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October: The Month of the Rosary

Every year, the Church dedicates the month of October to the Holy Rosary, inviting the faithful to rediscover this powerful prayer as a pathway to peace, contemplation, and spiritual strength. The story of the Rosary is deeply woven into the fabric of Christian history, uniting faith and devotion through the loving intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Every year, especially on October 07, hundreds of thousands of children around the world come together to pray the Rosary for peace and unity. This global prayer initiative was launched by Aid to the Church in Need (ACN), inspired by a vision attributed to St. Padre Pio (1887-1968), who once said, "When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." The campaign began in 2005 in Caracas, Venezuela, when a small group of children gathered to pray the Rosary. This initiative is not just a moment of prayer; rather it is a sign of hope and a witness to the transformative power of children's faith. Through their united voices, they remind the world of the call to peace, unity, and trust in God's love.

Our Lord Himself taught His disciples how to pray, urging them to remain faithful in communion with the Father. In a similar way, our Blessed Mother has appeared throughout history in Lourdes, Fatima, Medjugorje, and other places calling the faithful to prayer. In nearly every apparition, she has strongly urged the recitation of the Rosary as a means of drawing closer to her Son, obtaining peace, and strengthening faith.

Our Divine Mother has taught the world that the Rosary is one of the most powerful tools of prayer. It is widely believed that by faithfully praying the Rosary, not only can we grow in personal holiness, but we can also help bring about real change in the world through peace, conversion, and the triumph of love.

The roots of this tradition go back to the events of the Battle of Lepanto in 1571 when Christendom faced a grave threat from the Ottoman fleet, Pope

St. Pius V urged all Christians to turn to the Rosary in prayer. The faithful answered his call and the outcome of this prayer was visible. Against all odds, the Christians forces won victory on October 07. Recognizing this as a fruit of Our Lady's intercession, the Pope instituted the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary and in time, the Church dedicated the entire month of October to the Rosary.

The Rosary we use nowadays did not come to us overnight. There is a long history behind the present Rosary. There are different types of Rosary, i.e. Five Decades Rosary, Single Decades Rosary, Fifteen Decades Rosary, Chaplets, Rosary Ring, Rosary Bracelet, Finger Rosary, etc. Rosaries are made from a wide variety of materials which include Wood beads, Glass beads, Gemstone beads, Metal beads, Cord beads and nowadays plastic beads.

In the early centuries, monks and clergy prayed the 150 Psalms. Lay people, unable to read, replaced them with 150 "Our Fathers" or "Hail Marys" counted on pebbles, or Knotted cords. By the middle ages, these prayers became organised into decades, each linked with a mystery of Christ's life.

According to the Dominican tradition (1170 - 1221), St. Dominic received the Rosary from the Blessed Virgin Mary as a spiritual weapon to combat heresy and promote the true faith. The Dominican Order went on to become one of the greatest promoters of the Rosary, spreading its practice throughout the Christian world. Later Blessed Alan de La Roche (15th Century) revived its practice, calling it the "Psalter of Mary". The tradition claims that Blessed Alan had experienced visions of Jesus and Mary who emphasized the importance of the Rosary and gave him the "Fifteen Promises" of the Virgin Mary. Blessed Alan was a tireless preacher who worked to re-establish the devotion to the Rosary, which was neglected and forgotten after

St. Dominic established it.

The Rosary was standardized under Pope St. Pius V in the 16th century with the 15 mysteries – Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious. Century's later, Pope St. John Paul II, deeply devoted to Our Lady, enriched it with the Luminous Mysteries in 2002 highlighting Christ's public ministry.

St. Louis de Montfort (1673-1716) saw the Rosary as a powerful tool for conversion, sanctification and obtaining grace, capable of leading even obstinate sinners to salvation. His key teachings were daily recitation, as a path to a crown of glory in heaven. He described it as the most powerful weapon to touch the heart of Jesus and safeguard against the devil. St. Montfort is renowned as one of the greatest apostles of Marian devotion, dedicating himself to preaching and promoting the Rosary.

To pray the Rosary is to join Mary in contemplating the peace of Christ. It is to let the mysteries of salvation take root in our hearts and transform our lives. As Pope Francis said – in our world still torn by violence, confusion and division, the Rosary remains "a weapon of peace and a claim that binds us to God's mercy".

Not only is the month of October a time to recite the Rosary, but it should be prayed every day. Rosary is not only a reminder of a historical victory but also a call to a personal and spiritual victory. By taking up the Rosary daily whether as a family, in the parish or as an individual, we participate in a tradition that has shaped Saints, strengthened the Church and continues to bring peace to restless hearts.

Mother Teresa often spoke of the Rosary as the most beautiful and the richest in graces of all prayers "and a powerful weapon to put the forces of evil to flight". She encouraged the people to cling to the Rosary as the creeper clings to the tree for without Our Lady we cannot stand.

+ Shyamal Bose

Dishari at a Glance

Two notable events were recently organized under the leadership of Fr. Gautam Naskar, reflecting Dishari's ongoing commitment to spiritual growth and community enrichment. On September 12, 2025 a BEC (Basic Ecclesial Community) formal meeting was held in Fultala village, guided by Fr. Gautam and coordinated by Mrs. Joya Dolui and her team. The gathering featured Gospel sharing that deeply inspired participants to embrace and spread the Word of God.

Later, on September 26, 2025 Dishari Pastoral Centre hosted a seminar titled "The Power of Politeness and Listening Skills," with Br. Subilash Bar serving as the resource person. Organized by Mr. Deepankar and led by Fr. Gautam, the event welcomed 50 enthusiastic participants who actively engaged in the session. The program concluded with a time of fellowship and refreshments. Both events significantly contributed to strengthening faith, enhancing interpersonal values and deepening the spirit of community.



- Fr. Gautam Naskar

The Annual Clergy Retreat 2025



The 46 priests of the Diocese of Baruipur came together at Dhyam Ashram, Konchowki for their annual clergy retreat from September 14- 19, 2025, embracing a sacred period of silence, reflection and spiritual renewal. Held as a moment of deep communion with Christ, the retreat aimed to strengthen the priests' spiritual foundations, renew their priestly commitment and foster greater fraternity among the clergy.

This year's retreat was preached by Fr. Tom Jose Kuzhipala SDB, a distinguished and acclaimed preacher. With theological depth, pastoral insight and a profound spirit of prayer, Fr. Tom guided the retreatants through the central theme, "Shape and structure of Priests as envisioned by Jesus Christ." His sessions offered rich reflections rooted in Scripture, life of saints, Church teachings and his personal ministry, urging the priests to return to the essence of their vocation with new zeal.

The structure of the retreat offered a harmonious blend of prayer, adoration, silence, fraternal sharing and Eucharistic celebration fostering both spiritual nourishment and priestly fraternity. The retreat was coordinated by Fr. George Ponodath SJ, Director of the Retreat House Dhyam Ashram, with the dedicated support of Dhyam Ashram team, who ensured a prayerful atmosphere, smooth logistics and fraternal hospitality throughout the week. The retreat concluded with a vote of thanks by Fr. Indrajit Sardar, who expressed appreciation to the preacher and organizing team.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka

First Holy Communion at Cathedral Parish

On September 07, 2025, the Cathedral Parish, Baruipur celebrated a significant milestone in the life of 17 young parishioners who received their First Holy Communion. It was a beautiful step forward in their journey of faith. The Holy Mass was solemnly presided over by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, whose presence made the celebration all the more meaningful. His words on the significance of Eucharist left a deep impression on the children.

The children, dressed in their finest, approached the altar with hearts full of excitement and devotion as they received Jesus in the Eucharist for the very first time. It was a touching moment for families, friends and the entire parish community, who gathered to witness and celebrate this sacred occasion. To mark the day, each child was presented with a medal and a certificate, tokens to remind them of the grace and love they received on this special day. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs. Susmita Katwar, the catechism teacher and Br. Kenedy Ghughu and Subilish Bar for their tireless dedication and loving guidance in preparing the children for this important sacrament. Their faithful efforts have helped plant seeds of faith that will continue to grow in the lives of these young communicants.



- Br. Kenedy Ghughu

Palli Unnayan Samiti Baruipur



In September 2025, Palli Unnayan Samiti, Baruipur organized several impactful programs aimed at community development and capacity building. On September 01, a workshop titled "Role of Teachers and Teaching Methodology" was conducted for 38 community teachers from the SAD Langalberia and SAD Sundarban projects. Mr. Dipak Mondal, the resource person, led the session and discussed the pivotal role of teachers in shaping the academic and personal growth of underprivileged students.

On September 05, Teachers' Day was celebrated with great enthusiasm, involving 75 students and staff from various training programs such as Tailoring, Beautician, and Computer with Spoken English. The event served as a heartfelt tribute to the

crucial role teachers play in nation-building and recognized their dedication to the development of students.

Later in the month, on September 26, a Certificate Award Ceremony was held to honor 122 students who successfully completed six-month vocational training courses in Tailoring, Beautician, and Computer with Spoken English. The event was attended by Fr. Pradeep Roy, Fr. Alok Kanji, Mr. Biplob Chakraborty as Chief Guests, and Mrs. Valeria as Special Guest, along with seven volunteers from FADV Italy. The ceremony featured a cultural performance and the distribution of certificates, concluding with a vote of thanks to all guests, participants, and supporters.

- Fr. Saumen Malik

Young Couples Find Hope and Guidance Through Marriage Preparation Course

In response to the growing challenges faced by modern couples, a marriage preparation course and young couple workshop has left a lasting impact on participants, many of whom described the experience as "transformational." Participants, mostly newlyweds and engaged couples, joined the program seeking guidance on how to build strong, happy and lasting marriages. They expressed a deep need for practical advice on how to navigate married life and many said the course provided exactly that, with some even describing internal changes that improved how they relate to their partners. "The course gave us tools to cooperate better, communicate openly and truly understand what it means to live a happy married life," one couple shared.



Trainers also noticed significant personal growth among participants, indicating that the workshop was more than just informative. It was impactful. Interestingly, one session that sparked enthusiastic engagement was the discussion around social media and technology in marriage. Couples were eager to explore how modern digital tools could either strengthen or strain their relationships. The dialogue ran longer than expected as couples actively asked questions and shared experiences. Organizers reported that the workshop not only fulfilled its goal of strengthening relationships but also inspired a more intentional use of social media to enhance connection, rather than create distance.

- Fr. Uttam Naskar

Girls' Child Day Celebration at Cathedral Church, Baruipur



With the initiative of the Women's Commission of the Parish, the Cathedral Church, Baruipur joyfully celebrated Girls' Child Day on September 14, 2025, which also coincided with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The day held special significance as it was also the feast day of the Holy Cross Sisters, who were warmly felicitated in recognition of their dedicated contributions to education, pastoral work and family visits. The day began with a traditional welcome with each girl child and holy cross sisters being greeted with *ChandonPhonta*, a mark of respect and honour followed by Mass wherein a heartfelt prayer was offered for them.

Following the Mass, a felicitation ceremony took place where all the girls of the parish were honoured. The program included a felicitation speech acknowledging the value and role of girls in society, an encouraging song and the presentation of gifts to each girl, making them feel loved, appreciated and empowered. Parish priest, Fr. Deepak Ekka, thanked the Women's Commission members for taking the initiative to organize such a meaningful and uplifting celebration, highlighting the importance of recognizing and nurturing the girl child in society.

- Mrs. Korobi Bose

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October

06 Fr. Surojit Mitra

09 Fr. Subrata Kanji

18 Fr. Ujjwal Mondal

26 Fr. Durlov Bor

28 Fr. Sunil Lakra, SDB

Happy Birthday Dear Fathers



11th October	Fr. Pierre Jacob, SJ
24th October	Fr. Indrajit Sardar
25th October	Fr. Pradeep Roy

Congratulations Dear Fathers

Memorable & Admirable

Month of October

07 Fr. Lestienne Louis, SJ

20 Fr. Gabric Ante, SJ

21 Fr. Cukale Jozef, SJ

27 Fr. Rosomoy Kanji

NOTICE BOARD

Paribar Jyoti

Marriage Preparation Course from 10th October to 11th October 2025.

Young Couples Programme from 24th October to 25th October 2025.

Intentions for the Apostleship of Prayer - Month of Oct. 2025

For collaboration between different religious traditions : Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

The sisters of the Cross of Chavanod, Baruipur community, celebrated the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 13, 2025, in anticipation of the actual feast day on September 14. The Eucharistic Celebration was solemnly presided over by Most Rev. Shyamal Bose, Bishop of Baruipur and con-celebrated by sixteen priests from nearby and distant communities. MSFS priests from Morning Star



College and sisters from Lower Range joined the celebration, along with neighbouring sisters from the Missionaries of Charity, RNDM and DSA congregations. Besides, lay faithful from parish and Lay Associates, came together in faith and fellowship, sharing in the joy of the feast. It was a day of deep reflection, joyful celebration and heartfelt gratitude, renewing one's commitment to the Cross, the symbol of God's boundless love and mercy.

- Sr. Manjusha Thomas SCC

RIP



Mr. Solomon Sardar



Mr. P. J. Joseph Pullopillil

Mr. Solomon Sardar, the elder brother of Fr. Indrajit Sardar, fell asleep in the Lord on September 24, 2025 after a prolonged battle with cancer. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Fr. Indrajit and the bereaved family. We extend our deepest sympathies to Fr. Indrajit and the bereaved family.

Mr. P. J. Joseph Pullopillil (81), the beloved elder brother of Sr. Teslin CMC (Carmel House, Budge Budge), went to his eternal abode on September 26, 2025 due to a stroke. Our

heartfelt condolences and prayers with Sr. Teslin and her family during this difficult time of sorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and we stand in solidarity with them during this challenging period. Let us unite in prayer for the repose of their souls. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and peace, and may His comfort surround the grieving families during this difficult time. May their souls find eternal peace and rest.

- Fr. Deepak Ekka

Transfers and New Arrivals of Religious in the Diocese

Place	Arrival	Outgoing
Infant Jesus Church, Gangarampur	Fr. Shishir Indwar SFX	Fr. Nirmaldo Fernandes SFX

Bishop Shyamal Bose's Programme for the Month of October 2025

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
03	Fri	10.30 a.m.	PUS Baruipur	Foundation day celebration of the PUS
05	Sun	10.00 a.m.	Rakhashkhali	Mass and Confirmation
12	Sun	10.00 a.m.	Gangarampur	Mass for the Silver Jubilee of Gangarampur Parish
18	Sat	10.30 a.m.	Archbishop's House, Kolkata	Meeting of the Morning Star Educational Trust
19	Sun	04.00 p.m.	Mograhat	Inauguration of the Renovated Church at Magrahat
20-23	Mon-Thu		Darjeeling	Meeting of BRBC, RCRI and RCDP
31	Fri		MSC, Barrackpore	Convocation at Morning Star Regional Seminary

Bishop Salvadore Lobo's Programme for the Month of October 2025

Date	Day	Time	Place	Programme
01-05	Wed-Fri		Shillong	Preaches a retreat for Holy Cross Fathers
08	Wed			Returns to Keorapukur
11	Sat			Goes to Krishnagar Bishop's House
12	Sun			Returns to Keorapukur
14	Tue			Goes to NISCORT, Delhi
20	Mon			Returns from Delhi
20-23	Mon-Thu		Darjeeling	Meeting of BRBC, RCRI and RCDP
24	Fri			Returns to Keorapukur