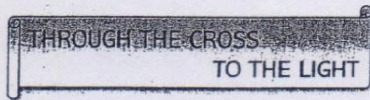


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TO THE CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA.

Dear Revd Fathers

God's Blessings and Fraternal Greetings

As we are coming to the end of the Holy Season of Lent, and are about to begin the Holy Week, let me wish you all the Graces and Blessings of the Paschal Mystery of Christ and a Joyful Easter.

1. **The Mass of the Holy Chrism** will be celebrated on Monday the 30th March 2015 at 10.30 a.m. at St Theresa's Church, Dehigahapitiya. This is an occasion for us to renew our Priestly Consecration and pray for one another. You all are very earnestly requested to be present. Lunch will be served at the Bishop's House.
2. We shall have the Holy Mass for our deceased clergy, religious, parents, family members and benefactors on Thursday the 16th April 2015 at 11.00 a.m. at the Bishop's House, followed by the Easter get-together with lunch. You are kindly requested to be present.
3. The Priestly Ordination of Revd Deacon Maria Joy will take place on Saturday the 9th May 2015 at 9.30 a.m. at Sts Peter and Paul's Cathedral, Ratnapura. You all are earnestly requested to be present at this very important Diocesan Celebration.
4. I have appointed Revd Fr Roland Rodrigo with immediate effect, besides his being the Archivist, to deal with the court cases, the disputes on Church lands, vested school buildings /properties and other legal matters. He will work in co-ordination with the Procurator General. I kindly request the Revd Fathers to support Fr Roland and co-operate with him, when you are required to do so.
5. Revd Fr Anuska Fernando is back with us and we welcome him back to the Diocese after serving in the Diocese of Galle on "Fidei Donum" basis. I have appointed Fr-Anuska, to assist Revd Fr Amila Fernando at Dehigahapitiya, while residing at the Bishop's House and taking his medical rest which he still needs according to his doctor

With love and the assurance of my prayers,

Yours Fraternally

Bishop of Ratnapura

Rev. Fr. Anushka Nishan Fernando
Secretary to the Bishop of Ratnapura.
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BISHOP'S DIARY: MARCH AND APRIL 2015.

- March 21: Diocesan Pilgrimage to Kudagama
- March 22: Parish Visitation, Hewadiwala
- March 23: Meeting with the Clergy of the Mainline Churches at Ratnapura
Meeting with the staff of St John XXIII Community at Ratnapura
- March 24: Blessing of the Preschool, Holy Cross Sisters, Deraniyagala
- March 25: 75th Anniversary Celebration, Ave Maria Convent, Negombo
- March 26: Visit to the English Academy, Bulutota
- March 28 and 29 : Palm Sunday Mass and Parish Visitation, Rambukkana
- March 30: Mass of the Holy Chrism at 10.30 a.m. at Dehigahapitiya
- April 2: Holy Thursday Mass at Keerapathdeniya
- April 3: Good Friday Service at Mahahena
- April 4: Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Service, at Keerapathdeniya
- April 5: Easter Sunday Mass at Home for Elders, Balangoda
- April 6 to 8: At Bulutota
- April 7: Convocation at the English Academy, at Bulutota
- April 11: Solemn Profession at the Benedictine Convent, Wenappuwa
- April 12: Holy Mass for the Legionaries of Mary, at Talawila
- April 16: Holy Mass for the Deceased Clergy, Religious, Parents and Benefactors, at Bishop's House
- April 19: Church Feast at Parakaduwa
- April 21 to 23: Bishops' Conference Sessions in Kandy
- April 24 to May 2: Preparatory Committee Meeting for International Eucharistic Congress, Philippines
- May 5: at 9.30 a.m. Diocesan Steering Committee Meeting
- May 9: Priestly Ordination of Deacon Maria Joy
- May 11 and 12: Presbyteral Meeting and Recollection/Reflection