

DIOCESE OF MANGOCHI



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2019 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

BAPTISED AND SENT

*"Piani ku Dziko Lonse Lapansi, Kalalikireni Anthu Onse Uthenga
Wabwino" (Mk.16:15)*

JANUARY

- 01: Mary Mother of God: Feast Day – St. Mary Parish, World day of Peace
- 06: **Epiphany of the Lord:** Collections from all parishes to be forwarded to the PMS office through the Diocesan Treasury
- 06-13: Tree planting and Caring week in all parishes of the Catholic Church in Malawi
- 10-12: Pastoral Visit, St. Francis of Assisi (Chidzanja) Parish, Bishop
- 13: Baptism of the Lord
- 12: Nankwali deanery Meeting – Monkey Bay Parish
- 15: John Chilembwe Day
- 18-25: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 20-27: World Youth Day, Panama, Bishop

- 28-2: ECM Plenary, Catholic Secretariat, Bishop

FEBRUARY

- 02: Presentation of the Lord: World Day of Consecrated Life, Get - together of Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters: St. Augustine 'Mangochi' Cathedral (FORMATION PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ON THE EXTRAORDINARY MISSIONARY MONTH OF OCTOBER 2019)
- 06-08: Pastoral Visit, Balaka Institutions, Bishop

- 09: Diocesan Laity Council meeting together with the diocesan leaders of all Church groups and sodalities (Handovers between old and new Laity council executive committees), Cathedral
- 11: Our Lady of Lourdes: World Day of the Sick – celebrations on **10 FEBRUARY** at Balaka Hospital, Balaka Parish – Bishop
- 11: Feast at Namwera Parish (Our Lady of Lourdes) – Bishop
- 12: DCOP meeting, Bishop's Residence
- 14-15: Pastoral Visit, Kausi Parish, Bishop
- 16: Diocesan Finance Council Meeting, Bishop's Residence
- 17-20: Nsulo wa alangizi achinamwali chachikhristu – Mangochi Deanery (Mangochi Cathedral)
- 22-24: Pastoral visit, Mpiri Parish, Bishop
- 24-27: Nsulo wa alangizi achinamwali chachikhristu – Mpiri Deanery (St. Mary Pastoral Center)
- 27-02: On-going formation for Catechists, St. Mary Pastoral Center
- 25-05: Family celebration anniversary, Philippines/ Manila, Bishop
- 27-01: Canonical training of deanery priests & catechists on administration of the Sacrament of Marriage, Mpiri deanery

MARCH

- 02: Catholic Charismatic Movement Diocesan meeting, Cathedral
- 02: Mangochi Deanery Meeting – Mangochi Cathedral
- 02: Mpiri Deanery Meeting- St. Mary's Pastoral Centre
- 02: Vocation Animation Team Meeting – Bishop's Residence
- 03: Martyrs Day in Malawi
- 04: Presbyterium meeting – Bishop's Residence
- 06 ASH WEDNESDAY – FASTING AND ABSTINENCE Holy Mass – Bishop**
- 07: Strategic Plan Implementation Team Meeting, diocesan offices
- 09: Diocesan Recollection for all Pastoral Agents, Mangochi Cathedral
- 10-13: Nsulo wa alangizi achinamwali chachikhristu – Balaka Deanery (Mpulula Pastoral Center)
- 12: Balaka Deanery Meeting – Phalula Parish
- 13-15: Canonical training of deanery priests & catechists on administration of the Sacrament of Marriage, Balaka deanery
- 15-17: Pastoral Visit, Namalaka Parish, Bishop
- 16: Diocesan Youth Council meeting (election & training), Mangochi Cathedral
- 17-20: Nsulo wa alangizi achinamwali chachikhristu – Ulongwe Deanery (Mpulula Pastoral Center)
- 20-22: Canonical training of deanery priests & catechists on administration of the Sacrament of Marriage, Ulongwe deanery
- 22-24: Pastoral Visit, Lulunga Parish, Bishop
- 23: Ulongwe Deanery Meeting – Ulongwe Parish
- 25: The Annunciation of the Lord
- 27-29: Canonical training of deanery priests & catechists on administration of the Sacrament of Marriage, Mangochi deanery
- 30: Divine Mercy group diocesan meeting, Cathedral
- 31: **DIOCESAN PAPER SUNDAY**

APRIL

- 31-03: Nsulo wa alangizi achinamwali chachikhristu – Nankhwali Deanery (Koche Parish)
- 04-07: Pastoral visit, Namwera Parish, Bishop
- 05: Youth Animation Team meeting, Bishop's Residence
- 08-10: Canonical training of deanery priests & catechists on administration of the Sacrament of Marriage, Nankhwali deanery
- 11-14: Pastoral Visit, Ulongwe Parish, Bishop
- 13: Nankhwali Deanery Youth Leadership Training, Monkey Bay

- 14: **Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, Ulongwe, BISHOP**
- 17: **CHRISM MASS, Bishop**, St. Augustine Cathedral: Get Together of all Priests, Religious Brothers and Sisters
- 19: **Good Friday, BISHOP**
- 20: **Easter vigil, BISHOP**
- 21: **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Bishop**
- 22-27: On-going training & Retreat for wives of all catechists – St. Mary Pastoral Center
- 24-26: TtT Diocesan Training – Montfort lake House, Namiasi
- 27: Mpiri Deanary Youth Leadership Training, St Mary Pastoral Center
- 28: **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**, Mangochi Cathedral, (ST. MONTFORT-FEAST DAY OF THE BISHOP) Bishop
- 28: Feast day (St. Loius Montfort) Monkey Bay Parish
- 28: Feast day (St. Loius Montfort) Balaka Parish
- 29-01: Come and See Meeting, Ulongwe Pastoral Center

MAY

- 01: St. Joseph the Worker – LABOUR DAY, (YCW activities & charity work) Monkey Bay – Bishop
- 01: St. Joseph the Worker – Feast of Namalaka Parish
- 03-05: YCW Charitable work and Enrolment, Monkey Bay
- 04: Nankhwali Deanary Meeting – Nankhwali Parish
- 05: St. Magdalene of Canossa, Feast of Koche Parish (actual calendar 8th May)
- 08-10: Pastoral visit Parish, Kankao Parish, Bishop
- 11: CWO – WUCWO MASS. Koche Parish, Bishop
- 11: Confirmation, St. Montfort, Namandanje Parish, Bishop
- 11: Diocesan YCS Symposium, Koche Parish
- 12: Confirmation, Namandanje Parish, Bishop
- Diocesan Events Committee Meeting, Mangochi Cathedral
- 12: Vocations Sunday
- 13-15: On-going Formation for the Clergy, Montfort Lake House, Namiasi
- 14: KAMUZU DAY
- 16: Presbyterium Meeting, Montfort Lake House, Namiasi
- 18: Confirmation, Phimbi Church, Utale I parish, Bishop
- 19: Confirmation, Utale I parish, Bishop
- 21: **Tripartite Election**
- 23-26: Pastoral Visit, Koche Parish, Bishop
- 26: **DIOCESAN PAPER SUNDAY**
- 27-8 June: Bishop's Trip to Namughongo, Uganda

JUNE

- 01: Mpiri Deanary Youth Day, S. Mary Parish
- 03: St. Charles Lwanga & Companions – Feast of Kankao Parish & St. Charles Lwanga Secondary School in Balaka
- 08: Feast of Ulongwe Parish-The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
- 08: Mangochi Deanery Meeting – Katema Parish
- 08: Mpiri Deanery Meeting- St. Mary's Pastoral Centre
- 09: **PENTECOST SUNDAY**, confirmation, Phalula parish, Bishop
- 09: Immaculate Heart of Mary – Feast of Namandanje Parish
- 11: Balaka Deanery Meeting – Utale I Parish
- 12-14: Pastoral Visit, Mbera Parish, Bishop
- 14: Freedom Day
- 15: Confirmation, out church - Balaka Parish, Bishop
- 16: Confirmation, Balaka Parish, Bishop

- 22: Confirmation, Mbera Parish, Bishop
- 22: Balaka Deanery Youth Day, Balaka Parish
- 22: Ulongwe Deanery Meeting – Ulongwe Parish
- 23: *CORPUS CHRISTI* – Mangochi Cathedral, Bishop
- 24: Birth of St. John the Baptist – Feast of St. John the Baptist DMI University, Bishop
- 24-28: ECM Plenary Meeting in Lilongwe - Bishop
- 29: Ss. Peter and Paul: Feast of Utale I Parish and St. Paul the Apostle Minor Seminary – Bishop
- 29: DPC meeting - Bishop's Residence
- 30: Blessing of Kapako Church (Katema parish) - Bishop

JULY

- 06: REPUBLIC DAY IN MALAWI**
- 06: SILVER JUBILEE OF FR. PIYO, Cathedral – Bishop (Actual day on 9 July)**
- 10-12: Pastoral visit, Katema Parish, Bishop
- 13: Confirmation, Out church, Utale II Parish, Bishop
- 14: Confirmation, Utale II Parish, Bishop
- 17-19: Pastoral Visit, Balaka Parish, Bishop
- 20: Confirmation, Out church, Mpiri Parish, Bishop
- 21: Confirmation, Mpiri Parish, Bishop
- 21: Mangochi Deanery Youth Day, Mangochi Cathedral
- 24-26: Pastoral Visit, Phalula Parish, Bishop
- 26: Ss. Joachim & Ann – Feast of Kausi and Kapire Parishes
- 27: Confirmation, Kapire Parish, Bishop
- 28: Confirmation, Katema Parish, Bishop
- 28: Communication Sunday
- 30: DCOP meeting, Bishop's Residence

AUGUST

- 01-31: Deanery Choir Festivals
- 03: **GOLDEN JUBILEE OF ULONGWE PARISH - BISHOP**
- 03: Nankhwali Deanery Youth Day, Nankhwali Parish
- 04: Confirmation, Masuku Parish, Bishop
- 06: **TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**
- 07-11 CWO Diocesan Annual General Meeting
- 10: Confirmation, Nankhwali Parish, Bishop
- 11: Confirmation, Kankao Parish, Bishop
- 08: CWO AGM opening mass - Bishop
- 15: Assumption of Mary
- 17: Nankhwali Deanery Meeting – Nankumba Parish
- 17: Confirmation, Koche Parish, Bishop
- 18: Confirmation, Monkey Bay parish, Bishop
- 17-19: Pastoral visit Utale II Parish, Bishop
- 23: Youth Animation Team Meeting, Bishop's Residence
- 24: **Diocesan Day Celebration at Mangochi Cathedral (DIOCESAN FUND RAISING)- Bishop**
- 25: Confirmation, Namkumba Parish, Bishop
- 27: St. Monica, Feast of St. Monica Secondary School, Mangochi
- 28: **St. Augustine – Feast of Mangochi 'Cathedral' Parish (celebrations on 1 September - ulimbitso)**
- 29-01: M'bindikiro wa pachaka – Legio ya Maria, Koche Parish

30-01: Vocation Promotion Camp, Balaka Parish

SEPTEMBER: BIBLE MONTH

- 01: Kutsekera M'bindikiro wa Legio ya Maria, Koche Parish - Bishop
- 01: Opening the Bible Month in all Parishes: Collections for the support of National & Diocesan Bible Apostolates
- 04-06: Pastoral visit, Utale I, Bishop
- 07: Radio Maria Malawi Choir Festival – Mangochi Cathedral, Director
- 07: Ulongwe Deanery Youth Day, Ulongwe Parish
- 08: Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 10: Balaka Deanery Meeting – Kankao Parish
- 11-14: Pastoral visit, Namandanje Parish, Bishop
- 14: **TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS** – Feast of Holy Cross Primary School (HCPPS) –Bishop
- 14: Diocesan Choir Festival, Mangochi Cathedral PARISH, – Bishop
(Nyimbo imodzi yokhudza MTANDA WOYERA WA YESU KHRISTU, ina yopeka (zida kapena ayi) pa mutu wa **(Baptised and Sent – Kubatizidwa ndi Kutumidwa)**)
- 14: Mangochi Deanery Meeting – Namalaka Parish
- 14: Mpiri Deanery Meeting- St. Mary's Pastoral Centre
- 15: Confirmation, Chidzanja Parish, Bishop
- 18-20: Pastoral Visit, Kapire Parish, Bishop
- 20-22: Live Pure Conference, St. Mary Pastoral Center
- 20-22: Training of Parish Youth Animators, Mpulula Pastoral Center
- 21: DPC meeting – Bishop's Residence
- 21: Ulongwe Deanery Meeting – Ulongwe Parish
- 22: St. Padre Pio – Feast of Katema Parish (actual Day – 23 September)
- 22: Confirmation, Namwera Parish, Bishop
- 29: Closing of the BIBLE Month and Launch of the MISSION MONTH and the month of the HOLY ROSARY – **Cathedral, BISHOP**

OCTOBER: MONTH OF THE ROSARY

- 02-04: Pastoral Visit, Nsanama Parish, Bishop
- 4: Feast Day at St. Francis of Assisi (Chidzanja) Parish – (Celebrations on SUNDAY, 6th October) Bishop
- 05: World Day of Teachers: Activities in Schools, Education Secretary
- 05: Confirmation, out church Nsanama Parish, Bishop
- 06: Confirmation, Nsanama Parish, Bishop
- 09-11: Pastoral Visit, Nankhwali Parish, Bishop
- 12: **DIOCESAN YOUTH DAY**, DMI University
- 12: CWO Umai wa Amai Maria, Mangochi Cathedral Parish, Bishop
- 13: Confirmation, Ulongwe Parish, Bishop
- 15: CWO celebrates Mothers' Day at Mangochi Cathedral- Bishop
- 16-18: Pastoral visit Monkey Bay Parish – Bishop
- 20: **World Mission Sunday – PMS Director to organize Celebrations and collections**
- 22-25: Come and See Meeting, Mpulula Pastoral Center
- 23-25: Pastoral visit Nankumba Parish – Bishop
- 22-26: Annual Retreat & Ongoing formation of catechists – St. Mary Pastoral Center
- 27: Confirmation, Namalaka Parish, Bishop
- 27: **DIOCESAN PAPER SUNDAY**
- 28-30: On-going Formation for the Clergy, Montfort Lake House, Namiasi
- 31: Presbyterium Meeting, Montfort Lake House, Namiasi

NOVEMBER: Celebrating the Unity of the Pilgrim, Suffering and Triumphant Church

- 01: All saints Day
- 02: All souls Day
- 04: St. Martins de Pores – Feast of Nsanama Parish – Bishop
- 05: DCOP meeting, Bishop's Residence
- 06: Youth Animation Team Meeting, Bishop's Residence
- 06-09: Pastoral visit, Masuku Parish – Bishop
- 09: Requiem Holy Mass- SPAS Cemetery – Bishop
- 06-08: YCW Annual General Meeting, Koche Parish
- 10: Confirmation, Kausi Parish, Bishop
- 13-15: Pastoral visit, St. Mary Parish – Bishop
- 17: **WORLD DAY OF THE POOR (Activities at the Cathedral – Bishop)**
- 20-22: Pastoral visit, Mangochi Cathedral Parish – Bishop
- 23: DPC meeting - Bishop's Residence
- 24: **CHRIST THE KING – Mangochi Cathedral - Bishop**
- 30: Nankhwali Deanery Meeting – Koche Parish

DECEMBER

- 01: World AIDS Day – Balaka District Hospital, Diocesan Hospital Chaplain & Bishop
- 01: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - CYCLE A BEGINS
- 02: ADCCOM General Assembly – Bishop's residence
- 02-05: ADCCOM Members Annual Retreat- Montfort Lake House – Namiasi
- 06: Presbyterium meeting – Budget consultation & Diocesan annual calendar finalization, Montfort Lake House – Namiasi
- 09: **Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop**
- 10: Balaka Deanery Meeting – Balaka Parish
- 14: Mangochi Deanery Meeting – Namwera Parish
- 14: Mpiri Deanery Meeting- St. Mary's Pastoral Centre
- 15: Diocesan Finance Council meeting – Budget Discussion, Bishop's residence
- 19-22: CWO National Annual General Meeting in Mangochi
- 21: Ulongwe Deanery Meeting – Ulongwe Parish
- 25: **NATIVITY OF THE LORD-** St. Augustine 'Mangochi' Cathedral: BISHOP
- 27: Diocesan Social Day of Pastoral Agents at Bishop's House- Birthday of Rt. Rev. M. Stima
- 29: 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.

During the Bishop's Pastoral Visits the bishop shall visit the homes of priests, religious men and women who come from the parishes.

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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