

Venerating the Saint of Miracles

St Anthony of Padua's miracles and power to preach earned him the fastest canonisation in the history of the Catholic Church. St Anthony's Feast will be celebrated in various churches and chapels across Goa



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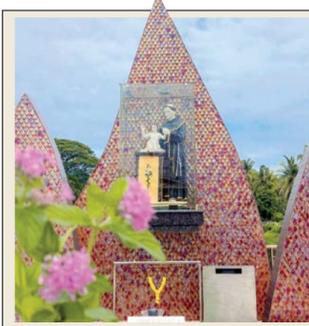
St Anthony of Padua is renowned for performing miracles both during his lifetime and after his death. He was the second-fastest canonised saint in Church history. In preparation for his feast, a Trezena—thirteen days of devotion,

rather than the usual nine—is observed. In Goa too, St Anthony is venerated as a miracle worker. His feast draws large crowds to churches and chapels dedicated to him across the state.

MIRAMAR

Every Tuesday, the Miramar circle is bustling with devotees offering flower bouquets and numerous white candles. The small shrine becomes illuminated with prayer as visitors stream in throughout the day, with the crowd peaking in the evening. On June 13, as the Catholic Church celebrates the Feast of St Anthony of Padua, this circle will be filled with people from all walks of life. The Feast Mass will be celebrated at 6 pm by Fr Edmundo Barreto, parish priest of St Inez Church, and concelebrated by Fr Zeferino D'Souza, chaplain of Stella Maris Chapel, Miramar.

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DEUSSUA-CHINCHINIM

At the Chapel of St Anthony in Deussua-Chinchinim, the Feast will be celebrated on June 15 with Masses at 5 am, 6:45 am, 8:30 am, 12 pm, and 5 pm. "The Feast Mass will be celebrated at 10:15 am, and the main celebrant will be His Excellency Simão Purificação Fernandes, Auxiliary Bishop of Goa and Daman," informs Fr Ancy Cruz D' Cunha. The chapel also houses a relic of the saint's tongue, brought from the Cathedral in Padua, Spain.

SÃO PEDRO

The Feast of St Anthony will also be celebrated at Our Lady of Piety Chapel in Panelim, São Pedro, on June 13. Masses will be held at 7 am, 8:30 am (Feast Mass), and 6 pm in the evening.

MONTE DE GUIRIM

In 2018, the relics of St Anthony of Padua were brought to Goa for the first time for public veneration at the Alverno Friary of the Capuchin Fathers in Monte de Guirim. The devotion resumed three years ago, post-pandemic, with weekly services held every Tuesday. Devotees gather at 5:30 pm for the Chaplet, followed by Holy Adoration and Holy Mass at 6:30 pm, including the blessing of holy water and religious articles.

"On June 13, Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 am, followed by another at 11:30 am, as St Anthony is the patron of the school. This Mass is typically attended by school staff, PTA members, students,

and alumni. In the evening, the Solemn Feast Mass will be celebrated at 6 pm by Fr Valerian Ferrao from Guirim, with other Capuchin priests concelebrating. St Anthony's Bread will be distributed to all devotees, and the relic will be available for veneration and blessing," says Fr Seville Antao, manager of St Anthony High School, Monte de Guirim.

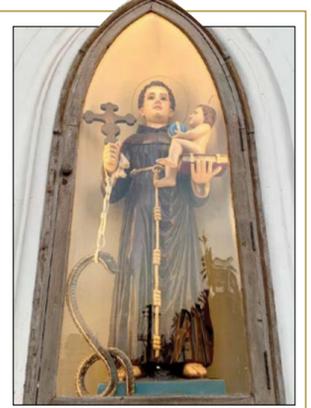


SIOLIM

At St Anthony Church in Siolim, the Trezena continues until June 14. On June 12 and 13, Masses will be celebrated at 5:30 am, 6:45 am (in English), 8 am, 9:30 am, and 4:30 pm. On June 14, Masses will follow the same schedule, with Vespers at 6 pm. The Feast will be celebrated on June 15, with Masses at 5:30 am, 7 am (in English), 8:30 am, and 10 am. The Solemn Feast Mass at 10 am will be presided over by Dr Fr Romeo Monteiro, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Goa and Daman.

On June 13, a distinctive feature of the celebrations in Siolim is the motorcade procession, during which the statue of St Anthony is taken across the village. Thirty-two small Christian communities gather at chapels along the route for blessings and prayers. "During the height of the Covid-19 pandemic, when churches across the region were closed, Fr Clifford Castelino, then the parish priest, had the inspired idea of taking the statue of St Anthony around the parish. This gesture touched many hearts, including those of the Hindu community, as everyone felt that they couldn't come to the church, but the Saint came to their homes. I was surprised by their reaction and I felt the same. That's when I knew I had to continue this tradition," says Fr Socorro Mendes, current parish priest of St Anthony Church, Siolim. The motorcade begins at 5:30 pm, with three Somudais sharing one chapel.

A major draw for pilgrims is the church's relic of St Anthony. "This relic is a part of the skin from his jaw—the only part of the saint's body that retained soft tissue



after decomposition. His tongue, found fresh and intact centuries later, amazed even St Bonaventure, who proclaimed: 'It is as if the saint has just died.' Every Tuesday, the devotees are blessed with the relic. The church has also been designated by the Archbishop as one of ten churches in the region where pilgrims can gain special indulgences. On Tuesdays and the Feast of the Miraculous Tongue, hundreds of pilgrims visit for blessings," says Fr Socorro.

He adds, "I'm amazed at how many young people are coming to pray. Many aren't even from this parish. They have faith that St Anthony, the saint of the impossible, will bless them. My own faith in St Anthony has deepened since I have been in this church."



NOMOXINT-CARANZALEM

Before the 1960s, the statue of St Anthony was placed on a cross atop a sand dune near the beachfront between Miramar and Caranzalem. Following multiple renovations, this year marks the 25th anniversary of the renovated Chapel of St Anthony, Nomoxint, Caranzalem. On May 31, the Maddi and first Trezena Mass were celebrated by Fr Cipriano da Silva, who also blessed the newly installed Tabernacle.

The Feast Mass will be celebrated on June 13 at 8.15 am by Auxiliary Bishop Simeão Purificação Fernandes. The celebration will be concelebrated by current and former parish priests



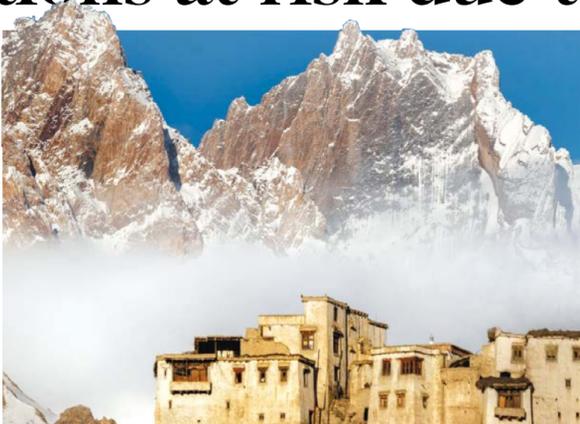
and assistant parish priests of Taleigao Church, along with priests from nearby parishes, commemorating the chapel's 25th year of renovation.

The Mass will be followed by a traditional procession with the statue of St Anthony through the village, concluding with the final blessing.

Disappearing Places: Exploring Indian destinations at risk due to climate change

Aditi Malhotra

India, with its diverse landscapes and centuries-old ecosystems, is home to some of the world's most captivating natural wonders. From glaciers and mangroves to coral reefs and backwaters, each of these regions holds ecological significance and cultural value. But as climate change continues to intensify, several of these places are now under silent threat.



THE SUNDARBANS, WEST BENGAL

Tucked along the Bay of Bengal, the Sundarbans is the world's largest mangrove forest and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Home to the elusive Royal Bengal Tiger and countless species of birds, reptiles, and aquatic life, this region is not only ecologically rich but also vital in protecting inland areas from cyclones and tidal surges. However, the Sundarbans is sinking, quite literally. Rising sea

levels, land erosion, and saltwater intrusion are threatening its unique flora and fauna. Whole islands have already disappeared, and others are rapidly losing landmass. For those

wanting to experience the mystical beauty of this delta, the window may be narrowing.

GLACIERS IN LADAKH AND HIMACHAL PRADESH

The northern belt of India is home to some of the most vital glaciers that feed major rivers like the Ganga and Yamuna. But these glaciers are receding at an alarming rate due to global warming. In Ladakh, where the cold desert is dependent on glacial meltwater, villages are already facing water shortages. Similarly, in Himachal Pradesh, the loss of ice mass threatens not only the water supply but also local biodiversity. Exploring these regions offers insight into the harsh realities of climate change,

where its effects are tangible and visible.

MAJULI ISLAND, ASSAM

Once the largest river island in the world, Majuli floats on the Brahmaputra River and is known for its vibrant culture, monasteries, and art traditions. But Majuli is shrinking year by year, losing vast portions of land to erosion caused by the powerful and unpredictable river. Climate-induced changes in rainfall patterns and increased flooding are worsening the problem. What was once over 1,200 square kilometres has now reduced drastically. The island's very existence is hanging by a thread, and with it, the culture of the Mising tribe and the legacy of the Neo-Vaishnavite monasteries.

RANN OF KUTCH, GUJARAT

This seasonal salt marsh in Gujarat is a surreal, almost otherworldly landscape that transforms into a cultural hub during the Rann Utsav. But erratic rainfall and

increasing temperatures have started to shift the balance of this ecosystem. Changes in water retention, salinity levels, and extreme weather events could soon alter the delicate cycle that sustains the Rann's biodiversity and seasonal rhythms. It remains a stunning destination, but one whose long-term stability is in question.

KUMARAKOM AND KUTTANAD, KERALA

The famed backwaters of Kerala are a symbol of tranquillity and slow living. But areas like Kumarakom and Kuttanad, which lie below sea level, are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. Increasing floods, saltwater intrusion, and erratic weather patterns are threatening agriculture and habitation in the region. The intricate network of canals, lakes, and rivers that define the landscape may not survive unchanged if environmental degradation continues. For travellers, this region still offers immense beauty, but it comes with the responsibility of treading lightly.

CHILIKA LAKE, ODISHA

Asia's largest brackish water lagoon, Chilika Lake is a paradise for bird watchers and nature lovers. It supports a fragile ecosystem of migratory birds, endangered dolphins, and local fishing communities. But its delicate balance is being disturbed by erratic monsoons, changing salinity levels, and rising temperatures. Siltation and reduced freshwater inflow are also causing ecosystem shifts that threaten the lake's biodiversity. While conservation efforts are ongoing, the long-term threat posed by climate change is undeniable. Visiting Chilika is not just about admiring its beauty but understanding its role in sustaining both life and livelihood.



Restoration retreat

Divine Retreat Centre, Nuvem will organise a Restoration Retreat on the theme, "They answered, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household' (Acts 16:31). The retreat will be conducted by Fr George Arackal VC, Calcutta, with Dn. Deuben Azavedo VC Divine, Nuvem and music by All for Jesus Band.

Venue: Divine Retreat Centre, Nuvem
Date: June 13 to 15
Time: 2 pm to 7 pm

Beach walk at Caranzalem

Canopy By The Coast will organise 'Explore the shores: Beach walk at Caranzalem Beach'. Embark on a beautiful walk with marine biologist, Nester Fernandes as he shares stories of what and how you see the marine life on the shore while understanding their purpose. Carry your ponchos or umbrellas for one hour 45 minutes' walk on the wet sand.

Venue: Caranzalem Beach
Date: June 15
Time: 7:15 am

Herald Gaming Console

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DAVE, I SUPPORT YOUR RIGHT TO IDENTIFY ANY WAY YOU WANT.

BUT I'M TRYING TO REACH MY DIVERSITY TARGETS, AND IT ISN'T HELPING ME THAT YOU IDENTIFY AS WHITE.

MAYBE YOU COULD IDENTIFY AS BLACK AND SOLVE YOUR OWN PROBLEM.

THAT'S HOW I PAID FOR COLLEGE.

Garfield

I HAVE SPECIAL DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

I CAN'T EAT ANYTHING THAT'S NOT FROSTED

Wizard of id

SAY WHAT YOU WILL ABOUT MONARCHY...

BUT AT LEAST I'M NOT SPENDING 90% OF MY TIME FUNDRAISING FOR MY NEXT ELECTION

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ACROSS

1- Alan of "M*A*S*H"; 5- Bhutan's continent; 9- RR stop; 12- Horn sound; 13- Moisture while cooking; 15- Bone to pick; 16- ... well...; 17- Customary; 18- Pro ____ (proportionally); 19- Natural ability; 21- Captive; 23- Plays a part; 25- Tiny bit; 26- Bandleader Brown; 29- Isn't wrong?; 31- Delicate morsel of food; 35- ... man ____ mouse?; 36- Win by ____; 38- Baseball's Pee Wee; 39- Joyce's land; 41- Rice unit; 43- Guitarist Logren; 44- Burn with water; 46- Woody inhabitants of forests; 48- Snapper trapper; 49- North African desert; 51- "The King and I" setting; 52- Govt. property overseer; 53- Chipper; 55- Twistable cookie; 57- Language bit for entry; 61- Untidy states; 65- Gin flavoring; 66- Model Campbell; 68- Bay; 69- Flat sound; 70- Concepts; 71- Sale sign; 72- Get thee ____ nunney; 73- Slips up; 74- Acting part;

DOWN

1-Rat- ____; 2- "Damn Yankees" vamp; 3- Barbie, e.g.; 4- Lost; 5- Adjacent; 6- Eur. carrier; 7- The jig ____; 8- Video game pioneer; 9- Actor Penn; 10- Head of France; 11- Way, way off; 14- "Silas Marner" author; 15- Widen; 20- March Madness org.; 22- Use a swizzle stick; 24- Nasal grunt; 26- Silt deposit;

27- "Fear of Flying" author Jong; **28- Singer** McLachlan; **30- Autocratic Russian rulers:** 32- Existence; 33- Man and Wight; 34- Seed covering; 37- Refrain in a children's song; 40- Slips by; 42- Not a direct hit; 45- Sketched; 47- Captain Hook's sidekick; 50- Rice- ____; 54- Swap; 56- Movie award; 57- You there!; 58- Too; 59- Cubs slugger Sammy; 60- Active sort; 62- Nothing special; 65- Devil's doing; 64- Zaire's Mobutu ____ Seko; 67- Tarnish;

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Instructions for Sudoku

9 x 9 letter: To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes

solution 4868

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