

DIOCESE OF ABA NGWA NORTH

(ANGLICAN COMMUNION)

DIOCESAN ENGAGEMENT FOR JANUARY - MARCH, 2020.

“The Church has been preserved by God to be the conscience of the people” - †NCOK

JANUARY 2020

Wed.	1 st :	The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus Christ
Sun.	5 th :	Christmas 2. Theme: Wise Men Still Seek Him.
	5 th – 10 th :	Global Mega Prayer Quake @ Obuzor-Asa. Theme: Turning Point
Mon.	6 th :	THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.
	6 th – 10 th :	Bishops Annual Retreat @ Ibru Ecumenical Centre Agarha-Otor,
	6 th – 7 th :	Movement of all workers on transfer.
	6 th – 12 th :	Universal Week of Prayers to be observed in all Parishes and Stations in the Diocese. Theme: That They May Be One (John 17: 11).
Wed.	8 th – 11 th :	EFAC Mount Sinai Prayer Retreat @ Dr. Lady Grace Juniorate Ogbor – Hill. Theme: Understand The Time.
Thur.	9 th – 11 th :	All Church Workers’ Wives Residential Retreat @ Ngwa High School – 12noon.
Sun.	12 th :	EPIPHANY 1. Theme: Fulfilling All Righteousness <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Armed Forces Remembrance Sunday.
Mon.	13 th – 24 th :	Senior Clergy Advance Management Course @ Ibru Center Agbarha-Otor.
Thur.	16 th :	Women Ministry Management Meeting with the Bishop’s Wife @ the Cathedral – 2pm.
Fri.	17 th :	Diocesan School of Ministry Re-Opens – 8am.
Sun.	19 th :	EPIPHANY 2. Theme: The Call to True Discipleship <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rededication Service for all Women and Girls Guild Members in all Parish Headquarters. Uniform: Centenary for women and G.G. Uniform for the Girls.
	19 th – 26 th :	Annual St. Paul’s Week of Lectures. Theme: The Abandoned Mandate (Matt. 28:19-20).
Mon.	20 th :	Martin Luther King Junior’s Day <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundation Laying Stone @ Christ Church Amapu Ibibi Okpuala – 10am.
Tue.	21 st :	Staff Meeting @ Bishop’s Chapel – 10am.
Wed.	22 nd – 25 th :	Diocesan Prayer Squad Opening Retreat @ St. Barnabas Church Okpu-Umuobo – 7pm
Fri.	24 th :	Burial of Rev’d Chika Amaefule’s father @ Akpodim Mbaise
Sat.	25 th :	THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AYF/Youth Ministry Leadership Retreat/Handover @ the Cathedral – 10am.
Sun.	26 th :	EPIPHANY 3. Theme: God’s Willingness To Heal.
Mon.	27 th :	TIMOTHY & TITUS: COMPANIONS OF ST. PAUL – TRANSFERRED.
	27 th – 2 nd Feb:	Diocesan Prayer Week in every Station in the Diocese. Theme: “Following The Paths Of God” (2 Chron. 26:4-5). Every proceeds shall be paid to Central Office immediately.
Tue.	28 th :	Clergy, Postulants & Wives Workshop @ the Cathedral – 10am. Parish Priests to Pay for the postulants.
Thur.	30 th – 1 st Feb.	Diocesan Women Prayer Conference @ St. Thomas Church Umuakpara.
Fri.	31 st – 2 nd Feb.	CPC/Vestry/PCC Election in all Stations. N/B: Elections are only where applicable.

FEBRUARY

- Sun.** 2nd: **EPIPHANY 4. Theme: THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS).**
- Mon.** 3rd: Meeting with Excos members of Diocesan Ministry of Praise & Diocesan Choir – 4pm.
- Wed.** 5th: **MISS CHIADIEMELA’S BIRTHDAY.**
5th – 6th: Former Province II Meeting @ St. Cyprian’s Church, Hospital Road Port Harcourt
5th – 7th: Knighthood Investiture Retreat @ TBD.
- Fri.** 7th: Diocesan Prayer Squad Tarry Night @ St. Matthew’s Church Umuagbai – 9pm.
- Sat.** 8th: **KNIGHTHOOD INVESTITURE & DIOCESAN THANKSGIVING SERVICE @ THE CATHEDRAL – 10AM.**
- Sun.** 9th: **SEPTUAGESIMA. Theme: The Christian’s True Nature.**
- Wed.** 12th: Diocesan Midweek Prayer & Fasting @ Holy Trinity Mgboko Umuocha – 9am.
- Fri.** 14th: Burial of Bishop Johnson Onuoha’s brother @ St. Luke’s Church, Umuahia Diocese.
- Sat.** 15th: Diocesan Retreat for all CPC, Vestry, PCC members, all Parish Priests, Postulants, Clerks and All Stations & Parish Treasurers’ @ the Cathedral – 9am. **Theme: “Be of the Church”. Sub Theme: “Unity Among Worshipers”.** Registration: Cathedral - **N40,000**, St. Paul’s Church Umuocham - **N35,000**, Christ Church World Bank - **N30,000**, other Archdeaconry Headquarters - **N25,000**. Parish Headquarters to pay - **N20,000** and stations to pay - **N5,000** each. The payment should be made on or before **09/02/2020**. Every member of the CPC, Vestry and PCC must attend the retreat with a copy of Diocesan Constitution and financial guideline. All the Parish to present their Parish Financial Proposed Budget. AAB, C.O A, Canon to the Ordinary and Diocesan Treasurer to coordinate.
- Diocesan Women Executive Meeting @ the Cathedral for Presentation of Units Proposals, 2019 Diocesan Women Account and 2020 Diocesan Women Budget Defense
- Sun.** 16th: **SEXAGESIMA. Theme: Christ Our Healer.**
- Confirmation & Admissions @ St. Stephen’s church Umuobasi/Amavo Parish – 10am.
 - Youth Ministry Joint fellowship @ St. Martin’s Church Akpaa 1 Parish – 9am.
- Mon.** 17th – 23rd: EFAC Eastern Bloc Convention @ St. Christopher’s Church Odakpu Onitsha.
- Tue.** 18th: Staff Meeting @ Bishop’s Chapel – 10am.
- Fri.** 21st – 22nd: Diocesan ACM Prayer Retreat for all teachers @ St. George’s Aro-Amano 9am.
- Sat.** 22nd: M.U and W.G. Candidates Study @ the Cathedral – 9am.
- Sun.** 23rd: **QUINQUAGESIMA- Theme: Repent And Be Saved. ST. MATTHIAS’ DAY – CHURCH OF NIGERIA SHOULD BE OBSERVED IN ALL OUR CHURCHES WITH SINCERITY.**
- **ALL FINANCIAL PROCEEDS TO BE PAID TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE FOR CHURCH OF NIGERIA. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
 - Re-Dedication of ACM Teachers/Chaplains @ St. George’s Church Aro-Amano – 9am.
 - 10th Year Consecration anniversary Thanksgiving Service @ the Cathedral Church of St. Michael’s & All angels, Ife Ezinihitte Mbaise, Imo State – 10am.

- Mon.** 24th: **St. Matthias' Day.**
- Tue.** 25th: Clergy Workshop @ the Cathedral – 10am. Clergy Wives - 2pm.
 • **Shrove Tuesday**
- Wed.** 26th: **ASH WEDNESDAY.**
- Thur.** 27th: All Local Helpers, Church Teachers, Catechists & Wives Workshop @ the Cathedral – 9am. Churches to pay N 2,000.00. AAB, Canon to the Ordinary and Director of Laity Studies to coordinate.
 • Submission of Parish & Archdeaconry 2019 Women Accounts and Presentation of Parish & Archdeaconry 2020 Women Budgets by Enrolling members, Vice Presidents and finance and Central Services Unit Co-ordinators – 10am.
- Fri.** 28th – 1st March: Diocesan Council of Knights Retreat @ Christ Church World Bank Parish.
Theme: *Be of the Church.* Sub Theme: *Unity of the Diocese the Councils Responsibility* (1 Cor. 3:1-6 & John 17:11, 20-23).
- Sat.** 29th: Arms & Ministries Prayer Co-ordinators Retreat and Meeting @ the Cathedral **Compulsory** – 8am
 • M.U. and W.G. Candidates Study @ the Cathedral – 9am.
 • A Day Workshop on Mission and Evangelism @ the Cathedral – 11am.
 5 delegates from each Parish.

MARCH

- Sun.** 1st: **LENT 1. Theme:** Going Beyond Tokenism In Fasting.
- Mon.** 2nd – 6th: National Prayer Convocation @ St. Matthew's Church Nibo, Diocese of Awka. Theme: "Revive Thy Work O Lord" (Habb. 3:2, Psa. 85, Joel 2)
- Tue.** 3rd: Diocesan Clergy Association Meeting @ St. Stephen's Church Umuobasi/Amavo with Holy Communion – 10am.
- Sat.** 7th: **Our 54th Birthday** – Please join us as we thank God for His Mercies and Pray for our Ministry.
 • **ABA JESUS MARCH.**
 • M.U. and W.G. Candidates Examinations @ the Cathedral – 9am.
 • Clergy Wives Association Meeting @ the Cathedral – 10am.
- Sun.** 8th: **LENT 2. Theme:** The Suffering Servant.
- Mon.** 9th – 14th: **MOTHERING SUNDAY ACTIVITIES.** The details should be arranged by the Action & Outreach Co-ordinator
- Wed.** 11th: Diocesan Midweek Prayer & Fasting @ Holy Innocent Asa-Amator.
- Sat.** 14th: **MOTHERING SUNDAY EVE IN ALL THE CHURCHES.**
- Sun.** 15th: **LENT 3. Theme:** Christian Discipleship.
 • **MOTHERING SUNDAY THANKSGIVING IN ALL CHURCHES.**
- Mon.** 16th: Mama Aba Ngwa North's 51st Birthday
- Tue.** 17th: St. Patrick's Day
 • Staff Meeting @ Bishop's Chapel – 10am.
- Wed.** 18th – 20th: **Diocesan HOD Retreat** at St. Philip's Church, Ngwa High School Aba. 9am-2pm daily. **Theme: "Be of the Church". Sub Theme: "Different Arms: One Diocese".** N/B: Every member of the HOD must attend the retreat with a copy of **Diocesan Constitution.** Sponsorship: Cathedral – N50,000, Umuocham – N40,000, World Bank – N30,000, and others N15,000 each to be paid to the Bishop's Office on or before **09/03/2020.**
- Thur.** 19th: **ST. JOSEPH OF NAZARETH:** Husband of Blessed Virgin Mary.
- Sat.** 21st: Youth Ministry General Meeting @ TACP, Abayi Parish – 10am.

- DACM Teachers General Meeting @ St. Barnabas Church, O/U – 10am.
- 21st – 26th: Church of Nigeria Standing Committee Meeting @ Abuja.
- Sun.** 22nd: **LENT 4. Theme:** The Greater Glory of the New Covenant.
 - Retirement Thanksgiving of our Primate, the Most Rev'd Dr. Nicholas D. Okoh @ the Cathedral Church of the Advent, Gwarimpa, Abuja.
- Wed.** 25th: **ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.**
 - Valedictory Service of Primate Okoh and Presentation of the Primate-Elect Ndukuba.
- Fri.** 27th: Diocesan Board @ the Cathedral – 10am
- Sat.** 28th: Diocesan Widow's Fellowship – 9am.
 - M.U. and W.G. Candidates Examinations @ the Cathedral – 9am.
 - DCMF General Meeting @ St. Silas Church (Ngwa Archdeaconry) – 10am.
 - Diocesan ACM Excocs Meeting @ the Cathedral – 2pm.
- Sun.** 29th: **LENT 5. Theme:** Christ's Superior Sacrifice.
 - Confirmation & Admissions @ St. Andrew's Church, Asa-Amoka Parish – 10am.
- 29th – 3rd April: **LENTEN ORDINATION RETREAT @ TBD**
- Tue.** 31st: Diocesan Workers' Association Meeting St. Silas Church Ayaba/Umueze – 10am.

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Wed.** 1st: **April fool's Day**
- Sat.** 4th: Priesthood/Diaconate Ordination Service @ St. Monica's Church Umuimo Parish - 10am.
- Sun.** 5th: **PALM SUNDAY. Theme:** The Way To Exaltation
- Mon.** 6th – 11th: Holy Week Activities in all Churches.
- Thur.** 9th: **Maundy Thursday**
- Fri.** 10th: **Good Friday – Hangings Removed**
- Sat.** 11th: **Easter Eve**
- Sun.** 12th: **EASTER SUNDAY – THEME: THE MEANING AND IMPORTANCE OF RESURRECTION.**
EARLY MORNING VIGIL TO BE OBSERVED WITH WHITE APPAREL AND CANDLE LIGHT.
- Tue.** 14th: **Dedication of our Bishops court & Foundation Laying Stone of our New Cathedral.**
CLERGY AND WIVES RETREAT.
- Wed.** 22nd -25th: **ANNUAL DIOCESAN CRUSADE @ Ngwa High School, Abayi. Theme: “Be Of The Church”** (John 17:11-16).
- Sun.** 26th: **DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT SUNDAY.**

Almighty God who is Merciful and full of lovingkindness. Our hearts are full of praise to You. Lord, this quarter we lift up our church to You. May the words that you have prepared through our pastors accomplish all that you desire in each heart and our music bring each one into close fellowship with You. May each one leave our services feeling closer to You and more prepared to serve You. Thank You for giving us a church family to belong to. In the Mighty Name of Jesus the Christ our only advocate and mediator we pray, Amen.