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RATNAPURA DIOCESAN NEWSLETTER

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2022



Message of the Bishop



It is after quite some time that our Diocesan Bulletin “got-awakened” after it went “under ground”.

We shall make a fresh start of it and do our best to make it a source of Diocesan news and, of evangelization in our non-Catholic province of Sabaragamuwa.

We are thankful to Rev Fr Sidath Wilegoda and Rev Fr Shane Wickramasinghe for undertaking the work of publishing of our Diocesan Bulletin. Thus the Church in the Sabaragamuwa Province may become a powerful tool of Evangelization.

We kindly request our Priests and Religious to contribute to it by sending articles to the Bulletin on various events and activities that take place in your parishes and institutions.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of our Lady and many other Church Feasts are being celebrated in our Diocese. I kindly request the priests, responsible, to have these Celebrations on low key level, in the present context of our Country. Let us reduce the expenses to the minimum and let us direct our kind attention to the poor and suffering as much as possible. Let us always keep in mind that their needs are greater than ours. Let us not worry our people for funds, without a strict necessity in celebrating our Church Feasts, when they are already overburdened in their day- to- day struggle for survival.

We all wish our newly appointed editors all God’s Blessings and guidance of the Spirit through the intercession of our Blessed Mother to whom our Diocese is dedicated.

Kindly note that due to the high cost of printing, this Bulletin is sent to you through digital format.

+ Cletus Chandrsiri Perera OSB

Bishop of Ratnapura / Sabaragamuwa

BISHOP'S DIARY: AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2022

- August 07 : Silver Jubilee Celebration of Rev Fr Basil Rohan Fernando, PMS Director
- August 14 : Church Feast, at Rambukkana.
- August 15 : Annual Feast at Our Lady's Shrine at Tajantenna.
- August 20 & 21 : 2nd Feast at St Anthony's Shrine, Wahakotte.
- August 23 & 24 : Clinique days at the General Hospital, Kandy.
- August 27 : Ordination of Brothers, Bastian Coduthur, Dileepa Nuwan and Sanchana Weeraratne to Diaconate at 10.00 a.m. at the Bishop's House Chapel, Madola, followed by lunch. All priests of the Diocese are cordially invited to be present.
- September 01 : Diamond Jubilee of the Priestly Ordination of Rev Fr Xystus Kurukulasuriya, in Negombo.
- September 03 - 06 : Common Holiday with the Seminarians at Bulutota.
- September 10 : Feast of the Minor Seminary, Kegalle
- September 20 & 22 Bishop's Conference; (CBCSL)
- September 25 : Church Feast in Kegalle.

Reminder from the Catechetical Director:

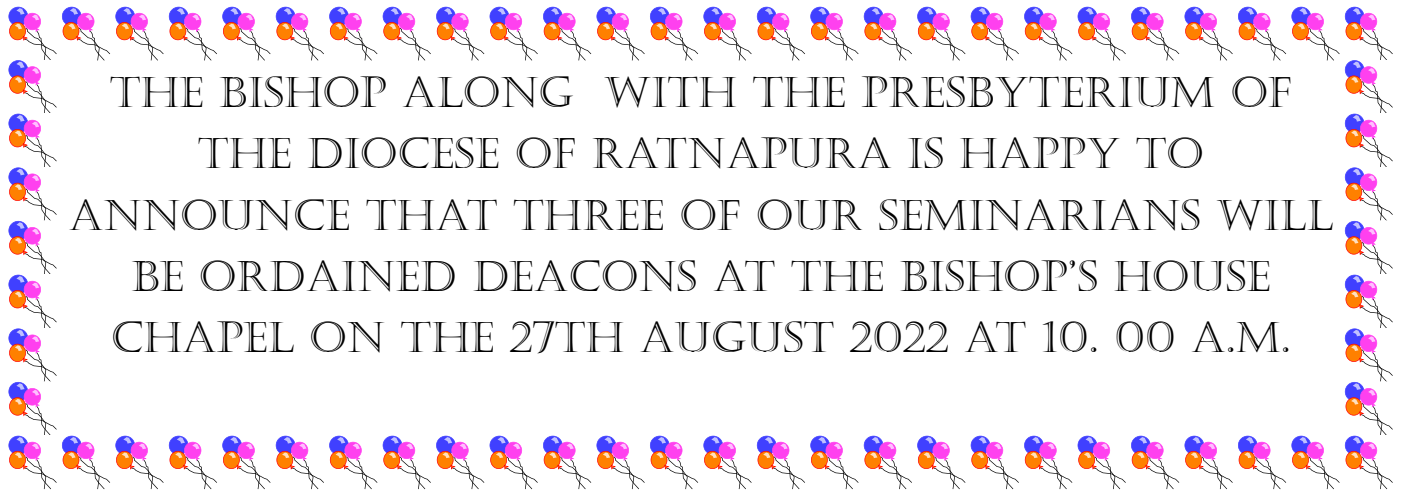
August 19 - 21 First Advanced Level Seminar

August 26 - 28 Second Advanced Level Seminar

These Seminars will be held from Friday 3. 00 p.m. to Sunday 3. 00 p.m. at the Catechetical Centre.

All island Bible Quiz Competition National Level 9. 00 a. m. at following Centres.

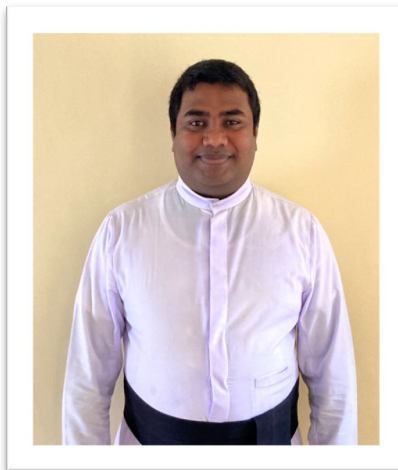
1. Ss. Peter & Paul Cathedral Ratnapura
2. St. Joseph's Church, Balangoda
3. St. Anthony's Church Rakwana
4. Diocesan Pastoral Centre Avissawella
5. St. Mary's Church, Kegalle
6. St. Aloysius' Church, Rambukkana



THE BISHOP ALONG WITH THE PRESBYTERIUM OF
THE DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA IS HAPPY TO
ANNOUNCE THAT THREE OF OUR SEMINARIANS WILL
BE ORDAINED DEACONS AT THE BISHOP'S HOUSE
CHAPEL ON THE 27TH AUGUST 2022 AT 10. 00 A.M.



Bro. Bastian Koduthor



Bro. Sanchana Weeraratne



Bro. Dileepa Nuwan

**CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU
ON THIS SPECIAL DAY.**

**May the Good Lord Bless and keep you safe
in your Journey to the Priesthood.**

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You may use the following email address and the WhatsApp number.

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Next Volume will be issued in October

Interrupting a Mass for Confessions

Deemed an abuse by the Holy See

Answered by Legionary of Christ Father Edward McNamara, professor of liturgy and dean of theology at the Regina Apostolorum university.

Q: I have two questions about the sacrament of penance: 1) Is it allowed to have the sacrament of penance during Mass? I often see some priests, after reading the Gospel, instead of preaching, they leave the altar, sit in the confession box and begin hearing confessions. After confession, they return to the altar and resume Mass. 2) Is it OK for the priest to hear confessions while sisters or brothers sit with him in the same place giving counsel? I have witnessed the situation where during confessions brothers and sisters also put on the cassocks and sit near the priest to give counseling to the penitents. — D.M., Lyon, France



A: With respect to the first question I think we need to distinguish two aspects.

First, is it possible to offer the sacrament of reconciliation during Mass? To this, we can answer with a simple yes. Another case is that of the celebrating priest interrupting the celebration to hear confession. This topic is dealt with and deemed an abuse in

the instruction *Redemptionis Sacramentum*:

“76. Furthermore, according to a most ancient tradition of the Roman Church, it is not permissible to unite the Sacrament of Penance to the Mass in such a way that they become a single liturgical celebration. This does not exclude, however, that Priests other than those celebrating or concelebrating the Mass might hear the confessions of the faithful who so desire, even in the same place where Mass is being celebrated, in order to meet the needs of those faithful. This should nevertheless be done in an appropriate manner.”

This document, therefore, requires that any priest hearing confessions during a Mass *not* be a celebrant or concelebrant.

This should be obvious to a priest: The Mass is the highest and most sublime act that the Church possesses and should command the minister’s undivided attention.

I have never witnessed the second situation and am not quite sure what to make of it.

If it were a case of offering an option, for example, during an open retreat with people of mixed faiths and levels of religious formation, it might be a possibility.

Thus, for example, at a set time during the activity, the priest offers reconciliation for Catholics who desire it.

At the same time others, supposedly with the necessary professional experience, offer counseling sessions to those who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity.

Even in such cases, however, I would be wary of holding the two activities in the same venue. The normal and habitual place for hearing confessions is a sacred place that underscores the liturgical and sacramental dimension of the rite.

The sacrament of reconciliation should not be placed on the same plane as a counseling session, although the latter might also be a worthy service to the soul.

Even if counseling resembles spiritual direction, it is simply not the same thing as sacramental reconciliation. They operate in different, albeit interrelated, spheres.

Although the question is not totally clear, I am supposing that what our reader describes does not involve the same subject matter and that the so-called counselor is not so close as to hear the confession and hence offer advice to the penitent regarding his or her sins.

This would be a grave violation of the sacramental seal as well as depriving the penitent of the right of anonymity.



For someone other than the confessor to deliberately listen to a person's confession is totally forbidden in Church law. A priest should never place himself in a situation where this might be possible and much less allow it.

An exception to this rule would be the role of interpreters during confession. They

limit themselves to the role of an interpreter, are bound to secrecy, and do not offer counsel.

8 Reasons Why the Assumption of Mary Is So Important

[STEPHEN BEALE](#)

The Assumption of Mary, which we celebrate on August 15, is not just a Catholic extra or add-on to the fundamentals of the faith. It is a vitally important teaching with deep roots in Scripture and direct relevance to our daily lives.

Here are eight ways it is significant.



1. We will share in Christ's resurrection

At the core of our faith is the belief, based on the biblical accounts, that Christ experienced a bodily resurrection from the dead and ascended, while still bodily form, to heaven. The Assumption of Mary confirms that this extraordinary

reversal of death is not limited to Christ. If Mary can end up in heaven, body and soul, so can we who share in her humanity.

2. Our hope is for a physical resurrection

The whole point of the dogma is its emphasis on Mary's bodily assumption. Otherwise there would be no need for it. Arguing that Mary's soul went to heaven at the end of her earthly life is to claim nothing different than what happens to every other person who died in a state of grace. (Of course, those who aren't saints would have to stop in purgatory before entering into the fullness of heaven, but still the overall point holds.)

Mary's assumption reminds us that salvation is holistic. God does not just save half of us. He doesn't just pluck the soul out of the husk of a sinful body. We are saved in the fullness of our humanity, body and soul. (Pope Pius XII makes this argument in his [definition of the dogma](#).)

3. Heaven is for saints

One of the peculiarities of the Old Testament—at least from our perspective—is that it did not have a well-defined concept of heaven. When people died, even the righteous, they ended up in Sheol, the shadowy underworld that is the Hebrew equivalent of the Greek Hades. The ancient Israelites did understand that there was a heavenly temple from which God reigned. This is beautifully depicted in Isaiah's vision. But they didn't necessarily view heaven as a destination for saints. Enoch, Elijah, and Moses were exceptions to the rule.

The Assumption of Mary clarifies and confirms that the heaven of the New Testament is a place where the saints experience the presence of God. She is the first one to enter under the New Covenant. (We [cannot be sure](#) that the Good Thief went directly to heaven.) In a way, Mary opened up heaven for rest of the saints, just as she opened up the earth to the fullness of God's Incarnate presence.

4. The final reversal of the Fall

The Church teaches that Mary shares in Christ's lot. This is based upon her role as the New Eve to His New Adam, which is evident in Simeon's prophecy and her presence at the crucifixion. Mary's Assumption to heaven is the final reversal of the evils of sin and death unleashed by the Fall.

5. Man is not meant to be alone

To be human is to live in relation to another. This is one of the first things Scripture teaches about man. In the Garden of Eden Adam was in paradise, presumably lacking for nothing, including the company of fellow creatures, yet it was 'not good' for him to be 'alone.' So God created Eve. Christ, who was perfectly human, 'needs' the perfect companionship of another human, especially in paradise, as theologian Matthew Levering [points out in his book](#) on the assumption. Christ is not a solitary savior. In His divinity he enjoys the communion of the Trinity. In His humanity he reigns from heaven with his Mother.

6. Marian veneration is Christo-centric

Mary's assumption means that there are no bones or tombs of Our Lady to venerate. This means that, contrary to the Protestant accusations, Marian veneration is particularly Christo-centric. Thanks to the assumption, it is *impossible* to think of her without thinking of her being in the fullness of Christ's heavenly presence.

7. Mary is uniquely positioned to help us

Although souls in heaven are not deprived of the beatific vision they are somewhat limited by not having bodies, according to St. Thomas Aquinas. He [explains](#) that souls without bodies are in an unnatural state, lacks perfection, and are denied the fullness of happiness. Even the beatific vision is affected in a way. Although God is seeing through the eye of the intellect, souls need bodies in order to see His glory reflected in other creatures, according to [Aquinas](#). The Assumption of Mary ensures that she has none of these limitations.

Having her body is particularly crucial for her given that it is a source of so much of her power: in the Incarnation God took flesh from Mary and it was through her body that He was born. The upshot of this is that Mary has everything she needs to see our problems—as well as our potential for holiness—and to help us grow into little Christs.

8. Mary's beauty is perfected

One further implication of what has just been stated above is that Mary's beauty in heaven is perfected. She is not a disembodied soul. She is not a spirit flitting about in paradise. The beauty that became espoused to the Holy Spirit lives in her fullness in heaven, as the vision of [Revelation 12](#) shows us so well. This is one reason that the Church venerates Mary above all other saints.

DIOCESAN PHASE OF THE SYNOD

In order to prepare for the Diocesan Phase of the Synodal Process we had workshops for all the Priests, Religious and lay representatives in Deanery levels. Bishop appointed a team for the smooth functioning of the Diocesan Phase of the Synod. Four priests of the said team visited all the parishes, main institutions of the diocese and conducted awareness programmes for the lay faithful. We can state that this programme

was a new experience for all which will definitely make a revival of the local church.

Diocesan Synod was held on the 27th June 2022 at the Bishop's House with the participation of the Priests and the representatives Religious and the Laity of the Diocese of Ratnapura.

With regard to the parishes in our

Diocese, they play a unifying role, bringing the parishioners together irrespective of all their differences. We see that they are responding to this call very well, although it could still be better. In order to achieve the unity and discharge fruitful ministries, parish priests always needs to consult the Parish Council – listen to what they have to say, be challenged by their views and remarks, and after having listened to them, implement what is good for the parishes and its pastoral care, as the juridic actions are ultimately determined by the pastor, who represents it juridically and acts in its name (C. 532). In the synodal preparations, we recognize the following areas for future orientation and improvement:

The Local Church should adhere to Synodal Church Structure avoiding traditions which does not add value to the church in her spiritual Journey.

The Church should be a place where it represents voice of the people and love of God, when it comes to decision making it should not be solely depend on the hierarchy but also the opinions of the people should be heard and counted.

The relationship between consultation and decision making needs to be stronger. The Church should open the doors for every child of God, and should guide them to the mission of God, help them to make the correct decisions with correct choices.

The church should be accountable and transparent to its people, be it about the teachings, power, authority, money, donations, charity etc. Church needs to be led by the Holy Spirit, and not under influence of the Flesh.

The content of the Synodal Report is a result of discussions held on parish, deanery and diocesan level. All the discussions have been had with the participation of the clergy, representatives of the religious and the laity.



The above mentioned synthesis is a summary of various observations and suggestions made by those categories of participants mentioned above. There are positive aspects, negatives aspects and challenging factors. All the factors are a result of hard work and lengthy discussions based on communion, participation and mission which are the essential dimensions of a synodal Church.

Holy Father Pope Francis wishes to bring in a new dimension to the XVI Ordinary Synod to be held in October 2023, namely to make the synodal process not “a downward movement” but “an upward movement” wherein all the baptized, consecrated and ordained member of the church by virtue of their vocation make a journey together, beginning from the grassroot level discussions and moving forward. The new vision of the Holy Father should first enter into our hearts as leaders and guides leading to the realization of it in the hearts of others for the growth of the church



Nobody stands up

Teacher: "Anyone who thinks he's stupid may stand up!"

Nobody stands up

Teacher: "I'm sure there are some stupid students over here!!"

Little Johnny stands up

Teacher: "Ohh, Johnny you think you're stupid?"

Little Johnny: "No... I just feel bad that you're standing alone..."

Four men are in the hospital waiting room because their wives are having babies. A nurse approaches the first guy and says, “Congratulations! You're the father of twins.” “That's odd,” answers the man. “I work for the Minnesota Twins!” A nurse then yells the second man, “Congratulations! You're the father of triplets!” “That's weird,” answers the second man. “I work for the 3M company!” A nurse goes up to the third man saying, “Congratulations! You're the father of quadruplets.” “That's strange,” he answers. “I work for the Four Seasons hotel!” The last man begins groaning and banging his head against the wall. “What's wrong?” the others ask. “I work for 7 Up!”

There are three friends named Mad, Brain, and Fight. One day Fight went missing and his friends Mad and Brain started searching for him. Then Brain said, "Mad, let's file a missing person report with the police." When they were about to walk into the police station, Brain said, "Mad, you go and make the report. I will wait for you here." Mad said, "Okay." Mad walked in but no police officers paid attention to him. Then he saw a policeman drinking a cup of coffee. Mad went to the officer, smacked the table, and the cup of coffee flew in the air, landing in the officer's lap. Angry, the policeman asked, "Are you looking for a fight?" Mad replied, "Yes, I am." The policeman asked, "Are you mad?" Mad replied, "Yes, I am Mad." The policeman then asked, "Don't you have a brain?" Mad replied, "Brain is outside sir."

EVENTS OF THE RECENT PAST



SYNODAL JOURNEY

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**VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY
THE APOSTOLIC NUNCIO MSGR. BRIAN UDAIGWE
TO THE CATHEDRAL OF SS. PETER & PAUL RATNAPURA**

Followings are the messages sent by Three Congregations for the Souvenir in view of the Celebration of the Diocesan Silver Jubilee. Due to the rapid spread of COVID 19 we had to cancel the celebration.

To appreciate their good work rendered to the diocese, we decided of publishing them in this volume of our Diocesan Bulletin.

LOVE SHARED BY SISTERS OF CHARITY IN THE DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA

The celebration of twenty-five years of the existence of the Diocese of Ratnapura is a unique event as she became autonomous from the diocese of Galle in 1995. Together with his Lordship Right Rev. Dr. Cletus Chandrasisri Perera the Bishop of the Diocese of Ratnapura, the Priests, Religious and the Faithful, I thank God Almighty for His countless blessings showered upon the diocese of Ratnapura for the past twenty-five years.



The apostle Paul often wrote expressing his appreciation of others, however, I want to draw your attention to his letter to the believers in Philippi. In Philippians 1:3, Paul starts “*I thank my God in all my remembrance of you*”. At this juncture, with grateful hearts, I recall the contributions made by Sisters of Charity in the growth of the Diocese in Ratnapura for almost a hundred



years. They have intensified their efforts to epitomize in their own lives God’s goodness, by making their presence a source of inspiration and strength to everyone. The presence of sisters past and present influenced the lives of children, youth, children with special needs, families, and children of the plantation sector with the charism of tender love and compassion.

Our first care had been the education where sisters could impart Christian values to children and adults. The sisters who were involved in teaching not only taught the subject matter but they contributed to the formation of the heart and mind and helped them to be integrated persons who face the challenges of life bravely. Education has always opened a wealth of new ex-

periences to add quality to the lives of children. At present, the new experiences that the children gain in the course of their education has open new horizons to face in the new milieu. In long years of education, Sisters not only offered a dedicated service but also moulded the life of everyone that entered the portals of the convent.

One of our main concern has been our involvement in the pastoral work, together with the priests and lay leaders they inculcate the kingdom values to all those who encounter them in parish ministries, such as singing or teaching catechism to children or to adults and other works of charity. Sisters identified their involvement in parish dimensions of social ministry as an essential part of parish life. The sisters were drawn towards the poor, materially and other kinds of poverty especially the orphans or one parent-child, differently able, the people in the plantation sector who are deprived of so many ways- while sharing Gods love with the sisters to experience transformation in their own lives.

It has been a joy to serve in the Diocese of Ratnapura with our brother priests who support us in every way. The Bishops too have given us their fullest corporation.

We wish to thank our present Bishop Right. Rev. Dr. Cletus Chandrasiri for his humble presence and his great support extended to us. We Congratulate the Diocese as she celebrates the silver jubilee with joy and gratitude.

We wish everyone a very happy and joyous jubilee and pray that the missionary zeal of Ss Peter and Paul, our Patron Saints, will continue to fire within us a passion for mission in our world today.

Rev. Sr. Patsy Nesamalar S C J M

Greetings from the Sisters of the Holy Angels in Rathnapura Diocese



On the significant occasion of the 25th Anniversary of the foundation of the Rathnapura Diocese, it gives the Holy Angel family a great pleasure to extend our warm Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Diocese.

Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy angels of Sri Lanka was founded by His Lordship, the first Bishop of Galle, Rt. Rev. Bishop Joseph Van Reeth (S.J.) with the Motto of “ All for the Greater Glory of God.”

There are three Holy Angel communities in the Diocese of Rathnapura at Balangoda and Rakwana. St. Agnes' Convent Balangoda was started with 4 sisters in January 1930. In the same year St. Agnes' Balika Maha Vidyalaya was opened by Rev. Fr. Robert Stache (S.J.). With the sweat and hard labour of the sisters of the past and present, the school has won the love and respect of the people of Balangoda and the surrounding areas. The sisters of St. Agnes' convent are also engaged in teaching in the Nursery school and forming the young girls of the hostel. They also are engaged in Estate apostolate and Parish apostolate.

St. Joseph's Home for the Elders, Balangoda was opened on the 29th of December 1960 during the time of His Lordship Bishop Laudadio(S.J.). There are about 65 elders under the caring hands of the sisters.



St. Anthony's convent Rakwana which is in the tea plantation area was blessed on the 1st of January 1942 by Rev. Fr. Van Austen. Sisters are engaged in school, parish, nursery and estate apostolate especially paying attention to the less privileged of the society.

We are grateful for the Diocese for the co-operation given in fulfilling our ministry and working collaboratively. May the good Lord lead you and bless you as you begin a next phase of service in the Diocese.

Rev. Sr. Gertrude Fernando H A

MISSION OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD SISTERS IN THE DIOCESE OF RATNAPURA

Based on our Charism, Mission and Vision, we the Good Shepherd sisters focus our ministries in working with children and women who are the most vulnerable segment of society. Good Shepherd Sri Lanka (GSSL) has 150 years of long history for enhancing and uplifting thousands of unprivileged and neglected children and women in society. In this context the Good Shepherd sisters from the three Communities of Yatiyantota, Keerapathdeniya and Kahawatte are engaged in various ministries.

Good Shepherd Convent -Yatiyantota

Good Shepherd Convent Yatiyantota was founded in 1958 in response to an urgent need to take care of the Girls' section of St Gabriel's College – a mixed school run by the Jesuit Priests of the Parish. Since then the sisters have been on the tutorial staff responding to the education-

al needs of the girls of the area. While catering to the needs of the girls in education, there arose another need of a hostel where under privileged girls from the remotest estates could be housed to give access to secondary and higher education. A Montessori House of Children was also started to provide a quality education in Preschool. This ministry is being effectively carried out by our sisters to this day. In addition to the Preschool Ministry, our sisters also engage in Pastoral Activities such as instructing in the faith, preparing children and adults to receive Sacraments, catechizing children in the estates, preparing and participating in the liturgy, visiting houses in the estates and attending to their needs. An English class is also conducted for the children of the area.

Good Shepherd Convent – Keerapathdeniya -Balangoda

Four of our sisters are engaged in various ministries in the Convent at Keerapathdeniya - namely Estate Ministry, Community Based Child Protection (CBCP) Program, Income Generating Program for less fortunate women and Pastoral Work. Three CBCP programs are established in the Ratnapura Diocese, one at Halinna in the Kahawatta Parish and two others at Wallawa and Waleboda in the Keerapathdeniya Parish. CBCP programs aim at developing the whole community which is demarcated under a geographical basis. The programs adopt a child-centered approach where the child development is given more prominence while the community is made aware and equipped with capacities to protect their children. The sustainability and the effectiveness of the program is highly dependent on the collaborative effort made by the estate management, government officers and other stake holders, parents, children and the staff. The long-lasting aim of the program is to establish effective child protection program in the community where the children are protected and their rights upheld.

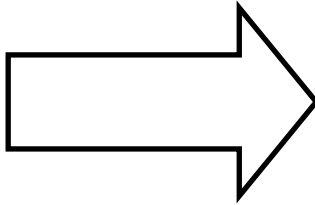
Good Shepherd Convent – Kahawatte

Sisters in Kahawatta community engage in various ministries such as Pastoral Work, Pre- School a Estate Ministry, Instructing at Sunday School, helping with Liturgy, Visiting Houses and Organizing Awareness Program for children and youth. In the Pre- School there are 40- 45 children each year. Sisters prepare these little kids for a better future and also visit their houses in order to come to know and understand their family background. Kahawatta Parish consists of 13 Estate Substations where our sisters participate at Holy Mass, visit houses, prepare children and adults to receive Sacraments, help in children's education and organize awareness programs. At Halinna estate CBCP program has been introduced and implemented. 140 children and 242 families are successfully engaged in this program. Through our mission in the estates we the Good Shepherd sisters live our Charism which is a gift that reflects the Good Shepherd values of compassion, reconciliation and limitless mercy. We strive to foster the Zeal of our Foundress St. Mary Euphrasia “One person is of more value than the whole world.

Sr. M. Siriyapushpam Saverian

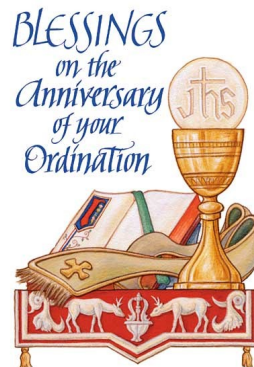
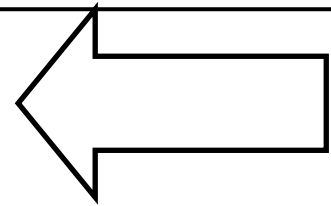
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Good Shepherd Sisters.



Aug 02 - Fr. Roland Rodrigo
 Aug 04 - Bishop Cletus C. Perera O S B
 Aug 09 - Fr. K. Devaraja
 Aug 13 - Fr. Texie Dissanayake
 - Fr. Lionel Fernando
 - Fr. Milton Wickramasinhge
 Aug 11 - Sr. Clare H A (Balangoda Home)
 Aug 15 - Sr. Deepthika R G S (Keerapathdeniya)
 Aug 18 - Fr. Noel Rowel
 Aug 19 - Fr. Damian Fernando
 - Fr. Anton Sriyan
 Aug 22 - Sr. Uthayaseeli Mark
 Aug 24 - Fr. Bastian O S B
 Aug 25 - Fr. Piyal Fernando
 Sep 05 - Fr. Paul Fernando
 Sep 08 - Fr. Sidath Wilegoda

Aug 01 - Fr. Jeewantha Peris
 Aug 06 - Sr. Jayanthini R G S (Keerapathdeniya)
 Aug 08 - Sr. Sivasathyarani O P (Gurugalle)
 Aug 10 - Fr. Anushka Fernando
 Aug 19 - Sr. Carmel Perera S C J M Kegalle Convent)
 Aug 21 - Sr. Anusiya F M M (Dehiowita)
 Aug 22 - Sr. Uthayaseeli Mark H C (Deraniyagala)
 Sep 03 - Sr. Beningnus S C J M (Kegalle Home)
 Sep 06 - Bishop Cletus C. Perera O S B
 Sep 07 - Fr. Piyal Fernando
 Sep 08 - Sr. Nadeesha S C J M (Kegalle Home)
 Sep 09 - Fr. K. Devaraja
 - Sr. Magdaline F M M (Dehiowita)
 Sep 14 - Sr. Mangalika Fernando O P (Gurugalle)
 Sep 18 - Sr. Jency H C (Deraniyagala)
 Sep 25 - Fr. Emil Fernando



DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Aug 13 - Fr. K. D. Joseph
 Aug 23 - Fr. Sisira Rienzie