

DIocese OF ABA NGWA NORTH
(ANGLICAN COMMUNION)

DIOCESAN ENGAGEMENT FOR JANUARY - MARCH, 2021.

“Though we are dust, in Christ we are a living soul.”-†NCOK

JANUARY 2021

- Fri. 1st: The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus Christ
- Service @ the Cathedral
- Sun. 3rd: Christmas 2.
- Bishop’s Family Thanksgiving @ St. Peter’s Church Obegu
- 3rd – 8th: Global Mega Prayer Quake @ Obuzor-Asa. Theme: The Church Today In Prophecy.
- Mon. 4th – 6th: EFAC Mount Sinai Prayer Retreat @ Dr. Lady Grace Juniorate Ogor – Hill
- 4th – 9th: Universal Week of Prayers to be observed in all Parishes and Stations in the Diocese. Theme: “The Nothingness of Man” Ps. 144:4.
- 4th – 8th: Bishops’ Retreat at Ibru Centre Agbarha-otor
- Tue. 5th: Bishop’s wives Prayer/Meeting @ Umuahia Diocese.
- 5th – 7th: All Church Workers’ Wives Residential Retreat @ Ngwa High School
- Wed. 6th: **THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.**
- Thur. 7th – 10th: AYF National Sisters Coordinators’ Prayer Retreat @ diocese of Benin.
- Fri. 8th: Dedication of St. Peter’s Cathedral Owerinta, Diocese of Isiala Ngwa South
- Sat. 9th: Workers Physical & Health Exercise at Ngwa High School -7am.
- Sun. 10th: **EPIPHANY 1.**
- Universal Week of Prayer Collection.
 - Armed Forces Remembrance Sunday.
- Mon. 11th – 12th: Movement of all workers on transfer.
- Wed. 13th – 16th: Bishop’s wives Retreat @ Ibru Centre.
- Sun. 17th: **EPIPHANY 2.**
- Rededication Service for all Women and Girls Guild Members in all Parish Headquarters. Uniform is Centenary and G.G. Uniform
- Mon. 18th – 29th: Church of Nigeria Senior Clergy Advance Course @ Ibru Center Agbarha-Otor.
- Tue. 19th: Staff Meeting.
- Women Ministry Management Meeting with the Bishop’s Wife @ the Cathedral – 2pm.
- Thur. 21st: Clergy and Wives Workshop @ the Cathedral – 10am.
- Fri. 22nd: Diocesan Education Summit @ the Cathedral – 10am. To attend: The Chancellor, Registrar, Education Secretary, Education Adviser, Principals, Vice Principals & BOGs of Ngwa High School & St. Anne’s, Diocesan Staff Members, Sir Okey Nwachukwu.
- 22nd – 23rd: Retreat for Diocesan Prayer Squad
- 22nd – 23rd: Provincial Women Prayer Conference @ Isiukwuato/Umunneochi Diocese.
- Sat. 23rd: M.U. and W.G. Candidates study @ the Cathedral – 8am.

- Aba Provincial Music Council Meeting @ All Saints Cathedral Abayi Umuocham – 11am.
- Sun. 24th: **EPIPHANY 3.**
- 24th – 27th: St. Paul's Week of Lectures: Theme: "...But At The Days Of Noah" – (Matt. 24:37)
- Mon. 25th: **THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL, APOSTLE**
- Tue. 26th – 27th: Diocesan Prayer Convocation @ the Cathedral. Diocesan Spirituality Committee to Coordinate
- Thur. 28th: Diocesan Women Prayer AGM @ the Cathedral.
- Fri. 29th: Funeral Service and Burial of Sir Wilfred Nwamuo @ the Cathedral – 10am
- Night of Praise @ TACP, Abayi – 9pm.
- Sat. 30th: Wedding of Miss Ugonna Nwaogwugwu and Mr. Bestman Ikenna Thompson @ the Cathedral – 11am.
- Sun. 31st: **SEPTUAGESIMA: 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT.**
- Confirmation and Admissions @ Umuimo Parish – 9am.

FEBRUARY

- Mon. 1st: **THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE (CANDLEMAS)**
- Fri. 5th: **MISS CHIADIEMELA'S BIRTHDAY.**
- Sat. 6th: Diocesan Thanksgiving Service @ the Cathedral – 10am.
- DACM Exco's Meeting @ the Cathedral – 4pm.
- Sun. 7th: **SEXAGESIMA: 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT**
- Mon. 8th – 12th: CoN Standing Committee @ Diocese on the Niger
- Wed. 10th: Mid-Week Prayer & Fasting @ St. Stephen's Umuobasi Amavo – 9am.
- Fri. 12th - 14th: Council of the Knights Retreat @ St. Silas Ayaba Umueze. Theme: The Christian Knight and the Vanity of Life (Eccl. 1:2).
- Sat. 13th: Workers Physical & Health Exercise at Ngwa High School– 7am.
- Diocesan Women Executive Meeting @ the Cathedral for Presentation of Units Proposals, 2020 Diocesan Women Account and 2021 Diocesan women Budget Defense.
- Diocesan Lay-Readers Executive Meeting @ the Cathedral – 2pm.
- Sun. 14th: **QUINQUAGESIMA: SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT**
- Diocesan Youth Ministry Love Feast to be observed @ Station Levels.
- Tue 16th: Staff Meeting
- **Shrove Tuesday.**
- Wed. 17th: **ASH WEDNESDAY**
- Thur. 18th: **Arochukwu/Ohafia Diocesan Workshop.**
- All Local Helpers, Church Teachers, Catechists & wives workshop @ the Cathedral – 9am. Churches to pay N 1,500.00. AAB, Canon to the Ordinary and Director of Laity Studies to coordinate.
- Fri. 19th: Commendation, funeral Service and Burial of Sir Samuel Iheonunekwu – 8:30am @ the Cathedral.
- 19th – 20th: Prayer Retreat for ACM Teachers @ the St. Paul's Church Umuocham. Theme: "To Obey Is Better Than Scarifies" (1 Sam 15:22).
- Sat. 20th: Diocesan Lay-Readers Meeting @ the Cathedral – 11am.
- Brigade General Meeting @ the Cathedral – 11am.
- Sun. 21st: **LENT I: 6TH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER**
- Crusade Awareness in all Stations in the Diocese
- Re-dedication for all ACM Teachers @ the St. Paul's Church Umuocham – 9am.
- Mon. 22nd – 28th: EFAC Eastern Bloc Convention @ Egbu Diocese. Theme: "Walk in the Spirit"

Gal. 5:16.

- Tue. 23rd: Clergy Workshop @ the Cathedral – 10am. Clergy wives – 2pm.
- Wed. 24th: **St. Matthias, Apostle Inauguration of Church of Nigeria**
24th -27th: **OUR DIOCESAN CRUSADE @ NGWA HIGH SCHOOL ABAYI, ABA.**
THEME: “REMEMBER YOU ARE DUST”(GEN. 3:19, 2 COR. 5: 14 – 17).
- Thur. 25th – 27th: Submission of Parish & Archdeaconry 2020 Women Accounts and Presentation of Parish & Archdeaconry 2021 Women Budgets by Enrolling Members, Vice Presidents and Finance and Central Services Unit Coordinators – 10am.
- Fri. 26th: Burial of HRM king Emmanuel Ikechukwu Chiavughilefu @ St. Stephen’s Church, Umuobasi – Amavo – 10am.
- Sun. 28th: **LENT II: ST. MATTHIAS’ DAY COLLECTION IN ALL STATIONS. ALL FINANCIAL PROCEEDS TO BE PAID TO DIOCESE OF ABA NGWA NORTH ACC. No: 9200311999 - STANBIC IBTC AND SUBMIT YOUR TELLER TO THE CENTRAL OFFICE.**
- Diocesan Youth Ministry Joint Fellowship @ St. Martin’s Church Akpaa 1 – 9am.

MARCH

- Fri. 5th: Women World of Day of Prayer to be observed in all Parishes & Stations. Uniform – Red Wrapper, White Blouse and Red Headgear, Collection should be paid to the Women’s Work Office immediately after.
- Sat. 6th: Diocesan Retreat for all CPC, Vestry, PCC members, all Clergymen, Catechists & Church Teachers, and All Stations & Parish Treasurers’ @ the Cathedral – 9am. Theme: “*Understanding Your Position, A Mere Dust*”
Registration: N50,000, 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 29/02/2021. Every member of the CPC, Vestry and PCC must attend the retreat with a copy of Diocesan Constitution and financial guideline. AAB, C.O A., Financial Adviser, Canon to the Ordinary and Diocesan Treasurer to coordinate.
- M.U and W.G Candidates Study @ the Cathedral – 8am.
- Sun. 7th: **LENT III: 4TH SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER.**
- **Our 55th Birthday** – Please join us as we thank God for His Mercies and Pray for our Ministry.
- Mon. 8th – 13th: Mothering Sunday Week of Activities.
- Wed. 10th: Mid-Week @ St. George’s Aro-Amano
- Fri. 12th: Funeral Service and Burial of Chief G.O.K. Agomuo @ St. Peter’s Church Obegu – 10am.
- Council of Knights Executive Meeting @ the Cathedral – 10am.
 - Diocesan Lay-Readers Executive Meeting @ the Cathedral – 2pm.
- Sat. 13th: Mothering Sunday Eve
- Sun. 14th: **LENT IV: 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER.**
- **MOTHERING SUNDAY THANKSGIVING SERVICE**
- Mon. 15th – 20th: Provincial Mothering Sunday Visit to Retired Presidents.
- Tue. 16th: Mama Aba Ngwa North’s 52nd Birthday
- Wed. 17th – 18th: Joint Council Meeting @ Owerri Diocese.
- Tue. 19th: **ST. JOSEPH OF NAZARETH: Husband of Blessed Virgin Mary.**
- Staff Meeting @ Bishop’s Chapel – 10am.
- Sat. 20th: Diocesan Lay-Readers Meeting @ St. Silas Church Ayaba/Umueze – 10am.

- Council of Knights General Meeting @ the Cathedral – 10am.
- ACM Teachers Meeting @ St. Barnabas Church Okpu-Umuobo – 10am.
- Youth Ministry General Meeting @ St. Thomas Church Umuakpara – 10am.

- Sun. 21st: **LENT V: 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER.**
- Mon. 22nd – 26th: National Prayer Convocation @ Gwagwalada. Theme: “The Reign Of God The Place Of Watchmen” Isa. 52:7 & 8.
- Tue. 23rd: Clergy Workshop – 10am.
- Thur. 25th: Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Excocs and Diocesan Officials to worship @ the Cathedral. Two Women from each Parish to carry the M.U. Banner. Uniform: Centenary.
- Fri. 26th – 28th: Diocesan Lay-Readers Retreat @ St. Stephen’s Church Umuobasi Amavo – 8am daily.
- Fri. 26th: Diocesan Board @ the Cathedral – 10am
- Sat. 27th: Action and Outreach Unit AGM @ St. Barnabas Church Ayaba/Umueze.
- DCMF General Meeting @ Holy Innocent Asa Amato Ngwa South Archdeaconry.
 - Post COVID – 19 B.B Officers Meeting/Football Competition Kick off: Diocese of Isiala Ngwa Vs Aba Ngwa North @ St. George’s Cathedral Nbawsi.
- Sun. 28th: **PALM SUNDAY.**
- Mon. 29th – April 3rd: **HOLY WEEK**

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Tue. 30th - 1st: **Diocesan HOD** Retreat at St. Philip’s Church Abayi, Aba. 9am-2pm daily. **Theme: “Nothing but Dust”.** Cathedral – N50,000; Umuocham Archdeaconry – N40,000; World Bank Mission Area – N35,000 and Umuode N30,000 while other Archdeaconries should pay N20,000 each.
- Thur. 1st: **Maundy Thursday**
- Fri. 2nd: **Good Friday**
- Sat. 3rd: **Easter Eve**
- Sun. 4th: **EASTER SUNDAY.**
- EARLY MORNING VIGIL TO BE OBSERVED WITH WHITE APPAREL AND CANDLE LIGHT.**

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; And grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom Where you live forever and ever through Jesus Christ our Lord. Purify our conscience, by your daily visitation, that Thy Son Jesus Christ, at His coming, may find in us a Mansion prepared for Himself; to whom liveth and reigneth, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

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