



# Celebrating The Feast Of The Saint of Miracles ST ANTHONY OF PADUA



The feast of St. Anthony of Padua is being celebrated with great devotion and faith at St. Anthony's Chapel At Deussua-Chinchinim, today. St. Anthony is one of the most popular saints in the world. The devotion of this saint is getting more and more popular day by day and thousands of devotees throng to this Chapel on every Tuesday throughout the year to seek favours and blessing from the saint. And the Saint of the people is always ready to hear the petitions of his devotees and granting them their wishes.

## THE SAINT OF MIRACLES

Born on August 15 in 1195 in Lisbon, Portugal and was given the name of Fernando at Baptism. From an early age he showed an inclination for spirituality and religious studies combined with a deep desire to serve God. During his childhood he displayed a compassionate heart and a curious mind. His wealthy and influential family ensured that he had access to the best education available at that time. However unlike many young people of his position he was not lured and tempted by worldly pleasures. Instead he dedicated his time to religious studies and meditation always seeking a deeper meaning in life.

At the age of 15 he entered the Augustinian monastery in Lisbon. There he found an environment of peace and reflection where he could devote himself entirely to spiritual pursuit. During his time at the monastery he deepened his knowledge of theology, philosophy and sacred scriptures standing out for his intelligence and devotion. He changed his name to Anthony when he entered the Franciscan order in 1220. Inspired by the example of humility and simplicity of the followers of St. Francis of Assisi he decided to abandon his previous life and embrace a life of poverty and service and from that moment of his life took a course of intense missionary and miraculous activity. He was a man of penance and missionary zeal. Anthony travelled through various places preaching and teaching with an eloquence that captivated everyone. His ability to communicate and with a deep knowledge of scriptures attracted large crowds. His words not only touched hearts but also seemed to have power to heal and transform lives. The recognition of virtues and miracles led to his rapid rise within the Franciscan Order. Anthony was the most admired and respected preachers of that time gaining fame for his holiness, theological knowledge and the wonders he performed soon stood out attracting followers and converting many to Christianity.

His devotion and discipline soon caught the attention of his superiors who sent him on preaching missions throughout Europe. In each place he visited he left a profound impression both for the power of words and for the miracles that began to attribute to him. In addition to physical healing he was also known for the ability to convert hearts. Many people who were estranged from the faith who were living in sin found through his words a path back to spirituality.

Throughout his journey Anthony faced many challenges and adversities but his faith and determination never wavered. He firmly believed that he was fulfilling a Divine Mission and each miracle performed a manifestation of God's love and power. His life became a living testimony of faith and inspiring example for all who saw a greater purpose in their own lives. In each miracle he performed, his compassion and unwavering faith were evident. He did not see the miracles as his own works but as manifestations of Divine Grace and a testimony to God's power working through him.

Many heretics and sinners changed their lives and returned back to follow the spiritual path after an encounter with St. Anthony. His ability to touch hearts and transform lives was seen as proof of his holiness. For many he was an instrument of God sent to bring light and hope to the afflicted.

During the preaching of his sermons in Rimini in Italy, he encountered resistance and disbelief from that community. Frustrated he went to the banks of the river and begin to preach to the fish who emerged in large numbers to listen to his words. The villagers who followed him to the river bank were astonished to see the miracle and many of them repented and were converted that day. Anthony demonstrated that God's message is universal and even the simplest creatures were receptive to the Divine Word.

In another case a sceptic challenged St. Anthony to prove the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The man, owner of a mule, claimed if the mule after three days without eating anything preferred the Blessed Sacrament over the food he will believe. St. Anthony accepted the challenge and after three days the man led the hungry mule to the fodder on one side and the Blessed Sacrament on the other. Incredibly the mule knelt before the Blessed Eucharist ignoring the fodder. This miracle is a powerful symbol of the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and St. Anthony's unwavering faith. This miracle highlights St. Anthony's humility and simplicity as he used an irrational creature to reveal a profound Spiritual Truth. The mule in obedience and reverence became a symbol of faith transcends human reason.

St. Anthony is widely known as the saint of lost items. Besides finding lost items he is seen as the protector of the needy. Many people turned to him not only to recover material possessions but also to find guidance, peace and hope in difficult times. The association of St. Anthony of lost items also reflects his mission to recover the lost souls helping them to find the way back to God. This spiritual mission of recovery and reconciliation is the central theme of St. Anthony's life.

[The parishioners of Deussua celebrate the feast of Saint Anthony on June 15 this year. Thousands of devotees from all over Goa, including of other religions, visit the chapel on this day to pray and seek blessings, graces and favours of the Saint. Every Tuesday during the year, during the Adoration, requests and prayers granted by the Saint are announced and thanksgiving is followed.

On the feast day Holy Masses will be held at 05.00, 06.45, 08.30 10.15 am (Solemn Eucharistic Celebration), 12.00 and 05.00pm. This year the Main Celebrant is Most Reverend Simiao Purificacao Fernandes, Auxiliary Bishop of Goa and Daman.]

On Tuesdays, there are three masses at 6.30 a.m., 8.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Adoration starts at 06.00 am and at 4.30 pm. On Sundays Masses are at 6.30 and 8.00 in the morning. Daily mass at 7.00 in the morning. The Jubilee Year 2025 is being celebrated this year in the Archdiocese of Goa. A special Crucifix is blessed and installed in this chapel and one can gain indulgence by entering the Door of Mercy in this chapel. Jubilee is also a time for penance and renewal of one's life. To take part in the Jubilee year celebrations, this chapel will be kept open for personal prayers and reflection throughout the year from 08.00 am to 12 pm and from 04.00 pm to 07.00 pm.

Fr. Cruz Ancy D'Cunha  
Chaplain..

**THE PRESIDENT AND THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF**  
**ST. ANTHONY CHAPEL DEUSSUA, CHINCHINIM**  
**WISH A BLESSED FEAST OF**  
**OUR PATRON ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**  
**To All Deussua Parishioners, Devotees and Sponsors**  
**on JUNE 15, 2025.**

**FEAST MASS TIMINGS :**  
**5 am, 6.45 am, 8.30 am 12 pm and 5 pm.**  
**FEAST MASS AT 10.15 AM**  
**THE MAIN CELEBRANT IS HIS EXCELLENCY**  
**Simiao Purificacao Fernandes**  
**Aux. Bishop, Archdiocese of Goa & Daman**  
**From: President: Fr. Ancy Cruz D'Cunha, (Chaplain),**  
**Treasurer: Maria Sonia Mendes, Attorney: Engr. Remedios Fernandes,**  
**Members: Juliao Pereira and Jerry Ferrao.**



Happy FEAST of St ANTHONY of Padua

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## VILLAGE PANCHAYAT (CHINCHINIM - DEUSSUA)

Wish all the Parishioners of  
Deussua



**A Happy Feast of  
St. Anthony  
of Padua**

With Best wishes From:

**FRANK VIEGAS**- Sarpanch  
**MARIA SHARMILA GRACIAS**- Deputy Sarpanch  
**DOMNIC COLLINS PEREIRA**- Ward Member  
**VALENTINO BARRETTO**- Ward Member  
**JOYCEE ALICIA REBELLO**- Ward Member  
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**Ritisha GONSALVES**- Ward Member  
**Ivy FERRAO**- Ward Member  
**Piedade FERNANDES**- Ward Member

Happy Feast of  
St. Anthony Of Padua

"Nothing so humbles  
the proud sinner  
as the humility of  
Jesus Christ's Humanity"  
St. Anthony of Padua



Best wishes from:  
**IVAN GONSALVES & FAMILY**  
Nagoa -Verna

**Happy Feast of  
St. Anthony of Padua**



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**Colva Goa**

**HAPPY FEAST OF  
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**



to all the  
Parishioners of Deussua,  
Chinchinim

Best wishes  
from:  
**Engr. Cruz Silva**  
MLA Velim Constituency



**THE CATECHETICAL ASSOCIATION GROUP  
OF ST. ANTHONY CHAPEL DEUSSUA**

Wishes all the devotees of  
St. Anthony of Padua



**Happy Feast of our Patron St. Anthony**  
Wishes from:  
Fr. Cruz Ancy D'Cunha and  
all the Catechist of Deussua

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OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**



Best wishes from:  
**Melisto Silva**

Best wishes from:  
**Menino Gracias**

Best wishes from:  
**Caitan Fernandes**

Best wishes from:  
Enfie, Frazer, Aloma, Alannah,  
Zayne, Sanrol, Amanda D Souza

Best wishes from:  
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**HAPPY FEAST OF ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**



"The Spirit of humility is  
sweeter than honey and  
whoever is fed by this  
sweetness produce fruits"  
St. Anthony of Padua

Wishes from:  
**Micky Coelho & family**

**HAPPY FEAST OF  
ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA**



Best wishes from:  
**Joel Barreto**

**Happy Feast of  
St. Anthony of Padua  
to all the Parishioners of Deussua**



Best wishes from:  
**Capt. Glen Lacerda & Fly.**  
**CHINCHINIM**

**THE MISSION GROUP  
ST ANTHONY CHAPEL, DEUSSUA**

Wishes  
all the devotees of  
St. Anthony



**A HAPPY FEAST OF OUR PATRON  
ST. ANTHONY**