

DIOCESE OF SATNA

Bishop's House, P. B. No. 22, Rewa Road, Satna – 485 001, M. P., India

Tel: +91 7672 - 224167, 225506, Mob: +91 8349872157 (Secretary)

Email: satnadiocese@gmail.com, Web: www.satnadiocese.org

Circular 03/2025

11 October 2025

Dear Rev. Fathers, Sisters and Brothers,

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. It is an occasion to bring together our families to recite the rosary and promote the Marian devotion. Rosary has become the centre of our family prayers. Holy Rosary is considered as a powerful, Christo-centric prayer that helps us to meditate on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ through the eyes of His mother.

The Mission Sunday is on 19 October and the message of the Pope for the Mission Sunday shall be explained to the faithful. It is an occasion to renew our commitment to the missionary work of the Church. The generous contribution of the faithful towards the Mission of the church shall be encouraged and Mission Sunday programmes shall be conducted to raise the fund for the Universal Church and for the Syro Malabar Church. This solidarity expresses the shared responsibility of all baptised Catholics to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

1. The Eparchial Day will be celebrated on 05 November. All the priests and sisters working in the eparchy shall participate in this family gathering.
2. The retreat for the priests working in the eparchy will be from 09 November Sunday evening to 14 Friday morning.
3. Our new Archbishop Mar Sebastian Vadakel MST is making an informal visit to St. Ephrem's Seminary and our diocese. We will welcome him on 16 October, Thursday evening in Bishop's House. The Archbishop will celebrate the Holy Qurbana in the Cathedral at 5.45 p.m.
4. We extend our prayers, congratulations and greetings on the Golden Jubilee year of Jayant, Ogdady and Chhatarpur parishes.
5. The one-day meeting of Bishops of Madhya Pradesh (CBMP) will be held in Satna on 04 December in Bishop's House.
6. We extend our congratulations and prayerful wishes to the newly appointed Archbishops Mar Sebastian Vadakel MST of Ujjain, Mar Sebastian Vaniyapurackal of Kalyan, Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara of Faridabad and Mar Prince Antony Panengadan of Shamshabad. We also congratulate the new bishops-elect Msgr Joseph Thachaparambath CMI of Adilabad and Msgr James Patteril CMF of Belthangady.
7. The territory of the Eparchy of Satna is extended to the 9 civil districts of Madhya Pradesh: Jabalpur, Mandla, Shahdol, Dindori, Umaria, Katni, Anuppur, Damoh, and Narsinghpur as well as to the 6 civil districts of Uttar Pradesh: Jhansi, Jalaun, Banda, Chitrakoot, Hamirpur and Mahoba. The extended territory was earlier part of the Shamshabad Eparchy.
8. The Syro Malabar Church observes 2026 as the 'Community Empowerment Year'. A circular of the Major Archbishop explaining the theme is already sent to you.

9. The Holy Father Pope Leo XIV has granted dispensation to Roshy C. Cherian Kadakkarappally, a former priest of the Eparchy of Satna, from celibacy and all other obligations of the clerical state connected to Sacred Ordination on 01 July 2025.
10. The Synod has decided to allow the parish priest of either the bride or the bridegroom to grant permission for publishing the three banns prior to betrothal.

Bishop's Diary

October

- 03 Installation of Archbishop Mar Sebastain Vadakel, Ujjain
05 Parish Feast, Tikamgarh
07 Vestition & First Profession, Golden Jubilee, SABS, Pateri
08-09 Synodal Commission Visitation, ETC
12 Parish Feast, Golden Jubilee, Chhatarpur
16 Reception to Archbishop Mar Sebastian Vadakel
19 Installation of Archbishop Mar Sebastain Vaniyapurackal, Kalyan
25 Episcopal Ordination, Adilabad
26 Installation of Archbishop Mar Prince Antony Panengadan, Shamshabad

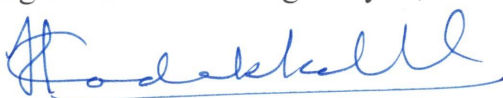
November

- 02 Installation of Archbishop Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara, Faridabad
05 Eparchial Day, Jubilee Celebration
08 Christus, Satna
09-14 Annual Retreat, Pateri
16 Parish Feast, St. Vincent Cathedral, Satna
22 Parish Feast, Waidhan
23 Parish Feast & Golden Jubilee: Jayant & Ogdady
29 School Day, Jyoti School, Rewa
30 Parish Feast, Pateri

December

- 04 CBMP, Satna
07 Parish Feast, Rewa
08 Diaconate & Minor Orders, ETC
11 Convocation, Bethania
13 School Day, Deosar
20 Christ Jyoti School, Satna

Praying for God's blessings on you,

+ 

✠ Joseph Kodakallil
Bishop of Satna

