

# A Journey of Faith and a Life of Gratitude: Celebrating Golden and Silver Jubilees in Religious Life



The Good Shepherd community joyfully celebrated a remarkable milestone on 20 May 2026, honouring the Golden Jubilee of Sr. Deepti Mukalel and the Silver Jubilee of Sr. Udaya Kondaveeti. Centred on the theme, "A Journey of Faith and a Life of Gratitude," the celebration brought together sisters from the area communities, Partners-in-Mission, family members, and friends in a spirit of thanksgiving and fellowship.

The day began with a solemn Thanksgiving Eucharist, presided over by Rev. Fr. Balaji Boyalla, SAC, Regional Rector of the Gloria Dei Region, along with other concelebrating priests. Reflecting on the combined 75 years of consecrated life of the two jubilarians, Fr. Balaji reminded the congregation that religious life is a journey sustained by God's faithfulness and nurtured through a grateful heart.

The celebration honoured two inspiring women whose lives reflect unwavering commitment to God's mission. Sr. Deepti Mukalel marked fifty years of dedicated religious life, witnessing to God's enduring love through a life of prayer, humility, and compassionate service. Her journey stands as a testament to faithful perseverance and the transformative power of trusting God through every season of life.

Sr. Udaya Kondaveeti celebrated twenty-five years of joyful and selfless service. Her vocation has been characterised by humility, compassion, and wholehearted dedication to the mission entrusted to her. Her Silver Jubilee celebrates not only years of service but also a life lived in gratitude, reflecting God's grace through her loving presence and commitment.

The felicitation programme paid tribute to the remarkable witness of both jubilarians. Sr. Mary Jose reflected on how their lives beautifully embody the theme, inspiring others through their fidelity, generosity, and steadfast response to God's call. The jubilarians were honoured with shawls and garlands by Provincial Leader Sr. Pushpa Louis, Council Members, sisters from the area communities, and family members. A vibrant cultural programme presented by children added colour and joy to the occasion, making the celebration even more memorable.

The celebration concluded with heartfelt words of gratitude from the jubilarians, followed by a fellowship meal that strengthened the bonds of community and shared mission.