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# Confirmation Service

by Bishop Manoj Charan

*The Moderator's Episcopal Commissary, Diocese of Bombay*



The Second Sunday of Easter  
*Choral Eucharist*

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 • 8.45 a.m.

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## SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation marks an important stage in the life of a Christian. The promises that have been made on behalf of an infant or child at baptism are now made by the baptised person him or herself. These promises are made before a bishop marking the relationship between all baptised people and the universal Church. Once promises have been made, the Bishop prays for the candidates and asks the Holy Spirit to bless them in their discipleship. In some traditions confirmation is linked with receiving communion for the first time. So today the newly-confirmed candidates will receive communion before the rest of the congregation. At the end of the service we remind them of their baptism by sending them out with a lit candle to be God's light in the world.

Alvina Magar, Danika Pandian, Rebecca Baker, Kevin Gladstone, Sahiesh Ravichandran and Amos Rangayya will be confirmed by Bishop Manoj Charan at the service this morning.



# Order of Service

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The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

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## *The Gathering*

### Voluntary

Prelude in F, *Op. 101 No. 1* - C. V. Stanford (1852 - 1924)

The Kingsfold Trumpet (“I heard the voice of Jesus say”) - Alfred V. Fedak, (b. 1953)

Prelude in G, *BWV 568* - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Chorale prelude on “Hollingside” (“Jesu, lover of my soul”) - Alec Rowley (1892 - 1958)

An Easter Alleluya - Gordon Slater (1896 - 1979)

### Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

### Introit

*Sung by the choir*

Surrexit Dominus vere. Alleluia.

Surrexit Christus hodie. Alleluia.

Jesus, the Lord is risen!

Jesus, the Lord is risen today!

*Sung in Latin*

*Taizé chant*

by Jacques Berthier (1923 – 1994)

*All stand and face the West Door*

### Opening Acclamation

*Presbyter* In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*

**Amen.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ is Risen!

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Presbyter*

There is one body and one spirit.

*All*

**There is one hope to which we were called.**

One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**one God and Father of all.**

Peace be with you

**and also with you.**

## Hymn at the Entry | # 127

***Alleluya! Alleluya!***

Tune: ODE TO JOY

*All sit*

Thus says the Lord who made you: I will pour my Spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring. *Isaiah 44. 2 – 3*

Come let us praise Him!

*The Presbyter greets the people, saying*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

***All: And also to you.***

*Presbyter*

Beloved in Christ, we have come together today in God's presence to do three things.

The first is to be present while each of those to be confirmed publicly accepts for himself or herself God's promise of salvation in Christ. You will be their witnesses that they have committed themselves to Christ, their Lord and Saviour.

*Continued. Turn over.*

The second is to support these candidates with your prayers. Especially we shall pray that through the laying on of hands in Confirmation each of them may increasingly experience the grace and power of God's Holy Spirit; for only so can they grow in the love of God and be true followers of Jesus Christ.

The third is that you, the members of the particular congregation to which they belong, may welcome them into the fellowship of those who share in the holy sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

*The Bishop addresses the candidates*

Those who brought you as a child for baptism made a solemn pledge that you would be nurtured in the Christian faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

You are here today in order that you may give your own assent to the pledge which was then made in your name.

You have come to declare your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, your acceptance of Him as your Saviour, and your commitment to Him for ever.

In your baptism each one of you was made a member of the body of Christ and was received into His Church, which is the family and household of God. You have now come to receive from God the spiritual gift which he has promised to those who believe in Him; for in accordance with the practice of the Apostles I shall lay my hand on each of you and pray that the Holy Spirit may strengthen you to follow Christ and to be His faithful witness.

*The Bishop and people pray together*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
you have made us your children in Christ  
through your Holy Spirit in baptism.  
Grant that, strengthened by our Spirit in Confirmation,  
we may share in the glorious liberty of your people  
and live as sons and daughters of your kingdom;  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who with you, Father, and the Holy Spirit,  
lives and reigns, one God, world without end.  
Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

The Collect for the Day | **page 417**

*Read by the Presbyter*

### Old Testament Reading

*Ezekiel 36. 26 – 28*

**Reader** Hear the word of God foretelling the gift of the Holy Spirit,  
written in the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

*At the conclusion of the reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

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*While seated, join in singing the response*

**Response**      **This is the day of the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.**

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,      Victorious is the Lord's right hand,  
And his loving mercy never fails:      The Lord's right hand has raised me up:  
Let every son of Israel say      I shall not die, but live,  
That his love endures for ever.      *R*      And declare the works of the Lord.      *R*

The stone which the builders refused,  
Has become the chief corner-stone:  
This is the Lord's own work,  
And it is marvellous in our eyes.      *R*

## The Epistle

*Romans 8:11 - 17*

**Reader**      Hear the word of God concerning the gift of  
the Holy Spirit, in the Letter of Paul the Apostle  
to the Church in Rome.

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

*At the conclusion of the reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**



All stand and join in singing

## Gradual Hymn | # 341

**My God, accept my heart this day**

Tune: ST. PETER (# 405)

Remain standing for the Gospel  
as the cantor sings the Alleluia and we respond.

### The Gospel Acclamation

A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia,  
A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia!

**Cantor**

The Word of the Lord is alive.  
Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.  
Speak your words of wisdom,  
for the words you speak are ever lasting life.

**All sing**

**Alleluia.**

*Music: Celtic Mass by Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

### The Gospel of Christ

*St. John 14:15 - 17*

**The Gospeller**

The Lord be with you

**All**

**and with thy spirit.**

Now hear the words of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself concerning the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**All**

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

*At the conclusion of the reading*

*The Gospeller* This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
*All* **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*All sing* **I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back; no turning back.**

*The lyrics are based on the last words of Nokseing, a Garo man, a tribe from Meghalaya who converted to Christianity. He is said to have recited verses from the twelfth chapter of the Gospel of John as he and his family were killed.*

*This hymn based on the martyr's words is attributed to pastor Simon Marak (1877 - 1975) and by some to Sadhu Sundar Singh (1889 - 1929).*

*The melody is a folk song from Assam.*

*Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together*

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*Please be seated*

Sermon

Rt Revd Manoj Charan

## Service of Confirmation

### The Profession of Personal Discipleship

*The Presbyter reads out the names of those who are being presented.  
Each candidate stands when his or her name is called.*

*The Bishop says to the candidates:*

You who desire to be confirmed must first profess your allegiance to Christ and your rejection of all that is evil. You must have already counted the cost of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. He says, 'If you want to become my followers let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.' But He also promises that in His company no burden is too hard to bear.

*Bishop* Do you accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour?

*Candidate:* **Yes, I do.**

*Bishop* Do you therefore, renounce all that is evil?

*Candidate:* **Yes, I do.**

*Bishop* Will you follow Jesus Christ in the fellowship of His Church?

*Candidate:* **Yes, I will.**

## The Declaration of Faith

*The Bishop says to the candidates:*

You are determined to be true followers of Christ and to renounce all this evil. The power to do this is promised to those who hold fast to God in faith and hope.

*Bishop* Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who created you and all the world?

*The candidates say together:*

**Yes, I do.**

*Bishop* Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who has redeemed you and all people?

*Candidates* **Yes, I do.**

*Bishop* Do you believe and trust in His Holy Spirit, who renews and transforms you and all the people of God?

*Candidates* **Yes, I do.**

## The Promises

*The Bishop says to the candidates*

The sincerity of our faith is proved when it is active in love. I therefore urge you to make your daily life worthy of the Father of all who loves you and has made you His children, worthy of His Son who died for you, and worthy of His Spirit who dwells in you. Will you strive through regular prayer and reading of the Bible to grow in God's love and to learn His will for your life?

*Candidates*

**Yes, I will.**

*Bishop*

Will you strive to respond to this great love of God by a life of joyful obedience to Him and of love and care for others?

*Candidates*

**Yes, I will.**

*Bishop*

Will you join as far as possible with your fellow Christians in public worship on Sundays, and especially in the Lord's Supper?

*Candidates*

**Yes, I will.**

*Bishop*

God calls His Church to share with all people the good news of His love made known in Christ.  
Will you take your part in doing this?

*Candidates*

**I shall try with God's help  
to make Christ known,  
by what I am,  
by what I say,  
by what I do for others.**

*The candidates and congregation kneel*

*Bishop*

Let us pray in silence that the Holy Spirit may enable you to be faithful to your promises.

*A moment of silence is kept, after which kneeling  
or seated all sing*

**<sup>1</sup> Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire  
and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart:**

**<sup>3</sup> Anoint and cheer our soilèd face  
With the abundance of thy grace;  
Keep far our foes, give peace at  
home;  
Where thou art guide no ill can  
come.**

**<sup>2</sup> Thy blessèd unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight:**

**<sup>4</sup> Teach us to know the Father, Son,  
and thee, of Both, to be but One,  
that through the ages all along  
this may be our endless song,**

**Praise to thine eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

Words: Bishop J. Cosin, 1594 - 1672  
Melody: from 'Vesperale Romanum' Mode viii

*Candidates led by the Bishop say:*

**O God, my Father,  
I am not my own but yours;  
I rely on your grace  
and the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and give myself to you as your child,  
to love and serve you  
all the days of my life.**

## The Confirmation

*The Bishop administers Confirmation. Facing the candidates, he says:*

*All answer*      The love of God is poured into our hearts,  
**Through the Holy Spirit He has given us.**

*The Bishop and the Presbyters stretch out their hands towards those to be confirmed,  
and the Bishop says this prayer, in which the whole congregation joins.*

*All:*      **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
in baptism we were made you children  
and members of your Church  
by the water of rebirth and the renewing  
power of your Holy Spirit.  
Grant now to these your children  
the fullness of the same Spirit,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and inward strength,  
the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness,  
and fill them, O Lord, with the Spirit of  
your holy fear.**

*The candidates to be confirmed come forward and kneel before the Bishop.  
The Presbyter announces the name of the candidates.  
The Bishop lays his hand on the head of each candidate in turn, saying:*

Strengthen, O Lord, your child (name) with your Holy Spirit.

*All*      **Amen.**

*After all the candidates have been confirmed, the Bishop says:*

Defend, O Lord, these your children:  
make them strong with your heavenly grace,  
that they may continue yours for ever,  
and daily grow in your Holy Spirit more and more,  
Until they come to your everlasting kingdom.

*All*      **Amen.**

*Bishop:*

Almighty and ever living God,  
we thank you for the great blessing  
bestowed on these your children  
through the laying on of hands.  
By this sign they are assured  
of your unfailing goodness towards them.  
We commit them to your fatherly care.  
Grant that they may serve you  
all the days of their life,  
and finally know the bliss  
of your eternal presence;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.  
To Him, to you, Father, and to the Holy Spirit,  
one God in wisdom, power and love,  
we offer our thanks and praise,  
now and for ever.

*All*      **Amen.**

## The Welcome

*All stand.*

*The Bishop and Presbyter welcome, the confirmands.*

*The Bishop says*

We admit you and welcome you into communicant membership of the Church.

*The confirmands turn and face the congregation.*

*The clergy and congregation welcome their newly confirmed members, saying to them:*

**We, the members of the congregation,  
welcome you with joy,  
as you come to share with us at the  
Lord's Table.**

**We promise you our friendship and our  
prayers.**

**God grant that we may together serve  
Him here on earth  
in the unity of the Spirit  
and in the bond of love,  
and come to the perfect fellowship of the  
saints in light.**

*The newly confirmed persons say together:*

**We thank you for your welcome.**

*All sit*

*The choir sings*

See what a morning, gloriously bright  
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;  
folded the grave-clothes  
tomb filled with light,  
as the angels announce "Christ is risen!"  
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,  
borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,  
fulfilled in Christ the Man, for He lives:  
Christ is risen from the dead.

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,  
through the Spirit  
Who clothes faith with certainty.  
Honour and blessing, glory and praise  
to the King crowned  
with power and authority.  
And we are raised with Him;  
Death is dead, love has won,  
Christ has conquered.  
And we shall reign with Him,  
for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead.

*Words & Music: Stuart Townend (b. 1963) & Keith Getty (b. 1974)*

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*All stand*

### **The Peace**

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace  
and then join in singing the hymn.*

### **Hymn at the Offertory | # 577**

**O Jesus, I have promised**

Tune: DAY OF REST

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*All say*

**Offertory Prayer | page 270**



## Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

Everlasting God, as Jesus appeared in the locked room to show his disciples the beginning of a new world, draw us closer so that we, like Thomas, can examine the wounded hands and feet of Jesus in order to know and understand the depth of his love for us.

Let us therefore approach the throne of God in confidence as we pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*All*

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, look down with love upon our Church here in the Diocese of Bombay as day by day we aspire to be a body worthy of Jesus' name, an Easter People whose song is Alleluia. Be with the clergy and laity as they focus on spreading the Good News as we give thanks for the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We pray for Bijaya our Moderator; the bishops, clergy and laity of the Church of South India; Theodosius Mar Thoma the Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church; Manoj the Moderator's Episcopal Commissary to our Diocese and for Avinash our Presbyter.

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, we pray for all who are sick and for all who are in hospital that they may be aware that the Lord is with them in their troubles.

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Loving God, surround all who mourn this day with your continuing compassion. Do not let grief overwhelm those who are bereaved, or turn them against you. When grief seems never-ending, take them one step at a time along the journey of death and resurrection.

**Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Father God, you have called us to follow you.

As you hear our prayers make us faithful in responding to your call.

Merciful father:

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

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The Communion | *page 284*

*Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion*

*During the administration of Communion, while seated, we sing*

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mould me and make me after thy will,  
while I am waiting, yielded and still.**

**<sup>2</sup> Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Search me and try me, Master today!  
Whiter than snow, Lord, wash me just now,  
As in Thy presence humbly I bow.**

**<sup>3</sup> Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!  
Power, all power, surely is thine!  
Touch me and heal me, Saviour divine!**

**<sup>4</sup> Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!  
Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see  
Christ only, always, living in me!**

Words: Adelaide A. Pollard (1862 - 1934)

Music: George C. Sebbs (1846 - 1945)

Hymn | # 316

*Just as I am, without one plea*

Tune: WOODWORTH

*All stand and say*

## Post Communion Prayer

**God of Life,  
who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son  
to the death of the Cross,  
and by His glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*All stand and sing*

## Gloria in Excelsis | page 288

### The Sending Out Giving of a Lighted Candle

*The candidates take one step forward and raise their candles;  
the Bishop says*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.  
You have received the light of Christ;  
walk in this light all the days of your life.  
**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

### The Blessing *The Presbyter*

*The Bishop* God, who through the resurrection of our  
Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory,  
give you joy and peace in your faith;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
† the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you  
and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

**HE is risen, He is risen!**  
**Tell it out with joyful voice:**  
**He has burst his three days' prison;**  
**Let the whole wide earth rejoice:**  
**Death is conquered, we are free,**  
**Christ has won the victory.**

2. **Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,**  
**With glad smile and radiant brow!**  
**Death's long shadows have departed;**  
**Jesus' woes are over now,**  
**And the Passion that he bore:**  
**Sin and pain can vex no more.**

3. **He is risen, He is risen!**  
**He hath opened heaven's gate:**  
**We are free from sin's dark prison,**  
**Risen to a holier state;**  
**And a brighter Easter beam**  
**On our longing eyes shall stream.**

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1823 - 95)

Tune: NEANDER  
from chorale, 'Unser Herrscher'  
by J. Neander (1640 - 80)

*From the West Door, the Presbyterian says:*

### The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

**All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

### Postlude

Tuba Tune in D major, *Op. 15* - C. S. Lang (1891 - 1971)

Please stay back after the service for a time of fellowship over a cup of coffee.  
Introduce yourself to the Presbyterian if you are worshipping with us for the first time.

## **Birthdays this week**

*"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

Psalm 118:24

Mrs. Deborah Baker (30), Mrs. Roshni Jadhav (1<sup>st</sup> May),  
Ms. Michelle Pasgon (1), Mr. Premanand Telgote (1),  
Mrs. Nalina Sathia Raj (3), Mrs. Meagan Pandian (3)

## **Wedding anniversaries this week**

*"Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path."*

Psalm 119:105

Mr. Premanand & Mrs. Supriya Telgote (29),  
Mr. Bhakkar & Mrs. Rekha Ghose (1<sup>st</sup> May)

## **Notices**

- We thank Bishop Manoj Charan for confirming the candidates this morning. Pray for his ministry and for his family.
- Please stay back after the service and convey your blessings to the candidates. Pray for them and their families.
- Please do remember to take your copy of this service bulletin away with you.

### **Cathedral ministries... ..**

*Get involved!*

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|----------------------|--|
| • Sunday School      | Sunday morning during term time                                |
| • Women's Fellowship | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am                   |
| • Youth Fellowship   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am |
| • Choir              | Saturday 5.30 pm   |

## **ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST**

25<sup>th</sup> April

### The Collect

O ALMIGHTY God, who hast instructed thy holy Church  
with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark:

Give us grace, that, being not like children  
carried away with every blast of vain doctrine,  
we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ST. MARK



† **THE WORLD** This week we pray for resurrection joy especially in Jerusalem, the city of Jesus' resurrection. Pray that the living hope found through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, may be truly one for all people of this city. Pray for St George's College in East Jerusalem which has provided a place of pilgrimage and hospitality for Anglicans from around the world in the Holy Land. Pray this college remains viable, especially at this time, and the funds can be found to enable it to continue to be a place of hospitality and revival for many pilgrims from around the world. Pray too for Christ Church Anglican congregation residing in the heart of the old city of Jerusalem. Pray that they can witness faithfully to Christ.

† **OUR COUNTRY** We pray in earnest for an end to terror. Pray for the families who have lost loved ones in the recent terror attack in Pahalgam, Kashmir. Pray for a lasting solution to peace at our borders.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The world has been deeply saddened by the passing away of His Holiness Pope Francis. We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Roman Catholic Church. Pray for leadership in the Church across denominations. We give thanks to God for the pastoral leadership of Pope Francis • In the *Anglican Communion* for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean and Archbishop Dr. Gilbert Ratelison Rakotondravelo.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Church of North India's Diocese of Phulbani and Bishop Violet Nayak • The Church of South India's Diocese of Thoothukudi - Nazareth.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. Francis Church (Tamil Pastorate) and the Reverend David Paramanandham.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** We pray for the many tourists who visit the Cathedral • All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers.

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*Pray for  
Our  
Candidates*



Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people,  
so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent.

Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation  
as they listen to Your voice.

Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment  
the good work that You have begun in them.

As we prepare these children for Confirmation,  
make each of us an instrument of Your love.

Teach us to appreciate what is holy in others,  
and to be patient with what we do not understand.

Deepen our faith in the Gospel  
and help us to pass it on by our example.

We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us.  
Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

