



DIOCESE OF CALICUT



## CIRCULAR NO 01/2019 JANUARY

### **“UNITED BY AN INTENSE LOVE AND ANIMATED BY GREAT CONFIDENCE IN GOD”**

(From the Angelus on the feast of the Holy Family, Sunday 30 December 2018, taken from <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-12/pope-reflects-on-holy-family-at-sunday-angelus.html>, accessed on 31/12/2018)

The Holy Family of Nazareth – Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – were “united by an intense love and animated by great confidence in God,” Pope Francis said on Sunday.

Speaking at the weekly recitation of the Angelus, the Holy Father recalled that the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas is the feast of the Holy Family. The day’s Gospel recounts the story of the finding of Jesus in the Temple. The Holy Family had gone to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover; but on the return voyage, Mary and Joseph discovered that Jesus, who was only twelve years old, was not in the caravan. They searched for Jesus for three days, finally found Him in the Temple amid the doctors of the law. When they found Jesus, the Gospel says, “they were astonished”; and Mary expressed her concern to Jesus, saying, “Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety.”

#### **Astonishment never failed**

Pope Francis focused on these two feelings of “astonishment” and “anxiety” in his reflection at the Angelus. In the Holy Family, he said, astonishment “never failed.” To feel astonishment, he said, “is the opposite of taking everything for granted... It means opening ourselves to others.” This attitude, he said, is important for “healing compromised relationships” and curing “the open wounds within the family.”

#### **Holy Family centred on Jesus**

The “anxiety” felt by Mary and Joseph “shows the centrality of Jesus in the Holy Family,” Pope Francis explained. And so, he said, “we see why the family of Nazareth is holy: because it was centred on Jesus; all the attention and care of Joseph revolved around Him.”

Pope Francis said the anxiety felt by Mary and Joseph when Jesus was lost for three days “should also be our anxiety when we are far from Jesus; when we forget Jesus, going without prayer, without reading the Gospel for several days. Mary and Joseph, he said, found Jesus in the Temple; and we too, should seek Jesus in the house of God – and especially in the liturgy, where we have the living experience of Jesus, in His Word and in the Eucharist, “from which we receive the strength to face the difficulties of each day.”

The Holy Father concluded his reflection by asking everyone “to pray for all the families of the world, especially those that, for various reasons, are lacking in peace and harmony” and to “entrust them to the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth.”

### **First Death Anniversary of Late Bishop Maxwell Valentine Noronha**

I invite all of you to participate in the Requiem mass for Bishop Maxwell Valentine Noronha on the occasion of his first death anniversary on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 5pm in Mother of God Cathedral**. Avoid taking up programs on that day and ensure your participation. Also announce about this in your parishes and request the participation of the people.

### **Holy childhood Sunday**

The Universal Catholic Church celebrates Holy Childhood Day on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019. It is intended to encourage and move children to share their faith and material means, especially with the children of the neediest regions and Churches. A special collection is to be made on that day and to be remitted to the Curia.

### **CCBI Meeting**

I will be away from the diocese from 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of January to attend CCCI meeting at Mahabhalipuram, Chennai.

**ORDO**- Liturgical Calendar is available at Bishop’s House.

## Collections

Please remit the Mission Sunday, Community Day and Bible Sunday Collection to the Curia at the very earliest.

## Birthdays

### December

01	Rev. Fr Jerome Chinganthara
02	Rev. Fr Peter Mulluparambil S.J
04	Rev. Fr Milton Jacob
05	Rev. Fr Martin Elanjiparambil
13	Rev. Fr Rabin S.J.
16	Rev. Fr William Mendonza
28	Rev. Fr Sebastian Karakkatt
31	Rev. Fr Mathew Adatt

We join you dear fathers in thanking the Lord for the gift of life and wish you a very happy Birthday and God's blessings. "*Ad Multos Annos*"

### Deepalayam School of Visually impaired

Mr Jolly Jose, Moothedam.....Rs 1,000.00

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**Total**                      **Rs 1,000.00**

### Seminarians formation fund

Christ the King church, Malaparamba.....Rs 18,000.00

Fr A.D. Mathew.....Rs 3,000.00

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**Total**                      **Rs 21,000.00**

## BISHOP'S DIARY JANUARY 2019

Jan. 3, Thursday	11.00am	Jubilee Mass, School of Nursing, Nirmala Hospital
Jan. 4, Friday	5.00pm	Conclusion of the Jubilee of Nirmala School of Nursing & Inauguration of the new Causality & Emergency Block, Marikunnu.
Jan. 5, Saturday	10.30am	First Profession, Apostolic Carmel Provincial house, Malaparamba
	4.30pm	Feast Mass, Mother of God Cathedral, Calicut
Jan. 6, Sunday	5.30pm	Feast Mass, Infant Jesus Church, Nilambur
Jan. 7 – Jan. 15		CCBI meeting, Chennai
Jan. 16, Wednesday		Engaged
Jan. 17, Thursday	9.30am	Mass, Major Seminarians Meeting, Carmelgiri Seminary, Aluva
Jan. 18, Friday	3.30pm	Anniversary, Kristhuraja Public School, Vellaramkunnu
Jan. 19, Saturday	10.30am	St Paul's Minor Seminary, Marikunnu
	5.30am	Feast Mass, St Sebastian's Church, Vatakara
Jan. 20, Sunday	10.00am	Feast Mass, St George Church, Thrikkaipetta
	5.00pm	St Joseph's Church, Vythiri
Jan. 21, Monday		Anniversary & Retirement, Lourdu Matha HSS, Pallikunnu
Jan. 22, Tuesday	5.30pm	Annual day, St Michael's GHSS, Westhill
Jan. 23, Wednesday		MES College, Calicut
Jan. 24, Thursday	7.00am	Mass, Apostolic Carmel Provincial House, Malaparamba
	5.45pm	Anniversary, Adoration School, Thamarassery
Jan. 25, Friday		Meeting People
Jan. 26, Saturday	10.00am	Teams of Our Lady, Westhill
	5.00pm	Feast Mass, St Thomas Aquinas Church, Thenhipalam
Jan. 27, Sunday	10.15am	Feast Mass, St Joseph's Church, Meppadi
	6.00pm	Annual Day, Residence Association, Malaparamba
Jan. 28, Monday	5.00pm	<b>Requiem Mass, First Death Anniversary of Late Bishop Maxwell V. Noronha, Cathedral, Calicut</b>
Jan. 29, Tuesday	11.00am	Convention Mass, Pilathara, Kannur
Jan. 30, Wednesday	9.30am	Don Bosco College, Mampetta, Makkam
	5.00pm	Anniversary, Auxilium Nava Jyothi School, Kunnamangalam
Jan. 31, Thursday	10.30am	Feast Mass, Don Bosco Novitiate House, Padivayal