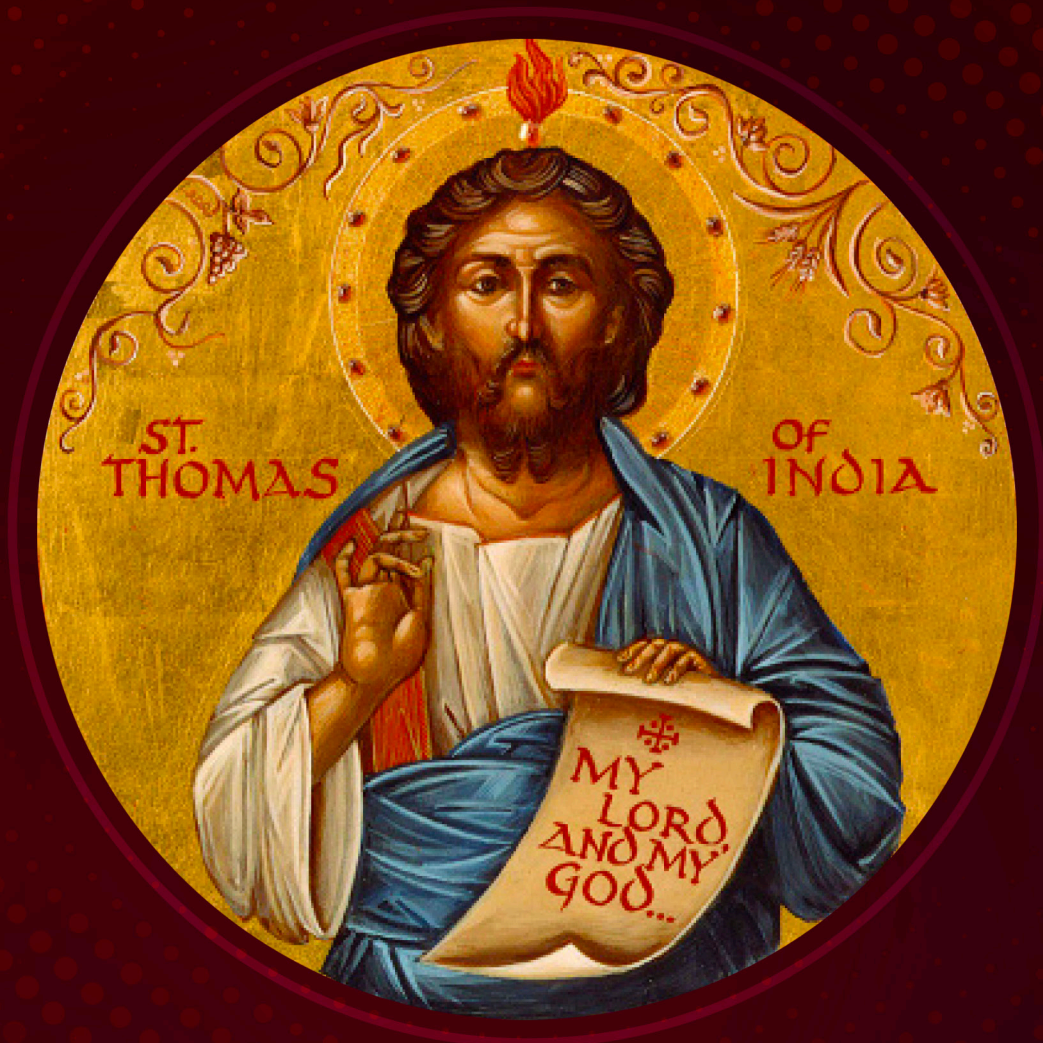


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*Love, following in the  
footsteps of Christ, in concern and  
compassion for all, is the highest  
expression of our faith and hope.*



Pope Francis



Pope Francis  
@pontifex

Christ is alive and desires that each of you live.  
He is the true beauty and youth of this world.  
Everything he touches becomes young, becomes new, full of life and meaning.



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## EDITORIAL

Feast of St Thomas the Apostle the Dukrana of Mar Thoma Sleeha our Father in faith, July 3rd.

One of the most important days in the liturgical calendar of the Syro Malabar Catholic community worldwide. This is also celebrated as the Syro Malabar Church day.

Blessed Dukrana Thirunnaal and Happy Syro Malabar Church Day!

This edition of the Marthoma Vision brings you the latest news and Updates from our eparchy including eparchial chancery, eparchial departments, ministries and associations, parishes, and from the mission communities.

Pope Francis has extended the jurisdiction of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Saint Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne, to include New Zealand and Oceania. This is an acknowledgment of the great work the eparchy has been doing under leadership of Bishop Bosco Puthur and this decision will further help the Syro Malabar faithful in the region to enhance their spiritual heritage, liturgical and ecclesial traditions handed down by St Thomas the Apostle and his successors. We are grateful to the Holy father, Synod, and the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church the Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Church.

We warmly welcome to the fold of our Eparchy all the people living in these countries, especially the Syro-Malabar faithful, the religious and the priests who minister in these communities.

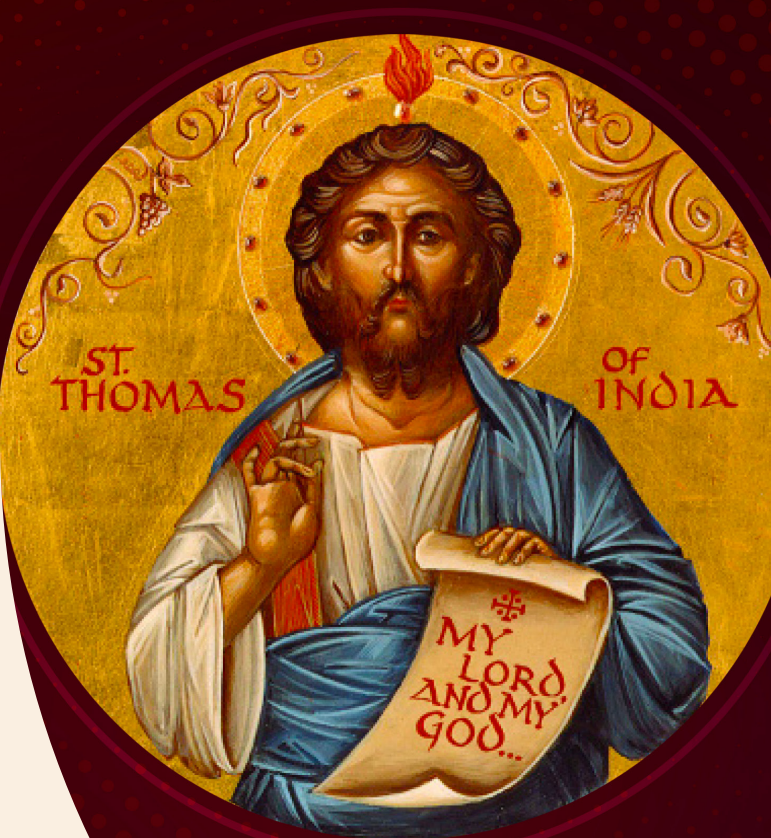
COVID-19 is causing widespread devastation across India. The most marginalised communities, many already living in poverty, are being hit the hardest. The Syro Malabar eparchies in Kerala are at the forefront providing aid and relief work. Our eparchy has also contributed to this effort by way of a special collection towards Covid-19 Relief. Thank you to all who have generously contributed to our bishop's appeal towards the COVID relief works in India.

Huge thank you to all who have contributed to this edition of Marthoma Vision.

Wishing you all a very blessed Dukrana!

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## PASTORAL LETTER DUKHRANA - SABHADINAM



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Cardinal George Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church, to the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Consecrated Men and Women and Lay Faithful of the Syro-Malabar Church.

May the Grace of the Lord be with you all!

Dearly beloved brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

As you are aware, the third of July is a day that awakens great memories. We call it the Dukhrana, the day of commemoration of St. Thomas the Apostle. The meaning of the word Dukhrana is "remembrance". We celebrate this day as Sabhadinam from 2013 onwards. We celebrate this year's Dukhrana as in the previous year without any solemn public functions because of the Covid-19.

### The Background of the Pandemic

India was almost successful in combating the spread of the Covid-19 in its beginning stage, called as the first wave. But the second wave is very disastrous and has caused the deaths of thousands. As per official account, 387000 were dead because of the Covid-19 in India. Of these, around 12000 are from Kerala. It is undoubtedly a massive loss of lives. We shall remember those who passed away and their grieving families in our prayers. There are also thousands who are enduring great physical hardships on account of the pandemic. We get dire intimations of the eruption of a third wave through the news media in the coming months. It is feared that this third wave would affect children badly. What we can do is to get vaccinated at the earliest available time as a preventive strategy. We shall cooperate wholeheartedly with the preventive measures proposed by the governments.

There are many who are sacrificing their lives to prevent the onslaught of the pandemic. We shall remember gratefully the valuable services of doctors, nurses, health workers and the religious who have given their lives to serve the sick and dying during these harrowing times. We shall offer our prayers for those health workers who lost their lives in this battle against the Covid-19. The young people, the religious and the clergy who work as volunteers to care for the sick deserve our admiration. Four bishops, more than five hundred priests and the religious have died in the pandemic in India. May the merciful Lord bless them abundantly for their dedicated service! One of the bishops who passed away was Mar Joseph Pastor Neelankavil, the Bishop Emeritus of Sagar. May his soul rest in peace!

Our Eparchies in States outside Kerala and India are passing through difficult times during this period of Covid-19. But the pandemic has subsided in foreign countries. We have to mention specially the heroic work by our mission dioceses in combating the pandemic. The bishops, priests and the lay faithful are working with great dedication at this time. Let our prayers be a source of strength and protection for them!

### The Example and the Spirit of St. Thomas

It would be appropriate to reflect at this time on what kind of inspiration we can derive from the commemoration of the Feast of St. Thomas. We are aware of the transformation that happened in the lives of the Apostles on the day of the Pentecost when they were filled with the Holy Spirit. It was through the power of the same Spirit that St. Thomas came to India to preach the



faith and to establish the faith communities. We cannot imagine the enormous effort he had taken for his journey and ministry in India. According to some study, he had made two trips to India: one by land to North India and the other by sea to reach Kerala. This heroism of St. Thomas should fill us with confidence to face the hardships caused by the pandemic.

St. Thomas has shown extraordinary heroism in his life. When Jesus desired to go to Jerusalem in order to resurrect Lazarus when the Jews were planning to stone Him to death, Thomas said with great faith and boldness: "Let us go and die with him" (Jn. 11:16). Later, he came to India and was martyred here 'with Jesus' in his heart. He also tried to get more information about the message and life by asking Jesus directly. It was he who asked the Lord when he was mentioning that he was about to leave the world and that they know the way: "Lord, we do not know where you are going; but then how can we know the way?" It was in response to this question that Jesus made the great declaration: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life" (Jn. 14:6). This revelation of Jesus made Thomas more aware of Jesus as the Savior of the world. The presence and interventions of St. Thomas in the Gospels are a source of hope and confidence to those who believe in Jesus.

### Online Programmes

During this time of Covid-19, the activities of the Church as exercised through the CBCI, the KCBC, the Synod of Bishops, Eparchies, religious congregations, organizations etc. are being coordinated online. We shall be thankful to God that we can preserve the life of the Church in this manner. When the pandemic is creating distance among people, online programmes offer a way of life to bring people together.

The Synod of Bishops of our Church was held online in August 2020 and January 2021 because of the Covid-19. The next Synod will also, most probably, be taking place in the digital platform. The Holy See has given guidelines for the conduct of the online Synod.

### Recent Developments in the Church

I am very happy to let you know of some of the changes happening in the day to day activities of the Church. You might have known by this time that the territorial jurisdiction of the Eparchy of Melbourne has been extended to the whole of Oceania. We shall be thankful to the Holy See. Our congratulations go to Mar Bosco Puthur, the Bishop and the Eparchy of Melbourne. We are happy to welcome Archbishop Leopoldo Girelli, the new Apostolic Nuncio who has taken charge of his office on 28 May. We are thankful to the former Nuncio, Archbishop Giambattista Diquattro who served India for the last three years with great dedication. It is a matter of joy for us that many Bishops who belong to the Syro-Malabar Church are serving in various Latin dioceses in India and in the world. Recently Msgr. Siby Peedikayil who belongs to the Congregation of the Heralds of Good News and is hailing from the Eparchy of Kanjirapally was appointed the Bishop of Aitape, a diocese in Papua New Guinea, a country in Oceania. Congratulations and prayerful greetings to the new bishop from the mother Church!.

The seminary commissions, religious congregations and the seminary authorities are doing their utmost in carrying out the

work of the formation of the seminarians despite the many obstacles that have come in their way on account of the Covid. Online classes for the new academic year have already begun. We remember with gratitude all those who are engaged in the formation of our seminarians with great dedication and commitment.

A revised text of the Holy Qurbana has been submitted to the Holy See for approval. The Liturgy Commission is focused at present on the unification and revision of the Yama Prarthanakal. The Catechetical Commission has prepared online classes very effectively during the Covid period. Sunday school classes and classes for Sunday school teachers are being held online. Thanks also go to the Goodness, Shalom and Shekinah channels for telecasting the online Sunday classes very generously.

The Internet Mission and the Media Commission are organizing many innovative programmes, taking into account the needs of the times. The main programmes of the Internet Mission are building websites for the Eparchies and other organizations, developing software for them and the Syro-Malabar matrimony. The Media Commission publishes two online bulletins known as the Syro-Malabar Vision and Mount Vision. Historical research was begun under the auspices of the Liturgical Research Centre. The project of the Syro-Malabar Heritage and Research Centre, which was started a few years ago, is not yet completed on account of the paucity of funds because of the Covid-19. The Commissions concerned have successfully implemented different programmes for mission activities, for the expatriates, scholarships for Dalit Catholics and for the promotion of vocations.

### Welfare Schemes

I am happy that various programmes are being put together in all Eparchies and mission territories for the prevention of the spread of the pandemic and for the welfare of the people. In the Church of Kerala, programmes for the prevention of the contagion of the virus are being organized by the Social Service Forum, the Catholic Health Association and the KCBC Health Commission. The eparchial organizations are collaborating with them. In order to take care of the needs of the expatriates and to find solutions for their problems, our eparchial organizations are cooperating with the government and they deserve our appreciation. Each Eparchy has to see to it that it is its responsibility to find the right welfare schemes for the poor in our society from the various welfare programmes started by the government. The Welfare Fund for Farmers is a good programme of the government. Our eparchial organizations should get our farmers enrolled in these programmes.

As the monsoon months of June, July and August would bring in more hardships and floods, we should all join together to bring help to the suffering.

### Due Rights of the Community

The government should see to it that there be justice and due proportionality in the distribution of minority benefits. Similarly the rights of the economically backward in the non reservation communities should also be protected. In all these instances, our policy is that the benefits due to the Latin community, the



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Dalit Christians and other communities should in no way be affected. It is through just methods that the due rights given by the Constitution and the democratic set-ups should be secured. There should be no attempts to break the communal harmony existing in the country among different religions and communities. The responses expressed through the social media in this regard should be tolerant and Christian. The Public Affairs Commission of our Church is intervening effectively at critical times in all these matters. The Catholic Congress is also vigilant in the social issues.

### Finally

We have to continue our special prayers and acts of adoration to get total liberation from the pandemic. This time of the pandemic gives us the wisdom to discern that our talents alone would not achieve everything in life. "The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want...I will not fear even though I walk in the shadow of death (Ps. 23:1-4). We shall put our trust in the Lord. We shall also strive to live like the Good Samaritan by placing our services at the disposal of those who need our help.

I hope our priests will somehow find ways to give the faithful the experience of participation in the Eucharistic service on July try

to increase the participation of the people in our church which will strengthen the sense of solidarity among the faithful.

I wish all of you the blessings of the all of you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Given from the Major Archiepiscopal Curia of the Syro Thomas, Kakkana, on 21 June 20.

*George Alencherry*



Cardinal George Alencherry

Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church

NB: This pastoral letter is to be read out during the Holy Mass on Sunday, 27 June 2021, in all churches and chapels of the Syro-Malabar Church where there is Sunday Mass for the public, respecting the regulations given by the government. Copy of this pastoral letter is to be made available through opportune means to those faithful who cannot participate in the celebration of Holy Qurbana in churches.





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### Bishop Bosco Puthur

**Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle,  
Melbourne, Australia and Apostolic Visitation to the  
Syro-Malabar Faithful in New Zealand.**

Prot.No.EPL: 66/21/58

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Dear Rev. Fathers, dear brothers and sisters and dear children in Christ,

I wish you the blessings and greetings of the Feast of Dukhrana of our Father St. Thomas. I pray that the feast of our heavenly patron be a consolation and divine blessing to all who suffer in the time of COVID pandemic.

Pope Benedict XVI has spoken in 2006 about the “proverbial scene” of the appearance of the risen Jesus to the doubting Thomas that occurred eight days after Easter. At first Thomas asserted that he would not believe that Jesus had appeared in

his absence. Pope Benedict affirms that basically, from these words, more than Thomas’ doubt, there emerges another fundamental conviction: that it is through the wounds of Jesus that we can now recognize His identity. It is the wounds of Jesus that reveals how much He loves us. “In this the Apostle is not mistaken”, affirms Pope Benedict.

Eight days later Thomas, seeing and touching the wounds of Jesus, reacts with the most splendid profession of faith in the whole of the New Testament: “My Lord and my God!” (Jn.20: 28)! St Augustine comments on this Biblical scene: Thomas “saw and touched the man, and acknowledged the God whom he neither saw nor touched; but by the means of what he saw and touched, he now put far away from him every doubt, and believed the other”.

Meditative words of the Church Father St. John Chrysostom on the faith experience of St. Thomas are very relevant even today. “This was, therefore, a work of divine providence, that the separation of the disciple, would become a harbinger of increasing safety and surety. For if Thomas had not been absent, he would not have doubted; and, if he would not have doubted, he would not have sought strangely; and, if he would not have sought, he would not have felt; and, if he would not have felt, he would not have been convinced of the Lord and God; and, if he did not call Him Lord and God, then neither would we have been taught to hymn Him thus. For Thomas, by not being present, has led us towards the truth and later, became more confirmed regarding the faith.”

The words of Jesus, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe” (Jn 20: 29), is a big challenge today to us the sons and daughters of St. Thomas.

Pope Benedict indicates that the faith experience St. Thomas then had is now relevant to us for at least three reasons: first, because it comforts us in our insecurity; second, because it shows us that every doubt can lead to an outcome brighter than any uncertainty; and, lastly, because the words that Jesus addressed to him remind us of the true meaning of mature faith and encourage us to persevere, despite the difficulty, along our journey of discipleship to him.

Pope Benedict reminds us of the importance of the story of Thomas going fishing along with Peter, narrated in the twenty-first chapter of the Gospel of John. The disciples called by the Lord to be fishers of men, going back to fishing! What a drama? We shall remember Jesus’ saying about ‘one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back’. Their toil of the whole night was in vain. Early in the morning Jesus appears to them, asks them to cast their net on the right side, they do it and accordingly, catch a large number of fish, Jesus prepares meals for them, calling them little children - how hearty are the sequence of these events! Never again has Thomas looked back on his discipleship. As tradition claims, Thomas first evangelized Syria and Persia, then went on to Northern India from where he finally reached Southern India and

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became our Father in Faith. Dukhrana is the remembrance, observance and celebration of the heroic history of that crowing martyrdom.

The words of Pope Francis on the occasion of the 2013 Dukhrana are highly relevant. We must come out of ourselves, we must take human routes if we are to discover that Jesus' wounds are still visible today on the bodies of all our brothers and sisters who are hungry, thirsty, naked, humiliated, enslaved, imprisoned and hospitalised. Pope reminds us that it is by touching and caressing these wounds "we can adore God alive in our midst". By literally partaking in the pains of the contemporary society, we shall be able to kiss the wounds of Jesus. Is it not by kissing the leper that Saint Francis of Assisi experienced the living God? It is by engaging in acts of mercy we will be enabled to touch the sacred wounds of Jesus and proclaim along with St. Thomas the Apostle our living faith, 'my Lord and my God'.

During times of suffering, isolation and anxiety, some of us ask, why is this happening to me? Has not God eyes and heart? We shall then remember that it took eight days after the other disciples saw Jesus and believed in the resurrection, for St. Thomas to have such an experience. The ways of the Lord are often strange! God takes his own time to fulfil his plans. The same is true in our own situations too. When the sufferings due to the COVID Pandemic prolong indefinitely, it is natural that you and I often have such doubts about God and his ways. Let us open our eyes to see and touch the wounds of our fellow human beings. By doing so may we be able to see the sacred wounds and the holy face of the risen Jesus in his divine splendour.

Let us thank the Lord, who consoles us in our insecurities, who leads us beyond the doubts to the resplendent vista of life, and who helps us to discern and overcome the crises on the path of our discipleship and understand the true meaning of a mature faith. On this Dukhrana Feast along with St. Thomas let us proclaim "my Lord and my God".

On this feast day I would like to bring to your attention a matter of great importance. I invite you to thank God upon

the decision of Holy Father Pope Francis extending the jurisdiction of our Eparchy to New Zealand and beyond to all the Oceania countries. We are grateful to the Synod and the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church who presented such an application, and the Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Church who endorsed it. We warmly welcome to the fold of the Eparchy all the people living in these countries, especially the Syro-Malabar faithful, the religious and the priests who minister in these communities. This is a great opportunity for a wider mission work. On this Dukhrana feast let us resolve ourselves to take up the challenge in this call to the mission.

Finally a word of thanks! May God abundantly bless you, who have generously contributed to my appeal towards the COVID relief works in India. We collected \$ 58,511.57 from our parishes and communities. Besides, we got \$16,622.85 from the other three oriental eparchies and some other Latin parishes. Thus, \$75,134.42 is the total amount we collected. Along with that Australian Catholic Mission Society contributed \$30,000. Consequently, we could send through the Australian Catholic Mission Society to Caritas India \$105,134.42.

Thank you all!

God bless you!

Your Bishop

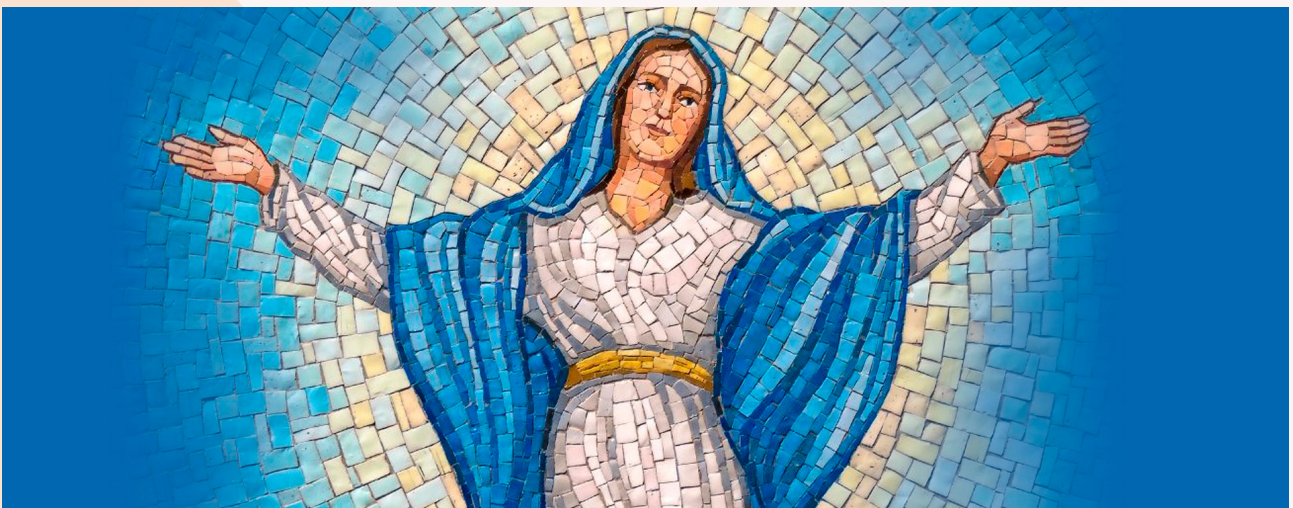


**+Bosco Puthur**



19 June 2021

NB: This Pastoral Letter is to be read in our parishes and communities on Sunday, 27 June 2021.





# EPARCHY' NEWS



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EPARCHY MEDIA COMMISSION





## MEDIA STATEMENT

Pope Francis extends the Jurisdiction of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne

The Holy Father Pope Francis extends the Jurisdiction of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Saint Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne to include New Zealand and all the countries of Oceania. The Decree (Prot. No 145/2020) to this effect was signed on 29 March 2021 by Cardinal Leonardo Sandri, Prefect of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches.

This decision is due to the increasing number of Syro-Malabar faithful in these countries and the need to reach out to them for their pastoral and spiritual needs. This decision will enhance the Syro-Malabar spiritual heritage, liturgical and ecclesial traditions handed down by St. Thomas the Apostle and his successors.

Now the territory of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy includes, in addition to Australia and New Zealand, all the counties of Oceania.

This decree specifies that the extension of the jurisdiction of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy enables better pastoral vigilance to be given to all Syro-Malabar faithful in the extended territory. It gives an opportunity that opens new horizons to our Syro-Malabar sisters and brothers, in New Zealand and the Islands of Oceania. It is also an expression of the recognition by the Apostolic See and the Episcopal Conferences of the Oceania countries that the Syro-Malabar Church is now becoming more global, through migration.

Accordingly, by decree of Pope Francis, all Syro-Malabar faithful in these countries have been placed under the jurisdiction of Bishop Bosco Puthur, who thus becomes the first Syro-Malabar Eparch of Australia, New Zealand, and Oceania.

Along with the clergy and laity of the Eparchy, Bishop Bosco Puthur, while thanking God, wishes to express our deep gratitude to Holy Father Pope Francis, to Cardinal Leonardo Sandri and the Congregation for the Oriental Churches, His Beatitude Cardinal George Alencherry, the Major Archbishop and the Synod of the Syro-Malabar Church, the Episcopal Conferences and the Apostolic Nuncios of Australia and New Zealand.

This decision by Pope Francis offers both a mission and a challenge to all the sons and daughters of St. Thomas the Apostle throughout this region to bear witness to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in the oriental spiritual, liturgical and ecclesial tradition of the Syro-Malabar heritage with a renewed vigor.

Further information on the official ceremonies will be announced in due time.

Msgr Francis Kolencherry  
Vicar General  
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Prot. No. 0733/2021

01 July 2021

### Message

It is a matter of joy for me to know that the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle of Melbourne is bringing out a Souvenir on the occasion of the extension of its jurisdiction to New Zealand and the whole of Oceania with effect from 29 March 2021. It is also a matter of great joy for the whole Syro-Malabar Church, especially for the Eparchy of Melbourne along with the faithful residing in New Zealand and the whole of Oceania.

I take this occasion to congratulate Bishop Bosco Puthur as well as the priests, religious and the faithful in Australia and New Zealand who made tireless attempts for making it a reality. Let us raise our hearts in thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ who graciously hear our prayers. We are also grateful to the Holy Father Pope Francis for granting it and to the Congregation for the Oriental Churches for all the efforts taken in this regard. May St Thomas, our Father in Faith and the Patron Saint of your Eparchy intercede for you! I do pray for you and for the Eparchy of Melbourne.

My best wishes and blessings for all your endeavours!

Cardinal George Alencherry  
Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church



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St Mary's parish, Adelaide South.
3. **Fr Ajith Cheriakkara**  
Vicar, St Euphrasia's Parish,  
Adelaide North.

## BISHOP'S COVID - 19 RELIEF APPEAL

As you would know, COVID-19 is causing widespread devastation across India. The most marginalised communities, many already living in poverty, are being hit the hardest.

Our eparchy has raised a total of \$105,134.42 towards Covid relief in India.

Syro Malabar Parish and Missions - \$ 58,511.57

Other oriental Eparchies and Latin parishes in Australia: \$16,622.85

Catholic Mission Society: \$30,000.

A total of \$105,134.42 has been handed over to Caritas India through the Australian Catholic Mission Society.

## COME AND SEE VOCATION DISCERNMENT WEEKEND

Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne has organised a vocational Discernment weekend camp "Come & See\* - Vocational Discernment Weekend:" for young men who are Eighteen (18) years and older to come along for the Come and See and explore God's call and will in their lives. This camp was organised in the month of May and had great attendance.

Please stay tuned for similar events in the future.



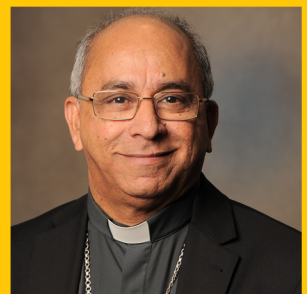
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**മീഡിയാകമ്മീഷൻ  
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## കോക്പിറ്റിലൊരു വിമാനയാത്ര ബിഷപ്പ് ബോസ്കോ പുത്തൂർ

വിമാനം കിട്ടി ഇഷ്യൂ ചെയ്തത് മദ്രാസിൽ ഡിസംബർ 18ന്. അന്ന് കൊച്ചിയിലായിരുന്ന ഇറ്റാലിയൻ കോൺസുലേറ്റ് ഏജൻസിയിൽ നിന്ന് ഇറ്റാലിയൻ വീസ ലഭിച്ചത് ഡിസംബർ 21ന്. അതിന് അന്ന് ഈടാക്കിയ തുക 23 രൂപ 40 പൈസ. പുറകോട്ടു തിരിഞ്ഞു നോക്കുമ്പോൾ ട്രാവൽ ഏജന്റ് എത്ര ചടുലതയോടെ എല്ലാം തരപ്പെടുത്തി എന്നതിൽ ഞാൻ അതിശയിക്കുന്നു!

കൊച്ചി നേവൽ ഏയർപോർട്ടിൽ നിന്ന് ബോംബേയിലേക്ക് യാത്ര പുറപ്പെടുന്നത് 1965 ഡിസംബർ 22ന് വൈകിട്ട് അഞ്ചു മണിക്ക്, ഇന്ത്യൻ ഏയർലൈൻസ് വിമാനത്തിൽ. ടിക്കറ്റിൽ ഉൾപ്പെട്ട പ്രകാരം രാത്രി താമസം ബോംബേയിൽ ജൂഹു ബീച്ചിലെ SUN-N-SAND പഞ്ചനക്ഷത്ര ഹോട്ടലിൽ. തൃശ്ശൂരിനും കൊച്ചിക്കും കോയമ്പത്തൂരിനുമപ്പുറം നാടൊന്നും കണ്ടിട്ടില്ലാത്ത എനിക്ക് ആ യാത്ര ഒരത്ഭുത പ്രതിഭാസമായിരുന്നു! താമസിച്ചത് മുന്തിയ ഹോട്ടലിൽ ആയിരുന്നെങ്കിലും ആദ്യ വിദേശയാത്രയുടെ ആകാംക്ഷ കാരണം ശരിയായി ഭക്ഷണം കഴിക്കാനോ ഉറങ്ങാനോ കഴിഞ്ഞില്ല. പുലർച്ചെ ഹോട്ടലിൽ നിന്ന് ചെക് ഔട്ട് ചെയ്ത് ഏയർപോർട്ടിൽ എത്തണം. അന്ന് വിദേശനാണുമായി കയ്യിൽ പരമാവധി വയ്ക്കാവുന്നത് 15 അമേരിക്കൻ ഡോളർ മാത്രം. ഇന്ത്യൻ രൂപ കയ്യിൽ സൂക്ഷിക്കുന്നത് നിയമവിരുദ്ധവും ഉപയോഗശൂന്യവുമാണെന്ന് ആരോ ഉപദേശിച്ചതുകൊണ്ട് ആകെ കയ്യിൽ 15 ഡോളർ! അന്നത്തെ എന്റെ കൊച്ചി-റോം വിമാനടിക്കറ്റ് ഇന്നും ഞാൻ സൂക്ഷിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. ആ ടിക്കറ്റിന്റെ വില 374.70 അമേരിക്കൻ ഡോളർ. 1784 ഇന്ത്യൻ രൂപ. അതിശയിക്കേണ്ട, അന്ന് ഇന്ത്യൻ രൂപയുടെ വിനിമയ മൂല്യം ഒരു ഡോളറിന് 4.76 രൂപ. ഇന്ന് ഒരു ഡോളർ കിട്ടണമെങ്കിൽ 75 രൂപ കൊടുക്കണം. ഇന്നത്തെ മൂല്യം നോക്കുമ്പോൾ അന്നത്തെ ടിക്കറ്റുവില ഒരുലക്ഷത്തി പതിനായിരം രൂപ. ഇത്രയും കൊല്ലം കൊണ്ട് രൂപയുടെ അന്തർദേശീയ വിനിമയ മൂല്യം എത്ര മടങ്ങ് ശോഷിച്ചുപോയി!

ഹോട്ടലിൽ നിന്ന് ചെക് ഔട്ട് ചെയ്യുമ്പോൾ പരിചയക്കുറവുള്ള എനിക്കുണ്ടായ ചെറിയൊരു അപകടം എന്താണെന്ന് എങ്ങോട്ടാണ്, എന്തു വിമാനത്തിലാണ് യാത്രയെന്ന് ചോദിച്ചു. വൈദികപഠനത്തിനായി റോമിലേക്കുവരുന്നതും Trans World Airlines (TWA) ൽ ആണെന്നും ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞു. വളരെ സ്നേഹത്തോടെ പെരുമാറിയ അദ്ദേഹം തന്നെയാണ് ഹോട്ടലിൽ ഞാൻ കുടിച്ച കുൾഡ്രിംഗിന്റെ പണം കൊടുത്തതും. ഇനി വിമാനത്തിൽ വച്ച് കാണാമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞ് അദ്ദേഹം പിരിഞ്ഞു.

ഡിസംബർ 23 പുലർച്ചെ 3:15നുള്ള TWA 80 ഫ്ലൈറ്റിൽ എന്റെ സീറ്റ് 16 എ ആയിരുന്നു. കൃത്യസമയത്ത് വിമാനം പറന്നുപോയി. കന്നിയാത്രയുടെ പിരിമുറുക്കത്തിലായിരുന്ന ഞാൻ കൊന്ത ചൊല്ലി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാൻ ശ്രമിച്ചു. അതിനിടെ ഒരു ഏയർഹോസ്റ്റസ് വന്നു പറഞ്ഞു, 'Captain calls you to the cockpit.' ഞാനാകെ ഭയപ്പെട്ടു! ഇതെന്തു പുലിവാലാണാവോ എന്നു ചിന്തിച്ച് ആശങ്കയോടെ കോക്പിറ്റിനകത്തു കയറിയപ്പോൾ ഗ്ലാസും നേരെ വീണു. ഹോട്ടലിന്റെ റിസപ്ഷൻ

### ഇടയന്റെ അനുഭവക്കുറിപ്പുകൾ

പത്താം ക്ലാസ് പാസായ പതിനാറു വയസ്സുകാരനായ ഞാൻ തൃശ്ശൂർ രൂപതയ്ക്കുവേണ്ടി വൈദികനാകാൻ 1962 ൽ മൈനർ സെമിനാരിയിൽ ചേർന്നു. അവിടെ രണ്ടു വർഷം പരിശീലനം പൂർത്തിയാക്കിയ എന്ന് തത്വശാസ്ത്ര പഠനത്തിനായി അയച്ചത് ആലുവ സെമിനാരിയിലേക്കാണ്. രാജംവർഷ തത്വശാസ്ത്ര പഠനത്തിനിടയ്ക്ക് അധികാരികൾ എന്നെ തുടർ പരിശീലനത്തിനായി റോമിലെ പ്രൊപ്പഗാന്ത കോളേജിലേക്ക് അയയ്ക്കാൻ തീരുമാനിച്ചു. അന്നെനിക്ക് പത്തൊമ്പതു വയസ്സ്.

സെപ്റ്റംബറിൽ റോമിൽ അദ്ധ്യയനവർഷം ആരംഭിച്ചെങ്കിലും ഞാനും ദൈവശാസ്ത്ര പഠനത്തിനായി മറ്റൊരാളും റോമിലേക്ക് യാത്രയായത് ഡിസംബർ 22നായിരുന്നു.

അന്ന് യാത്രയ്ക്കുപയോഗിച്ച എന്റെ ആദ്യത്തെ പാസ്പോർട്ട് ചെന്നൈയിൽ (മദ്രാസ്) ഇഷ്യൂ ചെയ്തത് ഡിസംബർ 16ന്.





ിൽ എന്നോടു സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം പെരുമാറിയ അമേരിക്കക്കാരൻ തന്നെയാണ് വിമാനത്തിന്റെ ക്യാപ്റ്റൻ! ഒഴിഞ്ഞു കിടന്ന ഒരു സീറ്റു കാണിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് എന്നോടു പറഞ്ഞു: “ഇവിടെ ഇരുന്നുള്ളൂ”. എങ്ങനെയാണ് വിമാനം പറക്കുന്നതെന്നും താഴുന്നതെന്നും പൊങ്ങുന്നതെന്നും ഇവിടെയിരുന്നാൽ നന്നായി കാണാം. ദക്ഷണമൊക്കെ എയർ ഹോസ്റ്റസ് ഇവിടെ കൊണ്ടുവന്നു തരും.” ഒരാശ്വാസമായി! ഇന്നാണെങ്കിൽ കോക്‌പിറ്റിലിരുന്നൊരു വിമാനയാത്ര സ്വപ്നം കാണാൻ പോലും നമുക്കു പറ്റില്ല. അപ്പോൾ അന്നോ? അന്ന് അങ്ങനെയൊരു കർശനനിയമം ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നില്ല. 1968 ലെ ഇസ്രായേൽ - അറബ് യുദ്ധത്തിനു ശേഷമാണ് അന്തർദേശീയ ദീകരപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളും വിമാനനാണുലുകളും വ്യാപകമായി ശക്തിപ്പെട്ടത്. അതോടെ വിമാനയാത്രയ്ക്കുള്ള നിയമങ്ങളും കൂടുതൽ കർശനമായി. അന്നെന്നും ദീർഘദൂര വിമാനയാത്ര സാധ്യമായിരുന്നില്ല. അത്രയും ദൂരം പോകാനുള്ള ഇന്ധനം നിറയ്ക്കാനുള്ള സംവിധാനമോ, അത്രയധികം വിമാനയാത്രക്കാരോ അന്നില്ലായിരുന്നു. ബോംബേയിൽ നിന്നും പറന്നു പൊങ്ങിയ ഞങ്ങളുടെ വിമാനം ടെഹ്റാൻ,

കെയ്റോ, ആതൻസ് എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിൽ ഇറങ്ങിയ ശേഷമാണ് റോമിലെത്തുന്നത്. ഈ നഗരങ്ങളിലൊക്കെ വിമാനം ഇറങ്ങുന്നതും പറന്നുയരുന്നതും കോക്‌പിറ്റിലിരുന്ന് കാണാൻ സാധിച്ചത് വലിയൊരു ഭാഗ്യമായാണ് ഞാനിന്നും കാണുന്നത്. നിത്യനഗരമായ റോമിൽ ക്രിസ്തസ് ആഘോഷങ്ങളിൽ പങ്കെടുക്കാൻ ഡിസംബർ 23ന് വൈകിട്ട് പ്രാപ്പഗാന്ത കോളേജിൽ എത്തിച്ചേർന്നു. എന്റെ ജീവിതത്തിലെ ആദ്യത്തെ റോമൻ ക്രിസ്തസ്!

സ്വപ്നത്തിൽ പോലും വിചാരിക്കാത്ത, ഒരു തരത്തിലും എനിക്കർഹതപ്പെടാത്ത ഒട്ടനവധി അനുഗ്രഹങ്ങൾ വിവിധവ്യക്തികളിലൂടെയും സംഭവങ്ങളിലൂടെയും എന്റെ ജീവിതത്തിലുടനീളം വാരി വിതറിയ നല്ല തമ്പുരാന്റെ പരിപാലനയെ ഞാൻ നന്ദിയോടെ സ്തുതിക്കുന്നു. ആ അമേരിക്കക്കാരൻ ക്യാപ്റ്റനെ പോലെ, യാത്രയിൽ കണ്ടുമുട്ടുന്ന അപരിചിതരോട് നാം എത്ര കരുതലോടും പരിഗണനയോടും കൂടി പെരുമാറണമെന്ന ഗുണപാഠം ഞാൻ എന്നും ഓർക്കുന്നു.



**Celebrating the Year of St. Joseph**  
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# EPARCHY MINISTRIES



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### Google Meet during the Vacation Time:

During the pandemic break, the brothers had classes on different themes on the Eucharist spirituality, on St. Joseph, etc using the Google Meet platform.

### Vocation Seminar using Google Meet platform:

The Minor Seminary has arranged the Vocation Seminar for the new comers using the Google meet platform. Fr. Rector directed and explained different topics and selected brothers shared their experiences and vision.

### The New Academic Year starts...

In between the lockdown break all the major seminaries start by the end of June. One Seminarian is doing theology in Rome. Another one is getting ready to go to Rome for Theology. Three are in Philosophy in different Major Seminaries in Kerala. Ten are in degree classes. Nine (including the first years) are in the Minor Seminary. Let us pray for them and wish them all the best.

### Sudden demise of the Spiritual Father of Minor Seminary, Fr. Johny Antony Parekatt.

Suffering from Covid and Fr. Johny Antony died on 13th March 2021. Brothers together with the rector offered requiem holy mass and special prayers for him on 15th March which was the funeral day.

### This year six new comers are entering to the first year Minor Seminary Course.

### Hearty Welcome to our Benjamins of our Minor Seminary.

മെൽബൺ സെന്റ് തോമസ് സിറോമലബാർ രൂപത ആസ്ത്രേലിയ ന്യൂസിലാന്റിന്റെ പ്രഥമ ഡീക്കനായി ബിബിൻ വെള്ളാപറമ്പിൽ ജൂൺ അഞ്ചാം തിയതി റോമിൽ ബിഷപ്പ് സ്റ്റീഫൻ ചിറപ്പനത്തിൽ നിന്നും പട്ടം സ്വീകരിച്ചു.

2004-ൽ സ്ഥാപിതമായ മെൽബൺ രൂപതക്കുവേണ്ടി യുള്ള ആദ്യത്തെ ഡീക്കൻ ആണ് ബിബിൻ. ചങ്ങനാശ്ശേരി അതിരൂപതയിലെ സെന്റ് ജോൺസ് ബാബ്റ്റിസ് പള്ളി നെടും കുന്നം തുടങ്ങിയ ബിബിൻ വെള്ളാപറമ്പിൽ സാബു വി.വി യുടെയും ജാൻസി സാബുവിന്റെയും മകനാണ്. സഹോദരി ജാൻസി കുര്യൻ. പ്രാഥമിക വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം കേരളത്തിൽ പൂർത്തിയാക്കിയ ഡീക്കൻ ബിബിൻ, റോമിൽ പൊന്തിഫിസോ കോളേജ് ഇന്റർ നാഷണൽ മാരിയോ മേററ് എക്സെസിയായിൽ ഇപ്പോൾ പഠിക്കുന്നു.







In conversation with A Youth Missionary ,  
**Ann Katticar**

### GAP YEAR MISSION -

One-year full time commitment for SMYM Australia, a project of the Eparchy's Youth Apostolate. This is another milestone in our Youth Movement. Miss Ann Katticar from the St Mary's Syro-Malabar Parish, Melbourne West is taking up this daring step to dedicate the whole year to do the ministry with the young people in our Eparchy. She is a very active youth leader/ catechism teacher in her parish, and she is currently serving our Eparchy as the Assistant National Coordinator of SMYM Australia.

Vivek Koiparampil, Media Coordinator for the Youth Apostolate is in conversation with Ann.

*Hi Ann, thank you so much for taking the time to sit down and chat with us!*

*No, thank you for having me! I am blessed to be here and have a chance to share a bit about me and my journey!*

*For those that might not know who you are, can you tell us quickly a little bit about yourself?*

*Sure, I am Ann Katticar, but everyone calls me Annie K. I am the first Youth Missionary in our Syro-Malabar Eparchy here in Australia as part of the Šliħā daMšiħā (Apostle of Christ) Mission Project. I quit my full-time job as a Quality Analyst and decided to dedicate this whole year to Christ's Mission. I work with various Parishes/Missions in our Eparchy, focusing on the youth ministry.*

*Being a Youth Missionary, these days isn't something many youngsters think. Was it something you always wanted to do?*

*It wasn't something I thought about either, at least not up until May or so last year (2020).*

*It's a funny story because I was in the middle of making one of those "next step" decisions in my life. I was praying and discerning about it, and Main Gee (my nickname for God) decided to randomly, honestly out of nowhere, placed this little path into the mix.*

*I was all over the place because I was already having a hard time trying to decide on my options, but I guess that's what He does, right? God is all about nudging us to make those hard decisions, journeying in the challenging and narrow paths, and always making sure we are not in it alone.*

*I don't know how, but even when we don't really see or feel Him there, He manages to walk with us during it, sometimes literally carries us through it. To answer your question, no, it wasn't something I always wanted to do. Sure, I liked the idea of volunteering my time for others.*

*The thought of reaching out to other young people about the reckless love of my Father and sharing about my recently found love and pride of being a Syro-Malabar Catholic beyond excited me! But to quit my job and do it full time, that was the tricky part. That was the part that kept bringing me to a confusing loop. I kept thinking about why I couldn't just continue to do these as an active youth leader, which I was already doing and kept going around in circles.*

*It sounds like you were stuck in this loop about whether you wanted to take this bold step! How did you get out of that trance to become a youth missionary for our Eparchy in the end?*

*Well, it was Main Gee who worked His magic! The more and more I was praying about it, the more I kept feeling that tug from within towards this missionary call.*

*Soon it became something I could not shake despite the "what ifs" I felt like it was time for me to leave my comfort zone and get out there and commit to doing this for Him right now.*

*One of these "what ifs" was about what it might be like not having a steady income. Even though it was a scary thought, Main Gee made sure I understood I had nothing to worry. I kept getting this message from Matthew 6, particularly about the dependence on God and His reassurance to not worry about tomorrow.*

*Besides, I made sure I had a chat with Him before I even said that official "yes" to myself. I told him that I would only say yes under one condition. He has got to be right next to me 100% of the time because I refuse to do it on my own. It has been almost five months, and He has kept his word and provided everything and even things I did not even imagine I might have needed! Main Gee is good!*

*So, it's been almost five months since you've started; what has that journey been like so far?*

*It has indeed been an absolute rollercoaster! There have been so many ups and downs, but if someone asks me if would I still make this decision again? I would accept it every single time. Sure, it has genuinely helped me grow as a youth minister. More than that, it helped me grow in my relationship with Main Gee on an intimate level, and I am so thankful for that. He was patient with me, not only trying to learn to do big things, but especially some of the most*



"basic-est" of things in the ministry, I might add, at a very snail-paced pace. He also made sure I was surrounded by some amazing, patient, and understanding people that supported me from day one.

*Is there a particular experience that's stuck with you?*

YES, so so many, and it is so hard to pick! But one of my personal favourites is this little project called "Spirit of Sonship", an outreach project for the Syro-Malabar community in Singapore. It's an online session that happens every fortnight for the youth and young adults in Singapore. They are a community that does not necessarily have a Syro-Malabar Parish or Mission to call their own, very much being in their infancy stage. The idea behind it is an hour that we try and focus on learning about our faith as Syro-Malabar Catholics with fun and fellowship playing a role of utmost importance! I have enjoyed growing and walking on this journey with the youth from Singapore and see their interest peeking slowly but surely! So, it was indeed an honour when they reached out to us and asked to give these sessions to those fantastic kids this year.

(Last question) Annie, it's been incredible hearing about all this, and all the experiences you've had while being a part of Šliḥā daMšīḥā! Where can someone interested in taking the same step you did and giving up some time in service of our Eparchy find more information about all this? And what would you say to those who are possibly interested in being a part of Šliḥā daMšīḥā?

YAY! A great shout out to the Lord if you feel a calling to be the next Šliḥā daMšīḥā (Apostle of Christ). If you have not begun, please start praying about it because discerning is a process. As Pope Francis says, "To enter into discernment is to resist the urge to seek the apparent relief of an immediate decision, and instead of be willing to hold different options before the Lord, waiting on that overflow. You consider reasons for and against, knowing Jesus is with you and for you". Once you realise this missionary call, do feel free to reach out to our director of Youth Apostolate via phone or email on 0413332354, director.ya@syromalabar.org.au. Then we will schedule an online or face to face meeting to help you with your discernment journey.

*Is there anything else you would like to add before we wrap this up?*

Do continue to talk with the Main Gee and remember you and I are not of this world. Our Heavenly home awaits us because TRUST ME; we are ALL called to be reunited with Him and become saints. So, if our young hoodie-wearing, Blessed Carlo Acutis did it, then constantly falling, but perseverant young people like you and I can do it! Of course, it will be challenging, but each day is a new day, and like the Main Gee always says, "We can do all things through Him who strengthens us". We got this. Let's go!

# EVANGELION 2021

## INTERNATIONAL ONLINE BIBLE QUIZ

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**2ND PLACE**  
**MERLYN JAMES**  
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SYRO MALABAR EPARCHY OF KALYAN (INDIA)



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LOGICAL BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY (AUSTRALIA)



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**IJOMAH DARLINGTON**  
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ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ENUGU (NIGERIA)



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SYRO MALABAR EPARCHY OF ST. THOMAS, MELBOURNE (AUSTRALIA)





### Bible Project (2021)

The Bible Project is one of the pioneer initiatives of the Youth Apostolate. This initiative aims to help young people reflect and share the Word of God. Each Bible verse is based on the Liturgical calendar, which outlines the Bible passages used for Holy Qurbana within the Syro-Malabar rite. Bible verses are shared daily on all our social media platforms.

### iPray (2021)

iPray is a SMYM Australia initiative, a weekly online intercession where Syro-Malabar youth set aside one hour of every week to intercede our needs and those of the world. Active youth leaders take turns to lead the hour in the recitation of a rosary and Scripture reading. For the last two years, this weekly prayer has been celebrated nationwide and is the backbone of the youth ministry. It happens at 7:00 am AWST and 9:00 pm AEST every Thursday.

### Sponsor a child (Dec 2020 – Apr 2021)

During Christmas time last year, SMYM Australia encouraged all parishes/missions to join hands with its new initiative - Sponsor a Child to make a child's dream come true. This initiative of SMYM Australia aimed to sponsor at least five children from Snehmandiram - a Psycho-social Rehabilitation Centre.

Snehmandiram is situated in Padamughom, Idukki District, with a patient community of three hundred and sixty, of which many are suffering from physical and mental problems. Snehmatha Balamandiram and St. Antony's Boys' Home are part of this trust wherein fifty-eight children, who are either orphans or their family cannot take proper care of them, live and pursue a bright future.

The goal was to raise AUD 3500 to support the education, schooling and essentials of 5 children. SMYM Australia encouraged everyone to do some fundraisers at the parish/mission level to contribute to this cause.

The fundraising continued until Easter 2021 and was able to raise AUD 6000. SMYM Australia thanks everyone for their generous support of this initiative this year.

### Monthly Theme (2021)

The monthly theme is a new initiative by SMYM Australia focusing on reaching out to the local parishes/missions and its wider communities in our Eparchy. This initiative aims to provide a new theme for each month in 2021 and encourage all the parishes/missions to do an activity based on the theme. The youth leaders of different parishes/missions organized activities in their local parishes, followed the local Covid-19 regulations, and ensured active participation of youth and families in these activities in the new year. For example, the monthly theme for June is 'Blood Donation Drive', and it is currently being carried out in the different parishes/missions.



### SMYM Hoodie (Jan 2021)

After the SMYM T-Shirts, SMYM Australia launched its second merchandise item, the SMYM Hoodies, in January this year. The design of the hoodie was collectively decided by the youth through a hoodie design competition conducted last year. It was released on the Youth Apostolate website (<https://ya.org.au/product/smy-m-hoodie-2020/>) and made available in six different sizes for purchase.

### SMYM International Students - NAATI Accreditation (Feb 2021)

The National Accreditation Authority for Translators and Interpreters (NAATI) approved Malayalam as a Credentialed Community Language (CCL) in February 2021. Our SMYM International Student's ministry worked hard along with Catholic Congress and many other organizations across Australia to accomplish this. The constant efforts to make this a reality was acclaimed by NAATI with high regard. second merchandise item, the SMYM Hoodies, in January this year. The design of the hoodie was collectively decided by the youth through a hoodie design competition conducted last year. It was released on the Youth Apostolate website (<https://ya.org.au/product/smy-m-hoodie-2020/>) and made available in six different sizes for purchase.



### Yeshuvinoppam 2021 (February - April)

Like previous years, SMYM Australia brought back the yearly Lenten journey 'Yeshuvinoppam' in 2021. This lenten preparation aims to lead and guide young people into a spiritual journey to receive and celebrate the risen Lord. Daily challenges were posted on all the social media platforms and everyone was encouraged to participate. This helped the youth to grow closer to the Lord through the three pillars of Lent – Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving. In addition, several young people participated by posting photos with the hashtag

#Yeshuvinoppam and @smymaustralia.

### Chain Rosary (Feb 11 & 12, May 6 & 7)

On the 11th and 12th of February 2021, Youth Apostolate Australia hosted a 24-hour Zoom Chain Rosary to



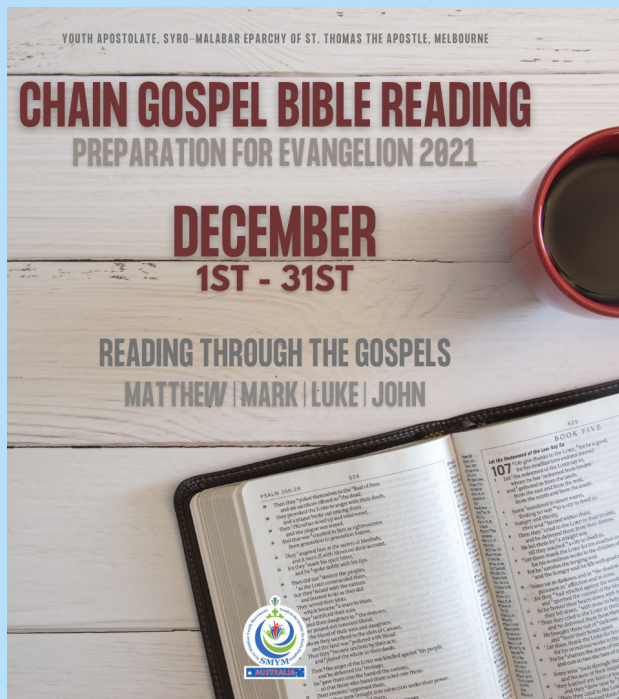
intercede for various intentions and strengthen the youth in prayer. 45 youth volunteered to lead and respond to the chain rosary at different times, and many across Australia joined in praying together. The Chain rosary concluded with an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Bishop's Chancery.

Due to the drastic increase in Covid-19 cases and deaths in India, Bishop Mar Bosco Puthur declared May 7, 2021, a fasting prayer day. As a part of this, many youths joined in for adoration and fasting in their own parishes/missions. Youth Apostolate Australia organized a second 24-hour Zoom Chain Rosary for this intention, starting from 3 pm on May 6 and ending at 3 pm on May 7. Many young people came forward to pray together for this particular intention.

### Chain Bible Reading (Mar 4 - 8)

(Ninety-six hours and Forty minutes)

Chain Bible Reading was another Youth Apostolate initiative during the 2021 Lenten season to encourage the youth and families in our Eparchy to grow in the scriptures and to spend quality time with God. The Holy Bible was read in completion from Genesis to Revelations through the Zoom platform, starting on Thursday at 3:00 pm on March 4. Around 75 volunteers, including youth and parents from across Australia, read the Bible at different times during these days. It took 96 hours and 40 minutes to complete the Chain Bible Reading.



### St. Joseph's Novena (Mar 10 - 18)

As Pope Francis has declared 2021 as "The Year of St. Joseph", SMYM Australia organised an online Novena prayer to St. Joseph leading up to St. Joseph feast day on March 19, 2021. Many youths participated in this initiative from March 10 to March 18, 2021, at 9:00 pm AEDT, to prepare for the feast day. The prayer started with the Novena to St. Joseph and finished with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Several youth leaders came forward to lead the prayer each day.

### Podcast Series: Marthoma Effect (March 14 onwards)

'Marthoma Effect' is the official podcast series of SMYM Australia. It was officially launched on March 14 2021. 'Marthoma Effect' has released four different podcast series: Mar Walah, Chaya Chats, Word on the Street and Oru Nasrani Katha. The podcast series focuses on various themes that are relevant today. Several guests and speakers have come forward to share their encounter experience and identity stories as Marthoma Nazranis of the 21st Century living in Australia. The series also shares ideas and initiatives that could be implemented in local parishes/missions/communities across Australia. It also focuses on introducing the lives of different saints to the growing generation of Australia. the Novena to St. Joseph and finished with the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Several youth leaders came forward to lead the prayer each day.



### SMYM IS Kurishinte Vazhi - (Mar 22 to 30)

One of the Lenten initiatives by the SMYM International Students was 'Kurishinte Vazhi'. The international student's ministry led this initiative across Australia to prepare well for the Holy Week and be reminded of God's great love towards us. Several young people gathered together online to pray the stations of the cross every day at 8:30 pm AEDT from March 22 to March 30 this year.

### 'En Yeshuve' - Songs Of Seraphim (April 3)

Songs of Seraphim, the official youth band of the Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne, Australia, was formed on August 24, 2019, during the SMYM Proclaim Regional Conference in Melbourne. The band was formed under the leadership of Youth Apostolate Director Sojin Sebastian, with the vision of spreading God's love through the power of music. Within months of its formation, the band were blessed to have the excellent opportunity to perform at both Pre-ACYF and the Summer Garden Stage at ACYF (Perth) in December 2019. While the current pandemic situation did put an unexpected dent in the band plans, by the grace of God, the members have been able to meet weekly to pray, reflect upon the word and release various projects via its YouTube, Facebook and Instagram pages to keep active during this time. In addition, the band released several covers, series and originals over the past few months. The latest original release by Songs of Seraphim was 'En Yeshuve' on April 3, 2021.

The band's first original, 'Rise Up', was released in October 2020. Songs of Seraphim look forward to releasing more content in the coming months, to be able to praise God using His gifts and to spread love and hope as instruments of God.



### YAET & SMYM NT Physical Meeting (April 23-26, 2021)

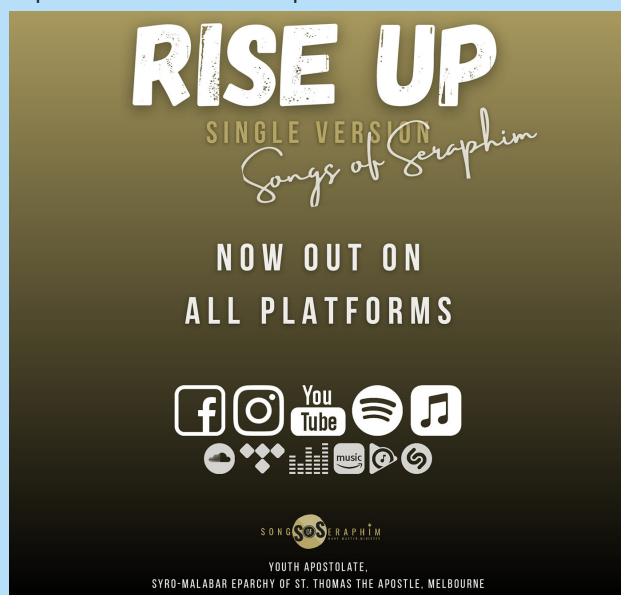
On April 23, 2021, the two national youth teams, Youth Apostolate Executive Team and SMYM National Team, met up in Adelaide, South Australia. Over the weekend, both teams were able to spend time in reflection, fellowship and planning. As a result, the two teams were able to collectively come up with decisions for the future, which will act as a solid foundation for future generations. A SWOT analysis was conducted to assess where we stand as a youth movement and apostolate, and to identify gaps and areas of improvement. The data gathered from this analysis will be used to achieve our three goals; Invite & Ignite, Involve & Integrate, and Inspire & Influence.

All three parishes in Adelaide were visited by the members of the two national teams on Sunday. The team celebrated Holy Qurbana with the community, introduced themselves, addressed the parish community, and interacted and ministered to the youth and children of each parish. This parish outreach proved to be a significant experience for the members of the national teams as it revealed the range of impact the youth, and its leaders, could have on a parish.

### Spirit of Sonship (2021)

Spirit of Sonship is an outreach project for the Syro-Malabar community in Singapore. The main objectives of this project are to encounter Christ, discover Syro-Malabar roots, and explore different ways to involve young people in the life and mission of the Church.

The aim for Spirit of Sonship is to establish a foundational unit for the Syro Malabar youth in Singapore. Through these sessions, various relevant topics are discussed and the youth are encouraged to have open discussions to express their doubts and opinions.



### Rise & Shine (2021)

Rise & Shine is a pilot programme for the Eparchy's Syro-Malabar Teens Ministry (SMTM). This programme is particularly tailored to cater to the needs of the teens in each parish/mission. It has already been implemented in few parishes/missions, with the first being a three-day residential camp for the teens of Melbourne West

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Parish combined with Geelong Mission, and a two-day programme for the teens in Orange Mission.

### Road to Pentecost - (May 14 - 22)

Road to Pentecost is one of the initiatives organized by the Youth Apostolate of Melbourne. The Novena to the Holy Spirit is a traditional practice back in Kerala leading up to Pentecost. Young Syro-Malabarians came together over an online platform for a time of recitation of daily novena prayers and Holy Rosary. This year, the novena happened at 9:00 pm AEST from May 14 to May 22, 2021. It was a renewing experience for all and a great time of communal prayer and fellowship in anticipation to receive an upper room experience.



### Evangelion (May 15)

On May 15, 2021, Youth Apostolate Australia hosted the first-ever International live online Bible Quiz, Evangelion 2021, through Kahoot and Zoom platforms for all ages and groups. Two hundred and thirty-eight contestants from nine different countries participated in the event, which included individuals from Latin dioceses. The event started at 2:00 pm AEST and was live-streamed through Youth Apostolate Australia's YouTube and Facebook channels. Bishop Mar Bosco Puthur addressed the participants and viewers and the event was inaugurated by Msgr. Rev Francis Kolencherry, Vicar General of the Melbourne Syro-Malabar Eparchy. Rev. Fr. Baiju Thomas MGL and Sojin Sebastian hosted the event. Performances by Songs of Seraphim, the official Eparchial Band, made the event a memorable experience for everyone.

Evangelion 2021 consisted of six rounds based on all four Gospels. Each round had 20 questions from the Gospels, and each question had a time limit of 30 seconds. The top 15 participants with the highest cumulative score over the six rounds won cash prizes worth AUD 6000.

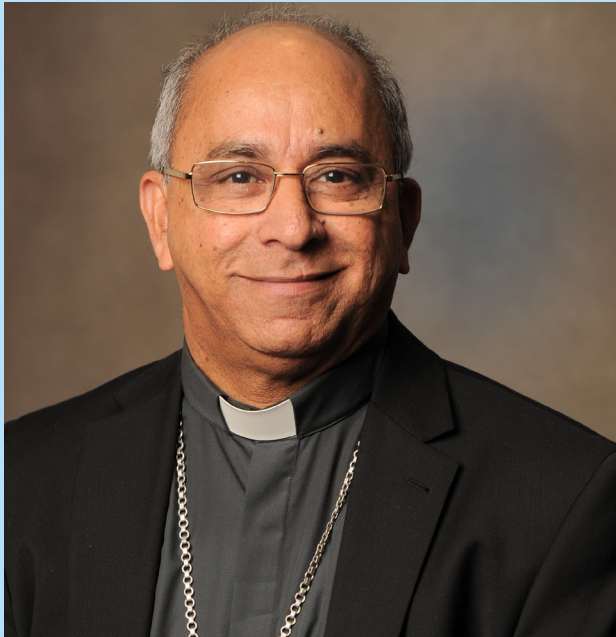






## Bishop's Birthday (May 28)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BISHOP BOSCO.



## Diploma in Theology

(2nd Batch - June 2021)

The Youth Apostolate of Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne, organizes the Diploma in Theology course by the Pontifical Oriental Institute (Paurastya Vidyapitham), Vadavathoor. It aims to contribute to the biblical, liturgical, theological and catechetical formation of young people in the Eparchy. The second batch of students began their course on June 2021.



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## Child Safeguarding

### Key things to know about the child safeguarding :

1. It is mandatory for all volunteers to obtain working with children check (wwcc) before commencing in their role.
2. All volunteers must complete safe church training and provide a certificate before commencing in their volunteer roles in Syro-Malabar Eparchy.
3. Parish event risk assessment is a must when you are planning any special events.
4. Parishes must conduct risk assessment for ongoing activities atleast every 6 months to mitigate possible risks.
5. Do you know your parish safeguarding officer and their contact details?

## Evangelisation

St Paul says “ I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes...” (Rom1:16) Our Lord Jesus tells “ Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation” (Mark 16:15).

This is not an option to be considered; it is a command to be obeyed. St Paul again emphasizes the importance of preaching the Gospel by saying, “Woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel” (1Cor 9:16). St John Paul II says, “Church exists in order to evangelize” (Evangelii Nuntiandi). If there is no evangelization there is no meaning for the existence of the Church. Evangelisation is the clear sign of a living and active Church. Church is by its nature missionary. Today it is through the Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, the redemptive work of Jesus is continued by the Holy Spirit. “Church evangelises and is herself evangelised through the beauty of the liturgy, which is both a celebration of the task of evangelisation and the source of her renewed self-giving” (Evangelii Gaudium 24).

So, the evangelisation is the sharing the grace and power which we receive from liturgy, to all people. This is the nature of the Church and is the right and responsibility of every member of the Church. Bishop Bosco Puthur had inaugurated the Evangelisation Ministry in our eparchy last year. The representatives from every parish/mission have formed an evangelisation team and they have been gathering every month by zoom application for praise and worship and prayer for the evangelisation

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work in our eparchy. Every member of our Church is invited to join with the programs organized by the evangelisation ministry. Now the Evangelisation Ministry plans to extend its ministry in every parish/mission through life witnessing, sharing the Word of God, sharing mission experience, and is planning to start intercessory prayer groups in the parishes/missions under the leadership of the parish priests/Chaplains. So dear members of the Church, let us become part of the mission in the land where we live. We request your prayer and support for the future plans of the mission and evangelisation.





Nurses Ministry is a movement of Catholic Professional Nurses, committed to the 'caring and healing' Ministry of Jesus. It had its beginning at vicariates of Arabia; St. Mary's Catholic Church Dubai in the year 2003. It is now expanding its wings to the catholic churches of other continents empowered and led by the Holy Spirit.



Nurses Ministry in Australia began in the year 2018, under the guidance and blessings of Most Rev. Bishop Bosco Puthur, Bishop of Syro Malabar Eparchy in Melbourne. Rev.Fr. Abraham Nadukunnel was appointed as the spiritual director of Nurses Ministry in Australia. Nurses Ministry currently functions under 16 churches within five different states of Australia, which totals to approximately 850 members.

Vision of Nurses Ministry is - All Nurses around the world shall know, love and share Jesus to become Saints.

Spirituality - The strength of this ministry is its special focus on christ centred life. The members seek to grow as faithful disciples of Christ through the five pillars :- prayer, sacrament, Word of God, fellowship and share the love of God.

Mission of Nurses Ministry is - A spontaneous and gracious effort to extend the healing touch of the Lord among the nurses, their families and the patients.

**Charism:** - Empower the nurses to care and heal the sick to make Jesus Christ present in the world. Nurses Ministry in Australia celebrated nurses day on 12 May and feast of Our Lady of Fatima on 13 at our local parishes including all the parishioners in the church. On that day all nurses consecrated again to Immaculate Heart of Mother Mary and committed ourself to the service of Kingdom of God.

Nurses Ministry celebrated feast of Divine Mercy by praying the Divine Mercy chaplet and novena on Zoom continuously for 9 days along with International Nurses Ministry. In preparation for Pentecost, Nurses Ministry read the Act of Apostles and attended a one day retreat contacted by Rev. Fr. Dominic Valanmanal.

Nurses Ministry in Australia has started two new groups in NSW, Wollongong and Waga Waga. Nurses Ministry is consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mother Mary and we have 24 hour chain Holy Rosaries on the 13th of every month. All the 16 groups of Nurses Ministry in Australia are actively involved in this 24 hour chain prayer and have a Zoom prayer with Benediction.

All the groups of the Nurses Ministry gather together on the 13th of every month on Zoom for Holy Rosary, praise and worship and sharing of the Word of God by the spiritual director or our local parish priests. Holy Mass is also offered on the 13th of each month by each group.

Nurses Ministry also conducts regular formation classes with international resource team and have regular blessing from our local parish priests.



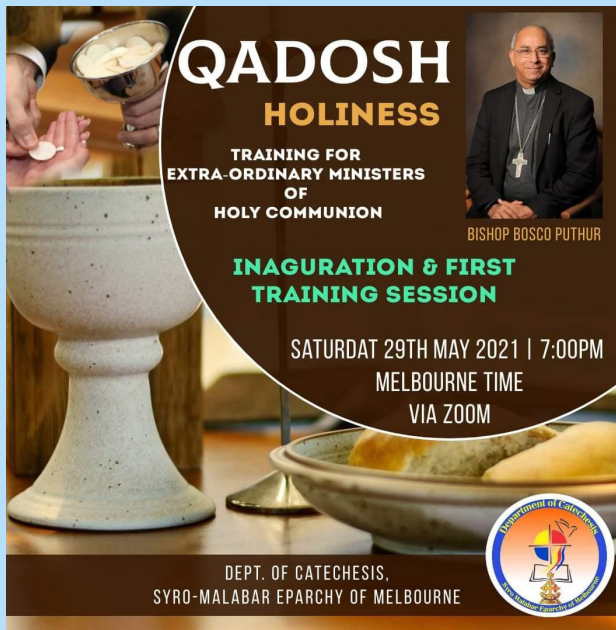


### **Pattezhuthu: Blooming Lyricists recount the Passion of the Lord**

The Department of Catechesis conducted a lyrics writing competition in both English and Malayalam, named Pattezhuthu. Lent was the theme for the entries. Antony Muniyara, a prolific writer and poet from Kerala evaluated the Malayalam entries while Jaina Babu from NSW Department of Education assessed the English entries. Both juries commended all participants on their entries and voiced that every entry was of high standard.

Sherly Thomas, from Parramatta and Manjumol Augustine, from Campbelltown were chosen as the first place winners in the Malayalam category. For second position, there was a tie between Sonia Maria Benny from Shepparton, Raimol Viji from Villawood and Smitha Paul from Orange.

From the English entries, Thomas Somy from Parramatta, Amble Antony from Melbourne West and Annli Tom from Parramatta were chosen for the respective winning positions. Results were announced on 6th Feb, 2021.

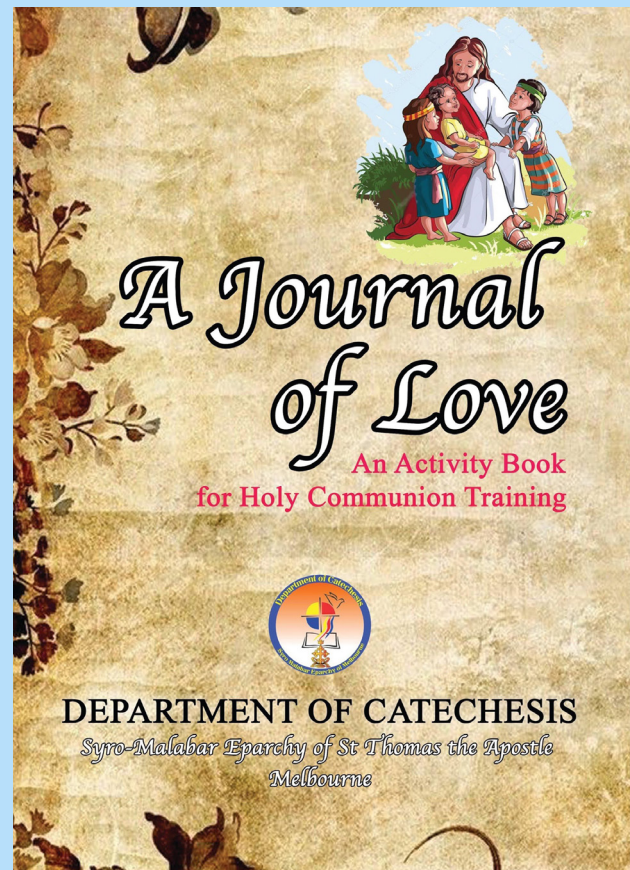


**QADOSH HOLINESS**  
TRAINING FOR  
EXTRA-ORDINARY MINISTERS  
OF  
HOLY COMMUNION  
BISHOP BOSCO PUTHUR  
**INAGURATION & FIRST  
TRAINING SESSION**  
SATURDAY 29TH MAY 2021 | 7:00PM  
MELBOURNE TIME  
VIA ZOOM  
DEPT. OF CATECHESIS,  
SYRO-MALABAR EPARCHY OF MELBOURNE

**Holy Qurbana is the source and summit of Catholic living: Bishop Bosco Puthur: Eucharistia Concluded**

"In a wider pandemic setting, keeping ourselves closer to the Eucharistic Lord is all the more important.... Jesus in the Holy Eucharist consoles a soul, heals a mind and strengthens the hope." Bishop Bosco said during the inauguration of the Holy Communion Teachers Training, Eucharistia on 17th April, 2021.

The training had two sessions; one about the specificities that our mother Church looks for in training solemn Holy Communion novices and the other about the teaching pedagogies relatable to our kids growing up in an Australian context.



Fr Mathew Areeplackal and Anu Paul from NSW dept of education lead the sessions.

For reference:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tBzTVuockU0>

**Rabboni:** Catechism Teachers Training made a Landmark impact. **Know Your Class before You engage them with Content:** Noby Joseph

Teaching Catechism is a gift and a vocation. This vocation has to be refined for its better implementation. In view of this, teachers from Years 8 – 12 were provided a pedagogical training on the 22nd of May, 2021. Noby Joseph from Western Sydney University led the session and illustrated numerous tools which can be utilised to better understand the mindsets of students. The Program was named Rabboni and 63 teachers participated in it.





### Change what you watch and evangelise what the world watches: Passion Musical Competition Concluded.

Numerous social networking websites are evolving, growing and dominating our virtual world and the Church needs to cast the net of evangelisation into our digital world. The Passion Musical Competition was such an attempt of the Department of Catechesis to intervene in the digital world with the message of the Passion of the Lord and its salvific meaning. Among the Malayalam entries, St Euphrasia Parish Adelaide wins the first place. St Alphonsa Parramatta and St Mary's Melbourne West won the second and third places along with cash awards. From the English section, St Alphonsa Parramatta scored the first and third positions whereas Townsville Mary Mackillop Parish scored the second place.

### "Journal of Love" focuses Holy Communion training in a more experiential way - Bishop Bosco; Activity book for Solemn Holy Communion released.

Dept of Catechism released its Holy Communion training workbook "A Journal of Love" on the 14th May 2021. It is an 84 page illustration book highlighting the various themes and focuses a child should assimilate to while undergoing Holy Communion training.

### "We are called to be Holy" - Bishop Bosco. The training for the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion has been initiated

Qadosh is a training of its own kind for the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion with specific orientations to train them in the Syro-Malabar spirituality of handling the sacred. Out of the 90 registrations received, there were 72 members who participated in the training. The initial training session discussed guidelines for the extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion for the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Melbourne. Training will continue with further themes for a year.

### Logos Quiz Australia 2021 Registrations Open - Study the Word of God in Pandemic Times.

As the world continues to battle the pandemic and experience times of uncertainty and suffering, we must look to the Word of God as a source of hope and healing. Acknowledging this need, the Dept of Catechesis will be conducting the much awaited Logos Quiz Australia 2021; an opportunity for those of all ages to spend time reading and studying the Word of God. The quiz will be in Malayalam and delivered through an online format on Saturday the 2nd of October at 10am Melbourne Time. The syllabus for the quiz will be taken from Joshua; chapters 1-12, Sirach; chapters 23-29, 1 Corinthians;

chapters 9-16 and Mark' chapters 9-16. There will be four age categories for participants to register; 18-29, 30-40, 41-50 and 51+. There will be a registration fee of \$5.

### Faith Fest Student survey Feedback

The first ever Faith Fest was conducted in different parishes in the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Melbourne during 2020-2021 to "Know Jesus, Live Jesus and Give Jesus".

Students from Years 4-12 from St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Mission Parramatta participated in a survey hosted post the faith fest to gather student feedback.

- 45% of the children rated that they loved the faith fest while 21% rated it as Excellent.
- 74% rated that they would recommend it to a friend.
- The faith fest had 3 primary themes -Jesus the redeemer, Church our Mother, Family a Gift. 41% rated the family theme touched them the most while 30% voted for Jesus the redeemer.
- 61% voted they understand the Syro-Malabar faith more after the faith fest
- 67% even voted that the faith fest brought them closer to their Catechism teacher.
- The feather on the cap is that the Faith Fest achieved more than its objective of instilling in the children the values of love, faith, compassion and how to embrace their identity as a Syro-Malabar Catholic.

Dept. of Catechesis  
Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Melbourne

## QADOSH 2.0

### Holiness

(Session two)  
**REWIRING BRAIN WITH GRACE**

FROM BIBLICAL PERSPECTIVES  
(Session one)

Training for Extra-ordinary ministers of Holy COMMUNION

Saturday 7 AUGUST 2021 | 07:00 PM  
Melbourne time  
Via zoom

**Bishop Bosco Puthur**

**Nolby Joseph**  
Resource Person  
Lecturer, Western Sydney University  
HRD, HBT & Federation University of Sydney





# PARISH-MISSION NEW'S



MELBOURNE EPARCHIAL BULLETIN

## BENDIGO

On 09 May 21, as part of Mothers day celebrations, we inaugurated Mathruvedi at **St Thomas Syro Malabar, Bendigo**.

Rev Fr Vargheese Vithyathil formally welcomed all mothers participated in the offertory procession. This was followed by Holy Mass, afterwards Mathruvedi was inaugurated by lighting of candles. As a part of mothers day celebrations, bouquets were given by Fr Vargheese Vithayathil to all mothers. Mrs Delna Arun was selected as president and then all Mathruvedi members took a pledge. Mrs Delna offered a vote of thanks and the celebration was concluded by snacks.



## GEELONG

### St. Sebastian's Syro Malabar Mission Geelong

The members of Syro-Malabar Catholic faithful came together as a community after the commencement of regular weekly Qurbana by the parish priests of Melbourne West St Mary's Syro-Malabar Parish in 2018. Since then, the community had been in a steady path of growth. However, the Covid Restrictions and lockdown brought it to a sudden halt.

After lifting the lockdown the main hurdle was to find a place to celebrate the Holy Qurbana. With the help of Fr. Darien and Queens cliff Catholic Parish, the Syro-Malabar community found a place at Holy Family Catholic Church, Barwon Heads, Victoria and Sunday Qurbana was recommenced with Covid restrictions in January 2021.

In Feb 2021, a new Parish council came into being. Moreover, the community opted the name St. Sebastian's Syro-Malabar Mission, Geelong.

Holy week was celebrated in the most pious way. Since there were a number of restrictions inside the church, the celebrations were carried out in the church backyard with permission from authorities. This attracted a good number of Syro-Malabar



faithful in the Geelong region who were otherwise not regular at the weekly celebrations. Moreover, it gave a great horde of International Students an opportunity to celebrate the most important week of the faith calendar in the homeliest way. The passion play organized by Syro-Malabar Youth Movement, Geelong with the support of the Parish council was a great event of public witnessing the gospel message, particularly in front of the young ones of the community. This attracted a good number of local community members who also participated in the celebration from outside the church grounds.

The feast of St George, greatly commemorated in Syrian Christian tradition was celebrated with great participation from the community. There was a community meal also after that with appams brought by families. "It is really warm to be here to worship



**GEELONG continued..**

the Lord and to share the Christian love through fellowship”- commented one of the new people who recently joined to the community.

A weakened teen encounter program – Rise and Shine was done in collaboration with St Mary’s Melbourne West Parish with the help of Eparchial Youth Apostolate at Baptist camping center in Anglesea. All the teenagers in the community participated in the program and was really fruitful. Regular weekly catechesis which got stopped due to COVID issues was also restarted.

Mother’s Day celebration was conducted and Mathruvedy was formed.

As part of the Year of St Joseph, it was decided to observe a year of families. Each family in the parish will be specially remembered and recognized in each Sunday Qurbana and will be given a special take home gift after the Qurbana.

On the Pentecost Sunday, Vidyarambom was conducted for the kindergarten kids as a way of initiation to the world of wisdom.

Geelong Mission is a vibrant community flourishing substantially under the leadership of Fr. Sebastian Mandapathil.

Abin Koovapalackal

Parish Secretary.

**MELBOURNE KNYANAYA**

**St Mary’s Knyanaya Catholic Parish**

St Mary’s Knyanaya Catholic Parish, under the guidance of Fr. Prince Thaipurayidathil, have been actively conducting our Holy Mass and faith formation classes on all Sundays at our both centres, Fawknor and Noble Park; abiding the rules and COVID restrictions by the Government of Victoria.



In spite of restrictions and partial lock downs from time to time, we managed to have a couple of functions in the month of May. This year’s First Solemn Holy communion Mass for 12 kids was held on the 2nd of May, 2021 at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Parish, Surrey Hills. We were blessed to have Bishop Bosco Puthur as our main celebrant for the day along with Fr. Prince & Fr. James Areechira.

Also on 10th of May, 2021, we celebrated Mother’s Day along with our Sunday Holy mass and Fr. Prince handed over a gift to all the mothers in our community.

**MELBOURNE NORTH CATHEDRAL**

**St Alphonsa Cathedral Parish, Melbourne**

Due to the unprecedented nature of the time such as Covid-19 pandemic, our Parish had to adapt alternative ways to celebrate the Eucharist and provide parish services in order to continue growing as a community in Christ. During the lockdown and restrictions, regular Holy Qurbana was live-streamed for parishioners on weekdays and Sundays. Catechism classes remained active through our Catechism Home Learning program, with teachers interacting with students through online platforms and multimedia presentations.



## MELBOURNE NORTH CATHEDRAL *continued..*

By the grace of God, we were able to conduct all Holy Week prayers and services effectively. Bishop Bosco Puthur immensely supported the parish to celebrate the Liturgy at both Roxburgh Park and Reservoir centres.



During Holy Week services, we took a special collection to support Mr Seby and Family in Ernakulam, Kerala in their extreme need as a memento of Bishop Bosco's golden jubilee of priesthood. The fund collected from the generous parishioners was appreciated by the family that it helped as they were going through a huge financial difficulty.



We have also welcomed our new Parish Priest, Fr Varghese Vavolil. He arrived in Melbourne on Saturday 24th April when we celebrated the Feast of St George. The Parish prayed for him and for the community that we may grow in Jesus with his spiritual leadership.

Our continuous prayers and support go out to our brothers and sisters in our homeland, India as they battle with COVID-19. We also conducted a special

collection at both centres on Sunday 9th May and the amount was sent through the Eparchy and Catholic Mission Australia to be sent to the most needed areas of India.



The construction of our Cathedral and Parish hall is underway and is expected to finish in a year. The parish community is praying and supporting generously towards the successful completion of our Cathedral.

## MELBOURNE SOUTH EAST

Catholic congress inauguration: Fr. Vicar inaugurated Catholic Congress in our parish on 19 December 2020 by lighting the candle after the first Holy Qurbana. Mr. Jaison Alappadan is the representative from our parish, and he coordinated the inaugural ceremony. New members from our parish were invited to join the group.



New Trustees: Biju Varghese, Jose Mathew, Rajesh Augustine and Sanesh Sebastian were elected and appointed as new trustees for the parish. Oath-taking ceremony of new trustees was on 21 March 2021.

VCE Toppers: Our Parish felicitated VCE toppers of 2020 who scored ATAR score 90 or above. Tessa Santhosh Jose, Pranay Pius, Ashwin Biju, Ivey Sebastian, Kiran Shaji and Nivya Benny were awarded trophies by Fr. Vicar on 3 April 2021 after the Easter Vigil Holy Qurbana.

Memento for Holy Communion Teachers: Holy Communion Teachers who helped to prepare students for Holy Communion in 2020 were presented with mementos. Fr. Vicar distributed statues of St. Joseph to Mary Xavier, Ruby Sijo, Bindu Simon and Philomina Joseph after the Easter Vigil Holy Qurbana on 3 April 2021.



**MELBOURNE SOUTH  
EAST continued..**

**STEFM Prizes:** STEFM winners of 2020 in our parish were awarded with trophies, certificates and medals by Fr. Vicar on 25 April 2021 after the first Holy Qurbana. There were prizes for Bible Quiz, Cricket, Solo etc.



**Mothers' Day:** Mothers' day was celebrated in our parish on 9 May 2021. Fr. Vicar cut the cake after the first Holy Qurbana and Mathruvedi president Rani Paul coordinated the event. Fruit cake was distributed to everyone.



**Catechism Day Inauguration:** Catechism Day inauguration was held on 21 March 2021 and students were involved in the ceremony. Inauguration function had offertory by class leaders from all grades, lighting of the lamp by Fr Vicar, commissioning of catechism teachers and welcoming of Prep students.

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**MELBOURNE WEST**

**Holy Week service**

The parish priest of Laverton was very kind enough to accommodate our community with all possible ways for the holy week services. Therefore, we organized single services each from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday using the church, hall and the surrounding premises that could accommodate

nearly 700 people. Holy Week services were with full solemnity consisting of processions through the ground and stations of the cross outside the church which gave a very intimate spiritual experience that had been experienced back in Kerala. It was really an enriching week after the long restrictions the pandemic caused.



**Students for effective physical classes**

After one year of online catechesis there was high demand from teachers as well as students for an effective physical classes. On 28 February inauguration of catechesis had been officiated solemnly in both centers (pravesanothsavam). And one-hour catechesis from prep to year twelve.



**St. Joseph's Day March 19**

Family year was officially inaugurated on 19 March Friday on the feast day St. Joseph with solemn Holy Qurbana at Laverton.

**Initiation of children to Education on Pentecost**

On 23 May the feast of Pentecost was solemnized with Holy Qurbana and initiation of kids to education. Ten kids participated in the traditional ritual of Ezhthinirithu.

**Church building updates**



In December 2020, we laid the foundation stone of our new Church. Construction commenced immediately after the foundation stone laying function. In spite of the Covid 19 lock downs and severe weather events in Melbourne, our Church construction work is progressing well. The civil work is almost completed.

## PARISH / MISSION UPDATES

### VICTORIA

#### MELBOURNE WEST *continued..*

Car parking, electrical and plumbing works are in progress currently. We are expecting the interior work to commence in the coming months.

#### Vocation Discernment program – Come & See

With the purpose of prompting indigenous vocations for the Syro Malabar Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle Melbourne our Eparchy had organized the maiden vocation discernment residential camp (Come & See) from 21 to 23 May 2021 at Edmund Rice Centre Amberley 7 AMBERLEY WAY, Lower Plenty Victoria 3093. Five energetic youth participated. A profound team consisting bishops, priests, laity and seminarians under the leadership of Bishop Bosco lead the various sessions. The topics dealt were Know yourself, Discernment, My Encounter with Christ, JESUS is Calling YOU, Vocations in the Bible, My Vocation Story, Priesthood in an Australian Context the Call and its Challenges, Our Syro Malabar Church, Our Eparchy and Its pastoral needs, My Journey as a Priest, My Seminary Formation Experiences, Priesthood - Gift & Mystery and Expectations of laity from priests. Moreover, Holy Qurbana, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession and panel discussion also included.

Fr. Sebastian Mandapathil  
Parish Priest, Melbourne West

#### SHEPPARTON

##### St. Alphonsa Church Mission, Shepparton

Month of April 2021 was a blessing to St. Alphonsa Mission, Shepparton. First time in the history of this Mission, seven children received their First Holy Communion and Confirmation on April 10th from our Beloved, His Excellency, Bishop Mar. Bosco Puthur in the presence of very Rev. Fr. Joe Taylor, Vicar General of Diocese of Sandhurst and Rev. Fr. Varghese Vithayathil, our Chaplain.



Another memorable occasion in St. Alphonsa Mission history is that of the celebration Mother's Day, organised by Mathruvedi. The day's celebration commenced with Holy Eucharist, where mothers brought the offering to the Altar. After Holy Mass, all mothers of the mission gathered under the new leadership of Mathruvedi, pledged themselves for the service of the community. Parents visiting Australia was honoured and the celebration concluded with SNEHAVIRUNNU.



## PARISH / MISSION UPDATES

### NEW SOUTH WALES

#### SYDNEY

##### Christ the King Syro Malabar Mission, Sydney

On May 23rd 2021 (Pentecost Day) we held Aroopi 2021. Leading up to Pentecost day, we had daily prayers shared in our WhatsApp group. On the day, we started with Rosary at 2pm and then Praise and Worship. We then had a beautiful testimony by Janet about Holy Spirit for 30 mins. After we had Adoration and silent prayers till the mass at 5pm. On June 14th 2021, we did a pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy at Penrose Park. We had 27 registrations.





**PARRAMATTA**

**St Alphonsa Syro Malabar Mission, Parramatta**

**Lenten Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy - Penrose Park.**

Syro Malabar Youth Movement (SMYM) Parramatta conducted a pilgrimage visit to the Shrine of our Lady of Mercy during the lenten season of 2021 and invited all parishioners. Many families within the parish came forward to participate in the pilgrimage. It was a very fruitful day of Lenten reflection, families took part in Stations of the Cross followed by Holy Qurbana that were organised at the venue by the youth.



**Faith Fest:**

Celebrate your Faith and Encounter your Identity with Jesus: Mar Bosco Puthur

For the first time in the Mission, Faith Fest 2021 was conducted for catechism students of all ages. It was a 3 day event full of fun, activities, celebration and faith sharing. Altogether 191 kids and teens in the mission participated in the 3 day program to explore their faith formed by the Syro-Malabar identity while encountering an experience of belonging, discipleship, worship and prayer in a creative and fun atmosphere. Mar Bosco Puthur, bishop of our Eparchy, graced us with his presence and encouraged Faith Fest events by spending time with teens and volunteers by praying for them and celebrating Holy Qurbana with them.



**Covid Pandemic Support: Love goes beyond the Borders.**

The parishioners in solidarity and support for our brethren in India - held a day of fasting and prayer on the 7th of May, 2021. In response to the exhortation of the Syro-Malabar Synod and Bishop Bosco, a fund was raised and sent to the Eparchy to support Caritas India to meet the needs of individuals in India who are undergoing various kinds of difficulties due to the second wave of Covid 19.

**Catholic Congress (AKCC): Reaching out into the Community needs**

The Parramatta mission started reorganising the Catholic congress in view of creating a platform to address the wider needs of the community. A meeting was organised and future plans were discussed on the 6th of June. The AKCC members volunteered to support the community firstly by organising a "Community Help Desk" on every Sunday to facilitate the newly arriving families to integrate them in the life of the parish and the mission of the church. In future, AKCC plans to reach out to the larger community trying to present socially relevant activities and extending service to the wider Australian society.



**PENRITH**

**Penrith Marian Community - Syro Malabar Mission.**

Since some Covid restrictions eased for NSW last year we celebrate Holy masses and catechism on second and fourth Sundays of the month. There is Holy mass and Novena to our mother of perpetual help conducted on every third wednesday of the month.





**PENRITH continued..**

During the month of May we celebrated the Vanakkamasam and Holy Mass for 9 consecutive days. The last 9 days of the month of May were celebrated as the community attended the vanakkamasam in the evening followed by the Holy Mass.

The last day of Vanakkamasam was celebrated on 31/5/21 with a rosary procession followed by delicious Nercha Pachoru and dinner adhering the current covid restrictions.

**NEW CASTLE**

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സമ്പൂർണ്ണ ആരാധനയായ വി.കുർബാന, എല്ലാ ഞായറാഴ്ചകളിലും വെള്ളിയാഴ്ചകളിലും ഭക്തിസാന്ദ്രമായ അന്തരീക്ഷത്തിൽ നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നു. കോവിഡ് നിബന്ധനകൾ നിലവിലിരിക്കെ, മുൻകൂട്ടി പേര് നൽകിയിരിക്കുന്ന 220 പേരോളം ഓരോ വിശുദ്ധ ബലിയിലും സംബന്ധിക്കുന്നു.

**വേദപാഠനം:**

മതബോധനപഠനം, ദൈവവുമായുള്ള ഇളംതലമുറയുടെ ബന്ധം ആഴത്തിലാക്കുന്നതിനും, കേരള സംസ്കാരത്തിൽ നിന്നു വിഭിന്നമായ മറ്റൊരു സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ വളർന്നു വരുന്ന ഇന്നത്തെ ദാവിതലമുറയ്ക്ക്, നമുക്ക് പൈതൃകമായി കിട്ടിയ മൂല്യങ്ങൾ പകർന്നു കൊടുക്കുന്നതിനും അവരുടെ വ്യക്തിത്വവികാസത്തിനും അവരെ സഹായിക്കുന്നു. ഒന്നു മുതൽ പത്തുവരെയുള്ള ക്ലാസിലെ കുട്ടികൾക്കായി എല്ലാ ഞായറാഴ്ചകളിലും പരി.കുർബാനയ്ക്ക് മുൻപ് വേദപാഠനം നടത്തിവരുന്നു. ഈ വർഷത്തെ ക്ലാസുകൾക്ക് ജനുവരി 31ന് തുടക്കം കുറിച്ചു. ഉദ്ഘാടന ചടങ്ങുകൾക്കും പ്രാർത്ഥനയ്ക്കും ശേഷം ഈ വർഷം ഒന്നാം ക്ലാസിലേക്ക് പ്രവേശിച്ച 16 കുട്ടികൾക്ക് സാബുവച്ചൻ കൊന്ത നൽകി അനുഗ്രഹിച്ച് വിശ്വാസ പരിശീലനത്തിന്റെ മറ്റൊരുയർന്ന മേഖലയിലേക്ക് അവരെ സ്വാഗതം ചെയ്തു.



**ആദ്യകുർബാന സ്വീകരണം:**

തിരിച്ചറിവിന്റെ കാലത്തിലേക്ക് കാലെടുത്തു വയ്ക്കുന്ന കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾക്ക് ഇനി ജീവിതത്തിൽ തണലായി ഈശോ യുണ്ടാവും എന്ന തിരിച്ചറിവോടെ, ആ വലിയ നിമിഷത്തിന്റെ ആത്മീയനിർവ്വൃതിയും അനുഗ്രഹവും ജീവിതത്തിലുടനീളം നിലനിൽക്കാൻ സഹായിക്കാൻ ഉതകുന്നതാണ് ആദ്യ കുർബാനയ്ക്കായി അവരെ ഒരുക്കുന്ന ഓരോ ക്ലാസുകളും. ആദ്യകുർബാന സ്വീകരണത്തിനായി കഴിഞ്ഞ വർഷം ഒരുങ്ങിയ അഞ്ചു കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളുടെ ആദ്യകുർബാന ഈ വർഷം ഫെബ്രുവരിമാസത്തിൽ നടത്തപ്പെടുകയുണ്ടായി. ഈ വർഷം ആദ്യകുർബാനയ്ക്കായി 17 കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളാണ് ഒരുങ്ങുന്നത്. അവർക്കായുള്ള ക്ലാസുകൾ ഇപ്പോൾ സൂം മീറ്റിങ്ങ് വഴിയാണ് നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നത്.





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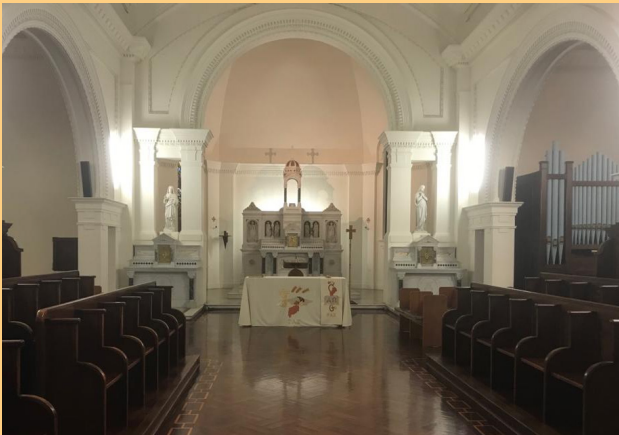
**വിശ്വാസോത്സവം:**

നൂകാസിലിലെ കത്തോലിക്കാ യുവജനങ്ങളുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ ഡിസംബർ 2020ൽ 120 പേർ പങ്കെടുത്ത ഒരു ദിവസത്തെ വിശ്വാസോത്സവം സംഘടിപ്പിക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. വിവിധതരം മത്സരങ്ങളും ക്ലാസുകളും ബൈബിൾ ട്രിവിയയും അതിന്റെ ഭാഗമായിരുന്നു.

**SYDNEY NORTH**

The St Thomas Syro-Malabars Mission in Sydney's North Shore has relocated to Mount St Benedict Centre in Pennant Hills. The community celebrated their first Qurbana at the new venue on 6th June 2021.

There is regular Qurbana on Sundays at 10:00am followed by catechesis for children.



New venue address: Mount St Benedict Centre, 449c Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills NSW 2120.

Entry to the centre is via Hull Road, West Pennant Hills.

The community has been gathering at St Anthony in the Fields Church at Terrey Hills until recently.

PARISH / MISSION UPDATES

QUEENSLAND

BRISBANE NORTH

**St Alphonsa Syro Malabar parish Northgate Brisbane**

During the Lenten season 2021 ,the Year 9 Catechism students conducted an “Easter Bunnies” event which introduced them to “active giving”. This was coordinated by their teachers under the leadership of Parish Priest and Catechism Principal by engaging with an Orphanage in Kerala called Snehamandhiram. As part of this event, the students wrote a small Easter letter and prayed for their Easter friends to whom they were anonymously paired with. To organize the fund, they gave up one of their most favourite activities and food or something they took for granted. This helped them to understand the



virtues of being empathetic and the privileges they have living here in Australia. Together, the year 9 students were able to raise \$3000 for the orphanage. With this fund, the orphanage was able to host an Easter feast for their children and present them with Easter gifts. Through this charitable deed, we strived to instil the Christian virtues of Christ the giver, allowing students to witness the impact they had on others and encouraged them to help those in need. Overall the students had a wonderful experience, and the smiling faces of kids at orphanage show how grateful and pleased they felt with having an anonymous friend to help them out, especially during these difficult times. Also, they were able to form a bond made in prayer. Therefore, these year 9 students have made a small example of the virtues that Jesus taught us.

**Upcoming events**

Parish Retreat from 24th - 26th July as a preparation for our Parish Festival .

**BRISBANE SOUTH**

**St.Thomas the Apostle, Syro Malabar Parish Brisbane South.**

St.Thomas the Apostle Syro Malabar Parish – Brisbane South yearly retreat and feast of St.Thomas the Apostle will be celebrated between 25 June -4 July 2021. Holy Qurbana will be celebrated on all days from 25 June leading up to the Parish feast

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day on 4 July. Fr.Anto Chiriyankandath will be the main celebrant on this day and Fr.Dalish Kocheril will deliver the homily.

The parish also begins a new journey as they release the first edition of the bi-monthly Parish Newsletter on 4 July, 2021 on the occasion of the Parish feast of St.Thomas the Apostle. The Parish newsletter titled 'Santhom Insights' aims to provide a special space for the parishioners to

- Stay informed by having a bird's eye view of the parish activities
- Stay connected and celebrate the faith
- Enable children and youth to develop confidence as they form a crucial part of this initiative
- Support the parish in a creative way and at the same time use this initiative to showcase talents of the parishioners and also promote their business through the extensive reach of advertisements.

The parish also plans for the mega multicultural Santhom fest that is celebrated every year on 28 August, 2021 between 10.30am-7.30pm where people from more than 40 different cultures and countries participate. The fest aims to celebrate diversity with a multicultural feast of food, activities, dance, art and music from around the globe. Chendamelam (Indian percussion instrument), Chinese dragon dance, Performances of people from South pacific islands / Aborigines/ Spain/Greece/ Sudan/Burunda (Africa) to name a few are some of the highlights that make it a truly global event.



CAIRNS

ഈശോയുടെ വലിയ അനുഗ്രഹത്താലും ഇന്ത്യയുടെ കാവൽ പിതാവ് മാർത്തോമ്മാ ശ്ലീഹായുടെ മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥത്താലും കുറുൻസ് ലാൻഡ് സ്റ്റേറ്റിലെ കെയിൻസ് St. Thomas സീറോ മലബാർ മിഷൻ ഫാദർ റോയ് നീർവേലി സി എഫ് ഐ സി യുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ വളരെ ദംഗിയായി, അനുഗ്രഹ പൂർണ്ണമായി വളർച്ചയുടെ പാതയിൽ മുന്നേറിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു. എല്ലാ ഞായറാഴ്ചയും കൃത്യമായി വൈകുന്നേരം അഞ്ചു മണിക്ക് പരിശുദ്ധ കുർബാനയും അതിനു ശേഷം സൺഡേ സ്കൂളും കൃത്യമായി നടന്നു വരുന്നു. കെയിൻസ് നഗര കേന്ദ്രത്തിൽ നിന്നും 25 കിലോമീറ്റർ ചുറ്റളവിൽ ചിതറി താമസിക്കുന്ന വിശ്വാസ സമൂഹത്തി നായി വിവിധ സ്ഥലങ്ങൾ കേന്ദ്രീകരിച്ച് 5 കുടുംബ പ്രാർത്ഥനാ യൂണിറ്റുകൾക്ക് തുടക്കം കുറിച്ചു. യൂണിറ്റുകളിലെ സന്നദ്ധമായ കുടുംബങ്ങളിൽ മാസം ഒരു സായാഹ്ന പ്രാർത്ഥനാ കുടുംബകൂട്ടായ്മയും സ്നേഹ വിരുന്നും അതീവ ഉൽസാഹത്തോടെ നടന്നു വരുന്നു.



വേദപാഠ അധ്യാപകൻ Mr. അനീഷിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ പുതിയ മദ്ബഹ ശുശ്രൂഷകർക്ക് ആയി ആഴ്ചകൾ നീണ്ട പരിശീലന പരിപാടികൾ നടത്തപ്പെട്ടു. പരിശീലനത്തിനുശേഷം ആറ് അംഗ മദ്ബഹ ശുശ്രൂഷ സംഘം പരിശുദ്ധ കുർബാനയിൽ സംബന്ധിച്ച് അൾത്താര ശുശ്രൂഷകരായി വിജയകരമായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നു.

കെയിൻസ് സീറോ മലബാർ മിഷൻ സേഫ്റ്റി ഓഫീസർ ആയി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന ശ്രീഷിജുവിനെയും കൂടാതെ സ്ത്രീകളുടെ ദാഗത്തു നിന്ന് ശ്രീമതി ഫെബിയേയും തെരഞ്ഞെടുത്തു. മിഷൻ ഫസ്റ്റ് എയ്ഡ് ഓഫീസർമാരായി ശ്രീ സാബു ചുമാർ, ശ്രീമതി ജിഷ റിജേഷ് എന്നിവർ ചുമതല ഏറ്റെടുത്തു.

2021 ജൂൺ 30 ന് 11 കുട്ടികളുടെ ആദ്യ കുർബാന സ്വീകരണം നമ്മുടെ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ട അഭിവന്ദ്യ പിതാവ് മാർ ബോസ്കോ പുത്തൂരിന്റെ മുഖ്യ കാർമ്മികത്വത്തിൽ നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നു, ഒരുക്കങ്ങൾ പുരോഗമിക്കുന്നു. ഇടവക ആണ്ടു തിരുനാൾ ജൂലൈ മാസത്തിൽ 1, 2, 3 ദിവസങ്ങളിൽ നമ്മുടെ അഭിവന്ദ്യ മാർ ബോസ്കോ പിതാവിന്റെ മുഖ്യ കാർമ്മികത്വത്തിൽ നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നു. ഇടവക മദ്ധ്യസ്ഥനായ മാർത്തോമ്മാ



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ശ്രീഹായുടെ ദുഃഖ്നാനാ തിരുനാളിന്റെ വിജയത്തിനായി പ്രാർത്ഥനാപൂർവ്വം പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ നടക്കുന്നു.

2021 ൽ തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെട്ട മിഷൻ കൈക്കാരന്മാരായി Mr. റെനിൽ ജോസഫ്, Mr.വിബിൻ അഗസ്റ്റിൻ,എന്നിവരുടെ നേതൃത്വത്തിൽ പുതിയ കമ്മറ്റി നിലവിൽ വന്നു. മിഷൻ വിജയത്തിനായി കൈക്കാരൻമാരും, കമ്മറ്റിയും ആത്മാർത്ഥമായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്നു. Cairns St.Thomas Mission Cairns Chaplin ഫാദർ റോയിയുടെ ജൻമദിനം June 13 ഞായർ കുർബാനക്ക് ശേഷം ഗംഭീരമായി ഇടവക സമൂഹം ആഘോഷിച്ചു. ഈ കോവിഡ് കാലഘട്ടത്തിൽ ക്യാൻസ് ലാൻഡ് സർക്കാർ നിർദ്ദേശ - നിയന്ത്രണപ്രകാരം എല്ലാ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളും ദംഗിയായി നടന്നു വരുന്നു.



BRISBANE

**Holy Family Knanaya Catholic Mission, Brisbane**

- March 21, Feast of St. Joseph and Inauguration of Year of Family
- April 11, Feast of Divine Mercy and Puthunjayar. Mass by Fr. Shaju Chamappara OSH
- April 24, Youth Gathering with Adoration - "An Hour with God"



May 09, Mother's Day Celebration. Programs and Gifts Conducted by our Youth

May 16, Nurses Day Celebration

May 30, Conclusion of Vanakkamasam with Pachor Nercha

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SUNSHINE COAST

Commitment Ceremony of children who are receiving first holy communion.





## TOOWOOMBA

### St. Mary's Catholic Community Toowoomba - Queensland

One Day Workshop (April 2021) The St. Mary's Catholic Community organised a one day workshop for its Sunday school children as part of its many catechetical initiatives. The workshop, ably led by members of the Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry (AFCM), was carefully put together to bring out the best in our children in a fun-filled and thought-provoking manner whilst complimenting their regular faith formation program

### Mothers Day (May 2021)

It has become a customary tradition to have a special invitee on Mothers Day every year. This year, our community and our Sunday school children, in particular, had the privilege to spend some quality time with Mrs Maree and her family. Mrs Maree and her daughters taught our children several songs that they later sang during Holy Mass. Following the Eucharistic celebrations, as is tradition, all the children gathered to collect their favourite roses and a handwritten note that they later handed to their mothers.



### Pentecost Sunday (May 2021)

On Pentecost Sunday this year, several families brought their toddlers forward for Ezhuthiniruthu. As per tradition, this is the initiation into the world of learning and writing and parents were particularly keen for their children to begin this journey on a Pentecost Sunday. Rev. Fr. Thomas Areekuzhy and Sunday school children along with members of AFCM at the One day workshop.

## TOWNSVILLE

### St Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Parish Townsville

Holy Mass at Sacred Heart Cathedral Townsville for the people of India and all people affected by

COVID-19 was celebrated by Bishop Timothy J Harris, Bishop of Catholic Diocese of Townsville on 08/06/21. Many people gathered at the Sacred Heart Cathedral to pray.



The Holy Mass was attended by all the Indian clergy in Townsville and by almost everyone belonging to the Syro-Malabar Parish in Townsville. Flowers were offered to remember the family and friends lost during the pandemic and offerings were made (Kazhcha veppu) by the parish committee, family unit leaders and by representatives from Sunday school, Vincent de paul, SMYM, Mathru Jyothi, AKCC and Altar boys.



Bishop Timothy J Harris said "The coronavirus, while shocking does not mean that our God and Jesus Christ has abandoned us, God is best in the messiness of our lives, including in the messiness of death."

The night concluded with Sneha virunnu.





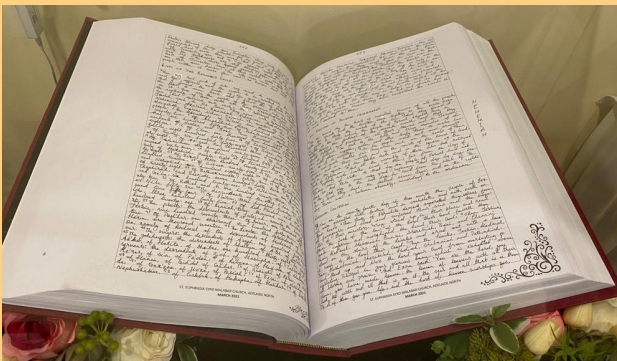
**ADELAIDE NORTH**

**St. Euphrasia Adelaide North**

Feast of our Copatron Saint St. Anthony of Padua celebrated by St Euphrasia North Adelaide parishioners. Novena from 4th June – 12th June and on 13th June 2021 Holy Qurbana by Fr Ajith Cheriakkara Antony followed by procession and Nercha sadya.



Handwritten Bible in English blessed by Mar Bosco Puthur and published by Fr Philip Marshal (Vicar General of the Adelaide Archdiocese). This handwritten Bible writing is started by St. Euphrasia parishioners on the feast day of St Joseph - 19th March 2021 and completed within 30 days on 18th April 2021. It weighs 15 kg.



St. Euphrasia Adelaide North Parishioners celebrated the Silver Jubilee of the priesthood of parish priest Fr. Francis Pullukattu on 18th April with Mar Bosco Puthur and Fr Philip Marshal (Vicar General of the Adelaide Archdiocese). Parish Celebrated the First Holy Communion of 14 children on 17th April 2021.



**ADELAIDE SOUTH**

**ST MARY'S SYRO MALABAR PARISH  
ADELAIDE SOUTH**

**Farewell**

Parishioners bid farewell Fr. Ajith Cheriakkara, who was with us as our valuable Vicar, spiritual Leader, friend, brilliant advisor as our motivation.

The parish community thanked Fr Ajith for his memorable and selfless service to our parish and wished him God's blessings for future endeavors.



**Welcome**

Hearty Welcome to our new parish Priest Fr. Leonse Moosariparambil, we are so happy to support you in this new journey and we assure our Prayers.



**Catechism**

After ceasing Covid -19 restrictions in S A, Sunday school classes return to normal and all students and teachers were happy for the Face-to-face classes. Catechism Class - Sundays 5pm to 6.15pm. Eucharistic Adoration for Students – First Saturday of the Month. Eucharistic Adoration for teachers – second Saturday of the Month.

**Upcoming Events**

Bible Kalolsavam - July 17th Saturday 10am to 8pm

**Catholic Congress**

On March 21st St Joseph year of charity was officially Inaugurated by Mr Sam Duluk M P at St Mary's Syro Malabar parish. This is an initiative by Catholic congress Adelaide South.

**Blood Donation drive**

Fr Leonse Kurian, parish priest inaugurated the blood donation drive by becoming the first donor for the project. This project is also an initiative of the Catholic congress branch in the parish.

## PARISH / MISSION UPDATES

### TASMANIA

#### HOBART

##### St. Thomas Syro Mission Hobart

The faithful actively participates with the catholic churches in the area for regular liturgical orders- Eucharist, in malayalam which is celebrated by Fr Jaison Kuzhiyil once in a month for the community. Catechism for the children are conducted after the Holy Qurbana using learning materials provided by the Syro Malabar catechetical centre.

The community is vibrant and active with our Syro Malabar traditions. A huge Christmas star was built and erected at the cathedral church during Christmas which brought a lot of attraction. His Grace the Bishop of Tasmania appreciated the community for the effort. Eucharist on Christmas was conducted with the festive mass and the community also gathered for a sumptuous dinner after mass.

During the Lenten season, on Maundy Thursday the community observed and celebrated the Passover with the presence of His Grace the Bishop of Tasmania. Qurbana on Easter Sunday was solemnly celebrated. The community regularly observes and participates in all the church and family traditions is heavily involved in charity activities.

## PARISH / MISSION UPDATES

### AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

#### CANBERRA

##### St. Alphonsa Parish Canberra

Gospel challenge -ന്റെ ഭാഗമായി നടത്തിയ ബൈബിൾ രചനാ മത്സരത്തിൽ മൂന്ന് തലമുറകളിൽ നിന്നായി 8 കുടുംബങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നുള്ള അംഗങ്ങൾ പങ്കെടുത്തു. ഇവർക്കു പ്രോത്സാഹന സമ്മാനങ്ങൾ നൽകി ഇടവക ആദരിച്ചു.

ഒന്നിടവിട്ടുള്ള തയ്യാറാക്കലുകളിൽ കുട്ടികൾക്ക് face to face Catechism ക്ലാസുകൾ ആരംഭിച്ചു. മാർ യൂസേപ്പിനാഥ്, വി. സെബാസ്റ്റ്യനോസ്, വി. ഗീവർഗീസ് എന്നിവരുടെ തിരുനാളുകൾ ഇടവകയിൽ സമുചിതമായി ആഘോഷിച്ചു. കുടുംബവർഷം പ്രമാണിച്ച് പള്ളിയിൽ തിരുക്കുടുംബരൂപം പ്രതിഷ്ഠിക്കുകയും പ്രത്യേക പ്രാർത്ഥന നടത്തുകയും ചെയ്തു. Catholic Congress - ന്റെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ എല്ലാ തയ്യാറാക്കലും Tea shop നടത്തി വരുന്നു. മാതൃ ദിനത്തിൽ മാതൃ വേദി അംഗങ്ങൾ പായസ വിതരണം നടത്തി. ദുഃഖ വെള്ളിയാഴ്ച്ച ഏകദേശം 750 പേരെ പങ്കെടുപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് property open area - യിൽ കർമ്മങ്ങൾ വിപുലമായി നടത്തുകയും കഞ്ഞിയും പയറും നൽകുകയും ചെയ്തു.

മാതൃ ദിനത്തിൽ മാതൃ വേദിയുടെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ raffle ticket നടത്തുകയും അതിൽ നിന്നും ലഭിച്ച തുക സെമിനാരി students നെ സഹായിക്കുന്നതിന് നൽകുകയും ചെയ്തു. നോമ്പുകാലത്തു വികാരിയച്ചൻ എല്ലാ വീടുകളും സന്ദർശിക്കുകയും വെബിരിപ്പ് നടത്തുകയും ചെയ്തു.

## WESTERN AUSTRALIA

#### PERTH

##### St. Joseph Syro-Malabar Parish Perth

Feast of St. Joseph, patron of the parish

We celebrated the Feast of our heavenly patron, St. Joseph on 21st March with Solemn Holy Qurbanas at 11.00 am and 6.30 pm. The Year of Family was inaugurated on the same day.

Holy Week Services

We were able to conduct the Holy Week services with due solemnity keeping all the Covid-19 protocols. Hundreds of people participated in the services. Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Easter services were held at Holy Family Church, Maddington whereas Holy Saturday service was held at Holy Trinity Church, Embleton and Good Friday service was held at Abruzzo Hall, Wattle Grove.

Parish Easter Dinner Night

We came together as a parish family to celebrate the joy of Easter on 17th April. The celebration included a musical skit by SMM youth and a delicious dinner and a good number of people turned up for the dinner night. A lucky draw was also conducted with amazing prizes. It was so nice to come together as a parish family to celebrate Easter.

Mothers' Day

Mothers' Day was celebrated well by the Mathruvedi members of the parish. A Solemn Holy Qurbana was conducted at 6.30 pm at Holy Family Church, Maddington on 19th May where so many mothers were present and received special blessings.







Prayers and Tributes to all,  
Priests, Religious and the Laity who have died of COVID-19.  
May their souls rest in peace.



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