

DIOCESE OF MANGOCHI



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2018 ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VISION: Family of God filled with the Holy Spirit living in harmony, peace and solidarity

MISSION: Mangochi Diocese is committed to providing holistic evangelization through teaching the word of God and facilitating development work

THEME OF THE YEAR CARE FOR THE POOR

“Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth” (1 Jn. 3:18)

JANUARY

- 01: Mary Mother of God: Feast Day – St. Mary Parish World day of Peace
- 07: Epiphany of the Lord: Collections from all parishes to be forwarded to the PMS office through the Diocesan Treasury
- 08: Baptism of the Lord
- 13: Ulongwe Deanery Meeting – Ulongwe Parish
- 13: Mpiri Deanery Meeting- St. Mary's Pastoral Centre
- 13: Nankhwali Deanery Meeting – Nankumba Parish
- 15: John Chilembwe Day
- 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 16-18: Pastoral visit – Koche Parish, Bishop
- 19: Youth Animation team- Meeting – Bishop's Residence

- 24-26: Pastoral visit – Mbera Parish, Bishop

- 29-2 February: ECM Plenary, Bishop

FEBRUARY

- 02: Presentation of the Lord: World Day of Consecrated Life, Get - together of Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters: St. Augustine 'Mangochi' Cathedral on **3 February**
- 04: Diocesan Laity Council Meeting – Ulongwe Parish
- 7 – 19: Visit to Rome, Bishop
- 11: Our Lady of Lourdes: World Day of the Sick – celebrations on **24 FEBRUARY** at Mulibwanji Hospital, Masuku parish – Bishop
- 11: Feast at Namwera Parish (Our Lady of Lourdes) – Bishop
- 11: Diocesan Events Committee Meeting, Mangochi Cathedral

14: ASH WEDNESDAY – FASTING AND ABSTINENCE Holy Mass – Bishop

22-24: On-going formation for the clergy, consultors' meeting & recollection for the clergy – St. John Guest House

26 -2 March: On—going training of catechists – St. Mary Pastoral Center

28-2 March: Pastoral visit, St. Mary Parish, Bishop

MARCH

01-02: Canonical training of deanary priests & catechists on administration of the Sacrament of Marriage, Mpiri deanary

03: Martyrs Day in Malawi

03: Presbyterium meeting – Bishop's Residence

06: Strategic Plan Implementation Team Meeting, diocesan offices

07: Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, Bishop's Residence

08-09: Canonical training of deanary priests & catechists on administration of the Sacrament of Marriage, Balaka deanary

10: Deanary Youth Day, Nankhwali deanary, Nankhwali Parish

13: Vocation Promotion Team Meeting – Bishop's Residence

13: Deanary meeting Balaka Deanary, Phalula parish

15-16: Canonical training of deanary priests & catechists on administration of the Sacrament of Marriage, Ulongwe deanary

17: TtT review training in all deanaries

15-18: Pastoral visit, Balaka Parish, Bishop

20: Ulongwe Deanary meeting, Ulongwe Parish

22-23: Canonical training of deanary priests & catechists on administration of the Sacrament of Marriage, Mangochi deanary

25: **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Mass at the Cathedral, BISHOP**

28: **CHRISM MASS, Bishop**, St. Augustine Cathedral: Get Together of all Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters

30: **Good Friday, BISHOP**

31: **Easter vigil, BISHOP**

APRIL

01: Easter Sunday, Lunch at the leprosarium, Utale II, Bishop

02-06: ADCCOM NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY, Kachebere Major Seminary

07: Catholic Charismatic Movement diocesan meeting, Cathedral

08: **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**, Mangochi Cathedral, Bishop

08: Diocesan Events Committee Meeting, Mangochi Cathedral

09-14: On-going formation and retreat for catechists, St. Mary Pastoral Center

11: College of Consultors' meeting, Bishop's residence

12: CWO – WUCWO MASS. St. Mary Parish, Bishop

13-14: Diocesan Youth Council, Mangochi Cathedral, Diocesan Youth Chaplain

12-14: Pastoral visit, Nsanama Parish, Bishop

14: Nankhwali Deanary Meeting – Nankhwali Parish

19-20: Canonical training of deanary priests & catechists on administration of the Sacrament of Marriage, Nankhwali deanary

19-21: Pastoral visit, Utale I Parish, Bishop

23-27: on-going training & Retreat for wives of all catechists – St. Mary Pastoral Center

25-27: Pastoral visit & Confirmation, Namandanje Parish, Bishop

26-27: TtT diocesan training – Montfort lake House, Namiasi

28: Feast day (St. Loius Montfort) Monkey Bay Parish

28: Feast day (St. Loius Montfort) Balaka Parish

29: **DIOCESAN PAPER SUNDAY**

MAY

- 01: St. Joseph the Worker – WORKERS' DAY, (Youth activities & charity work at Mulibwanji Hospital) Bishop
03-05: Pastoral Visit, Monkey Bay, Bishop
06: St. Magdalene of Cannossa, Feast of Koche Parish (actual calendar 8th May)
10-13: Pastoral visit & Confirmation, Kapire Parish, Bishop
12: YCS Diocesan leadership training and elections
13: Diocesan Events Committee Meeting, Mangochi Cathedral
14: **KAMUZU DAY**
17-19: Pastoral visit & Confirmation, Nankhwali Parish, Bishop
19: Ordination to Diaconate – Zomba Cathedral
19: Deanery Youth Day, Mpiri Deanery, St. Mary Parish
20: **PENTECOST SUNDAY**
SILVER JUBILEE AT PHALURA PARISH, BISHOP
23-25: Pastoral visit, Masuku Parish, Bishop
27-8 June: Bishop's Trip to Namughongo, Uganda

JUNE

- 03: St. Charles Lwanga & Companions – Feast of Kankao Parish & St. Charles Lwanga Secondary School in Balaka
03: *CORPUS CHRISTI* – Mangochi Cathedral, Vicar General
08: Feast of Ulongwe Parish-The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – Vicar General
09: Immaculate Heart of Mary – Feast of Namandanje Parish
09: Golden Jubilee of religious life for Sr. Hellen Mkaka, Divine Providence – Mangochi Cathedral, Bishop
10: Diocesan Events Committee Meeting, Mangochi Cathedral
12: Deanery Meeting, Balaka deanery
14: Freedom Day
16: Deanery Youth Day, Balaka Deanery, Balaka Parish
16: St. Paul Seminary Day Celebrations, SPAS, Bishop
22: Youth Animation team- Meeting – Bishop's Residence

21-24: Pastoral visit, Katema Parish, Bishop

22-24: Diocesan Youth Leadership Training, Mpulura Pastoral Center

23: Ulongwe Deanery meeting, Ulongwe Parish

24: Birth of St. John the Baptist – Feast of St. John the Baptist DMI University, Bishop
25-29: ECM Plenary Meeting in Lilongwe - Bishop
29: Ss. Peter and Paul: Feast of Utale I Parish- Bishop
30: Confirmation, Mbera Parish, Bishop

JULY

- 01: Confirmation, Koche Parish, Bishop
03-05: Pastoral visit & Confirmation, Utale II Parish, Bishop
06: REPUBLIC DAY

- 07: Priestly Ordination at the Cathedral – Bishop**
- 08: Diocesan Laity Council Meeting – Ulongwe Parish
- 08: Diocesan Events Committee Meeting, Mangochi Cathedral
- 12-14: Pastoral visit, Nankumba Parish, Bishop
- 14: Nankhwali Deanery Meeting – Koche Parish
- 15: Confirmation, Monkey Bay Parish, Bishop
- 18-23: **AMECEA PLENARY, ETHIOPIA, BISHOP** (THEME: Vibrant Diversity, Equal Dignity, Peaceful Unity in God in the AMECEA Region)
- 22: **DIOCESAN PAPER SUNDAY**
- 26: DCOP meeting, Bishop's Residence
- 26: Ss. Joachim & Ann – Feast of Kausi and Kapire Parishes
- 28: Confirmation, Ulongwe Parish, Bishop
- 28: Diocesan youth pilgrimage to Michiru, Youth Chaplain
- 29: Confirmation, Lulanga Parish, Bishop
- 29: Communication Sunday

AUGUST

- 01-31: Deanery Choir Festivals
- 02: CWO Annual Retreat opening mass, Ulongwe Parish – Bishop
- 04: Confirmation, St. Mary Parish, Bishop
- 05: Confirmation, Namalaka Parish, Bishop
- 06: **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: ADCCOM social Day at Kalenjeka, ADCCOM EXECUTIVE**
- 11: Confirmation, Masuku Parish, Bishop
- 11: Deanery Youth Day, Ulongwe Deanery, Ulongwe Parish
- 12: Confirmation, Utale I Parish, Bishop
- 12: Diocesan Events Committee Meeting, Mangochi Cathedral
- 15: Assumption of Mary
- 18: Confirmation, Kankao, Bishop
- 17-19: Pastoral visit & confirmation, Namwera Parish, Bishop
- 19: Confirmation, Balaka Parish
- 25: Diocesan Day Celebration at Mangochi Cathedral (DIOCESAN FUND RAISING)- Bishop**
- 26: Confirmation, Mangochi Cathedral Parish, Bishop
- 27: St. Monica, Feast of St. Monica Secondary School, Mangochi
- 28: **St. Augustine – Feast of Mangochi 'Cathedral' Parish**

SEPTEMBER: BIBLE MONTH

- 01 Radio Maria Malawi Choir Festival – Mangochi Cathedral, Director
- 02: Opening the Bible Month in all Parishes: Collections for the support of National & Diocesan Bible Apostolates
- 08: Diocesan Choir Festival – **BALAKA PARISH**, Birth day of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Bishop (Nyimbo imodzi ya Amai Maria, ina yopeka (zida kapena ayi) pa mutu wa **CHISAMARIRO KWA ANTHU OSAUKA**)
- 09: Diocesan Events Committee Meeting, Mangochi Cathedral
- 14: **TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS** – Feast of Holy Cross Primary School (HCPPS) –Bishop
- 15: Deanery Youth Day, Mangochi deanery – Mangochi Cathedral
- 20-22: Pastoral Visit & Confirmation, Kausi Parish, Bishop
- 21: Vocation Animation Team Meeting – Bishop's Residence
- 23: St. Padre Pio – Feast of Katema Parish and Confirmation – Bishop
- 25: Ulongwe Deanery Meeting, Ulongwe Parish

- 26-28: Pastoral Visit, Ulongwe Parish, Bishop
- 29 GOLDEN JUBILEE**, Namandanje Parish, Bishop
- 30: Closing of the BIBLE Month and Launch of the month of the HOLY ROSARY – **Cathedral, BISHOP**

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY

- 4-7: Pastoral Visit, Chidzanja Parish, Bishop
- 4: Feast Day at St. Francis of Assisi (Chidzanja) Parish – Bishop
- 05: World Day of Teachers: Activities in Schools, Education Secretary
- 07: Diocesan Laity Council Meeting – Ulongwe Parish
- 11: CWO Umai wa Amai Maria, Balaka Parish, Bishop
- 11-14: Pastoral visit & Confirmation, Mpiri Parish – Bishop
- 14-20: Prison Week, Activities in our prisons, Prison Chaplain
- 13: Diocesan Youth Day: Mangochi Cathedral – Bishop
- 13: Nankhwali Deanary Meeting – Monkey Bay Parish
- 14: Diocesan Events Committee Meeting, Mangochi Cathedral
- 15: CWO celebrates Mothers` Day at Mangochi Cathedral- Bishop
- 21: World Mission Sunday – PMS Director to organize Celebration and collections
- 22-26: Annual Retreat & Ongoing formation for all catechists – St. John (Mpulula) Pastoral Center
- 28: DIOCESAN PAPER SUNDAY (Confirmation, Phalula Parish), Bishop**

NOVEMBER: Celebrating the unity of the pilgrim, suffering and triumphant church

- 01: All saints Day
- 02: All souls Day
- 03: Requiem Holy Mass- SPAS Cemetery - Bishop
- 04: St. Martins de Pores – Feast of Nsanama Parish & confirmation) – Bishop
- 07-09: Pastoral visit, Phalula Parish – Bishop
- 10: Laity Council General assembly, Mangochi cathedral – Bishop
- 11: Diocesan Events Committee Meeting, Mangochi Cathedral
- 14-16: Pastoral visit, Kankao Parish – Bishop
- 17: Presbyterium meeting, Bishop's residence
- 18: WORLD DAY OF THE POOR (Activities at the Cathedral – Bishop)**
- 25: CHRIST THE KING – Mangochi Cathedral - Bishop**
- 27: Diocesan Council of Priests (DCOP) Meeting - Bishop's House

DECEMBER

- 01: World AIDS Day – Balaka District Hospital, Diocesan Hospital Chaplain & Bishop
- 01: Ulongwe Deanary meeting, Ulongwe Parish
- 02: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - CYCLE C BEGINS
- 03: ADCCOM General Assembly – Bishop's residence
- 03-06: ADCCOM Members Annual Retreat- Montfort Lake House – Namiasi
- 07: Presbyterium meeting – Budget consultation & Diocesan annual calendar finalization, Montfort Lake House – Namiasi
- 08: **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop**
- 08: Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) meeting- Bishop's residence
- 09: Diocesan Events Committee Meeting, Mangochi Cathedral
- 15: Diocesan Finance Council meeting – Budget Discussion, Bishop's residence
- 15: Youth Animation team- Meeting – Bishop's Residence

- 25: **NATIVITY OF THE LORD-** St. Augustine 'Mangochi' Cathedral: BISHOP
27: Diocesan Social Day of Pastoral Workers at Bishop's House- Birthday of Rt. Rev. M. Stima
30: Diocesan Celebration of Christian Family life at Mangochi Cathedral- Bishop

Notices: The parishes that intend to celebrate their Parish Feast day graced by His Lordship should arrange with the Bishop's secretary's office or the pastoral Office.

Bishop's Pastoral visits to the parishes and institutions shall be arranged by the bishop's office and the concerned parishes and institutions.

Remember to record, keep and submit to the office of the Bishop statistics of the parish by filling the forms from Rome. 30th April will be the last day of receiving the forms from the parishes.

To my dear brothers and sisters in the vineyard of the Lord; you are always requested to submit annual programs of events to the office of the Pastoral Secretary by the end of November each year, if they are to be included in the Diocesan Annual Calendar of events. This can be done by hand, through the post or an email to the contacts cited below. You are also reminded to send parish annual budget and financial Report to the office of the Finance Administrator. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

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