



DIOCESE OF CALICUT



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‘The peace of Jesus is like the calm of a deep sea’

(From the homily of Pope Francis during the Mass at Santa Marta on 21 May 2019, taken from

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Pope Francis’ homily considered the question of how we can reconcile the “tribulations” and persecutions suffered by St Paul with the peace that Jesus promised to His disciples in His final words during the Last Supper, “I leave you peace, my peace I give you”, which are recorded in the Gospel.

“Blessed are you when they revile you and persecute you”

Although a “life of persecution and tribulations seems to be a life without peace”, Pope Francis recalled the last of the Beatitudes: “Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account”.

The peace of Jesus goes with this life of persecution, of tribulation. A peace that is deep down, very profound to all these things. A peace that no one can touch, a peace that is a gift, like the sea that deep down is tranquil, while on the surface there are waves. Living in peace with Jesus is having this experience within, which remains during all trials, all difficulties, all “tribulations”.

The Christian carries the burdens of life without losing peace

This, the Pope said, is the only way we can understand how so many saints lived their final moments without losing peace, to the point that witnesses would say they went to their martyrdom “like guests to a wedding”. This is the gift of the “peace of Jesus”, he said, that we cannot obtain through human means, like going to a doctor or taking anti-anxiety drugs. This peace is something different, which comes from “the Holy Spirit within us”, and that brings with its “strength”.

Pope Francis gave the example of a hard-working man he met who, because of an illness, had to give up all his plans, but managed to remain at peace. “This is a Christian”, the Pope explained.

Peace, the peace of Jesus, teaches us to go forward in life. It teaches us to endure. To endure: a word we don't understand well, a very Christian word, it means to carry a burden. To endure, to carry the burden of life, the difficulties, the labour, everything, without losing peace; but rather bearing the burden and having the courage to go forward. This can only be understood when there is the Holy Spirit within, who gives us the peace of Jesus.

On the other hand, Pope Francis said, if we get caught up in a kind of “fervent nervousness” and lose this peace, “there is something that isn’t working”.

Peace doesn't mean losing a sense of humour

The Holy Father encouraged us to face the greatest difficulties of life with this “gift promised by Jesus”, instead of that false peace that comes from the world, or from having money in the bank. Going beyond the day's readings, Pope Francis invited us to go forward in life with an even greater capacity, the ability to “make the heart smile”.

The person who lives this peace never loses their sense of humour. They know how to smile at themselves, at others, even when things are dark, they know how to smile at everything... this sense of humour which is very close to the grace of God. The peace of Jesus in daily life, the peace of Jesus in tribulations and with that little sense of humour that helps us breathe easier. May the Lord grant us this peace that comes from the Holy Spirit, this peace that comes precisely from Him, and that helps us to endure, to carry, the many difficulties in life.

APPOINTMENTS

Rev. Fr Nobin Ramchankuzhy is appointed as the Assistant Parish Priest of St Joseph's Church, Kannur Road, Calicut

Rev. Fr Sojan Alackal is appointed as the Assistant Parish Priest of St Michael's Church, Westhill.

KADOSH (*set apart*)

The commission for religious in our diocese officially launches a formative program named *KADOSH* (set apart) for all the religious. Conference of Religious-Diocese of Calicut (CRDC) is the organizing body of the annual program of *KADOSH*. The classes are open to all religious (women religious). The inaugural session will be on 1 September 2019 at 10.00am

in Apostolic Carmel Provincial House, Malaparamba. Listed below are the names of the CRDC Executive members:

1. Sr Santhosh Maria BS, (Secretary) – Provincial, Bethany
2. Sr Geetha SCCG – Provincial, Charity
3. Sr Karuna AC – Provincial, Apostolic Carmel
4. Sr Tresa MPV – Provincial, Venerini
5. Sr Febina DSS – Provincial, Deena Sevana Sabha
6. Sr Molly UMI – Administrator, Nirmala Hospital
7. Sr Sherly DMI - Superior Delegate, Dimesse Sisters
8. Sr Mercy BRG – Superior, Brigettine Sisters

ANNUAL CALANDER OF DIOCESAN PROGRAMMES 2020

Kindly submit the activities of your commissions and ministries for the year 2020 to the following fathers who will be in charge of collecting the details towards the Diocesan Annual Calendar 2020. The matters required of each department and ministries are also given below. Kindly do the needful as they approach.

Fr Jose Yesudasan	Shrines in the diocese	Details to kept ready: 1. Brief history 2. Photo of Shrine 3. Mass timings 4. Feast dates
Fr Nithin Antony Baruva	Churches other than shrines	Details to kept ready: 1. Date of Erection 2. Photo 3. Mass timings 4. Feast dates
Fr Clarkeson Xavier	Youth Ministry	Details to be kept ready 1. Names of the organizations/associations under each ministry with the name of the director 2. Programs for the entire year with dates.
Fr Fredin RJ	Education	
Fr Joseph Anil	Pastoral Ministry	
Fr Kelvin Padua	Social Ministry	
Fr Rijoy Pathivayal	Laity & B.C.C.	
Fr Arjun John	Religious Congregations in the Diocese	Details to be kept ready 1. Recent Photo of the Convent 2. Main Feast Day 3. Brief History

Birthdays

August

01	Rev. Fr Tom Arackal
10	Rev. Fr Clarkson Xavier
12	Rev. Fr Joseph Anil
15	Rev. Fr Aloysius Kulangara
31	Rev. Fr Sanal Lawrence D' Souza

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	
Mrs Margaret D'Souza, Morning Star Church, Chathamangalam	Rs 5,000.00

Seminarians Formation Fund	
Mrs Vivetta Kajal Helan, St Michael's Church, Westhill	Rs 5,000.00
Mr E.R. James Kulangara, Christ the King Church, Malaparamba	Rs 25,000.00
Total	Rs 30,000.00

BISHOP'S DIARY AUGUST 2019

August 1, Thursday		Bishop's House
August 2, Friday		Bishop's House
August 3, Saturday		Poyya
August 4, Sunday	10.00am	Installation of the Abbot General, Benedictine Monastery, Makkiyad
August 5-9		KCBC Retreat
August 10, Saturday		Marriage, Puthenvelikkara
August 11, Sunday	6.00pm	BCC Annual Celebration, Christ the King Church, Malaparamba
August 12, Monday	7.00am	Mass & Talk, General Plenary, MSMI sisters, Kulathuvayal
August 13, Tuesday		Perpetual Profession, Venerini Sisters, Cheruvannur
August 14-31		Retreat, LONDON