

Diocese of Dedza



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2026 DIOCESAN CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MCCB Pastoral Priority Areas - 2026-2028

1. Enhancing the Capacity and Commitment of Agents of Evangelization to Primary and New Evangelization
2. Provision of Solid Catechesis to All Age Groups of the Faithful
3. Promotion of the Christian Family rooted in the Sacrament of Marriage, nourished by the Eucharist and fulfilling its mission in the Church
4. Promotion of the Care for the Environment
5. Promotion and strengthening of Ecumenism and Interreligious Dialogue
6. Promotion of Synodality as a Mode of Evangelization

CODE	ACTIVITY	DATE	VENUE
01	Bishop's College of Consulters	April	Bishop's House
		November	Bishop's House
02	DCOP – Diocesan Council of Priests	15 April	Bishop's House
		11 November	Bishop's House
03	PRESBYTERIUM MEETING	29 April	St Martin De Pores
		18 November	St Martin De Pores
04	DEANERY MEETINGS		
	DEDZA DEANERY		
	Priests and Catechists	4 March	Bembeke
	Priests	3 June	Chiphwanya
	Priests and Catechists	9 September	Mtendere Parish
	Priests	2 December	Kasina Parish
	NTCHEU DEANERY		
	Priests and Catechists	11 March	Nsipe
	Priests	10 June	Mikoke
	Priests and catechists	16 September	Tsangano
	Priests	9 December	Nzama

LAKESHORE DEANERY			
	Priests and Catechists	18 March	Ganya
	Priests only	17 June	Bilira
	Priests and Catechists	23 September	Mtakataka
	Priests only	16 December	Chipoka
Diocesan Celebrations and other Activities			
	Finalizing Diocesan Strategic Plan (2026-2030)	Jan-Mar	Secretariat
	Sunday of the Word of God	25 January	All Parishes
	Implementation of Spiritual & Corporal works of Mercy	Monthly	All Parishes
	Diocesan Liturgical Commission	26 March & Nov	St. Martin de Poress
	Chrism Mass	31 March	Bembeke
	Diocesan Pastoral Commission	March/Jun/Oct	Bishop's House/Online
	Session on Synodality (Clergy, Religious, Catechists)	May	Chitsulo Lodge
	Celebrating the Life of Bishop Cornelius Chitsulo	16 May	Bembeke
	Session on Inter-religious dialogue	June	St. Martin de Porres
	World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly	26 July	All Parishes
	Quasiquicentennial (125 years) Jubilee of Catholicism in Malawi, Ordination and Diaconate	To be announced by the MCCB	Nzama
	Diocesan Eucharistic Congress	3-5 September	Bembeke Cathedral
	Ongoing formation for Priests	October	Chitsulo Lodge
	Meeting Chaplaincies and Commissions to plan for 2027 Diocesan Annual Calendar	20 November	St. Martin De Porres
	All Souls Day	7 November	Bembeke
1. National Events, Meetings and Sessions			
	Pastoral Coordinators meeting (<i>Physical</i>)	23-27 Feb	Chitsulo Lodge
	National Liturgical Commission	11 March	Online
	Training Session of Exorcists	17-18 March	Online
	Catholic Men Association Annual General Meeting & Patron Saint celebration	20-22 March	Kaggwa Parish, Lilongwe
	ADCCOM Plenary	6-10 April	Kachebere M. Sem.
	First National Laity Council meeting	10-12 April	Lilongwe
	Commission of the Interreligious Dialogue	15 April	Online
	Diaconate	23 May	Zomba
	National Seminary Day	24 May	All Parishes + Bt
	Training Session of Exorcists	9-10 June	Online

	Youth Chaplains meeting	8 July	Online
	Bible Coordinator's meeting	13-15	Cath. Secretariat
	AMECEA Plenary	18-26 July	Nairobi
	Quasiquicentennial (125 years) Anniversary of the permanent establishment of the Catholic Church in Malawi, Ordination and Diaconate	To be announced by the MCCB	Nzama
	Legion of Mary AGM	11-13 August	Thondwe, Zomba
	Pastoral Coordinator's meeting	18-20 August	Online
	National Youth Conference	26-30 August	Bembeke TTC
	Second Laity Council meeting	28-30 August	Online
	Launch of Bible month	30 August	Blantyre/All Parishes
	National Chaplaincy meeting	7-10 September	Chitsulo Lodge
	Training Session of Exorcists	15-16 September	Catholic Secretariat
	Red Mass (Mass for Catholic Lawyers)	26 September	Lilongwe
	Centenary Jubilee of World Mission Sunday	3 October	Mzuzu
	Catholic Family Movement AGM	9-11 October	Mangochi
	National Laity Day	24 October	All Diocese
	Joint meeting of Pastoral Coordinators,' PMS, Family, Youth	2-6 November	Chitsulo Lodge
	AMECEA Pastoral Coordinator's meeting	16-20 November	Catholic Secretariat
	World Day for the Poor	15 November	All Parishes + Karonga
	Final National Laity Council meeting	4-6	Zomba
	Catholic Women Association AGM	16-20 December	Blantyre
	Young Christian Workers AGM	17-20 December	Mangochi
05	ADCAPOD		
	Meetings	26 th March	Sharpe-vale Parish
		24 th June	Nzama Parish
		25 th November	Kanyama
	Annual Retreat	January 2027	Chitsulo Lodge
06	PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY SISTERS		
	Final Vows	21 November	Dedza
07	POVERELLE SISTERS		
	Golden Jubilee in Sisterhood	15 August	Mikoke
08	MARIST BROTHERS		
	Final Vows	October	Marist Sec. School
09	SPIRITAN FATHERS		
	Silver Jubilee in Priesthood	To be announced	To be set

10	CATECHISTS		
	Visiting Catechists in Parishes	October	All Parishes
	Annual Meeting for all Catechists	December	St. Martin de Porress
11	PONTIFICAL MISSION SOCIETIES [PMS]		
	Diocesan Celebration of Epiphany Sunday and Launch of Rice Mill Project (2025-MLW-3-3)	04/01/26	Kanyama
	National Celebration of Epiphany	“	Likuni, Lilongwe
	Diocesan and National Celebration of Pontifical Missionary Union	07/02/26	Dedza
	Meeting of PMS Directors of Zimbabwe, Zambia and Malawi	09-14/02/26	Zambia
	Animators Meeting	06-07/03/26	Bembeke
	First National Council Meeting	9-13/03/25	Blantyre
	Animation to Parish Council Members	14/03/26	Mua
	Launch of Vocation Sunday and Cloth for the 5 th Anniversary of Sts. Bernadeta and Charles Lwanga	15/03/26	Mua
	Good Friday Collection	03/04/26	All Parishes
	Diocesan Celebration of Vocation Sunday	26/04/26	Mua
	National Celebration of Vocation Sunday	“	Mangochi
	Animators Meeting	26-27/06/26	Kasina
	St. Peter's (Pence) collection	28/06/26	All Parishes
	Maria Goreti Celebrations/Children Picnics	06/07/26	All Parishes
	Second National Council Meeting	20-24/07/26	Mzuzu
	Animations to Parish Council Members	01/08/26	Sharpevale
	Diocesan Launch of Mission Sunday Activities	02/08/26	Sharpevale
	Diocesan Annual Mission Celebration of Holy Childhood	14-16/08/26	Bembeke
	Diocesan Annual Mission Celebration and 5 th Anniversary of St. Charles & St. Bernadeta	11-13/09/26	Kasina
	Visit of Secretary General of St. Peter the Apostle	13/09/26	Kasina F. Centre
	Second World Children Day (2 Delegates from Dedza)	25-27/09/26	Rome
	Second World Children Day Celebration	27/09/26	Bembeke & All Parishes
	Opening of Mission and Rosary Month	01/10/26	Sharpevale
	Centenary Celebration of World Mission Sunday and 110 Anniversary of PMU	03/10/26	Mzuzu
	Diocesan Children's Rosary for unity and peace	07/10/26	Sharpevale
	PMU Animation by SG of PMU to Priests, Religious and Laity	10/10/26	Martin De Porres

	Diocesan Celebration of Mission Sunday	18/10/26	Sharpevale
	Closing of Mission and Rosary Month	31/10/26	Sharpevale
	Third National Council Meeting	09-13/11/26	Mangochi
	Animations to Parish Council Members	21/11/26	Ntcheu
	Diocesan Launch of Epiphany Sunday	22/11/26	Ntcheu
	Animators Meeting	27-28/11/26	Mikoke
	Meeting of PMU & Consecrated Life Committee in preparation for Diocesan PMU Function	12/12/26	Chipoka
	Dedza Deanery Mission Celebration for St. Bernadeta & St. Charles	18-20/12/26	Chiphwanya
12	LEGION OF MARY		
	Chaka Maria Amayi a Mulungu	01 January	All Councils
	Msonkhano wa Senatus	10 January	Maula-LL
	Msonkhano wa Regia	17 January	Dedza Parish
	Msonkhano wa Senatus	7 February	Maula-LL
	Msonkhano wa Regia	14 February	Dedza Parish
	Msonkhano (<i>Session</i>) wa Ansembe onse	19-20 Feb	Dedza Parish
	Msonkhano wa Phulusa	18 Feb	All Councils
	Msonkhano wa Senatus	7 March	Maula Parish
	Msonkhano wa Regia	14 March	Dedza Parish
	Novena yokonzekera Acies	16-24 March	All Councils
	Chaka cha Yosefe Woyera (<i>Mwamuna wa Maria</i>)	19 March	All Councils
	Mwambo wa Acies	28 March	All Councils
	Mbindikiro wa Ana	10 April	All Parishes
	Msonkhano wa Senatus	11 April	Maula LL
	Msonkhano wa Regia	18 April	Dedza Parish
	Msonkhano wa Senatus	2 May	Maula LL
	Msonkhano wa Regia	9 May	Dedza Parish
	Novena yokonzekera chaka cha Maria kuyendera Elizabeth kenako mbindikiro	25-30 May	All Councils
	Kupita ku malo Oyera	06 June	Mua Parish
	Msonkhano wa Regia	13 June	Dedza
	Msonkhano wa Senatus	4 July	Maula LL
	Msonkhano wa Regia	11 July	Dedza
	Msonkhano wa Senatus	1 August	Maula LL
	Novena yokonzekera Chaka cha Kukwera kwa Amayi Maria kumwamba	6-14 August	All Councils

	Msonkhano wa Regia	8 August	Dedza
	Ulendo	15 August	Tsangano/Mtendere
	Msonkhano wa Senatus	5 September	Maula LL
	Msonkhano wa Regia	12 September	Dedza
	Mbindikiro wa aLegio Achinyamata	19-20 September	Chiphwanya
	Msonkhano wa Senatus	3 October	Maula LL
	Msonkhano wa Regia	10 October	Dedza
	Novena yokonzekera ulendo wa ku Fatima	9-17 October	All Councils
	Ulendo wa ku Fatima	19 October	Fatima church (Kalinyeke)
	Msonkhano wa Senatus	7 November	Maula LL
	Msonkhano wa Dedza Regia	11 November	Dedza
	Novena ya Amayi Maria osaipa konse	29 Nov-7 Dec	All Councils
	Msonkhano wa Senatus	5 December	Maula LL
	Chaka cha Amayi Maria osaipa konse	8 December	All Councils
	Msonkhano wa Regia	12 December	Dedza
	Chaka cha Christmas	25 December	All Councils
13	DIOCESAN WORKERS		
	Recollection	To be set	To be set
	Recollection	To be set	To be set
14	CATHOLIC WOMEN ASSOCIATION (CWA)		
	Chaka cha Amai Maria Amai a Mulungu	1 January	All Parishes
	Pontifical Missionary Union-PMU (Mass)	7 February	Dedza
	World Day of the Sick	16 February	All Parishes
	Women's World Day of Prayers	6 March	All Parishes
	Chrism Mass	31 March	Bembeke
	Executive meeting	31 March	Bembeke
	Kuyendera Dedza Deanery	7-8 April	Kanyama
	WUCWO Prayers	15-16 May	Bembeke
	Chitsulo Day Celebrations	16 May	Bembeke
	Diaconate	23 May	Zomba
	Kuyendera Ntcheu Deanery	June	Nsipe
	Executive Meeting: <i>Kukonza program ndi budget ya AGM ya Diocese ndi mbindikiro wa Amai Maria</i>	11 July	Mua Parish
	Kuyendera Lakeshore Deanery	24-25 July	Mtakataka
	AGM and Fundraising, Diocesan level	26-30 Aug	Matumba

	Quasquicentennial (125 years) Jubilee and Ordination		Nzama
	Kuyendera St. Kizito Seminary	19 September	St. Kizito Sem.
	Mbindikiro wa Amayi Maria/Kufunira mafuno abwino a Chaplain/Sr. Mlangizi	2-3 October	Chipoka Parish
	All souls Day	7 November	Bembeke
	Mafuno abwino a Christmas kwa Ambuye Episkopi	08 December	Bishop's House
15	CATHOLIC MEN ASSOCIATION (CMA)		
	Parish based Catechesis	Every month	All Parishes
	Retreat	March, June, Sept., Dec.	All Parishes
	Recollection and celebration for the Solemnity of St. Joseph	20-22 March	Kaggwa Parish
	Commemoration of St. Joseph the Worker	1 May	All Parishes
	Conduct charity works during Lenten season	Lenten season	All Parishes
	Workshop on fatherhood and parenting	Feb/May/Aug/Nov	All Parishes
	Workshop on servant and ethical leadership for Parish leaders	April/October	Diocesan level
	Entrepreneurship training		Diocesan level
	Cross-border trade ethics	Jan-June	All Parishes
	Tree planting campaigns	Jan-Jun	All Parishes
	Conduct clean up exercises	Monthly	Every church
	Fundraising activity towards Bilira and Chimphalika parish church construction	28-30 Aug	All Parishes
	Orientation of leaders: CMA constitution, report writing, budgeting and M&E	Apr-June Oct-Nov	Diocese level
	Establishing one IGA at Diocese and Parish levels	July-September	All Parishes
	Diocesan Conference and AGM	28-30 August	Sharpe-vale
	Conduct 2026 progress & evaluation and 2027 planning meeting	Apr/July/Oct	All Parishes
16	CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL MOVEMENT		
	Kutolera membership fee ndi kutumiza ku dayosezi	1 Jan – 31 Aug	Maparish Onse
	Msonkhano wa dayosezi	7 March	Dedza Parish
	Ntchito zachifundo	6 April	Maparish Onse
	Maphunziro a utumiki wamaimbidwe (Music ministry training)	10 -12 April	Ntcheu Parish
	Novena ya Mzimu Woyera	15-23 May	Maparish Onse

	Kulapa, Vigil Mass (Misa ya madzulo kuyamba chikondwerero cha Pentecost)	23 May	Maparish Onse
	Misa ya chikondwerero cha Pentecost	24 May	Maparish Onse
	Kutolera masika ndikutumiza ku dayosezi	1 Jun – 31Aug	Maparish Onse
	Msonkhano wa dayosezi	6 June	Dedza Parish
	Maphunziro a machiritso ndi kupembedzera (Healing and Intercession)	26 -28 June	Mtakataka Parish
	Life in the Spirit Seminar (LSS) and Commissioning (Maphunziro ozamitsa moyo wa uzimu ndi kutumidwa)	9 – 15 August	Chiphwanya Parish
	Evangelisation Rally	23 -25 October	Tsangano Parish
	Evaluation meeting of 2026 and planning for 2027	5 December	Dedza Parish
	Novena ya Mzimu Woyera	22 -30 Dec	Maparish Onse
	Sacrament la Kulapa, Misa & Overnight prayers (Mapemphero ochezera)	31 Dec	Maparish Onse
	Misa & departure	01 January, 2027	Maparish Onse
17	YOUTH CHAPLAINCY		
	1. General		
	Tree planting	January	All Parishes
	Preparatory meetings for Deanery Rally	February	All Deaneries
	Deanery Youth Rallies	10 -12 April	All Deaneries
	Diocesan Meeting - Preparation For National Youth Conference	March	Bembeke
	Vocation Sunday	26 April	
	Evaluation Meeting	June	All Deaneries
	Executive Meeting (Conference Team)	July	Bembeke
	Trip to Mangochi - Monkeybay	October	Monkebay
	Evaluation Meeting	November	Mikoke Parish
	2. Young Christian Workers		
	Tree planting	Jan-Feb	All sections
	Lenten Recollection	28 March	Mua Parish
	Charity work & YCW celebration Mass at Dedza Parish	1 May	Presentation Sisters Retirement house, Dedza Parish
	Fundraising	August	Nzama parish
	Establishment of YCW	September	Chiphwanya parish
	Diocesan Annual General Meeting	6-8 Nov	Mtendere Parish
18	BIBLE COMMISSION		
	Bible Month	September	All Parishes

19	LAITY COUNCIL		
	Online Meeting	15 Jan	Online
	PMS Celebrations	07 Feb	Dedza Parish
	Tree Planting	March	All Parishes
	Sensitization Tour	05 April	Ntcheu Deanery (Nsipe Parish)
	Sensitization Tour	25 May	Dedza Deanery (Kasina Parish)
	Dinner Dance/Fanfare Fundraising	30 June	
	Charity Work	19 July	
	Sensitization Tour	31 July	Lakeshore Deanery; Ganya
	Centenary Celebrations	August	Nzama Parish
	Diocesan Laity Day	24 October	All Parishes
	Evaluation Meeting	29 November	Online
20	FAMILY APOSTOLATE		
	1. General		
	Family Life Education sessions: The concept of the family – Pastoral care of the family and Family movements, Natural Family Planning (NFP) sessions, Establish parish family Apostolate committees	February - November	Selected parishes
	Meetings of Diocesan family Apostolate committee	9 th May & 10 th October	Ntcheu & Dedza
	Charity works (all family movements)	March – November	All parishes
	2. Teams of Our Lady Family movement(TOL)		
	Team Family meetings	Twice a month	Family homes/residents
	Elections of RC & LC: Teams of our Lady	June-July	Selected parishes
	Piloting and Capacity building	September – October	Mua, Ganya, Tsangano.
	Teams annual Retreat	August	To be set
	Birth day celebration of Teams of Our Lady	8 th December	To be set
	3. Missionary Families of Christ (MFC)		
	Skills training	10 th – 11 th January	Mikoke
	Christian Life Seminar CLS	23 rd – 25 th January	Kasina parish
	Covenant Recollection	7 th – 8 th February	Sharpeville
	Christian Life Seminar CLS	March	Sharpeville
	Lenten Recollection	28-29 March	Selected parishes
	Formation (Mtendere) – Skills training (Mikoke)	April , August	“
	MFC Formation (MER II, HER 1, SLT 1)	May	Balaka

	Fellowship – Family Day in Dedza diocese	11 th July	To be set
	Pre-evangelization	19 th July,	Bilira sub-parish
	Couples Conference	28 th - 30 th Aug	Chipoka parish
	Skills training and Christian Life seminar	October	Mikoke, Bilira parishes
	Pre-evangelization	8 th November	Mtakataka parish
	Advent recollection	12 th December	Selected parishes
	4. Marriage Encounter movement (ME)		
	Dedza Circle meetings	Monthly	Family residents/homes
	Circle leaders meetings	April, July, October	-
	World Marriage day	8 th February	Dedza circle
	Way of the Cross	7 th March	Kasungu
	Recollection	18 th April	Dedza parish
	Offertory	8 th June	Dedza parish
	Original weekends	April & October	Our Lady of Africa
	Renewal	30 May & 5 Dec.	Lilongwe
	Family day & Fundraiser	29 th August	-
	Family get together	31 st December	Dedza circle
	5. Christian Family Movement (CFM)		
	Tree planting exercise	January	All parishes
	Diocesan leaders meetings (parish leaders only)	Quarterly	Dedza parish
	Evangelical Solidarity Program (ESP)	March-November	Selected parishes
	World Assembly of Families	24 th – 27 th July	Philippines
	Families’ recollection in preparation for the Feast of Holy Family. Parish pastoral team is responsible to organize this function	25 th -26 th December	All parishes
	Feast of the Holy Family	27 th December	All parishes
	21. DIOCESAN MUSIC COMMISSION		
	Msonkhano wa atsogoleri a makwaya, Diocese level	7 March	Dedza
	Msulo wa ma Judge onse, Diocese level	May	Dedza
	Kuyamba Choir Festival, Parish Centres	June	All Parishes
	Msonkhano wa atsogoleri onse a makwaya	June	Ntcheu
	Choir Festival pa mzere wa Parish	July	All Parishes
	Choir Festival pamzere wa Deanery	August	All deaneries
	Choir Festival pamzere wa Diocese	October	Ntcheu
	22. DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING OFFICE		
	Catechists Review Session	February	
	Priests Review Sessions	March-April	
	Focal Persons in Parishes review session		

	AWRIM Dedza review session	July	
	Schools: Mtendere SS, Champagnat CDSS, St. Kizito Seminary	February to April	
23	KUNGONI CULTURAL CENTRE		
	Chamare Day (<i>Annual cultural festival</i>)	8 August	Mua
24	ABWEZI A RADIO MARIA		
	M'bindikiro wa Abwenzi onse a Dedza Diocese	14 March	Dedza Parish
	Promotion Mass	12 April	Chiphwanya Parish
	Kutsekulira Mariatona.	3 May	Bembeke Parish
	Promotion Mass	10 May	Dedza Parish
	Promotion Mass	31 May	Kanyama Parish
	Promotion mass	7 June	Ganya Parish
	Promotion Mass	14 June	Kasina Parish
	Radio Maria Day	28 June	Mtendere Parish
	Promotion Mass	5 July	Mikoke Parish
	Promotion Mass	12 July	Mtakataka Parish
	Promotion Mass	19 July	Matumba Parish
	Promotion Mass	26 July	Bilira Parish
	Promotion Mass	2 August	Mua Parish
	Promotion Mass	9 August	Nsipe Parish
	Promotion Mass	16 August	Chimphalika Pari
	Promotion Mass	6 September	Tsangano Parish
	Promotion Mass	13 September	Sharpe-vale Parish
	Promotion Mass #2	20 September	Kanyama Parish
	Promotion Mass	27 September	Ntcheu Parish
	Promotion Mass	25 October	Mzama Parish
	Promotion Mass	1 November	Chipoka Parish
	Annual General Meeting	21 December	Ntcheu Parish
25	DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS		
	Epiphany Sunday	4 January	All Parishes
	Good Friday (<i>universal collection for taking care of the holy sites in Israel</i>)	3 April	All Parishes
	Vocation Sunday (<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>)	26 April	All Parishes
	Communication Sunday (<i>Ascension Sunday</i>)	17 May	All Parishes

	Seminary Day-Pentecost Sunday	24 May	All Parishes
	Bible Sunday	30 August	All Parishes
	World Mission Day-Chibalalitso	18 October	All Parishes
	Peter's Pence-Saints Peter and Paul	28 June	All Parishes
	Tin Money	Monthly	All Parishes
	Laity Council	January-July	All Parishes
	Masika Contribution for Seminaries (<i>1 bag per limana</i>)	May-July	All SCCs
	5% of Masika collected (<i>Diocesan Administration Contributions</i>)	May-September	All Parishes
	Diocesan Medical Scheme for Priests	Monthly	All Parishes
	World Day for the Poor (Charity Work), 33 rd Sunday	15 November	All Parishes



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