

Name of Frs.	From	To	Designation	w.e.f
Guilbert Pinto	Asst. Director	St. Joseph's Minor Seminary	Director	27-06-2013
Joseph Vijay Madtha	Mallandur	Koppa	Parish Priest	28-06-2013
Stany J. Lobo	Koppa	N.R.Pura	Parish Priest	28-06-2013
Anthony Pinto	Kadabagere	Magundi	Parish Priest	29-06-2013
Sylvester Miranda	N.R. Pura	Kadabagere	Parish Priest	30-06-2013
Paschal Mariappa	Sundekere	Lakkavalli	Parish Priest	30-06-2013
James Thomas	MSFS	Channarayapattana	Priest in charge	30-06-2013
Thomas Martis	Magundi	Kuduvalli	Priest in Charge	30-06-2013
Ronald Cardoza	Regional Director	St. Peter's Pont. Seminary	Studies	01-07-2013
David Prakash MF	Director, St. Joseph's Minor Seminary	St. Peter's Pont. Seminary	Studies	01-07-2013

God bless you,

Yours sincerely,



(Most Rev. Dr. T. Anthony Swamy)

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Dear Fathers / Brothers/ Sisters / People of God,

1. NATURAL CALAMITY AT UTTARKHAND: The whole nation is shocked with nature's sudden fury with heavy and incessant rains, causing floods, landslides, bad weather and loss of lives of pilgrims who were on visit to holy places at Uttarkhand. Hundreds of houses are washed out and thousands are left homeless. We, as Christians, have to show our sympathy to those who are suffering. It is our bounden duty to support those unfortunate brethren. We need to help them with our maximum possible charity.

May I request all the Parish Priests to announce on Sunday, 7th July 2013, that a special collection will be made on Sunday, 14th July 2013 for this special cause. I appeal also all Heads of the Institutions and Religious Houses to send their collection by 20th July 2013 to the Procurator. This amount will be forwarded to CARITAS INDIA. to be channelized to the causes. Let us pray for the victims of this calamity.

2. SAD DEMISE OF REV. FR. K.J. THOMAS: Rev. Fr. K.J.Thomas, the Rector of St. Peter's Pontifical Seminary was brutally murdered on 1st of April 2013. He was very gentle and was liked by the students. It is almost 3 months, yet the culprits have not been traced. The Police Crime Branch is investigating from every angle and has questioned many people. Let us condemn this brutal act and at the same time pray that the murderers are traced soon.

3. REV. FR. JAMES KURISINKAL RETIRES: Rev. Fr. James Kurisinkal, aged 77years, retired from active ministry. He served the Diocese in various capacities like Principal of St. Joseph's Boys' High School, Rector of St. Joseph's Minor Seminary and Spiritual guide to various Religious Communities. We place on record his selfless service rendered to the Diocese. His present address is: St. Mary's Malankara Seminary, Mar Ivanios Vidya Nagar, Nalanchira Post, Trivandrum, Kerala – 695 015. Phone No.: 08281869315

4. SOUND AND LIGHT PROGRAMME: The programme depicting the Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus was performed in the two district headquarters, i.e. at Hassan in public Stadium and at Chikmagalur in the district field. The programme was witnessed by thousands of people both by Christians and Non – Christians. Many Non – Christians who witnessed this programme would have come to know some message of Jesus Christ. Church exists for the spreading of the Good News of Jesus. This programme was organized in the Year of Faith, precisely for this purpose.

I express my sincere thanks to all the organizers for taking so much of effort to realize this programme. Many have generously contributed for this programme. May God bless both the organizers and the donors. I thank sincerely Fr. A. Thomas, the Director of the play.

5. SUMMER CAMPS: I thank the Secretaries and Joint – secretaries for organizing summer camps in the month of May, 2013.

- (a) Leadership Camp: was held at St. Joseph’s High School, Chikmagalur. I thank Rev. Frs. Moses M.J., and Joseph Madtha, of the Commission for Catechesis.
- (b) Youth Retreat: was held at St. Joseph’s High School, Chikmagalur. I thank Rev. Fr. William Pereira and Sr. Lucina for their initiative and effort.
- (c) Bible Camps: were held in various places in the Deaneries of the Diocese of Chikmagalur. I thank Rev. Fr. R.Rajendra and the Major Seminarians who helped him.

6. CONSTRUCTIONS:

- (a) A new Chapel dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was inaugurated on 03-04-2013 at Kottigehara, the sub-station of Banakal parish. I thank Rev. Fr. Sudeep Santhan Gonsalves and the generous Donors. My special thanks to Mr. Richard Lobo and his collaborators who took lot of troubles to raise the funds to build this new chapel.
- (b) A new building of Ave Maria Convent at Magge was blessed and inaugurated in the presence of Sr. Aline, SMMI, the provincial of Bangalore Province and Mr. Jacob and his family from Germany, on 17-04-2013. May God bless all the generous donors.
- (c) A new Church dedicated to St. Jude was blessed and inaugurated on 28-05-2013 at Kattinamane. I thank Rev. Fr. Sylvester Miranda, the parish priest of N.R.Pura for his hard work. My special thanks to all the donors. May God bless them.
- (d) On 13-06-2013, two Grottos dedicated to St. Anthony and O.L. of Vailankanny were blessed and inaugurated at St. Anthony’s Church, Simse, N.R.Pura. I thank Rev. Fr. Sylvester Miranda, the parish priest, who has taken keen interest to build these Grottos. May God Bless him and the generous donors.
- (e) I thank Mr. Manohar Bennis and his family members who have donated a Mahindra Thar Jeep to St. Lawrence Church, Mallandur. May God bless them.

7. DIACONATE ORDINATIONS: This year the Diocese is blessed with six New Deacons. They were ordained Deacons on 20-05-2013, at Christ the King Church, Jyothinagara. Congratulations to them. Our prayers are needed for them so that they persevere to the priestly Ordination.

8. CLERGY RECOLLECTION: August 4, 2013, is the Feast of St. John Mary Vianney. In fact it is Priest’s Day. Since it falls on a Sunday, we celebrate the day on Wednesday, 07-08-2013. All the Diocesan Clergy and the Religious Priests who are working in the Parish Ministry are requested to attend this Recollection Day. It will be held at St. Joseph’s Minor Seminary, Chikmagalur.

10. ANNUAL RETREAT: The Annual Retreat will be held from 21st to 25th of October, 2013, at CMSSS. Please mark the dates.

11. INCLUSION OF ST. JOSEPH’S NAME IN ALL CANONS OF THE MASS IN THE ROMAN MISSAL:- The Congregation for the Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments, by virtue of the faculties granted by the Supreme Pontiff Francis, has decreed that in the Eucharistic Prayers II, III and IV of the Roman Missal, after the mention of the name of Blessed Virgin Mary, the name of St. Joseph, her spouse, ought to be also mentioned. This was made public on Wednesday, 19th June, 2013, at 12 noon local time, (corresponding to 3:30 pm IST).

12. OBITUARY: Mr. Vincent Rasquinha, brother of Rev. Fr. Francis Rasquinha passed away on 15-05-2013. We offer our condolences to the bereaved family members and assure them of our prayers. May his soul rest in peace.

13. TRANSFERS: The following transfers are effected for this year:

Name of Frs.	From	To	Designation	w.e.f
Anthonyraj C.	Dasapura	Magge	Priest in charge	23-06-2013
Shanthraj R	Buskull Estate	Dasapura	Parish priest	23-06-2013
Moses M.J.	Magge	Buskull Estate	Manager	24-06-2013
John Baptist Anthon, smm	Kalasa	St. Joseph’s Minor Seminary	Asst. Director	24-06-2013
Denis Lobo	Lakkavalli	Josephnagara	Parish priest	27-06-2013
Valerian Lobo	Josephnagara	Sundekere	Parish Priest	27-06-2013
Vincent Marcel Pinto	Magundi	Mallandur	Priest in charge	27-06-2013