

**BY THE GRACE OF GOD ALMIGHTY
HIS GRACE GEEVARGHEESE MAR PHILOXENOS
ASST. METROPOLITAN DIOCESE OF BANGALORE**



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Blessings to the Vicar, Asst. Vicar, Kaisthanees, Secretaries, Managing committee members and members of the Parish.

Dearly beloved,

The Great Lent this year begins on Monday, March 3, 2025. As we enter this sacred season, let us prepare ourselves to journey with Christ, embracing His Passion and Resurrection with sincere repentance and renewed faith. I urge all our priests to ensure that Lenten services in our parishes are conducted regularly and in a disciplined manner. May this Lenten journey lead us to renewal and holiness through repentance, self-denial, and self-examination. During this Lenten Season, let us also engage in acts of charity, extending our hands to those in need, for which may the Lord strengthen us.

Lent is also a time to extend our love to those in need. Our diocese continues its charitable work through Mysore Mission, Andhra Mission, and IOBD Charitable Trust, and we must do our part to support these initiatives. In particular, the Eluru Andhra Mission Committee seeks our cooperation as we work towards restarting and revamping the philanthropic activities of Andhra Mission-Mercy Home in Eluru. I encourage all our faithful to dedicate the resources saved through fasting as a Lenten offering, to support the diocese's mission and charity projects, ensuring that our sacrifices bear fruit in the lives of those who need our help.

Again, Dearly Beloved,

As the financial year 2024–2025 concludes on March 31, all parishes must make necessary arrangements for the appointment of new office bearers who will assume charge from April 1, 2025. The parish general body meeting should be conducted in accordance with our constitution, and the list of elected members must be submitted for our approval, duly signed by the Vicar. Likewise, all financial obligations to the Parish, Diocese Headquarters, and Holy Church Headquarters be settled before March 31, 2025. In compliance with the directives of the Tax Department and Church Headquarters, the budget for the next financial year must be submitted by April 30, 2025, and the audited accounts for 2024–2025 must be approved by the parish general body and sent to the Diocesan Office by May 15, 2025. I urge all Vicars, Trustees, and Parish Office Bearers to take these matters seriously and ensure their timely execution.

May the Grace and Blessings of the Almighty abide with you forever.

From The Bangalore Aramana on the 28 February 2025

Metropolitan Geevarghese Mar Philoxenos