



The Jubilee Indulgence

The Holy Father has declared the year 2025 as the year of Ordinary Jubilee. According to *Spes non confundit*, once more the Holy Door will be flung open to invite everyone to an intense experience of the love of God". As the humanity is prey to brutality, violence and ordeal, the Holy Father calls on all Christians to become pilgrims of hope. This is a virtue which must be sourced above all in the grace of God and in the fullness of His mercy, which can be obtained through indulgence. Indulgence is an essential and important part of the Jubilee. The Holy Father declares that the gift of the Indulgence "is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. The Indulgence, therefore, is a Jubilee grace.

Before we proceed to know the procedure of obtaining indulgence in the year of Jubilee, let us first understand as to 'what indulgence is'. There are two kinds of punishments, namely eternal and temporal punishments caused by our sins. Eternal punishment is the everlasting punishment in hell as opposite to eternal life. The Sacrament of Reconciliation takes away the eternal punishment and guilt, restoring the communion with God when a person lives on earth. However, the temporal punishment is due, which needs to be remitted through suffering and penance during life time or in purgatory. If all the due temporal punishments are not remitted during lifetime, it is done in the afterlife in purgatory, to purify the person for eternal life in heaven, which is a reward of mercy granted by God. Against this background, indulgence is the remission, which in simple language means the cancellation of debt, charge or penalty, of the due temporal punishment on earth or in purgatory. A partial indulgence removes part of one's punishment, while a plenary indulgence removes all of one's punishment. Partial indulgences reduce a person's time in Purgatory but do not eliminate it entirely. Partial indulgence may be obtained through the following requirements 1. The person seeking the indulgence must be in a state of grace, meaning that they have been to confession and received forgiveness for their sins, 2. They must recite a particular prayer or perform a particular action, usually a pilgrimage or a charitable work, to receive the indulgence from God and 3. They must actively desire the indulgence and be seeking it earnestly.

It is believed that the Church has a treasury of merit or satisfaction, which consists of the virtuous deeds of Christ, Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saints. The Church can draw upon these virtuous deeds to obtain indulgence for the faithful who desire to obtain so.

As mentioned in the decree on Granting of Indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025 called by His Holiness Pope Francis, it is possible for the faithful to obtain plenary indulgence. For such plenary indulgence the following conditions need to be followed 1. Truly repentant and free from any affection for sin, 2. Moved by the spirit of charity, 3. Purified through the Sacrament of Penance and 4. Refreshed by the Holy Communion, and 5. Prayer for the Holy Father. This can be applied in suffrage (as an act of prayer and piety) to the souls in Purgatory in the following ways: 1. Pilgrimages, 2. Pious visits to sacred places, 3. Works of mercy and penance; all in the prescribed form as mentioned in the Decree on the Granting of Indulgence during the Ordinary Jubilee Year 2025 called by His Holiness Pope Francis, 13.05.2024.

In this regard, the Penitentiary of the Church urges all priests to offer generous availability and self-dedication to allow the greatest possible opportunity for the faithful to benefit from the means of salvation, by adopting and publishing time slots for confessions, in agreement with parish priests, by making time to be available in the confessional, planning penitential celebrations on a fixed and frequent basis, and also making the widest possible use of retired priests who do not have other defined pastoral roles. Depending on the possibilities, priests should remember, in accordance with the *Motu proprio Misericordia Dei*, the pastoral opportunity that also exists in hearing Confessions during the celebration of Holy Mass.

The Holy Father urges all the People of God, Priests and Religious to make use of this year of Ordinary Jubilee to obtain mercy and forgiveness of God in hope of the beatific vision in heaven. The Priests are advised to preach on the importance of indulgence and encourage the people to desire and take initiative to obtain it during the Ordinary Jubilee 2025.

+ Shyamal Bose

Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee Celebration of Fr. Ujjwal Mondal



St. Joseph's Church, Sajnaberia, was filled with joy and gratitude on October 02, 2024, as Fr. Ujjwal Mondal celebrated his Sacerdotal Silver Jubilee with a solemn thanksgiving Holy Eucharist. Fr. Ujjwal Mondal, Most Rev. Shyamal Bose and fellow priests thanked the Lord for the numerous blessings he has received during the last 25 years of his priesthood. In his homily, Bishop while applauding his dedication and selfless service to the Lord and the Diocese, underscored the celebration of Jubilee as the moment of receiving God's grace.

Following the Mass, a felicitation program was held to honor Fr. Ujjwal Mondal's 25 years of priestly ministry. Relatives, well-wishers and parishioners gathered to express their appreciation and gratitude. Fr. Mondal expressed his gratitude to God, his family and the Diocese, saying, "This milestone would not have been possible without the love and support of my community".

The Diocese of Baruiipur extends its warmest congratulations to Fr. Ujjwal Mondal on this significant milestone. May God bless him with continued joy, peace and fruitful ministry.

- Mr. Umesh Patro

Golden Jubilee and Final Profession Ceremony Held in Mondalai



On October 12, 2024, Mondalai Community witnessed a momentous occasion as six dedicated sisters celebrated significant milestones in their religious journey. The ceremony commenced with a solemn Eucharistic celebration, presided over by Archbishop Thomas D'Souza and attended by Bishop Shyamal Bose as special invitee, along with 40 priests including ten from Baruiipur Diocese and numerous guests.

The joyous occasion recognized the 50-year dedication of Sr. Lincy Joseph SCC, Sr. Cessy Scaria SCC and Sr. Prasanna Jose SCC to their religious calling and contributions to the Church. Simultaneously, Sr. Rinku Malik SCC, Sr. Martha Soren SCC and Sr. Subhra Baliar Singh SCC embarked on a new chapter with their final profession.

A vibrant cultural program followed the Eucharistic celebration, showcasing the rich talents of the community. The event was a testament to the sisters' unwavering commitment to serving God and humanity. As the celebration concluded with a joyful meal, the sisters and their guests shared love and togetherness.

We extend greetings and congratulations to the Golden Jubilarians and perpetually professed sisters, praying for God's continued guidance and grace in their lives.

- Sr. Leelabati SCC

Paribar Jyoti

The mission of Paribar Jyoti to empower families and individuals continued with two significant events during the month. They successfully conducted seminars on parenting at Darirchak and Haripur, attracting 130 and 73 participants, respectively. The enthusiastic engagement, lively discussions and concerns expressed by attendees enabled to better serve their needs. Encouragingly, parents from both areas requested for additional seminars.

On the 3rd Saturday of November 2024, Fr. Habil Minj, Parish Priest of Gangarampur Parish, chaired a productive Family Cell Meeting. Members expressed their gratitude to Paribar Jyoti, Family Commission, for the August 11, 2024, youth seminar. The event inspired youth to participate in church activities and the church is planning initiatives to sustain their involvement.

These initiatives demonstrate the commitment to nurturing families and fostering community growth.



- Fr. Uttam Naskar

Glimpse from Dishari



A three-day retreat for catechists was held at Dishari from October 28-30, 2024, drawing 51 participants seeking spiritual refreshment and growth. Fr. Goutam Naskar warmly welcomed the catechists, setting the tone for a fruitful experience.

Under the guidance of Fr. George Ponodath SJ, the retreat explored the depths of God's word, illuminating the hearts and minds of the participants. Fr. Ponodath emphasized key themes, including the importance of Christian family values, confession as a means to unite with God and sharing God's love through compassionate behaviour. Through his insightful reflections, the catechists gained renewed enthusiasm to serve in building the Lord's Kingdom.

The retreat concluded with a heartfelt thanksgiving program at noon, sending the participants forth with revitalized spirits, ready to continue their vital work.

- Fr. Goutam Naskar

The Diocesan Youth Puja Camp 2024

The Diocesan Youth Puja Camp 2024, held at Carmel Bengali Medium Primary School, Keorapukur, brought together 230 enthusiastic youth. United by the theme "Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary" (Isaiah 40:31), they gathered to rejuvenate their faith and foster unity.

The camp commenced with the Holy Eucharist, graciously offered by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of the Diocese. This sacred ceremony set the tone for the inauguration, which featured inspiring words from Bishop Shyamal Bose, Fr. Proloy Baidya and Counsellor, Raghunath Patra.

Through engaging sessions on hope, positive emotions, goal-setting and perseverance, participants embarked on a journey of self-discovery. Expertly guided by Fr. Kanauj Roy and Fr. Tushar Augustine Gomes, they explored resilience and determination.

The adoration session and skit competition showcased the youth's creativity and talent, culminating in a joyful Thanksgiving Mass led by Fr. Kanauj Roy and Fr. Rajen Singh. As participants departed, their faces radiated with renewed hope and purpose.



- Soumyadeep Lobwo & Trisha Gloria

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur

Dental Screening Camp for SAD Langalberia Children: On October 02, 2024, PUS Baruipur hosted a dental screening camp for 20 children from SAD Langalberia centers, providing consultations and awareness on oral hygiene by Dr. Abed Ali Khan.

Volunteers from Italy Visited PUS Baruipur: A 9-member team of student volunteers from FADV Italy visited PUS Langalberia Education Centers and Day Care Centre in Langalberia Gram Panchayet, Sonarpur Block, South 24 Parganas. The volunteers conducted engaging classes on: Adolescent behavioural changes, Mobile phone addiction prevention, Sleep disturbance management, Good and bad habits awareness. Inspired, PUS students committed to practicing the life skills, striving to become "Complete Individuals."

Day Care Centre and Physiotherapy: PUS Baruipur's initiative supported 80 children with cerebral palsy and disabilities from underprivileged families in South 24 Parganas. They provide the service of Physiotherapy and medication as per doctor's prescription with the goal to improve quality of life, physical and mental fitness for children with disabilities.

Vegetable Seeds and Sapling Distribution: On October 23 and 30, 2024, PUS distributed 12 varieties of vegetable seeds and 3 fruit saplings to 600 marginal farmers in Namkhana and Patharpratima blocks, promoting self-sufficiency and better nutrition.



- Fr. Soosaippan Y.

Blessing of the Renovated Church, R.B. Nagar



On October 16, 2024, the Church of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Rishi Bankim Nagar, witnessed a momentous occasion - the rededication of the renovated Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and new altar. This significant milestone marked a new chapter in the parish's history, fostering unity and devotion among its faithful.

The Eucharist, presided over by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, commenced at 10 a.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The occasion drew together 25 priests along with many sisters from various congregations and a sizable contingent of laity from local and neighbouring parishes.

The ceremony included special rites of blessing, conducted with reverence and solemnity. These sacred rituals highlighted the church's uniqueness, fostering a deep sense of community and devotion among attendees, symbolized the parish's commitment to being a synodal church.

The renovation, fully funded by local contributions, exemplified the parish's spirit of unity and cooperation. This collective effort demonstrated the parishioners' dedication to their faith community. The joyous occasion marked a new beginning for Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, solidifying its place as a beacon of hope and spiritual guidance for the community.

- Sovraj Ghanta

Discerning the Synodal Pathways for Mission



A total of 43 persons including the parish priests, religious superiors, men and women lay leaders and youth who form the enlarged diocesan synodal committee, had a meeting convened by Fr. Ujjwal Mondal, Diocesan Contact Person, on October, 05, 2024, under the leadership of Bishop Shyamal Bose, to reflect and share their views on the Bangkok Document of FABC and the CCBI Preparatory Document. After the Bishop's address and the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, they recalled the key points of the documents and, following the method of Conversation in Spirit, they reflected in small groups on questions posed in the worksheet. Out of the 9 priorities mentioned, they chose three; family, youth and digital technology as the most relevant and important for the diocese and elicited the reasons for their choice.

Two new priorities apart from the ones outlined in the document were also proposed. The first constitute of focusing on the dwindling number of men at the Eucharistic celebration and other church activities, particularly young men, those working, school-drop-outs and also the children. The second calls for a Special focus that is

needed on those who are traditionally called 'eunuchs' whose sexual identity is not clear and are left to beg in the streets without education and job opportunities. The Church should pay special attention to mainstream them. Grouping them together with others as 'LGBTQ+' does injustice to them because these people do not get the attention needed while the attention goes to the homosexuals as it has happened in the Bangkok Document.

- Fr. Pradeep Roy

First Holy Communion in Panchamkhanda and Morapai

The sacred sacrament of First Holy Communion was bestowed upon 62 children across two churches in the diocese. On October 27, 2024, 43 children from the Church of Blessed Virgin Mary, Panchamkhanda, received their First Holy Communion, with Fr. Sunil Ray presiding over the Mass. Just a few days later, on October 31, 2024, 19 children from Sacred Heart Church, Morapai, eagerly received their First Holy Communion, with Fr. Saumen Malik officiating the Mass.

Following the Eucharistic celebration, the children were presented with souvenirs and certificates to commemorate this significant milestone in their faith journey. While congratulating the children, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to the catechists and teachers who diligently prepared them for the sacrament. May this sacrament nourish their faith and foster spiritual growth.



- Fr. Sarajit Das

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

NOVEMBER

04	Fr. Francis Makhal
09	Fr. HabilMinj, SFX
16	Fr. Amrit Ekka
20	Fr. Sushad Baidya
22	Fr. Kuruvilla Thottam, S.J.
27	Fr. Sylvester Xavier

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers

Ordination

04 November	Fr. Himangshu Poti
09 November	Fr. Durlav Bar
19 November	Fr. Sirnus Topno
24 November	Fr. Ujjwal Mondal
26 November	Fr. Bablu Sardar

Congratulations Dear Fathers

Memorable & Admirable

Month of November

08	Fr. Abani Luis Das
11	Fr. Nicaise Edouard, S.J.
11	Fr. Chandan Gupta, S.J.
21	Fr. Bruylants Andre, S.J.
30	His Eminence Cardinal Lawrence T. Picachy, S.J.

NOTICE BOARD

- Priests' recollection will be held at Dishari Pastoral Centre, Baruipur from 12th November 2024 at 5.30 p.m. to 13th November 2024 till lunch

Paribar Jyoti

- # Marriage Preparation Course from 8th November to 9th November 2024
- # Young Couples Programme from 29th November to 30th November 2024

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer - Month of Nov. 2024

For anyone who has lost a child :
We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

The National Youth Conference 2024



The National Youth Conference 2024, held in Jalandhar from October 21-25, united over 800 young souls, including 11 from Baruipur Diocese. As they gathered, the city transformed into a vibrant canvas of diversity, resonating with laughter, music and unity.

The inaugural ceremony showcased India's rich cultural heritage through traditional music, dance and regional stalls. Each evening, regional performances celebrated unique traditions, fostering mutual respect and admiration.

Expert-led sessions illuminated paths to personal growth, career fulfillment and spiritual enrichment through interactive exercises. Participants formed unbreakable bonds through team-building, photo sessions and fellowship activities in 21 diverse groups. Moments of introspection came through the Rosary March and Taize Prayer sessions.

The conference culminated in a closing ceremony honoring national awardees and ex-NEXCOs for empowering India's youth. As participants departed, the National Youth Conference 2024 left an indelible mark on their hearts a testament to the power of unity, diversity and the unwavering spirit of India's youth.

- Bapi Chakraborty

RIP

Mr. Pradip Mondal, the beloved father of Fr. Sarojit Mondal, passed away on October 26, 2024, at the age of 54 leaving behind his wife and children. He had been hospitalized following a stroke and underwent brain surgery, but unfortunately, his condition did not improve.

A Requiem Mass was offered by Bishop Shyamal Bose on the next day in the Church of our Lady of Fatima, Gosaba with many priests, religious, relatives and neighbours. The funeral procession concluded with his burial in the parish cemetery.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Fr. Sarojit Mondal, the entire Mondal family and all those who mourn the loss of this remarkable individual. May his soul rest in the loving arms of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka



Bishop Shyamal Bose's Programme for the Month of November 2024

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01	Fri	06.00 a.m.	Baruipur Cathedral	Mass on All Saints Day
02	Sat	07.00 a.m.	Baruipur Cathedral	Mass for the Faithful Departed in the Cathedral on All Souls Day
03	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Kalyanpur	Mass and Confirmation
04-07	Mon-Thu		Seva Kendra, Kolkata	Meeting of BRBC – CDPI - CRI
08	Fri	10.00 a.m.	Kolkata	Mass at St. Xavier's College, Kolkata
09	Sat	10.30 a.m.	Calcutta Boy's School	Meeting of WBA of Christian Schools
12	Tue	11.00 a.m. Evening	Bishops House Baruipur	Meeting with Ms. Michela from FADV
13	Wed		Dishari, Baruipur	Priests' Recollection
15	Fri	10.00 a.m.	Kalyanpur	Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Himangshu Poti
17	Sun	07.00 a.m.	Baidyapur	Mass and Confirmation
18	Mon	04.00 p.m.	Dishari, Baruipur	Meeting of Priests' Council
19-20	Tue-Wed		Dishari, Baruipur	Meeting of Diocesan Priests
21	Thu	10.30 a.m.	Provincialate, Kolkata	Final Profession of Sisters of Charity
22	Fri	05.00 p.m.	Kolkata	Celebration Day of Radio Veritas Asia
			Kalahrdaya, Bakeswar	90th Birthday celebration of Rev. Fr. K. Thottam, S.J.
24	Sun		Thakurpukur	The Solemnity of Christ the King

Bishop Salvadore Lobo's Programme for the Month of November 2024

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
03	Sun	03.00 a.m.		Returns to Keorapukur
04-07	Mon-Thu		Seva Kendra, Kolkata	Meeting of BRBC – CDPI - CRI
08	Fri	10.00 a.m.	Basanti	Mass for 150 years on Basanti Mission at St. Xavier's
09	Sat	05.00 p.m.	Bansdroni	Teachers' Annual Day Celebration
15	Fri	10.00 a.m.	Kalyanpur	Silver Jubilee of Rev. Fr. Himangshu Poti
21	Thu	05.00 p.m.	Kalahrdaya, Bakeswar	90th Birthday celebration of Rev. Fr. K. Thottam, S.J.
24	Sun	02.00 p.m.	Baruipur Cathedral	The Solemnity of Christ the King