



Dear Fathers, Sisters and Brothers,

1 BLESSING OF ST. PATRICK'S CONVENT, KANPUR

It's a matter of great joy that the Franciscan Sisters of Dillingen (OSF) will be opening their third house in the diocese at St. Patrick's Church, Kanpur **on April 6 2025**. We extend a warm welcome to the sisters of the Franciscan Sisters of Dillingen (OSF) and wish them all the best and God's blessings in their collaborative ministry in the diocese.

2 SANGEET SADHNA MANDIR, PACHMARHI, M.P.

"Sangeeth Sadhna Mandir" summer school of Hindustani music, affiliated to Sangeet Samiti, Prayagraj, UP, conducted in the summer months of May 15 to June 25 every year for the past 69 years. We have received this legacy from late Rev. Fr. Vijayanand of the diocese of Allahabad. Kindly encourage your parish children and youth to learn music for liturgical services.

3 THE HOLY CHRISM MASS

The Chrism Mass is a significant liturgical celebration in the Catholic Church, typically held on Holy Thursday morning or on a day convenient.

- **Renewal of Priestly Promises:** During the Chrism Mass, priests renew their priestly promises, reaffirming their commitment to their ministry and their bishop.
- **Blessing of Oils:** The bishop blesses three types of oils: the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Sacred Chrism. These oils are used throughout the year for various sacraments and rituals.
- **Unity and Communion:** The Chrism Mass symbolizes the unity and Communion of the priests with their bishop and with each other.

4 THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy week is the church's most profound expression of love and gratitude for Jesus' sacrifice. He poured out His blood for our salvation, anointed us with the Holy Spirit, and continues to nourish us through the Eucharist. We show our devotion through prayer, participation in liturgical celebrations, penance, and acts of humble service. Let us accompany our Lord in His suffering, passion, and death.

- **Holy Thursday: Love and Service:** On this day the Church inaugurates the Sacred Easter Triduum, aims at recalling that last supper, when the Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, loving those who were his own in the world until the very end, offered His body

and blood under the species of bread and wine to God and under these symbols, gave them to his Apostles that they might consume them, and ordered them and their successors in priesthood to offer them.

- **Good Friday: The Cross of Love and Redemption** : On this day, when Christ our Paschal Lamb was sacrificed, the Church contemplates and adores the Cross of her Lord and Spouse, commemorating her own coming forth from the side of Christ as He slept on the Cross, and interceding for the salvation of all the world. Good Friday's liturgy focuses on the Stations of the Cross, the celebration of the Passion of the Lord and veneration of the Cross. The Cross symbolizes God's ultimate love, the remission of our sins, and Jesus' humble sacrifice. It reminds us of His suffering and our healing.
- **Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday: From Tomb to Resurrection**: Holy Saturday is a day of quiet contemplation, remembering Jesus' burial. The Church waits at the tomb, meditating on His sacrifice. Historically, it was also a day for receiving new members into the Church. The Easter Vigil, the most sacred night, celebrates Christ's resurrection. Through Light, Word, and Water, we celebrate the new life He offers. Easter, the Church's principal feast, marks the end of Holy Week and Lent, and the culmination of the Easter Triduum.

5 SACERDOTAL SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

It's my immense joy and happiness to invite you for the Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Rev. Frs. Reginald D'Souza(VG), Vipin D'Souza and Jacob Bona D'Souza, with a Solemn Eucharistic celebration on April 24,2025 in St. Joseph's Cathedral at 4.30 p.m. Let us thank God for their Priesthood and the service to the church and humanity.

I am pleased to announce the following transfers and appointments as agreed upon at the recent meeting of the Diocesan College of Consultors.

Sr. No.	Priest's Name	From	To	Designation	Date of taking charge
01.	Rev. Fr. Albert Lobo	St. Xavier's Church/School, Robertsganj	Hartmannganj Mission/School, Hartmannganj	Mission In charge/Principal	14.06.2025
02.	Rev. Fr. Anand K. V. John	St. Anthony's School, Pratapgarh	St. Xavier's Church/School, Robertsganj	Parish Priest / Principal	16.06.2025
03.	Rev. Fr. Anil Rakesh Abrew	St. Patrick's Church, Kanpur	St. Joseph's Mission/School, Kohdar, Meja	Mission in charge/Principal (continue to be the director of Sangeet Sadhana Mandir, Pachmarhi)	30.06.2025
04.	Rev. Fr. Babu Francis	Janhit Sadan, Naini, Prayagraj	St. Mary's Church, Muirabad	Parish Priest	17.06.2025
05.	Rev. Fr. Baptist D'Souza	St. Joseph's Church/School, Rihandnagar	St. Peter's Church/School, Akbarpur	Asst. Parish Priest/Principal	21.06.2025

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06.	Rev. Fr. Eugene Mascarenhas	St. Don Bosco Church, Naini, Prayagraj	St. Joseph's Mission, Sadwa Kalan, Naini	Resident Priest	Reporting on 01.07.2025
07.	Rev. Fr. Francis Joseph D'Souza	Masih Vidyapeeth, Etmadpur, Agra	St. Don Bosco Church, Naini, Prayagraj	Parish Priest	29.06.2025
08.	Rev. Fr. Jacob Bona D'Souza	St. Mary's Church/School, Mirzapur	St. Peter's Church/School, Raebareli	Parish Priest/Principal	21.06.2025
09.	Rev. Fr. James Francis	St. Joseph's Mission/School, Shankergarh	St. Francis Church/School, Anpara	Parish Priest / Manager	23.06.2025
10.	Rev. Fr. Melwin Wilson D'Souza	Nazareth Hospital, Prayagraj	St. Joseph's Mission/School, Sadwa Kalan, Naini	Mission in charge/Principal/Diocesan Education Officer	21.06.2025
11.	Rev. Fr. Joseph Sagayanathan	St. Joseph's Mission/School, Sadwa Kalan, Naini	Vianney Niketan (Geriatric Centre) Prayagraj	Director - Vianney Niketan/Sadhana Sadan / in charge of Ajhuwa Mission	22.06.2025
12.	Rev. Fr. Lancy D'Cunha	St. Xavier's Church/School, Robertsganj	St. Patrick's Church, Kanpur	Parish Priest / Manager	18.06.2025
13.	Rev. Fr. Leo Sequeira	St. Mary's Church, Muirabad	Vianney Niketan (Geriatric Centre) Prayagraj	Resident Priest	Reporting on 01.07.2025
14.	Rev. Fr. Prem Prakash Lakra	St. Joseph's Mission/School, Kohdar, Meja	St. Anthony's School, Pratapgarh	Asst. Parish Priest (Holy Rosary Church) / Principal	13.06.2025
15.	Rev. Fr. Reginald D'Souza (VG)	St. Peter's Church/School, Raebareli	St. Mary's Church/School, Mirzapur	Parish Priest/Principal	22.06.2025
16.	Rev. Fr. Robert Sunil Noronha	St. Francis Church/School Anpara	St. Joseph's Mission/School, Shankergarh	Mission in-charge/Principal	25.06.2025
17.	Rev. Fr. Ronald Noronha	Vianney Niketan (Geriatric Centre) Prayagraj	St. Joseph's Church/School, Rihandnagar	Parish Priest/Principal	24.06.2025
18.	Rev. Fr. William Mathias	Hartmann Mission, Hartmannganj	Janhit Sadan, Naini, Prayagraj	Director- DDWS/Asst Parish Priest St. Don Bosco Church	18.06.2025

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19.	Rev. Fr. Wilson Cornelio	St. Peter's Church/ School, Akbarpur	St. Francis Church/ School, Anpara	Asst. Parish Priest/ Principal	23.06.2025
20.	Rev. Fr. Sebastian D'Cruz	Vianney Niketan (Nazareth Hospital)	Vianney Niketan (Geriatric Centre) Prayagraj	Resident Priest	Reporting on 01.07.2025
21.	Rev. Dn. Ratnesh Masih	-	Assumption Church, Dostpur	Asst. Parish Priest	25.06.2025
22.	Rev. Dn. Gnanaprakasam	-	Khrist Bhawan, Mudila	Asst. Parish Priest	25.06.2025
23.	Bro. Avish Lakra	-	Khrist Jyoti Mission, Asnaband	Regent	Reporting on 01.06.2025

BISHOP'S ENGAGEMENTS - APRIL 2025

03 Thursday	Blessing and Blessing and inauguration of Bp. Hartmann Academy Primary block at Hartmannganj
05 Saturday	Visit Kanpur Dehat and Naramau Mission, Kanpur
06 Sunday	Blessing and inauguration of a New Convent of Franciscan Sisters of Dilengen, at St. Patrick's Church, Kanpur
07 Monday	Blessing and Inauguration of a New Primary Block of St. Anthony's Inter College, Pratapgarh (Morning)
	Visit to Nursery School, Gauspur(Evening)
10 Thursday	Clergy Recollection and blessing of Holy Oils(Chrism Mass) at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Prayagraj
13 Sunday	Palm Sunday – St. Joseph's Cathedral, Prayagraj
17 Thursday	Holy Thursday - St. Joseph's Cathedral, Prayagraj
18 Friday	Good Friday - St. Joseph's Cathedral, Prayagraj
19 Saturday	Easter Vigil - St. Joseph's Cathedral, Prayagraj
20 Sunday	Easter - St. Anthony's Convent, Prayagraj
24 Thursday	Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Rev. Frs. Reginald D'Souza(V.G.), Vipin D'Souza and Jacob Bona D'Souza in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Prayagraj
25 Friday	Investiture Ceremony in St. Joseph's Girls College, Prayagraj
27 Sunday	Divine Mercy Sunday Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Fr Vipin D'Souza in Nazareth Hospital
29 Tuesday	Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee of Fr Jacob Bona D'Souza in Mirzapur
30 Wednesday	Concluding Thanksgiving Mass – St. Joseph's Regional Seminary (Morning) – Leaves for Mangalore (Afternoon)

Birthday wishes to Rev. Fathers :

May God bless you with good health and happiness to work in His Vineyard.

	Name	Date
1.	Fr. Valerian D'Souza	01
2.	Fr. Edward Goveas	05
3.	Fr. Ravi Joseph	10
4.	Fr. Stephen D'Mello	10
5.	Fr. Babu Francis	23

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Bishop of Allahabad

OBITUARY

Mr. JOSEPH M. (52) B/O Rev. Fr. Francis Xavier, Parish Priest, St. Anthony's Church, Chandari, Kanpur, passed away on 29 March 2025 at Magge, Hassan Dist. Karnataka and funeral was held on 30 March 2025 at St. Francis Xavier's Church, Magge.



**May God grant him eternal rest.
We offer our heartfelt condolences to
dear Fr. Francis Xavier.**

