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DIOCESE OF TRINCOMALEE

OCTOBER 2024



**WORLD
MISSION
SUNDAY
20.10.2024**

**GO AND INVITE
EVERYONE**
to the banquet & 
Mt 22:9



Felicitation of Mr. Anton Ragel for his contribution in the field of Arts - 25.08.2024



Silver Jubilee celebration of Rev. Fr. Rohan Bernard - 07.09.2024



Feast of Our Lady of Velankanni, Andankulam - 08.09.2024



Pre-Cana Marriage Preparatory Session - 07.07.2024



Bishop's Message



My Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers,
Greetings in the name of Jesus!

Month of October is dedicated to the devotion to Our Lady of Rosary. We encourage individuals, families and communities to pray the rosary every day. We even organize rosary, litany followed by Mass or benediction in our churches. The feast of Our Lady of Rosary was formally known as the feast of Our Lady of Victory based on the victory of the combined fleet of the Holy League of 1571 over the Ottoman navy at the Battle of Lepanto. There are many other stories in the history of the Catholic Church connected to Our Lady of Victory. Mother Mary has been interceding on behalf of her children when they were in need. Rosary is a very simple and very powerful tool for all Catholics. Let us encourage our families to pray the rosary, to hold on to the rosary and mother Mary when in need. I wish you all a blessed month of rosary.

01st of October is the feast of St. Therese of the Child Jesus. Its Solemnity for Sri Lanka as St. Therese is the patroness of mission lands. It is also the feast of the Carmelite sisters at St. Theresa's convent, Muthur. We wish them a happy feast.

04th of October is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the feast of our OFM Capuchin Friars serving in Muthur parish. This year also marks the 10th anniversary of their service in Sri Lanka (Madurai province). There will be a special Mass and a celebration at Muthur parish. We wish all Capuchin Friars a happy feast. Fr. Alex Chellaiah OFM Cap. will be leaving the parish of Muthur on a transfer. We thank Fr. Alex for his services in the diocese and wish him God's numerous blessings in his new mission.

On 5th Saturday Director and animators of the Pontifical Mission

Societies have organized Children's Day Celebrations. It will be Children's Walk from St. Joseph's College to St. Mary's Cathedral. All arrangements have been made by Fr. Roison Sparks, diocesan director of PMS and his team. Over 500 children and 100 animators together with their parish priests and religious are expected to participate in this important event. Let us give our fullest support.

Wishing you all a blessed month of October.

+ Mr. Emmanuel

✠ **Rt. Rev. Dr. Christian Noel Emmanuel**

Bishop of Trincomalee.

Pope's Prayer intention for the month of October 2024



For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

International Children's Day Programme

We invite everyone to join hands with us on the Children's Day Walk organized by Diocesan Pontifical Mission Societies on Saturday the 5th of October 2024.



Thank You and Best Wishes!

We the Bishop, Vicar General, Priests, Religious and Lay Faithful extend our heartfelt gratitude and thank you Rev. Fr. Alex Chelliah (OFM Cap), Rev. Fr. Sachintha Fernando (SJ) and Rev. Fr. Sebastian (OMI) for their valuable ministry and services at Mutur, Andankulam and Iruthayapuram parishes respectively. We wish them God's choicest blessings in their new ministries and missions.



Bishop's Diary

October 2024

- 1st Tuesday** - Solemnity of St. Therese of the Child Jesus Virgin & Doctor, Patroness of Missions.
Mass at St. Therese Convent, Muthur.
- 2nd Wednesday** - The Holy Guardian Angels, memorial
Children's Day Programmes at St. Antony's Maha Vidyalayam, Muthur.
- 3rd Thursday** - Mass at MC Convent, Linganagar.
- 4th Friday** - St. Francis of Assisi, memorial.
10th anniversary of the presence and service of OFM Capuchins (Madurai Province) in Sri Lanka.
Anniversary Mass at St. Antony's Church, Muthur.
- 5th Saturday** - Children's Day Walk organized by Diocesan Pontifical Mission Societies.
- 6th Sunday** - Confirmation Mass at Anpuvelipuram.
- 10th Thursday** - Meeting of National Commission for Migrants in Colombo.
- 12th Saturday** - Mass at Carmelite Convent, Trincomalee.
- 13th Sunday** - LAITY SUNDAY
Festive Mass at Divine Mercy Shrine.
- 14th Monday** - Meeting of the College of Consultors
Administrative Council Meeting.
- 15th Tuesday** - Meeting of the Council of Priests.
- 16th Wednesday** - Handing over Bibles – Neo Catechumenal Way
- 18th Friday** - Feast of St. Luke, the Evangelist.
- 19th Saturday** - Executive Committee meeting of the Diocesan Pastoral Council.
- 20th Sunday** - WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

- 24th Thursday** - Feast of St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop.
 Founder of Claretian Congregation.
 Meeting of Moral Theology Forum in Kandy.
- 25th Friday** - The Oblate General, Very Rev. Fr. Luis Ignacio Rois Alonso, OMI
 visits Trincomalee.
 Appointment with the Oblate General.
- 27th Sunday** - Festive Mass at Linganagar.
- 28th Monday** - Feast of St. Simon and Jude, Apostles.

Bishop's Communique:

- » Rev. Fr. Francis Rohan Fernando (SJ) is appointed as the Parish Priest of Our Lady of Velankanni Church, Andankulam, with effect from August 2024.
- » Rev. Fr. A.A.A.X. Amalraj (OMI) is appointed as the Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Church, Iruthayapuram with effect from September 2024.
- » Rev. Fr. Sebastian (OFM Cap) is appointed as the Parish Priest of St. Anthony's Church, Mutur with effect from October 2024.

In September 2024, significant events and discussions within the Universal Church centered around various developments in synodality and liturgical practices. The synodal process continues to unfold, particularly in preparation for the 2024 Synod of Bishops. One major focus is how to build a synodal and missionary Church, highlighting the collaboration of all baptized individuals in the Church's mission. Key discussions include revisiting theological questions, such as the role of women in the Church and the potential updating of Canon Law, emphasizing unity and diversity in a synodal context (**Vatican News**).

Another notable update involves revised texts for Eucharistic adoration and the distribution of Communion outside Mass, which will take effect in December 2024. These updates aim to foster a deeper sense of unity in worship across the U.S., while maintaining traditional practices such as the singing of hymns like "O Salutaris Hostia" and "Tantum Ergo" (**OSV News** -).

These developments reflect the Church's ongoing journey to adapt to contemporary challenges while staying rooted in its mission of evangelization and community-building.

NEWS BITES:

Pope's Mission Day Message:

Mission is a tireless going out



By Joseph Tulloch

In his 2024 World Mission Day Message, Pope Francis says that the Church's mission is directed towards all peoples and requires the participation of every baptized Christian.

In the text, the Pope reflects on the Gospel parable of the Wedding Banquet, where the king tells his servants "Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find".

'Go and invite'

"In the king's command to his servants," Pope Francis writes, "we find two words that express the heart of the mission: the verbs 'to go out' and 'to invite'." The Pope reflected on each of these words in turn. "Mission," he said, "is a tireless going out to all men and women, in order to invite them to encounter God and enter into communion with him", just as Jesus, "the Good Shepherd and messenger of the Father, went out in search of the lost sheep". Turning to consider the king's exhortation to "invite", the Pope said that "here we can see another, no less important, aspect of the mission entrusted

by God.” “As we can imagine,” he said, “the servants conveyed the king’s invitation with urgency but also with great respect and kindness.” Christians today, the Pope stressed, should do the same: they are called to preach the Gospel with “joy, magnanimity and benevolence that are the fruits of the Holy Spirit within them.”

The marriage feast

The reference to the marriage feast, meanwhile, the Pope said, brings to mind two other dimensions of mission: the eschatological (that is, the dimension having to do with the end times) and the Eucharistic. The king’s banquet, Pope Francis said, stands in for the heavenly banquet: “it is an image of ultimate salvation in the Kingdom of God.” Referring to the fact that many early Christians believed the Second Coming of Christ to be imminent, the Pope said that, for them, “missionary zeal had a powerful eschatological dimension. They sensed the urgency of the preaching of the Gospel.” “Today too”, he stressed, “it is important to maintain this perspective.” At the same time, however, the Pope noted, the next life is “anticipated even now in the banquet of the Eucharist”. Thus, he said, “the invitation to the eschatological banquet that we bring to everyone in our mission of evangelization is intrinsically linked to the invitation to the Eucharistic table, where the Lord feeds us with his word and with his Body and Blood.”

‘Everyone’

The final portion of the Pope’s message concerned the fact that the king extends his invitation to ‘everyone’. “This is the heart of mission,” Pope Francis stressed, “that ‘all’, excluding no one.” Christ’s disciples, he said, “have always had a heartfelt concern for all persons, whatever their social or even moral status.” He noted that, in the parable, the king orders the servants to gather “all whom they found, both good and bad”, as well as “the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame”. And, Pope Francis stressed, “the mission for all requires the commitment of all.” This implies, he said, that, in order to become more truly missionary, the Church must also become more synodal: “Synodality is essentially missionary and, vice versa, mission is always synodal. “

Courtesy: Pope’s Mission Day message: Mission is a tireless going out - Vatican News.

St. Francis of Assisi is widely regarded as a spiritual figure who deeply cared for nature and all living creatures, and he is often celebrated as the patron saint of ecology. His profound connection with creation is expressed through his actions and writings, which reflect an understanding of the interconnectedness of all life.



1. **Love for All Creation:** St. Francis saw the natural world as a reflection of God's love and creativity. He referred to animals, plants, the sun, the moon, and the elements as his "brothers" and "sisters." This sense of kinship with all creatures is most famously captured in his *Canticle of the Creatures*, where he praises Brother Sun, Sister Moon, Brother Wind, and Sister Water, recognizing their intrinsic value as part of God's creation.
2. **Simplicity and Humility:** St. Francis embraced a life of poverty and simplicity, viewing material possessions as distractions from a closer relationship with God and nature. His humility extended to all aspects of life, including how he interacted with the environment. By living simply, he minimized his impact on the natural world, which resonates with modern ecological concerns about overconsumption and environmental degradation.
3. **Respect for All Living Beings:** St. Francis showed compassion not just for people but for all creatures. Legends abound of his gentle

interactions with animals, such as preaching to birds and taming a wild wolf. These stories illustrate his deep respect for all forms of life, emphasizing the importance of coexisting peacefully with the natural world.

4. **Interconnectedness of Creation:** St. Francis recognized the interconnectedness of all living things. He saw every part of creation as an essential element in the divine plan, with each creature playing a role in maintaining the balance and harmony of the world. His teachings reflect a holistic worldview, where humanity's well-being is tied to the health of the environment.

INFLUENCE ON MODERN ECOLOGY:

In 1979, Pope John Paul II declared St. Francis the patron saint of ecologists, recognizing his enduring relevance in addressing contemporary environmental issues. St. Francis's example encourages stewardship of the Earth and a spiritual approach to environmentalism, which emphasizes not just conservation but a respectful and compassionate relationship with nature.

His life and teachings continue to inspire movements such as *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis's 2015 encyclical on environmental care, which calls for an ecological conversion grounded in spiritual awareness and responsibility. This document draws heavily on the example of St. Francis, advocating for sustainable practices and a renewed reverence for creation.

Remembering with Gratitude

Birthdays:

- 07.10.2024 - Rev. Sr. Marie Judith (AC)
09.10.2024 - Rev. Fr. Roison Sparks
12.10.2024 - Most. Rev. Dr. Joseph Ponniah
15.10.2024 - Rev. Sr. Yasotha Fontgaland (HF)

Feast Day:

- 04.10.2024 - Rev. Sr. Francisca (HA)





Golden Jubilee celebration of Rev. Fr. Anthony Leo – 20.09.2024



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Trincomalee – 29.09.2024



Administration of First Holy Communion at Linganagar, Trincomalee – 29.09.2024



Corpus Christi Celebration at Linganagar, Trincomalee – 29.09.2024

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