

**DIOCESE OF ABA NGWA NORTH  
(ANGLICAN COMMUNION)**

**DIOCESAN ENGAGEMENT FOR JANUARY - MARCH, 2018.**

*“You do not become what you want to be by being it; You become what you want to be by being the best of what you Are at the moment”- †N.C.O. Kanu*

**JANUARY 2018**

<b>Mon.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> :	The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus Christ • Service @ the Cathedral
Tue.	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> :	Bishops Wives’ Retreat @ Enugu
Wed.	3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> :	EFAC Mount Sinai Prayer Retreat @ Dr. Lady Grace Juniorate Ogor - Hill
<b>Thur.</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup> :	AYF Sisters’ Coordinator’s Retreat @ Nike Diocese
<b>Mon.</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> :	Diocesan Women Management Meeting with Mama Aba Ngwa North @ the Cathedral – 2pm.
	8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> :	Bishops’ Retreat at Ibru Centre Agbarha-otor
	8 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> :	Universal Week of Prayers to be observed in all Parishes and Stations in the Diocese.
<b>Sat.</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	7 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>Epiphany 1: Baptism of Christ. Theme: The Power of Anointing.</b>
	7 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> :	Global Mega Prayer Quake @ Obuzor-Asa. Theme: The Church Today In Prophecy.
<b>Tue.</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> :	Movement of all workers on transfer.
<b>Fri.</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> :	All Church Workers’ Wives Retreat @ the Cathedral – 8am daily.
<b>Sat.</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> :	Workers Physical & Health Exercise at Ngwa High School -7am.
<b>Sun.</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>EPIPHANY 2- Theme: The New Way of Christ</b> • Armed Forces Remembrance Sunday
<b>Mon.</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> :	Church of Nigeria Senior Clergy Advance Course @ Ibru Center Agbarha-Otor.
<b>Tue.</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> :	Meeting with SEEDC Director – 10am
<b>Thur.</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> :	Diocesan Prayer Team Re-opening Retreat @ St. Stephen’s Church Umuobasi Amavo.
<b>Sun.</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> :	<b>EPIPHANY 3. Theme: The Christian’s New Nature</b> • Rededication Service for all the Women and Girls Guild members in all Parishes Headquarters. Uniform: Centenary for women and G.G. Uniform for Girls.
<b>Thur.</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE</b>
	25 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> :	Diocesan Women Prayer Conference at St. Clement Church Mbutu Umuojima Ogbu. The Prayer & Spirituality AGM will be on 27 <sup>th</sup> . Uniform is Centenary. Time – 9am each day.
<b>Fri.</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>TIMOTHY &amp; TITUS COMPANIONS OF ST. PAUL</b>
<b>Sun.</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>SEPTUAGESIMA (3<sup>RD</sup> SUN BEFORE LENT). Theme: Walking in His Way</b>

- All Saints' Cathedral Love Feast – 4pm.
- Mon.** 29<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>: Diocesan Prayer Week in every Station in the Diocese. Theme: **“God Honours Those That Honour Him”** 1 Sam 2:30.
- Tue.** 30<sup>th</sup>: Clergy workshop @ the Cathedral – 9am.

## **FEBRUARY**

- Fri.** 2<sup>nd</sup>: **THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)**
- CPC/Vestry/PCC Election in all Stations
  - Burial of Mrs. Elizabeth N. Ebenezer, Paul Ebenezer's Wife @ St. Luke's Anglican Church Amaokpu/Aga in Isiala Ngwa South Diocese – 10am.
  - Prayer Team Tarry Night @ St. Andrew's Church Umuika – Umueze – 9pm.
- Sat.** 3<sup>rd</sup>: Diocesan Thanksgiving Service at the Cathedral – 9:00am.
- Sun.** 4<sup>th</sup>: **SEXAGESIMA (2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY BEFORE LENT). Theme: Christ – The Healer of Men & Nations**
- Diocesan Prayer Sunday
  - Youth Ministry Re-dedication Service @ St. Silas Ayaba Umueze
- Mon.** 5<sup>th</sup>: **MISS CHIADIEMELA'S BIRTHDAY.**
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>: Church of Nigeria Standing Committee Meeting at Ilorin, Diocese of Kwara
- Sat.** 10<sup>th</sup>: Workers Physical & Health Exercise at Ngwa High School– 7am.
- Diocesan Retreat for all **CPC/Vestry/PCC** members at the Cathedral 9am -1pm; **Theme: “The Cost of Discipleship”** (Luke 9:23). **Fee:** Cathedral N30,000, St. Paul's Umuocham N25,000, Christ Church World Bank N20,000, other Archdeaconry Headquarters to pay N15,000. Parish Headquarter to pay N10,000 and Stations to pay N5,000 each. **N/B:** Every member of the CPC/Vestry/PCC must attend the retreat with a copy of Diocesan constitution.
  - Diocesan Women Executive Meeting @ the Cathedral for Presentation of Units Proposals, 2017 Women Account and 2018 budget defense – 10am
- Sun.** 11<sup>th</sup>: **QUINQUAGESIMA (SUNDAY BEFORE LENT). Theme: Repent & be Blessed.**
- Tue.** 13<sup>th</sup>: **SHROVE TUESDAY**
- Burial of Rev'd Jeremiah E. Ufomba @ St. Matthew's Church Umuagbai – 11am.
- Wed.** 14<sup>th</sup>: **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- Diocesan Mid-Week Prayer and fasting @ St. Monica's Church Umuimo – 9am.
- Thur.** 15<sup>th</sup>: Diocesan ACM EXCO's Meeting @ the Cathedral – 4pm.
- Fri.** 16<sup>th</sup>: Burial of Sir Solomon I. Onwuka. Commendation service @ the Cathedral – 8am, Funeral Service @ St. Gabriel's Church Umuode 11am.
- Sat.** 17<sup>th</sup>: Meeting with all Parish Priests @ the Cathedral -10am. All to present their Parish Evangelism, Discipleship & Administrative Plan for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year, including the names of already inaugurated members of the Parish Evangelism & Discipleship Team.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diocesan EFAC Solemn Assembly @ Ngwa High School – 8am.</li> <li>• Prayer Team Praying and Fasting @ the Cathedral – 9am.</li> <li>• M.U. and W.G. Candidates Study @ the Cathedral – 9am.</li> <li>• Youth Ministry Valentine Bash @ TACP, Abayi</li> </ul>
<b>Sun.</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>LENT 1 – Theme: The Marks of a Disciplined Christian.</b>
<b>Mon.</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> :	Catechists & Church Teachers EXCO Meeting @ St. Barnabas Church Ayaba Umueze – 10am.
	19 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> :	Eastern Block EFAC Convention @ Owerri. Theme: The Andrew Generation (Jn. 1: 35 – 42).
<b>Tue.</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> :	Staff Meeting @ Bishop’s Chapel – 10am.
<b>Wed.</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	Former Province II Council Meeting @ the Diocese of Nnewi.
<b>Thur.</b>	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> :	Submission of Parish and Archdeaconry 2017 accounts and Presentation of Parish and Archdeaconry 2018 Budget by Enrolling Members, Vice Presidents and Finance & Central Services Coordinators – 10am each day.
<b>Fri.</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> :	Prayer Retreat/Leadership Workshop for all ACM Teachers @ St. Philip’s Chapel Ngwa High School Abayi – 9am.
	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> :	Diocesan Council of Knights Retreat @ St. Clement’s Church Mbutu Umuojima Ogbu. Every participant must come with the book “ <b>Building on the sure foundation</b> ”
	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> :	National AYF AGM/Election @ Ugheli Diocese
<b>Sat.</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>ST. MATTHIAS’ DAY – CHURCH OF NIGERIA INAUGURATED (1979)</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with all Treasurers in the Diocese @ the Cathedral – 10am. All Stations &amp; Parish Treasurers’ must attend. Registration is N1,000.00.</li> <li>• Provincial ACB Maiden Conference @ St. Michael’s Cathedral – Aba Diocese – 10am. 10 delegates from each Diocese.</li> </ul>
<b>Sun.</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>LENT 2 – Theme: Searching for and finding Solution</b>
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ST. MATTHIAS’ DAY TO BE OBSERVED WITH SINCERITY AND COMMITMENT IN ALL STATIONS. ALL FINANCIAL PROCEEDS TO BE PAID TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR CHURCH OF NIGERIA. NO EXCEPTION.</b></li> <li>• Diocesan ACM Re-dedication @ Christ Church World Bank – 9am.</li> </ul>
<b>Mon.</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> – March 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	<b>Diocesan Crusade @ Ngwa High School Abayi Aba. Theme: GOD IS NOT A VENDING MACHINE.</b>
	26 <sup>th</sup> – Mar. 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	20 <sup>th</sup> National Prayer Convocation @ St. Stephen’s Cathedral Umuahia. Theme: <b>Standing in the Place of Prayers for Church Renewal &amp; National Transformation</b> (Ezekiel 22:30)
<b>Mon.</b>	26 <sup>th</sup> :	Diocesan Crusade Rally
<b>Tue.</b>	27 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup> :	Diocesan Crusade Seminar @ the Cathedral. Theme: <b>CHRISTIAN PROSPERITY. (Compulsory for all workers)</b>
<b>Thur.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> :	<b>Crusade Proper @ Ngwa High School Aba – 4pm daily</b>

## **MARCH**

- Fri.** 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>: Provincial ACB EXCOs and Camp/Training Officials, visit to the Bishop, Brigade Officers of Diocese of Isiala Ngwa @ St. George’s Cathedral Nbawsi – 10am.
- Sat.** 3<sup>rd</sup>: Women World Day of Prayer to be observed in all Parishes and Stations. Uniform: Red Wrapper, White Blouse and Red Headgear. Collection should be paid to the Women’s Work office immediately.
- Council of Knights EXCO. Meeting @ the Cathedral – 10am.
- Sun.** 4<sup>th</sup>: **LENT 3 – Theme: Carrying The Cross.**
- 5<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>: **Mothering Sunday Week of Activities.**
- Wed.** 7<sup>th</sup>: **Our 52<sup>nd</sup> Birthday** – Please join us as we thank God for His Mercies and Pray for our Ministry.
- Diocesan EFAC Tarry Night @ Umuejije – 9pm.
- Thur.** 8<sup>th</sup>: Burial of late Ven. James Eñerenwa @ St. Peter’s Church Obegu, Aba Diocese – 11am.
- Fri.** 9<sup>th</sup>: Prayer Team Tarry Night @ St. James Amator – 9pm.
- Sat.** 10<sup>th</sup>: Workers Physical & Health Exercise at Ngwa High School– 7am.
- Prayer Team Prayer & Fasting @ the Cathedral – 9am.
  - Ministry of Praise General Meeting @ St. Paul’s Church Umuocham – 10am.
  - Diocesan Lay Readers Emergency Meeting @ the Cathedral – 10am.
  - Council of Knights General Meeting/Election @ the Cathedral – 10am
  - Diocesan ACM Teachers General Meeting @ Christ Church Amapu Ibibi Okpuala – 10am.
  - **Mothering Sunday Eve in all the Churches**
- Sun.** 11<sup>th</sup>: **LENT 4 – Theme: The Difference Christ Makes In The Home**
- **Mothering Sunday Thanksgiving in all the Churches.** Bishop worships at TBD
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>: **Diaconate & Priesthood Retreat begins @ TBD**
- Tue.** 13<sup>th</sup>: Workshop with Church Teachers & Catechists @ the Cathedral – 10am. Registration N 1,000.00
- Wed.** 15<sup>th</sup>: Diocesan Mid-Week Prayer and Fasting St. Matthew’s Church Umuagbai – 9am.
- Fri.** 16<sup>th</sup>: Mama Aba Ngwa North’s Birthday
- Sat.** 17<sup>th</sup>: **Diaconate & Priesthood Ordination** @ Christ Church World Bank – 10am.
- Sun.** 18<sup>th</sup>: **LENT 5 – Theme: Making Christ Known To Others.**
- Mon.** 19<sup>th</sup>: **ST. JOSEPH OF NAZARETH:** Husband of Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Tue.** 20<sup>th</sup>: Clergy Workshop – 9am.
- Wed.** 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>: **HOD Retreat** at St. Paul’s Chapel Aba. 9am-2pm daily. **Theme: “You Did It Unto Me”** (Matt. 25:31 - 46). **N/B:** Every member of the HOD must attend the retreat with a copy of **Diocesan constitution & Building on the sure foundation.**
- Fri.** 23<sup>rd</sup>: Provincial ACB Meeting of all Diocesan Co-ordinators, Chaplains, Adjunctants and Treasurers @ All Saints Cathedral Abayi Umuocham – Aba Ngwa North Diocese 10pm.

Sat.	24 <sup>th</sup> :	Diocesan ACM Joint Fellowship @ the Cathedral – 10am • Youth Ministry General Meeting @ St. Stephen's Umuobasi/Amavo – 10am.
Sun.	25 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>PALM SUNDAY – Theme: The Humility of Christ.</b>
Mon.	26 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> :	<b>HOLY WEEK ACTIVATES IN ALL THE CHURCHES</b>
Tue.	27 <sup>th</sup> :	Diocesan Board Meeting @ the Cathedral – 10am.
Thur.	29 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>
Fri.	30 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>GOOD FRIDAY – HANGINGS REMOVED</b>
Sat.	31 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>EASTER EVE</b> • DCMF General Meeting @ St. Thomas Church Umuakpara – 10am.

## **APRIL HIGHLIGHTS**

Sun.	1 <sup>st</sup> :	<b>EASTER SUNDAY – THEME: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN</b> • Bishop worship @ the Cathedral.
Mon.	2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>Clergy and Wives Retreat.</b>
Thur.	5 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup> :	Provincial ACB Training @ St. Augustine's Seminary Nbawsi
Sat.	7 <sup>th</sup> :	Youth Ministry Solemn Assembly @ Ngwa High School Abayi
Sun.	8 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>EASTER 1 – THEME:</b> Bishop worships at TBD
Mon.	9 <sup>th</sup> :	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BVM.</b>
Wed.	11 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> :	Zonal EFAC Easter Retreat @ Ngwa High School

***Lord, You make all things new, You bring hope alive in our hearts And cause our Spirits to be born again. Thank you for this New Year For all the potential it holds. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame so that in our time, many will see the wonders of Your Mighty Deeds and live forever to praise Your glorious Name. Amen.***

 **Nath. Aba Ngwa North**  
**Happy New Year**