



DIOCESE OF CALICUT



CIRCULAR NO 06/2019 JUNE

New Appointments

Following are the new appointments.

1. Msgr. Jenson Puthenveetil - Parish Priest (temporary), St Michael's Church, Westhill
2. Rev. Fr Joseph Nicholas - Parish Priest, St Sebastian's Church, Kappenkolly
3. Rev. Dr Alexander Kalarikkal - Professor, St Joseph's Interdiocesan Seminary, Mangalore
4. Rev. Fr Denny Moses - Parish Priest, Morning Star Church, Chathamangalam
5. Rev. Fr Tony Gracious - Parish Priest, St Joseph's Church, Vythiri
6. Rev. Fr Majo Jose - Diocesan Director, Catechism & Assistant Director of Navajyothis
7. Rev. Fr Vimal Francis - Assistant Director, Jeevana, Diocesan Social Service Society
8. Rev. Fr Jerald Joseph - Rector, St Paul's Minor Seminary, Marikkunnu
9. Rev. Fr Jose Yesudasan - Parish Priest, Sacred Heart Church, Ambalavayal
10. Rev. Fr Raju Augustine SJ- Christ the King Church, Malaparamba
11. Rev. Fr Nidhin Antony - Assistant Parish Priest, Lourdu Matha Shrine, Pallikkunnu
12. Rev. Fr Anil Joseph - Assistant Parish Priest, St Theresa's Shrine, Mahe
13. Rev. Fr Kelvin Padua - Assistant Parish Priest, Immaculate Conception Church, Mananthavady
14. Rev. Fr Fredin Joseph - Assistant Parish Priest, St Joseph's Church, Meppadi
15. Rev. Fr Calrkeson Xavier - Assistant Parish Priest, St Jude's Shrine, Chundale
16. Rev. Fr Rijoy Pathivayal - Assistant Parish Priest, Mother of God Cathedral, Calicut

‘SIN AGES THE SOUL, THE SPIRIT KEEPS IT YOUNG’

(From the homily of Pope Francis during the Mass at Santa Marta on 28 May 2019, taken from <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope-francis/mass-casa-santa-marta/2019-05/pope-homily-casa-santa-marta-holy-spirit.html>, accessed on 29/05/2019)

Pope Francis says “sadness is not a Christian attitude”. Speaking to the faithful at morning Mass he commented on how it is possible to overcome the difficulties of life with the support and closeness of the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis reflected on the Holy Spirit, the protagonist, he said, of the Gospel passage of the day. He was speaking during his homily at Mass on Tuesday morning at the Casa Santa Marta

Remarking on Jesus’ farewell speech to the disciples before going to Heaven, the Pope said He gives us a true catechesis on the Holy Spirit. The disciples, he noted, are sad to hear that their Master will soon leave them, but Jesus reproaches them pointing out that although “grief has filled your hearts, (...) it is better for you that I go”.

“But how can one not be sad?” he continued, and said that “to counter sadness, we pray to the Lord to keep the renewed youth of the spirit within us”. It is the Holy Spirit who ensures that we continue to be renewed and youthful in our faith.

Christians must not be sad

The Holy Spirit, gives us the capacity to carry our crosses. He reflected on the reading from the Acts of the Apostles that tells of how Paul and Silas, who had been stripped, beaten, chained and imprisoned, sang hymns to God.

The Holy Spirit, he said, renews everything. The Holy Spirit accompanies us in life and sustains us. And calling the Spirit the ‘Paraclete’, the Pope explained the meaning of this “strange” word – which - he said, refers to “He who is near me and supports me so that I don’t fall, so I keep my spirit youthful”.

“A Christian is always young,” the Pope continued, and when the heart of a Christian begins to age, so does his Christian vocation.

“Either you are young in heart and soul, or you are not fully Christian” he said.

Daily dialogue with the Spirit allows us to go forward

The Pope said that there is sorrow and pain in all of our lives, but he highlighted the example of Paul and Silas who were beaten and were suffering, and yet, he said “they were full of joy, they sang...” He explained that this is where the “youthful” part comes in as youth looks ahead with hope. But to be able to have this youthful attitude, he added, we need a daily dialogue with the Holy Spirit, who is always with us.

“It is the great gift that Jesus left us: this support, which allows us to go forward” he said.

Sin makes the soul grow old, the Spirit keeps it young

Pope Francis concluded his homily with words of encouragement and hope saying that even if we are sinners, the Spirit helps us to repent and look ahead: “speak to the Spirit who will give you support and restore your youthfulness”.

Sin, on the other hand, he said ages one: “the soul ages, everything ages”.

In life there are difficult moments, but in these moments “we feel that the Spirit helps us to move forward (...) and to overcome difficulties. Even martyrdom,” he said.

“Let us ask the Lord not to lose this renewed youthfulness, not to be Christians who have retired and have lost their joy,” he said: “a Christian never retires, a Christian lives because he is young - when he is a true Christian”.

Month of June

The Month of June is dedicated to devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. To celebrate the Heart of Christ means to turn toward the profound center of the Person of the Savior. In biblical language, "heart" indicates the center of the person where his sentiments and intentions dwell. In the Heart of the Redeemer we adore God's love for humanity, his will for universal salvation and his infinite mercy. The feast of the Sacred Heart is also World Day for the Sanctification of Priests, a favorable opportunity to pray that priests will put nothing before love of Christ.

Anniversary of my installation

The anniversary of my installation as the Bishop of Calicut falls on June 10, 2019. Kindly pray for my intentions.

Priests' Annual Retreat

The Annual Retreat for our priests, both diocesan and religious priests working in the diocese, will be from Sunday, 18 August 2019 to Friday 23 August 2019 at Navajyothis Renewal Centre, Eranhipalam.

Birthdays

June	01	:	Fr Abraham (Jaimon) Akasalayil
	03	:	Fr Justine Ollattupuram
	06	:	Fr Sunny Padinharidath
	15	:	Fr George Lewis
	17	:	Fr Vimal Francis
	30	:	Fr Jerald Joseph

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 for the Visually Impaired, Perinthalmanna

Mr Kurien, Sacred Heart Church, Kalpetta	Rs 1000.00
Mr Anil Xavier, Cathedral, Calicut	Rs 5000.00
First Holy Communicants, St Jude's Shrine, Chundale	Rs 10,000.00
Shoji Stephen, Morning Star Church, Chathamangalam	Rs 2,000.00
Bini A.S., Morning Star Church, Chathamangalam	Rs 1,000.00
Total	Rs 19,000.00

Seminarians Formation Fund

Josy and Lisy, St Jude's Shrine, Chundale	Rs 1,000.00
Immaculate Conception Church, Mananthavady	Rs 25,000.00
Total	Rs 26,000.00

BISHOP'S DIARY JUNE 2019

June 1, Saturday	3.00pm	Golden Jubilee, DSS Pattuvam, Kannur
June 2, Sunday	10.00am	Blessing, St Patrick's Junior School, Kallai
	5.00pm	Blessing of Grotto, St Andrew's Church, Bepore
June 3, Monday	5.00pm	KRLCBC
June 4 -6		KCBC, Poc, Palarivattom
June 7, Friday		Bishop's House
June 8, Saturday	12.00pm	Catechism Annual Day
June 9, Sunday	10.30am	Feast Mass, St Thomas Church, Thalapuzha
June 10, Monday	10.00am	Blessing, St Paul's Book Centre, Calicut
June 11, Tuesday	9.45am	Thamarassery
June 12 - 3 July		Rome