

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

DIOCESAN ENGAGEMENT FOR OCTOBER - DECEMBER, 2014.

“Neither sugar nor salt tastes particularly good by itself. Each is at its best when used to season other things. Love is the same way. Use it to "season" people.”
– Vera Nazarian

OCTOBER

- Wed. 1st: **NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY.**
❖ Aba Provincial Bishops’ Wives Retreat @ Umuahia
❖ AYF Independent Igbo Day @ the Cathedral – 10am
❖ EFAC Tarry Night @ Ngwa High School 10pm
- Thur. 2nd - 3rd: Training for all clergy wives in Aba Provinve @ Isiala Ngwa South.
- Fri. 3rd: Samuel Ajayi Crowther, Bishop, Evangelist and Missionary
❖ Diocesan Prayer Squad Monthly Vigil – 10pm
- Sat. 4th: **DIOCESAN SINGING COMPETITION @ THE CATHEDRAL - 8AM.**
❖ Cathedral Community Monthly Holy Communion with the Baptism of Cathedral Administrator’s Daughter @ the Chapel – 7:30am
❖ Weep No More Visit to Hospitals, Prisons, IMPC members etc., by Women Action & Outreach Unit.
❖ M.U & W.G candidates Study @ the Cathedral – 9am
❖ ACM Prayer Retreat @ St. John’s Umuihuoma-Umuarakpa – 10am
- Sun. 5th: **TRINITY 16: THEME: DIVINE AND HUMAN LOVE CONTRASTED**
❖ Synod Awareness Sunday.
- Mon. 6th: **WILLIAM TYNDALE, TRANSLATOR OF THE SCRIPTURES, REFORMATION MARTYR**
❖ Provincial Finance & Central Services Workshop @ our Cathedral – 10am.
- Wed. 8th: Diocesan Mid-Week Prayer and Fasting @ St. Paul’s Church Umuocham
- Thur. 9th - 11th: **Pre-Synod Youth Summit @ St. Paul’s Umuocham – 10am**
- Fri. 10th: Arochukwu/Ohafia Presidential Address @ St. Matthew’s Church, Atani – Arochukwu – 11am
- Sat. 11th: Diocesan Women One-day Prayer Retreat for forth coming Synod @ St. Paul’s Amavo – Ukwu.
❖ Diocesan Brigade Rehearsal for Synod @ the Cathedral – 4pm
- Sun. 12th: **TRINITY 17: THEME: STANDING IN THE FACE OF DIFFICULTIES**

- Tue. 14th – 19th: Diocesan Prayer Squad Synod Retreat @ St. Paul's Church Umuochan
- Wed. 15th: AYF Physical Exercise @ Ngwa High School Abayi – 3pm.
❖ Diocesan Brigade Final Rehearsal @ St. Paul's Church, Umuocham – 4pm.
- Thur. 16th – 19th: **OUR DIOCESAN SYNOD @ ST. PAUL'S CHURCH UMUOCHAM.**
THEME: IF I WERE THE ONLY SALT; HOW WOULD THE WORLD TASTE? (MATTHEW 5:13)
- Sun. 19th: **TRINITY 18: THEME: LIVING BY FAITH**
❖ **SYNOD THANKSGIVING SERVICE @ ST. PAUL'S UMUOCHAM – 10AM.**
- Tue. 21st – 27th: Bishop and President Withdraw.
- Thur. 23rd: St. James, the Brother of our Lord.
❖ Church Teachers/Catechists School @ the Cathedral – 10am.
- Fri. 24th: Zonal EFAC Outreach @ Isiala Ngwa Sub-Zone.
- Sat. 25th: ASF Sisters Forum Seminar @ the Cathedral – 9am.
❖ Diocesan Women Executives Meeting @ the Cathedral – 10am.
❖ Diocesan Brigade General Meeting @ St. Georges Aro Amano – 10am
- Sun. 26th: **TRINITY 19th: THEME: TRUE OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S LAWS.**
❖ Brigade Founder's Day to be observed in all Churches; Parishes/Stations are required to return the collection @ the Central Office.
- Tue. 28th: **ST. SIMEON & ST. JUDE.**
❖ Post Ordination Course @ the Cathedral – 10am.
- Wed. 29th: EFAC Joint Fellowship @ St. Barnabas Ayaba/Umueze – 3pm.
- Thur. 30th: Clergy Workshop @ the Cathedral – 9am

NOVEMBER

- Sat. 1st: **ALL SAINTS' DAY**
❖ Baptism of Chinemerem Felicity Zabrang @ the Chapel of Grace - 7:30am.
❖ M.U & W.G Candidates' study @ the Cathedral – 9am.
❖ Isiala Ngwa presidential address @ St. Thomas Umuosu – 10am
- Sun. 2nd: **TRINITY 20: ALL SOUL'S DAY. THEME: UNITY IN THE BODY**
❖ Post Synod Sunday – To be observed in all Churches.
- Tue. 4th: AYF Enlarge EXCO Meeting @ St. James Abayi Ogbuligba – 10am
- 4th – 8th: **DIVVCON @ Abuja.**
- Wed. 5th: EFAC Tarry Night @ Ngwa High School – 10pm.

- Fri. 7th: Diocesan Prayer Squad Monthly vigil – 10am
- Sat. 8th: **SAINTS, MARTYRS, MISSIONARIES AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH OF AFRICA**
 ❖ ACM Variety Hour @ the Cathedral – 10am.
 ❖ Wedding of Rev'd Canon Emma Akinola @ Kaduna – 11am
 ❖ ASF Prayer Summit @ St. Philip's Ngwa High School, Abayi.
- Sun. 9th: **TRINITY 21: THEME: CONFIDENCE IN GOD**
 ❖ Workers' Welfare Sunday
- Mon. 11th – 16th: Centenary Celebration @ St. Gabriel's Umuode – Diocese to be involved
- Wed. 12th: Diocesan Mid-Week Prayer & Fasting @ Akpaa/Osokwa Archdeaconry: Venue St. Martin's – 9am.
- Sat. 15th: EFAC Leaders Prayer Forum @ the Cathedral – 8am.
 ❖ Diocesan Prayer Squad Monthly Prayer & Fasting – 9am
 ❖ Marriage Counselling Unit AGM @ St. Barnabas O/Umuobo
 ❖ Diocesan Lay Readers Association Meeting @ St. Stephen's Church Umuobasi Archdeaconry with H/C – 10am.
- Sun. 16th: **SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT: THEME: HIS PROMISED RETURN**
 ❖ St. Gabriel's Church, Umuode Centenary Celebration, Confirmation & Admissions – 10am
 ❖ Diocesan Brigade worship @ St. Barnabas Okpu-Umuobo – 9am.
- Mon. 17th: Church Teachers/Catechists General Meeting – 10am.
- Tue. 18th: Staff Meeting @ the Chapel of Grace – 9am.
- Thur. 20th: Diocesan Clergy Association Meeting @ the Cathedral – 10am.
- Fri. 21st: Chideha's Birthday
 ❖ Cathedral School of the word on "Baptism" I – 4pm
 ❖ EFAC Night of Glory in all the Churches. **Theme:** It is Possible – 9.30pm.
 ❖ Foundation Laying Ceremony of Trinity College Hostel Project by the Primate – 10am
- 21st – 23rd: AYPF NEC Meeting @ the Cathedral Church of Advent, Life Camp Abuja.
- Sat. 22nd: Aba Provincial Harvest @ Isiukwuato Umunneochi Diocese – 11am
 ❖ M.U & W.G Candidates' Study @ the Cathedral – 9am.
 ❖ Ministry of Praise End of Year Meeting – Compulsory to all Choirmasters/Mistresses @ St. Silas Church Ayaba Umueze – 10am
- Sun. 23rd: **SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT: THEME: CHRIST THE KING.**
 ❖ **Bishop to Worship @ TBD**
 ❖ ASF Outreach/Evangelism @ St. John's Umuihuoma/Umuarakpa – 9am.

- ❖ EFAC Prayer Retreat Awareness in all the Churches.
- Mon. 24th: Church Teachers/Catechists School @ the Cathedral – 10am
- 24th – 30th: Holy Trinity Mgboko Centenary Anniversary – The Diocese to be involved.
- Wed. 26th: EFAC Joint Fellowship @ St. Augustine’s Okpu-Umuobo - 3pm
- Thur. 27th: Clergy & Wives Workshop @ the Cathedral – 9am.
- Fri. 28th: Post Ordination Course @ the Cathedral – 10am
- ❖ Cathedral School of the word “Baptism” II – 4pm
- 28th – 30th: AYF Joint Fellowship @ St. Andrew’s Owo na Umuosi
- Sat. 29th: Diocesan Widow’s Conference @ the Cathedral – 10am
- ❖ ACM General Meeting @ the Cathedral – 11am
- ❖ Presidential Address of Ogbia Diocesan Synod -11am.
- Sun. 30th: **ADVENT SUNDAY: THEME: ADVENT HOPE**
- ❖ Confirmation & Admissions @ St. Stephen’s Church Umuobasi/Amavo – 10am.
- ❖ Holy Trinity Mgboko Centenary Anniversary Thanksgiving
- ❖ Mercy Fund Exchange of Lectern

DECEMBER

- Mon. 1st: **ST. ANDREW’S DAY (TRANSFERRED)**
- Tue. 2nd: **Rev. Ajayi Crowder, H. Town, C. Golmer, & others arrived Badagry (1846)**
- Wed. 3rd: EFAC Tarry Night @ Ngwa High School – 10pm.
- Thur. 4th: Diocesan Workers Association Meeting @ St. Martin’s Church Akpaa 1 for Akpaa/Osokwa Archdeaconry with H/C – 10am
- 4th – 7th: Diocesan EFAC Prayer Retreat @ Christ Church World Bank.
Theme: IT IS POSSIBLE
- Fri. 5th: Diocesan Women End of year Tarry Night @ the Cathedral – 10pm
- ❖ Diocesan Tarry Night @ St. Silas Ayaba Umueze – 10pm
- Sat. 6th: Cathedral Community Monthly Holy Communion @ the Chapel Grace– 7:30am
- ❖ AYF AGM/Love Feast @ St. Monica’s Umuimo – 8am
- ❖ M.U & W.G Candidates’ Exam @ the Cathedral – 9am
- ❖ Wedding between Rev’d Emma Ehilegbu & Miss Eunice Chioma Obioma @ the Cathedral – 10am.
- ❖ MCA Meeting @ St. Thomas Umuakpara – 10am.
- Sun. 7th: **ADVENT: THEME: THE HOLY SCRIPTURES**
- ❖ Diocesan Women Carol of Nine Lessons @ St. Thomas Church Umuakpara – 10am.

- ❖ Diocesan Brigade Carol of Nine Lessons @ St. Barnabas, Ayaba/Umueze -5pm.
- Tue. 9th: Our 7th Consecration Anniversary Holy Communion in all Parish Headquarters. Special Prayer & Collection to be made at all Churches on Sunday 13th
- ❖ Staff Meeting @ the Chapel of Grace – 9am
- Wed. 10th: ASF Diocesan Executive’s Council Meeting @ St. Barnabas Okpu-Umuobo – 1pm
- 10th – 13th: Church of Nigeria Conference on Theological Education @ Ibru Centre Agbarha-otor – 10am.
- ❖ Diocesan Mid-Week prayer and Fasting @ St. Thomas Umuakpara (Osisioma Archdeaconry)
- Thur. 11th: **SAMUEL CROWTHER BAPTIZED (1842)**
- ❖ Clerks Association Meeting @ St. Augustine’s Church Okpu-Umuobo – 10am
- Fri. 12th: Catechists & Church Teachers General Meeting – 10am
- Sat. 13th: Golden Wedding Anniversary of Ven. Dr. and Lady L.O. Utaegbulam @ St. Paul’s Church Umuocham
- ❖ ACM End of Year Party @ the Cathedral – 10am
 - ❖ Diocesan Women End of the Year Party @ the Cathedral – 12noon.
- Sun. 14th: **ADVENT 3: THEME: THE FORERUNNER**
- ❖ Confirmation & Admissions and Dedication of Parsonage @ St. James Abayi Ogbuligba – 10am.
- Mon. 15th – 20th: Ordination Retreat @ Arochukwu/Ohafia Diocese
- Tue. 16th: Clergy Workshop @ the Cathedral – 9am
- Sat. 20th: EFAC Leaders Prayer Forum @ the Cathedral – 8am
- ❖ Diocesan Prayer Squad Monthly Prayer & Fasting – 9am @ the Cathedral and closing of activities for the year.
 - ❖ ASF Kings & Queens Day @ St. Gabriel’s Umuode – 9am.
 - ❖ Anglican Church Workers’ End of year Party @ the Cathedral by the Women Ministry.
 - ❖ Silver Jubilee of Wedding Anniversary of Rev. Canon & Mrs. IK Onumaegbulam.
- Sun. 21st: **ADVENT 4: THEME: ACQUIESCING IN HIS WILL**
- ❖ Confirmation & Admissions @ St. Paul’s Church Umuocham – 10am.
- Tue. 23rd: Active & Retired Clergy and Wives end of Year gathering @ the Cathedral – 12noon
- Wed. 24th: **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Thur. 25th: **CHRISTMAS DAY: THE NATIVITY OF CHRIST**
 Fri. 26th: **ST. STEPHEN'S, THE DEACON**
 ❖ **Diocesan Boards Meeting**
 Sat. 27th: Special Meeting with all lay Diocesan Officials and Bishop's
 Nominees to the Synod @ the Cathedral – 12noon. Chaplain, Ven.
 Amadi, AAB, Information Officer, Youth Coordinator & Cathedral
 Administrator to co-ordinate.
 27th – 31st: Bishop withdraws
 Mon. 29th: **HOLY INNOCENTS' DAY (TRANSFERRED)**

JANUARY 2015

Thur. 1st: **THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS CHRIST**
 Sun. 5th – 10th: Bishops' Retreat @ Ibru Centre Agbarha-otor
 Tue. 7th: **THE EPIPHANY**
 Sun. 11th: **EPIPHANY 1: THEME: THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**
 Sun. 18th: **EPIPHANY 2: THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS.**
 Sun. 25th: **EPIPHANY 3: THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL.**

FEBRUARY

Sun. 1st: **EPIPHANY 4 (SEPTUAGESIMA)**
 Mon. 2nd: **THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)**
 Thur. 5th: Aba provincial Council @ Ikwuano Diocese

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