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Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle of Melbourne of the Syro Malabars



## COME BE MY LIGHT

I am happy to write this message on Saint Mother Theresa Kolkata to our Newsletter. She was born on 26 August 1910 in Skopje (Macedonia) and died on 5 September 1997 in Kolkata. Like Abraham, Moses, Fathers and Prophets of the Old Testament and like Blessed Mother Mary, John the Baptist and St. Joseph and the Apostles, in modern times Mother Theresa is a beautiful example of a life lived in the presence of God. I would like to bring to your attention a few inspirational points from her life. Mother Theresa was a woman

totally, passionately and madly in love with Jesus. And she was a woman who understood that Jesus was madly in love with her.

"Come be my light", Jesus once requested Mother Theresa and she lived her whole life for Jesus and did everything for Jesus to be the light of God's love. In her mission statement she writes: "If I ever become a saint – I will surely be one of 'darkness'. I will continually be absent from heaven – to light the light of those in darkness on earth". She told her sisters that "the light

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## BISHOP'S MESSAGE



Bishop Bosco Puthur



**SYRO-MALABAR  
EPARCHY OF  
THE ST. THOMAS  
THE APOSTLE,  
MELBOURNE**



you give must be so pure, the love you love with must be so burning – the faith you believe with must be so convincing – that in seeing you they really see only Jesus”.

Her mother's parting words to her, when she, as young girl, was leaving her home to come to India, was “put your hand in His hand, and walk alone with him”. She never refused anything to Jesus. “I thirst”, Jesus said on the cross. Her mission was to satiate the thirst of Jesus. She was bringing joy to the suffering Heart of Jesus. Even though she had inner suffering she wanted to be an apostle of joy. “From childhood the Heart of Jesus has been my first love”. In suffering she said, “ Be happy for we share the passion of Christ”. Keep the joy of giving only Jesus to all who come in touch with you. Mother Theresa was the fragrance of Christ's love.

Mother Theresa understood that poverty could be material, social and spiritual. We often see agonizing poverty of being unwanted, unloved, or uncared for by our own. So many young boys and girls are depressed and are given into drugs, because there is no one in the family to receive them. Father and mother are so busy; they have no time. Do you have time for other?

Dear friends, as Mother Theresa reminds us, let us follow her example:

Jesus is the Word – to be spoken,  
Jesus is the Truth – to be told.  
Jesus is the Way – to be walked.  
Jesus is the Light – to be lit.  
Jesus is the Life – to be lived.  
Jesus is the Love – to be loved.  
Jesus is the Joy - to be shared.

“Come be my light”, Jesus invites us. Let us walk always in the presence of Jesus.

Yours in Jesus,

**+Bosco Puthur**





# 'A saint for our times'

## - the inspiring story of CHIARA CORBELLA PETRILLO



Chiara Corbella Petrillo lived a short life. She met her husband Enrico Petrillo at age 18, became the mother of three children, and died at the age 28.

But what happened within those 10 years has touched the hearts of thousands across the globe. Chiara's sainthood cause was opened last week, five years after her death. Her story is told in the 2015 book, "Chiara Corbella Petrillo: A Witness to Joy," published by Sophia Institute Press.

"In the story of the Petrillo couple, many people recognize a providential consolation from heaven," said Simone Troisi and Christiana Paccini, close friends of the Petrillo's who wrote the biography of Chiara's life.

"They discover that in any situation, there is no real reason to be sad. This is because Chiara shows that if you have God as your guide, misfortunes do not exist," they told CNA.

Chiara and Enrico married in Italy on

September 21, 2008 after having met at Medjugorje in 2002. During the early years of their marriage, the young Italian couple faced many hardships together, including the death of two children, who both died only 30 minutes after birth.

Chiara became pregnant a third time with their son, Francesco. However, the joyful news of their pregnancy also came with a fatal diagnosis of cancer for Chiara. Her cancer was an unusual lesion of the tongue, which was later discovered to be a carcinoma.

Chiara rejected any treatment that could have saved her life during pregnancy because it would have risked the life of her unborn son. As the cancer progressed, it became difficult for Chiara to speak and see clearly, eventually making her final days on

earth particularly excruciating.

"Her [Chiara's] suffering became a holy place because it was the place where she encountered God," Troisi and Paccini recalled.

Although many couples face hardships, Troisi and Paccini remembered something different about the Petrillos - they leaned on God's grace which made their family particularly serene. They made peace with the reality that Chiara would never grow old with Enrico or watch Francesco grow up.

During Chiara's last days, Enrico embraced God's grace just as Chiara did, saying, "If she is going to be with Someone who loves her more than I, why should I be upset?"

Chiara died on June 13, 2012 at home in her wedding gown, surrounded by her





family and friends. Although her earthly life was over, Chiara would continue to be a witness to joy.

Troisi and Paccini believe that Chiara's legacy is still living on because she gave witness to the truth that "love exists." Neither she nor Enrico were afraid of love, marriage, or of committing themselves to their family.

According to the authors, the young couple showed how "the purpose of our life is to love... to be married is a wonderful thing, an adventure that opens you up to Heaven in the home."

Chiara and Enrico's remarkable story is "a story of salvation in which God shows himself as a faithful God: they trust in Him and are not disappointed," they stated.

However, they were quick to note that Chiara was not "an extraordinary young woman, in a way that makes her different from us." Rather, she struggled with many human fears and anxieties,

especially with thoughts of pain, vomiting, and purgatory.

"She had the same questions that we have, the same objections and struggles, the same fears," Troisi and Paccini noted, saying what made her different was her "capacity to cast everything on the Father, to welcome the grace needed for whatever step she had to make."

With Chiara, the ordinary always became the extraordinary. Troisi and Paccini have fond memories of everyday life with the Petrillos, when a conversation about cooking chicken would end in talking about heaven.

"We would share simple things like dinner, chatting, games on the rug with little Francesco... always very simple, without masks," they remembered.

"But when we were together, there was no difficulty in believing that eternal life was here and now!"

Chiara has been called "a saint for our times." Although her death was only five years ago, her legacy lives on and has inspired others around the world to be the same witness to joy.

"Today, this joy is visible in those that lived alongside her: even if they miss her, they experience a mysterious and profound joy," Troisi and Paccini stated.

"We cannot insist enough on the fact that Chiara did what she did, not trusting in her own strength, but trusting in the grace and the consolation of God... She never doubted God's faithfulness to His promise of happiness for her story.

Chiara's cause for canonization was announced June 13, 2017, the fifth anniversary of her death.

*Courtesy:*

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/a-saint-for-our-times-the-inspiring-story-of-chiara-corbella-petrillo-27329>

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## Oriental Catholic Bishops in Australia, May 2018



*From left to right: Bishop Robert Rabbat of the Melkite Church, Archbishop Amel Nona of the Chaldean Church, Bishop Peter Stasiuk CSsR of the Ukrainian Church, Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay OLM of the Maronite Church, Bishop Bosco Puthur of the Syro-Malabar Church.*





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# Pastoral letter on SABHADINAM 2018

## GEORGE CARDINAL ALENCHERRY

*the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, to the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Men and Women Religious and Lay Faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church, May the Grace of the Lord be with you all!*



*Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,*

I am writing this letter as I used to do in the past in connection with the feast of Dukarana. I would like to propose in this letter three items for your prayers and reflections. Let me discuss them separately.

Firstly, we have to turn our attention to our missionary endeavours. This feast of Dukarana is the first one that we are celebrating after the granting of the permission by the Holy See on Oct.9,2018 to the Syro-Malabar Church to evangelize and exercise pastoral care for our people all over India. When we present Jesus through our words and actions, we are in fact evangelizing. What is more important is our evangelical life style than our evangelical activities. This missionary responsibility is a vocation that comes to us through our baptism. Each one has a different approach to this evangelical life style. Priests, bishops, the laity and the religious will be following different approaches in the discharge of this responsibility. But everyone has the same aim which is to lead an evangelical life style according to their call. All are equal in the sharing of this responsibility but follow different approaches in the discharge of this mission. When all are working with the same aim, the witness of Jesus

becomes realized through the witness of the Church.

We have to be loving and compassionate in the discharge of our missionary responsibility. Missionary work does not consist in exercising one's authority over others but in working as ministers to one another. All are bound to support the ministries of others and work in cooperation with one another. Let me quote the following words from the Lenten message of the Holy Father: "All Christians are prophets in the sense that they are representatives of Jesus as they present Jesus through their words and actions."

Secondly, our attention has to be directed to the evangelization of families. We have to think of ways in which we can strengthen the faith-formation of the children so that they could be witnesses to Christ. Parents, Religion-teachers, Directors of Religious Formation programmes, parish priests and bishops have an equal share in the discharge of this responsibility. We have to make sure that this faith-formation helps them to confront the challenges that they encounter in their moral lives. They also have to be given special formation to face the challenges that they will be experiencing in the social media. As in other areas, they are to be given more practical training

in handling these issues than being offered mere negative commands.

The sacrament of marriage is the basis of family life. We have to reflect deeply on the following words that are in the prayer of the marriage- blessing: "May God bless you to accept joyfully the children that are given by God and bring them up in the paths of sanctity." Holy Father Pope Francis speaks of the life of faith as a life of holiness in his recent Apostolic Exhortation, "Rejoice and Be Glad." The witnessing of Christian life is in fact holiness. It is also the perfection of a life of love. Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI in one of his exhortations on April 13, 2011 speaks in the same vein by pointing out that sanctity is the perfection of a life based on love. According to Pope Francis, holiness is our mission and one can lead a life of holiness whatever may be our life-styles (No.21). People who are engaged in different walks of life whether in teaching, farming, fishing, politics or administration, lead a life of sanctity when they work for themselves or for others based on their faith in God. The gifts of the Holy Spirit viz. Truth, Justice, Love, Mercy, Compassion etc are the sources of our strength.

One has to learn and teach the preservation of the values of life. We have to take as our responsibility the



sharing of respect and security to the elderly. We have to realize that abortions and mercy-killings are sinful acts that violate the sanctity of life. This awareness has to become rooted in the minds and hearts of our people. Also, proper training has to be given to the young people to prepare them for marriages as well as to help them to lead a good family life.

As you know, the theme of the next Synod that is to take place in Rome in October is about the youth. We hope that this Synod will strengthen the apostolate of the youth and make it more relevant to our times. A lot of activities are being organized in our dioceses in connection with the youth apostolate. Still, taking into account the needs of the times, we have to devise new programmes to preserve, foster and strengthen the moral values of the Youth.

Thirdly, I would like to bring to your attention the need to get a right vision and understanding of our faith. Every Christian has to experience the grace of God in his life. He has to listen to the spirit of God. St. Paul writes to the Corinthians: "And my message and my proclamation were not with persuasive words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of spirit and power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the

power of God." (1 Cor. 2: 4-5). Instead of keeping this vision, there is a tendency growing in our people to view the attainments of their life as a personal achievement. Holy Father Pope Francis calls it "Contemporary Gnosticism" in his Apostolic Exhortation "Rejoice and Be Glad." This was condemned as a heresy by the Fathers of the Church in the first and second centuries. We have to get a proper understanding of the views of the Church and act according to it, rejecting such false affirmations. We have to use our intelligence, of course, to understand the doctrines of the Church. Along with that, we have to accept the mysteries of faith which are supra-rational. It is against the Faith to think that we can understand everything connected with our faith through the power of the reason. Those who are acting like that are separating the mysteries of God from the Faith. Through such acts, those persons give priority to a faith in God without Christ, to a Christ without the Church and to a Church without the people of God." (Rejoice and Be Glad, no.37)

I use this occasion to remember with gratitude the concerted efforts made by the faithful to alleviate the hardships caused by Okhi Cyclone and Nipah virus. We have also to be very vigilant in the protection of women, children and the weaker sections of the society. Their protection is our duty. We have

also to take care of our environment and dissuade ourselves from the use of plastic materials and other non-bio degradable substances that harm our environment. By planting trees in waste lands and by cultivating vacant farm lands, we can preserve the green cover of the earth. These efforts can be coordinated under the auspices of local parishes. Our ministry of constructing houses for the poor has to be continued. In this way, we shall strive to be witness to and spokespersons for Christian love and compassion. I am also using this occasion to remind you to pray for the welfare of the migrant faithful especially in the Gulf countries.

Let this celebration of the feast of Dukarana be an occasion to follow in the footsteps of St. Thomas who has offered the sons and daughters of India, 'the way, the truth and life' of Jesus Christ. Let the declaration of faith made by St. Thomas, "My Lord and My God", be fulfilled in our lives too.

I wish all of you the blessings of the feast of Dukarana.

**+ George Cardinal Alencherry**

*Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church*

Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro-Malabar Church at Mount St Thomas, Kakkanad, on 13 June 2017.







# Syro-Malabar Catholic Church in US makes history with **TWO ORDINATIONS**



**Fr. Rajeev Philip** was ordained June 2, 2018 at a ceremony in Tampa, Florida. Behind him is **Fr. Kevin Mundackal**, who was ordained May 5. The two became the first U.S. born priests to be ordained for the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church.

In a June 2 ceremony in Tampa, Florida, Fr. Rajeev Philip became the second U.S. born priest to be ordained for the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church. His ordination came about a month after that of U.S.-born Fr. Kevin Mundackal.

In a telephone interview with Catholic News Service May 31, two days before his ordination, Fr. Philip said it was not necessarily a sure thing that he would eventually become a Syro-Malabar priest.

Interested in the priesthood since his teen years, the 26-year-old Fr. Philip was educated in Roman Catholic schools in the Tampa area, and his family prayed together daily in their home.

"When I joined the seminary, I was kind of up in the air about where to join," he said, adding he had considered the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida, that encompasses the Tampa area. "There's religious life, there's the diocese, but I decided to join the Syro-Malabar Diocese," he said. He was especially struck by St. John Paul II's words in his 1995 encyclical "Ut Unum Sint" that "the church breathes with two lungs" - East and West.

The nationwide Syro-Malabar Diocese of St. Thomas is based in Chicago. The new priest did most of his undergraduate seminary study in Chicago, but was then sent to the Church's home in India for a year of service.

"The bishop (Jacob Angadiath) saw that it was important that I connect back to the mother church in a way," Fr. Philip said. There, he had to brush up on the

Malayalam language, the native tongue of his India-born parents.

"My parents spoke that language to me growing up, so I could understand. With any language there's a difference between conversational language and the more formal language. So I was definitely familiar, but seminary made me learn it a little bit more. Especially as a priest, I will be expected to celebrate the liturgy in Malayalam," Fr. Philip said, adding that the language has 53 letters.

He said only the largest parishes have separate liturgies in Malayalam and English. The most solemn of liturgies are in Syriac, but most parishes celebrate in a mix he called "Munglish."

Fr. Philip later studied in Rome for three years in the seminary at the Pontifical International College Maria Mater Ecclesiae. It was there he solidified his desire for priesthood.

"I was just overwhelmed by how beautiful the Church is, how beautiful this particular call to be a priest is," he said. "I was surrounded by men of different countries" - he put the number at 25 - "walking with these men who were going along the same path but coming from different backgrounds, was just a constant encouragement to me."

It likely won't be long until Fr. Philip becomes a "biritual" priest, credentialed to celebrate liturgies in both the Syro-Malabar and Roman rites. In fact, his second Mass of thanksgiving following ordination was a Latin-rite Mass, for which he gained permission from both

Bishop Angadiath and Bishop Gregory L. Parkes of St. Petersburg.

Syro-Malabar Catholics differ not only from their Latin-rite brethren, but also from many other Eastern Catholic Churches. While their numbers are small in the United States - just 87,000 - they are one of the largest Eastern churches worldwide, with 4.5 million members.

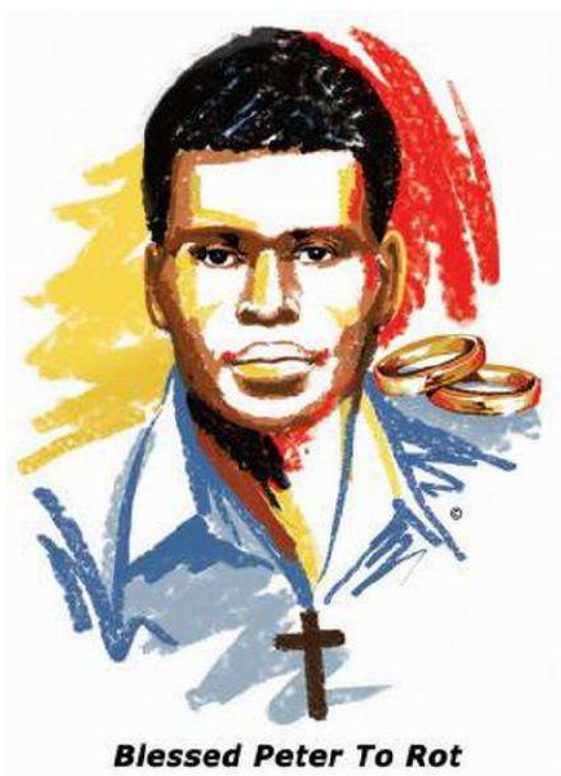
What Latin-rite Catholics call Mass, and what most Eastern Churches call the Divine Liturgy, Syro-Malabar Catholics call the Qurbana. Further, while most Eastern Catholic Churches permit priests to marry prior to priestly ordination, the Syro-Malabar Church hews to priestly celibacy.

He tries to avoid the notion that he is a trailblazer, citing Fr. Kevin Mundackal, a Syro-Malabar seminary classmate who was ordained May 5.

"People tell me that all the time. I try not to get caught up in all that," Fr. Philip said. "We were meant to really step up and be ordained, particularly for the Syro-Malabar Church. But there are many kinds of Indians brought up in this country who have embraced their religious vocation. Maybe it's the Jesuits. There's one guy who became an Opus Dei priest. There is a priest for the Archdiocese of Miami."

Courtesy: Mark Pattison, Catholic News Service (CNS), WASHINGTON

<http://www.catholicsun.org/2018/06/04/first-u-s-born-syro-malabar-priest-ordained/>



**Blessed Peter To Rot**

# BLESSED PETER TO ROT

## FEAST DAY JULY 7

**P**eter To Rot lived on a tropical island in the Coral Sea, in what is now known as Papua New Guinea. He was born in the village of Rakunai, where his father was the tribal chief. Peter's parents, like many other villagers, were catechized and later baptized by Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

Peter grew up Catholic and thought of becoming a priest, but his father said it was too soon. So Peter studied to become a catechist who could work the missionaries to spread the faith. Then Peter was assigned to work as a catechist in his own village. As a teacher he was direct and dynamic and genuinely cared about the people. In 1936, Peter married Paula la Varpit, who was also Catholic. They joyfully celebrated the Church's sacraments as well as local traditions. Peter and Paula were the parents of three children.

Then in 1942, the world was at war, and Japan occupied Peter's island. The missionary priests were imprisoned. Peter, a layman, remained free. Peter worked even harder then. He and his catechists baptised babies and converts, visited the sick, assisted with charity, conducted Sunday services, and distributed the Eucharist to priests in prison.

Then the military police cracked down. They banned Christian worship and religious gatherings. They decided the islanders should return to polygamy, and Peter objected to this. Peter was arrested in the spring of 1945 and

was confined to a cave. When his wife and mother came to visit, he informed them that a Japanese doctor was coming to visit, but he was not sick. He suspected a trick. He asked Paula to bring his good clothes—he wanted to be ready to meet God.

The doctor arrived and gave Peter an injection and something to drink, and plugged his nose and ears. When Peter began to convulse, the doctor covered his mouth, and the soldiers held his down until he suffocated. Soon the rest of the prison camp found out what happened to Peter.

The next morning, the Japanese guards acted surprised to find Peter dead. They said he had died of an infection, but the crowd that attended Peter's funeral knew the truth. They knew Peter was a martyr for the faith.

Peter To Rot was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1995. The ceremony took place in Papua New Guinea.







# FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE OF OCEANIA (FCBCO)

Plenary Assembly at Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea (PNG)

11 – 17 April 2018

**F**ederation of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Oceania (FCBCO) is made up of Catholic Bishops from Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea (PNG) and Solomon Islands, and other Pacific nations. The FCBCO Plenary Assembly (once in four years), held at Port Moresby from 11 to 17 April 2018, had the presence of 72 bishops from these four different Conferences to discuss issues that are of importance to the Oceania region. It is the second time that I participate in FCBCO Plenary Assembly, the first one being in Wellington, New Zealand in 2014.

PNG (over 8 Million population), in the southwest Pacific, encompasses the eastern half of New Guinea and its offshore islands, a country of immense cultural and biological diversity. There are many traditional tribal villages, with their own 800 cultures and languages. PNG is an economically poor and underdeveloped country

with corruption in public life and exploitation of its mineral resources by foreign countries.

PNG has approximately two million Catholics, 27% of the country's total population. The country is divided into nineteen dioceses including four archdioceses. Blessed Peter To Rot (5 March 1912 - 7 July 1945) was a Papuan Catholic layman, who served as catechist and was entrusted with the local parish during World War II when the Japanese occupied the region. He was martyred by the Japanese in 1945 and was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1995.

The inaugural mass of the FCBCO Assembly was presided over by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Secretary of State of His Holiness Pope Francis, and among the participants, besides the bishops of the region, was PNG's first prime minister, Michael Somare, a devout Catholic and

his wife. Cardinal Pietro Parolin spoke of his joy at being able to be amongst the people of PNG, especially for the Plenary Assembly of FCBCO.

The Assembly's theme was, 'Care of our Common Home of Oceania: A sea of possibilities'. Discussions were mainly on human rights and environmental care and protection, displacement, social unrest, climate change, and harmful environmental practices such as deep-sea bed mining and overfishing. Keynote speakers include Cardinal Pietro Parolin, Governor Powes Parkop, Professor Ottmar Edenhofer,

The most beautiful experience for the Bishops of the FCBCO Assembly was their participation in Sunday Mass in different local communities, most of them in their traditional costumes. Formal dinner of the Assembly was honoured by the presence of the PNG Prime Minister, Peter O'Neill.







## Raza on DUKRANA of St Thomas at St Alphonsa Cathedral, Melbourne



### ST ALPHONSA MISSION PARRAMATTA

St Alphonsa Mission Parramatta is slowly budding into a hub of activities.

Altar servers started receiving training in prayer recitals. The members received new vestments and are on regular practise of the prayers. Hope that in the coming days they would become more fluent with the transliterated prayers.

Fourth Sunday is kept as an activity Sunday for catechism, where youth and students are led into a variety of activities which help them to get nourished in faith formation.

Parish youth is the next group that got the blessing to get organised. The youth of the parish got organised under the banner of Syro-Malabar Youth Movement on 24 June 2018. The SMYM executive also got formed on that day. And they are



enthusiastically looking forward to the one-day programme in July and the regional programme in the month of August.



*One day trip of the youth group of St Alphonsa Cathedral*





## ST. JOSEPH SYRO-MALABAR PARISH, PERTH

### ARISE 2018-YOUTH DAY

On 07th April, SMYM Perth held its first major event, ARISE 2018, a youth day consisting of talks, activities, games and worship. Sojin Sebastian (Director of Syro-Malabar Youth Apostolate) and Anita Parker (Director of Catholic Youth Ministry) gave very inspiring and interesting talks on leadership and the struggle of the contemporary youth in living our Christian faith in our society. Arise 2018 has indeed inspired the youths of St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Parish to be the 'present' of the Church through a life of prayer and action.



### BIBLE KALOLSAVAM 2018 PERTH

Bible Kalolsavam 2018 was held on 28th April and 5th May. These were the two days of competitions for catechism students to showcase their literary and artistic talents. All the literary and drawing competitions were held on 28th April and stage competitions were held on the 5th May. It was a time to wonder at the God given talents of our children and to encourage them and foster them based on the Word of God. Prizes were also distributed at the closing of the event.

### PROCLAIM 2018 PERTH

On the 30th of June 2018, Australia's first SMYM Regional Conference, 'PROCLAIM 2018' was held at Kelmscott Community Centre, in St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Parish Perth for Youths from the age group of 14-30. The leadership team of SMYM Perth worked very hard to make the day possible with the help of our animators, Jini Baiju and Shaju Francis under spiritual guidance from Father Anish Ponnaduthakallel. The day was filled with activities, music, motivational talks, great food, adoration and catching up with friends. Even after short notice, the number of participants came to Hundred and Twenty on the day. The structure of the day was organised well beforehand by coordinating with the SMYM National Team, Sojin Sebastian and Jestin Tom, who flew over interstate for the meeting. The sessions were led by Bishop Bosco Puthur and Sojin Sebastian which were really inspiring and thought provoking. There were also testimonies from the youth about



their own faith experiences and panel discussions on faith matters and many were left with a new thought towards their faith to explore. All the participants experienced the love of God during the praise and worship and adoration led by Father Sabu Jacob. The main message of the day was to stand proud and live our Syro Malabar tradition with zeal and to change the world through our revolutionary actions by becoming revolutionary youths and we can be sure that Proclaim 2018 has helped everyone towards this goal.

### FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AND BLESSING OF THE FOUNDATION STONE OF NEW Parish CHURCH

St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Parish Perth celebrated the feast of St. Thomas, our father in faith on 01st July with due solemnity. Bishop Bosco Puthur celebrated the Feast Mass and it was a double joy when Bishop blessed the Foundation stone for the new Parish Church. Parish Priest Fr. Anish Ponnaduthakallel, Fr. Sabu Jacob and Fr. Thomas Mankuthel concelebrated with Mar Bosco Puthur. The Mass was followed by Ladeenju, Pradakshinam and Snehavirunnu. The food and craft stalls by Mathruvedi Perth was a special attraction of the day. More than a thousand Parishioners attended the feast celebration. Blessing of the Foundation Stone was a milestone in the history of the Parish.







## ‘വിശ്വാസനിരവ് 2018’

മെൽബൺ സെന്റ് മേരീസ് ക്നാനായ കാത്തലിക് മിഷന്റെ സൺഡേ സ്കൂൾ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ നാലാമത് ത്രിദിന ക്യാമ്പ് ‘വിശ്വാസനിരവ് 2018’ ഏപ്രിൽ മുന്ന്, നാല്, അഞ്ച് തീയതികളിൽ സെന്റ് ആഗ്നസ് ചർച്ച് ദൈവാലയത്തിൽ വെച്ച് നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു.

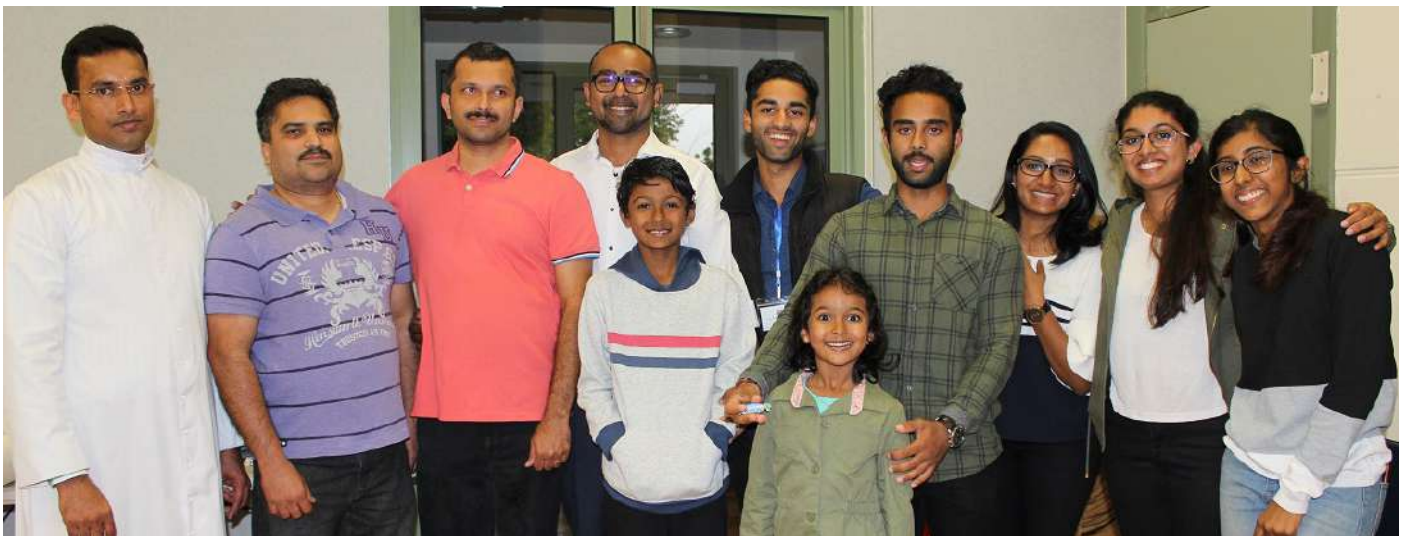
മെൽബൺ സിറോമലബാർ രൂപതാ യൂത്ത് അപ്പോസ്തലേറ്റ് ഡയറക്ടർ സോജിൻ സെബാസ്റ്റ്യൻ ആൻഡ് ടീമിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ നയിക്കപ്പെട്ട ത്രിദിന ക്യാമ്പ് വൈവിധ്യമാർന്ന പരിപാടികൾക്കൊണ്ട് ഏവരുടെയും പ്രശംസ പിടിച്ചു പറ്റി.

ക്നാനായ മിഷന്റെ സൺഡേ സ്കൂൾ കോർഡിനേറ്റോഴ്സായ

സിജോ ജോൺ, ജോർജ് പൗവ്വത്തിൽ, കൈക്കാരന്മാരായ ബേബി കരിശ്ശേരിക്കൽ, ആന്റണി പ്ലാക്കട്ടത്തിൽ, സെക്രട്ടറി ബൈജു ഓണശ്ശേരിൽ, പാരിഷ് കൗൺസിൽ മെംബേഴ്സ്, സൺഡേ സ്കൂൾ അധ്യാപകർ, മെൽബൺ കെ.സി.വൈ. എൽ അംഗങ്ങൾ എന്നിവർ പരിപാടികൾക്ക് നേതൃത്വം നൽകി.

ചാപ്ലിൻ ഫാ. തോമസ് കുന്ദുക്കൽ, ഫാ. സ്റ്റീഫൻ കണ്ടാരപ്പള്ളി എന്നിവരുടെ സാന്നിധ്യവും അവരുടെ കാർമ്മികത്വത്തിൽ നടത്തപ്പെട്ട വിശുദ്ധ കുർബ്ബാനയും ഏവർക്കും ആത്മീയ ഉണർവ് നൽകി.

മാതാപിതാക്കൾക്ക് വേണ്ടി സോജിൻ സെബാസ്റ്റ്യന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ പ്രത്യേക സെമിനാറും നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു.



## അഭിവന്ദ്യ മാർ കുര്യാക്കോസ് കുന്നശ്ശേരി പിതാവിന്റെ ഒന്നാം ചരമവാർഷികം

സെന്റ് മേരീസ് ക്നാനായ കാത്തലിക് മിഷൻ, മെൽബണിൽ അഭിവന്ദ്യ കുന്നശ്ശേരി പിതാവിന്റെ ഒന്നാം ചരമവാർഷികം, സെന്റ് മാത്യൂസ് ചർച്ച് ഫോക്നറിൽ വെച്ച് 17/6/18 ഞായറാഴ്ച ഭക്ത്യാദരപൂർവ്വം ആചരിച്ചു. ചാപ്ലിൻ ഫാ.തോമസ് കുന്ദുക്കൽ മുഖ്യ കാർമ്മികനായിരുന്നു. വിശുദ്ധ കുർബ്ബാനയും, ഒപ്പീസും, മറ്റു പ്രാർത്ഥനകളുമായി തങ്ങളുടെ പ്രിയ പിതാവിന്റെ അത്മശാന്തിക്കായി ഇടവകാംഗങ്ങൾ ഒത്തുചേർന്ന് പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയും, അദ്ദേഹം സഭയ്ക്കും സമുദായത്തിനും വേണ്ടി ചെയ്ത സ്തുത്യർഹമായ സേവനങ്ങളെ സ്മരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്തു.







## BISHOP BOSCO'S PROGRAM DIARY

### August 2018

- 1 Wed : Mass of Reception of Archbishop Peter Comensoli Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, at 7.00 pm
- 5 Sun : Brisbane South Communion
- 7 Tue : Departure to Kochi
- 19 Sun - 31 Fri : Syro Malabar Synod

### September 2018

- 8 Sat : Arrival from Kochi
- 9 Sun : Ettumombu Thirunil, Ardeer
- 13 Thu : Travel to Perth
- 16 Sun : Confirmation in Sydney
- 17 Mon - 18 Tue: Christchurch Conference
- 19 Wed - 20 Thu: Youth Directors Meeting, Melbourne
- 20 Thu : Eparchy Clergy Meeting, Melbourne  
Inauguration Qurbana, Shalom Conference
- 21 Fri - 22 Sat : Diocesan Pastoral Council Meeting, Tullamarine
- 29 Sat -30 Sun : Bible Convention

### October 2018

- 1 Mon : Bible Convention
- 2 Tue - 4 Thu : Youth Conference, Brisbane
- 5 Fri : Bishops Commission for Pastoral Life (BCPL) Meeting, Sydney
- 6 Sat : Knanaya Convention, Gold Coast
- 7 Sun : Communion at Dandenong Parish
- 14 Sun : Qurbana during Cathedral Parish Retreat
- 21 Sun : Communion at Cathedral Parish
- 28 Sun : First Communion, Ardeer, Melbourne

### Nov 2018

- 3 Sat : Communion in Parramatta
- 4 Sun : Qurbana in Parramatta
- 19 Mon - 23 Fri : Clergy Retreat, Sydney
- 26 Mon - 30 Fri : Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) Plenary, Sydney

## POPE QUOTE:



**Catholics have no reason to fear death, because Christ the Lord has power over death; instead, they should fear sin, which hardens and kills the soul**



**- Pope Francis**



### Prayer to Mary, Mother of God

O most sweet Lady and our Mother, by the merits of thy happy death obtain for us holy perseverance in the divine friendship, that we may finally quit this life in God's grace; and unite with the blessed spirits in praising thee and singing thy glories as thou deservest. Amen.

*(St. Alphonsus Liguori's classic work The Glories of Mary)*

*Congratulations &  
Prayers!*

**Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli**  
DD STL MLitt PhD

*New Archbishop of Melbourne*

