdom of heaven belong?
4. What would happen to anyone who is angry with a brother or sister?
5. What does Jesus say concerning retaliation?
6. What does Jesus ask us to do when we pray?
7. Why does Jesus ask us to store up our treasures in heaven?
8. Citing the birds of the air and the lilies of the field, what does Jesus ask us not to do?
9. What example does Jesus give to expose the hypocrisy of the one who judges another?
10. What type of fruit will a good tree bear?
11. According to Jesus, who will enter the kingdom of heaven?
12. What was special about the way Jesus taught the crowds?
13. When Jesus came down from the mountain who came to him and knelt before him?
14. Whom did Jesus heal at Peter's house?
15. Who met Jesus when he came to the country of the Gadarenes?
16. What did the scribes say to themselves when Jesus said to the paralytic that his sins were forgiven?
17. What was Matthew doing when Jesus first met him?
18. According to Jesus, who are in need of a physician?
19. Who are the people Jesus came to call?
20. "Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' " Who said this?







## SUNDAY READINGS AND MEDITATION

**वर्ष का चौदहवाँ रविवार**  
**एजेकिएल 2:3-5; 2 कुरिन्थियों 12:7-10;**

**मारकुस 6:1-6**

नाजरेत नगर प्रभु येशु के जीवन का एक अभिन्न अंग है क्योंकि प्रभु येशु ख्रीस्त माता-पिता नाजरेत नगर में बस गए थे और अपना जीवन व्यतीत किया। इसीलिए यह भी स्वभाविक है कि वहाँ के लोग प्रभु येशु को अच्छी तरह से जानते थे। यह वही नगर था जहाँ प्रभु येशु का पालन-पोषण हुआ था। प्रभु येशु स्वयं यहाँ अन्य गतिविधियों में नियमित रूप से भाग लिए होंगे। यही वह नगर था जहाँ प्रत्येक विश्राम दिवस के अवसर पर सभागृह में जाते थे। यही वह नगर था जहाँ उन्होंने शिक्षा प्राप्त की थी। अतः यह नगर प्रभु येशु के जीवन का अंग बन गया था और आज के सुसमाचार में प्रभु येशु अपने नगर में आते हैं और जब विश्राम-दिवस आया तो वे सभागृह में शिक्षा देने लगे। पहले वे शास्त्रियों और फरीसियों की व्याख्या को सुनते थे लेकिन आज वे स्वयं शिक्षा देने लगते हैं। लोग आश्चर्यचकित हो जाते हैं और पूछने लगते हैं कि यह सब इसे कहाँ से मिला है। हम भी यही चाहते हैं कि जो हमारे साथ रहते, उठते-बैठते या जीवन जीते हैं, वे आगे न बढ़े और यदि वे कोई आश्चर्यचकित करने वाले कार्य करने लगते हैं तो हम भी यही प्रश्न पूछते हैं। हम उनके कार्यों की प्रशंसा करना भूल जाते हैं। हम उनकी काबिलियत पर विश्वास नहीं कर पाते हैं। यही कारण है कि प्रभु येशु अपने नगर में कोई ज्यादा चमत्कार नहीं कर सके।

संत पौलुस हमें एक अच्छी सीख देते हैं कि हम अपनी काबिलियत और प्रतिभा पर कभी भी घमण्ड न करें। पौलुस जानता था कि ईश्वर ने उस पर आसाधारण बातों का रहस्य प्रकट किया है और संत पौलुस उन रहस्यों के कारण घमण्ड कर सकता था। अतः वह कहता है कि ईश्वर ने मेरे शरीर में एक काँटा चुभा दिया है जिससे मैं घमण्ड न करूँ। याद रखें ईश्वर दुर्बल और अज्ञानी मनुष्यों के द्वारा अपनी महिमा प्रकट करता है। अतः हम कभी भी अपने ज्ञान, धन-दौलत, सौन्दर्य और प्रतिभाओं पर घमण्ड न करें। ईश्वर इसमें हमारी सहायता करे।

**वर्ष का पन्द्रहवाँ रविवार**  
**आमोस 7:12-15; एफेसियों 1:3-14;**

**मारकुस 6:7-13**

हम सभी इस संसार में यात्री हैं और इस यात्रा के दौरान बहुत सारी चीजों को अपना बना लेते हैं। यही कारण है कि उनसे छुटकारा पाना बहुत ही मुश्किल हो जाता है। प्रभु येशु अपने शिष्यों को एक सुखद जीवन और सुखद यात्रा का सार समझाते हैं। वे उन्हें शिक्षा के साथ-साथ एक अनुभव भी देना चाहते हैं। अतः उन्हें दो-दो करके भेजते हैं। वे उन्हें ईश्वर पर भरोसा करना सिखलाते हैं। जब हम ईश्वर पर भरोसे की बातें करते या बोलते हैं, यह बहुत ही आसान लगता है लेकिन जब हम उसे करना शुरू करते हैं तो आने वाली कठिनाईयों और संकटों का सामना करना मुश्किल हो जाता है। यह एक चुनौतीपूर्ण कार्य बन



जाता है क्योंकि हम बचपन से ही दूसरों पर निर्भर होना सीख जाते हैं लेकिन ईश्वर पर निर्भर होना हमें कोई भी नहीं सिखाता है।

हम अपने जीवन के उन पलों को याद करें जब हमने दूसरों से सहायता माँगी होगी और उन्होंने हमें आश्वासन दिया कि वे सहायता करेंगे। लेकिन समय पूरा होने के बाद भी वह मदद प्राप्त नहीं होती है। इसके विपरीत ऐसे भी पल होंगे जब आपने मदद माँगे बिना ही मदद पायी है। ऐसे पल ही हमें यह अनुभव कराते हैं कि जो हमारे लिए सबसे बेहतर या अच्छा है, ईश्वर वही हमें किसी न किसी माध्यम से या व्यक्ति द्वारा प्रदान करते हैं। इस जीवनरूपी यात्रा को सुखद बनाने के ज्यादा बटोरने के बजाय देना सीखें माँगने से बेहतर किसी की मदद करें और शिक्षा देने से पहले उसे करना सीखें। याद रखें शिष्य अपने साथ कुछ भी लेकर नहीं गए लेकिन वे प्रभु येशु के नाम से गए और प्रभु येशु उनके साथ हर पल, हर समय थे। हम भी प्रार्थना करें कि प्रभु येशु सदैव हमारे साथ चलें और हमारा मार्गदर्शन करें।

**वर्ष का सोलहवाँ रविवार**

**यिरमियाह 23: 1-6; एफेसियों 2:13-18;**

**मारकुस 6:30-34**

आज के पहले पाठ में ईश्वर नबी यिरमियाह के द्वारा इस्राएल के चरवाहों को धिक्कारते हैं कि उन्होंने भेड़ों की देखभाल नहीं की और उन्हें नष्ट होने तथा तितर-बितर हो जाने दिया। ईश्वर ही एक भला चरवाहा प्रदान करेगा। वह भला चरवाहा स्वयं प्रभु येशु ख्रीस्त हैं जो अपनी भेड़ों की देखभाल करते हैं और उनके लिए अपने प्राण तक न्योछावर कर देते हैं। प्रभु येशु अपने शिष्यों के मिशन कार्य से लौटने के बाद उन्हें विश्राम करने

के लिए एकान्त में ले चलते हैं। लेकिन फिर भी लोग उन्हें ढूँढ़ते हुए उनके पीछे-पीछे हो लेते हैं। इस भाग-दौड़ के जीवन में हमें भी विश्राम की आवश्यकता है जिससे हम पुनः अपने कार्यों को सुचारु रूप से कर सकें। प्रभु येशु चाहते थे कि उनके शिष्य विश्राम के साथ-साथ ईश्वर की उपस्थिति को भी अनुभव कर सकें क्योंकि उनका मन और हृदय मिशन कार्य में लगा हुआ था; कहीं-कहीं उन्हें प्रोत्साहन मिला और कई जगहों पर उन्हें तिरस्कार का भी सामना करना पड़ा होगा। अतः उन अनुभवों को समझने और ईश्वर के सामर्थ्य को समझने हेतु एकान्त की आवश्यकता है। प्रभु येशु अपने शिष्यों की आवश्यकता को जानते थे लेकिन जब लोग उनके पास आते हैं तब वे लोगों को शिक्षा देने और चंगा करने लगते हैं। प्रभु येशु अपने शिष्यों को सिखाते हैं कि लोगों की जरूरत उनकी विश्राम करने से बढ़कर है। प्रभु येशु को लोगों पर तरस आया क्योंकि वे बिना चरवाहे की भेड़ों की तरह थे। हम कलीसिया और परिवारों के चरवाहों के लिए प्रार्थना करें कि अपनी भेड़ों की देखभाल करें और परिवार के मुखिया परिवार की देखभाल करें। आज हमें सहानुभूति और करुणा से भरे चरवाहों की आवश्यकता है जो अपनी भेड़ों की आवश्यकताओं को जानते हुए उनके लिए काम कर सकें।

येशु ख्रीस्त में दया, प्रेम, सहानुभूति एवं परोपकार की भावना कूट-कूट कर भरी हुई थी। अतः जब कभी भी येशु ने गरीबों, बीमारों एवं बेसहारों को देखा, लोगों के प्रति प्रेम, सहानुभूति एवं दया की भावना उमड़ पड़ी। जब हम प्रतिदिन जरूरतमंद लोगों को देखते हैं तो उनके प्रति हमारी क्या





प्रतिक्रिया होती है। शायद हम उनकी दुर्दशा देखकर मन ही मन सहानुभूति प्रकट करते होंगे। फिर भी अक्सर हम उनके लिए बिना कुछ किए ही वहाँ से चले जाते हैं। लेकिन येशु ने न केवल सहानुभूति प्रकट की बल्कि उनकी आवश्यकताओं की पूर्ति भी की। एक खीस्तीय होने के नाते हमारा भी यह परम कर्तव्य बनता है कि हम भी समाज से तिरस्कृत व परित्यक्त लोगों को सहानुभूति व प्रेम प्रदान करें। कभी-कभी हमारी प्यार भरी मुस्कान, एक छोटी-सी मुलाकात तथा हमदर्दी ऐसे तिरस्कृत व निराश लोगों को सार्थक जीवन जीने की प्रेरणा देती हैं।

हम भी एक ऐसे चरवाहे के लिए लालायित रहते हैं, जो हमारी जरूरतों को समझे और हमें स्वीकार करे। येशु ही हमारा भला गड़रिया है। हमें उनकी देखभाल की अति आवश्यकता है। येशु सदैव हमें अपनी ओर बुलाते हैं, जिससे वह हमें एक सुरक्षित चारागाह की ओर ले जा सकें। पवित्र मिस्सा बलिदान भी इसी प्रकार का एक बुलावा है, जहाँ हम ईश्वर की वाणी को सुनकर उसके अनुसार अपना जीवन व्यतीत कर सकें। ईश्वर का वचन ही हमें सही मार्गदर्शन देता है। येशु को अपना भला चरवाहा मानकर हम उसके पीछे-पीछे चलें और अपना सम्पूर्ण जीवन उसके लिए ही समर्पित कर दें।

**वर्ष का सत्रहवाँ रविवार**

**2राजाओं 4:42-44; एफेसियों 4:1-6;**

**योहन 6:1-15**

जब हम अपने जीवन के चरम पर हों अर्थात् हम सम्पन्न, सम्मानित और समाज में प्रतिष्ठित हों, ऐसे पलों में हम आज के सुसमाचार और प्रभु येशु के व्यवहार को सीखें। प्रभु येशु खीस्त उस जगह से चुपचाप एकान्त पहाड़ी में चले

जाते हैं। पवित्र आत्मा हमें ऐसी समझदारी का वरदान प्रदान करे कि हम इन चीजों का समझ सकें। हमारे पास जो कुछ भी है वह ईश्वर का दिया हुआ वरदान ही है। रोटियों का चमत्कार प्रभु येशु के ईश्वरीय सामर्थ्य को दर्शाता है। बहुत से लोग प्रभु के चमत्कारों को देखने के लिए आते थे और जब उन्होंने प्रभु येशु का रोटियों का चमत्कार देखा तो शायद उन्हें लगा वे वही नबी हैं जो आने वाले हैं। लेकिन प्रभु येशु जानते थे कि लोग उन्हें राजा बनायेंगे जो उन्हें तृप्त कर सकें। प्रभु येशु खीस्त सचमुच में एक राजा हैं लेकिन वे न तो अधिकार चाहते थे और न ही सत्ता। उनका राज्य आध्यात्मिकता से जुड़ा हुआ था और सेवा से भरा हुआ था।

भूख-प्यास, दरिद्रता और गरीबी हमें बेचैन कर देती है। हम ऐसे पलों में लोगों की खाजे में लगे रहते हैं जो हमें कुछ दे सकें या हमारे लिए कुछ कर सकें। लेकिन प्रभु येशु खीस्त हमारा ध्यान शारीरिक भूख के साथ-साथ आध्यात्मिक भूख की ओर ले जाना चाहते हैं। जिस तरह हम शारीरिक भूख के कारण बेचैन हो उठते हैं, ठीक उसी प्रकार हमारी आध्यात्मिक भूख भी हमें आध्यात्मिक चीजों की ओर ले जाये। रोटियों के चमत्कार के बाद हम बाईबिल में पढ़ते हैं कि प्रभु येशु हमें स्पष्ट शब्दों के बताते हैं कि वे जीवन की रोटी हैं जो स्वर्ग से उतरी है। प्रभु येशु हमें वह जीवन की रोटी प्रदान करना चाहते हैं जो हमारी आत्मा की भूख को मिटाती है। हमें भी चाहिए कि हम अपनी आध्यात्मिक भूख को प्रभु के वचन और पवित्र यूखरिस्त में उसके शरीर और रक्त ग्रहण कर करें।



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Fr Nikhil Valeputhenpurayil	CST 21st
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#### Dates to Remember



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**Rev. Fr. Thomas Menappattu OFM Cap.**



**Date**

20<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
(Saturday)

**Venue**

The Sacred Heart Church,  
Ghat Gate, Jaipur

**Time**

from 09:00 pm to 05:00 am



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