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ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE MELBOURNE



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



Pope Francis 
@Pontifex

Let us be fearless amid the messy situations all around us, because that is where the Lord is, in our midst; God continues to perform his miracle of bringing forth good fruit (Jn 15:5). Christian joy is born precisely of this certainty.

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Editorial



Welcome to yet another edition of Marthoma Vision. This edition brings you the news and updates from our eparchy, departments, ministries, parishes, and missions during November and December.

Merry Christmas! At this beautiful feast, we celebrate God's gift to us of his Son, Jesus. It is a gift of love, one we are called to bring into the world. Jesus came among us to save us. He shows us a way to live. Even in taking on our human nature, He shows us our own worth. He reminds us that we should look at each other with the same love he shows us. Our world needs the message of Jesus, its wonder, its joy, and its hope. We need it at Christmas, but it cannot be contained one day. Christmas calls us to live in its message of gift.

Live the true meaning of Christmas, then, throughout the year by carrying His love into the world. Look at the people we meet. See that Jesus is with them. Give thanks for the gift we are to each other. Our world needs the message of Jesus, his love, his forgiveness, his mercy and his care.

Live in the wonder of the gift of Christmas: each of us is loved by God.
The power of this gift to transform our world is our hope.

We pray that Christmas for each of us is a joyful moment to hear the Good News once again; God is with us. May we welcome him again with hope. And may all of you, your family and your friends have a wonderful and blessed Christmas.

*Wishing everyone a Blessed Christmas &
Happy New Year -2022*



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ക്രിസ്തീയ ആശംസകൾ

മിശിഹായിൽ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ട വൈദികരേ, സഹോദരീ സഹോദരന്മാരേ, കൊറോണ അണുബാധയുടെ അനിശ്ചിതത്വങ്ങളുടെ നടുവിൽ നാം വീണ്ടുമൊരു ക്രിസ്തീയൻ ഒരുങ്ങുകയാണല്ലോ. കഴിഞ്ഞ രണ്ടു വർഷക്കാലം നാമൊക്കെ ഏറെ ഉൽക്കണ്ഠകളിലൂടെ കടന്നു പോയ്ക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയാണ്. ഭാവിയിലേക്ക് ഒന്നും ഉറപ്പിച്ചു പറയാൻ വയ്യാത്ത അവസ്ഥ.

യാക്കോബ് ശ്ലീഹായുടെ ലേഖനത്തിലെ വാക്കുകൾ ഈ അവസരത്തിൽ പ്രസക്തമാണ്: 'നാളത്തെ നിങ്ങളുടെ ജീവിതം എങ്ങനെയുള്ളതായിരിക്കും എന്ന് നിങ്ങൾക്കറിഞ്ഞുകൂടാ. നിങ്ങൾ ഇങ്ങനെയൊരു പര്യായം പറയേണ്ടത്: കർത്താവു മനസ്സുകെൽ തങ്ങൾ ജീവിക്കുകയും യഥാർത്ഥം പ്രവർത്തിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യും.' (യാക്കോബ് 4:14 - 15)

നമുക്കുവേണ്ടി മനുഷ്യനായി അവതരിച്ച പുത്രൻ തന്നുരാൻ മനുഷ്യ ചരിത്രത്തിന്റെ ഗതിവിഗതികളുടെ അനിശ്ചിതത്വത്തിന്റെ ആഴം അറിഞ്ഞവനാണല്ലോ. പുൽക്കൂടു മുതൽ കാൽവരി വരെ അനിശ്ചിതത്വങ്ങളുടെ നിഴൽ ഈശോയെ പിന്തുടർന്നിട്ടുണ്ട്. അപ്പോഴൊക്കെ തന്റെ പിതാവിന്റെ ഇഷ്ടം നിറവേറുകയാണ് തന്റെ ജീവിതരത്നമെന്ന് ഈശോ സുനിശ്ചയമായി സാക്ഷ്യപ്പെടുത്തിയത് നമുക്കൊക്കെ ഗുണപാഠമാകട്ടെ. നല്ല തന്നുരാന്റെ കരുണയുടെ കരസ്ഥം ജീവിതത്തിന്റെ ഓരോ നിമിഷവും നമുക്കുണ്ടാകുമെന്ന് ഈശോ നമുക്ക് ഉറപ്പു നൽകുന്നു.

ഏവർക്കും പിറവിത്തരുണത്തിന്റെ ആശംസകൾ! പുതുവർഷമംഗളങ്ങൾ!

ജനുവരി 7 മുതൽ 15 വരെ സമ്മേളിക്കുന്ന നമ്മുടെ സഭയുടെ സിനഡിന്റെ വിജയത്തിനായി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുമല്ലോ.

മിശിഹായിൽ സ്നേഹത്തോടെ,

നിങ്ങളുടെ പിതാവ്
+ബോസ്കോ പുത്തൂർ

2021 ഡിസംബർ 3

NB: ഈ സർക്കുലർ 2021 ഡിസംബർ 19 ന് (ഞായർ) പള്ളിയിൽ വായിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.



Syro-Malabar Eparchy of
St Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne



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ബൈബിൾ വാരം 2021

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മിശിഹായിൽ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ടവരെ വൈദികരേ,
സഹോദരീ സഹോദരന്മാരേ,

മിശിഹാ കേന്ദ്രീകൃതമായി പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിനാൽ നിറഞ്ഞ് സുവിശേഷപ്രഘോഷണം നടത്തുന്നവരുടെ സമൂഹം എന്ന ആദർശ വാക്യമാണ് നമ്മുടെ രൂപത സ്വീകരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്. പരിശുദ്ധ കന്യകാമറിയത്തിന്റെ സമ്പൂർണ്ണ ആത്മസമർപ്പണത്തെ നാം മാതൃകയായി സ്വീകരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു. മറിയം പറഞ്ഞു "ഇതാ കർത്താവിന്റെ ദാസി! നിന്റെ വാക്ക് എന്നിൽ നിറവേറട്ടെ!" (ലൂക്ക 1:38). പരിശുദ്ധ കന്യകാമറിയം വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ അനുസരണത്തിന് ഉത്തമ മാതൃകയായി.

മൂന്നു ഘടകങ്ങളാണ് നമ്മുടെ രൂപതയുടെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്ക് മിഴിവേകുന്നത്:

1. അത് മിശിഹാ കേന്ദ്രീകൃതമായ (christ-centred) പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്ക് വേദിയൊരുക്കുന്നു. ഒരു സാമൂഹ്യപ്രസ്ഥാനം എന്നതിനേക്കാൾ മിശിഹായ്ക്ക് സവിശേഷ രീതിയിൽ കേന്ദ്രസ്ഥാനം നൽകുന്ന ജീവസ്സുറ്റ സമൂഹമായി അത് വളർന്നു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു.
2. പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിനാൽ പൂരിതമായ സമൂഹമാണ് സഭ (spirit-filled community). ആദിമസഭയുടെ ആരംഭം പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ ആവാസം മുതലാണെന്ന് നമുക്കറിയാം. അതേ പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ പ്രേരണയാണ് ആദിമസഭയെ മുന്നോട്ടു നയിച്ചതും.
3. സുവിശേഷ പ്രഘോഷകരുടെ സമൂഹമാണ് സഭ (evangelizing community). ഈശോ കേന്ദ്രസ്ഥാനത്തെങ്കിൽ സഭാ സമൂഹത്തിൽ പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ ശക്തി ഏവർക്കും അനുഭവമാകും. ഫലമോ, അനുഭവം പങ്കുവയ്ക്കുന്നവരുടെ സമൂഹമായി ഇടവക സമൂഹം വളരുന്നു. ഇത് ഉള്ളിൽ നിന്നുള്ള സ്വതസിദ്ധമായ ബാഹ്യപ്രകടനമാണ്. ആത്മചൈതന്യം നിറഞ്ഞു പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ ഫലങ്ങൾ അനുഭവിച്ചു ജീവിക്കാൻ തുടങ്ങുന്നവർ ആ അനുഭവം സഹജീവികളുമായി പങ്കുവയ്ക്കുന്നവരായി മാറുന്നു, സുവിശേഷ പ്രഘോഷകരായി മാറുന്നു.

മേൽവിവരിച്ച മൂന്നു ഘടകങ്ങളും ഒന്നിപ്പിച്ച് ഒരു വിശ്വാസി സമൂഹമായി ജീവിക്കുവാനും വളരുവാനും നമുക്ക് സാധിക്കട്ടെ.

CIRCULAR BISHOP BOSCO PUTHUR

സർക്കുലർ

ഈ പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിലാണ് ബൈബിൾ വാരം ആഘോഷിക്കുവാൻ നാം ഒരുങ്ങുന്നത്. ദൈവവചന ബന്ധിതമായ ഒരു സമൂഹമായി ജീവിക്കുവാനും വളരുവാനും പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ ആവാസം നമുക്ക് ശക്തി പകർന്നു തരട്ടെ.

മിശിഹായിൽ സ്നേഹത്തോടെ,

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2021 നവംബർ

1. ബൈബിൾ പ്രതിഷ്ഠ (ഇടവക സമൂഹത്തിനുമേലുള്ള വിശുദ്ധ കുർബാനയർപ്പിക്കുന്ന പള്ളിയിൽ, ഭവനങ്ങളിൽ) വചനഗ്രന്ഥം, കത്തിച്ച തിരികൾ, പുക്കൾ, മറ്റു അലങ്കാരങ്ങൾ. എല്ലാവരും ബൈബിൾ തൊട്ടു വണങ്ങുന്നു. വായന: യോ ഹ: 1 : 1 -5, 14-18
2. ബൈബിൾ നാലി (പള്ളിച്ചുറ്റി/പള്ളിമുറ്റത്ത്) വചനഗ്രന്ഥം, കത്തിച്ച തിരികൾ അ നു ടേ യ ാജ്യമായ ഗാനങ്ങൾ: ജീവനേകും ദൈവവചനം, സുവിശേഷ വെളിച്ചത്താൽ.
3. പ്രസംഗം (പള്ളികളിൽ, കുടുംബകൂട്ടായ്മകളിൽ) പ്രസംഗവിഷയം-കുട്ടികൾക്ക് ബൈബിളിലെ മഹാപ്രകാശങ്ങൾ (എബ്രഹാം, മോശ, യാക്കോബ്, ജോസഫ്, സ്നാനം, യോഹന്നാൻ, പരിശുദ്ധ കന്യകാമറിയം, പത്രോസ് ശ്ലീഹ, പൗലോസ് ശ്ലീഹ)
4. ബൈബിൾകഥ പങ്കുവയ്ക്കൽ (പള്ളികളിൽ, കുടുംബകൂട്ടായ്മകളിൽ)
5. വചനം പങ്കുവയ്ക്കൽ (പള്ളികളിൽ, കുടുംബകൂട്ടായ്മകളിൽ) യുവജനങ്ങൾക്ക്: എന്നെ സ്വാധീനിച്ച ബൈബിൾ വചനം പങ്കുവയ്ക്കുന്നു
6. ബൈബിൾ ക്വിസ് (കുട്ടികൾക്കും, മുതിർന്നവർക്കും)
7. ബൈബിൾ വായന ദിവേസന ഒരു അദ്ധ്യായം (ഉദാ: സങ്കീർത്തനങ്ങൾ)
8. Bible idioms and phrases, images and parables in English Literature - For youth and adults

NB: ഈ സർക്കുലർ 2021 നവംബർ 21ന് (ഞായർ) പള്ളിയിൽ വായിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

സർക്കുലർ



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Faith Fest 2022

മിശിഹായിൽ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ട മാതാപിതാക്കളേ, വിശ്വാസ പരിശീലകരേ, ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട വൈദികരേ,

നമ്മുടെ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾ വിശ്വാസ പരിശീലനത്തിന്റെ ഒരു വർഷം പൂർത്തിയാക്കി കഴിഞ്ഞു. ഓൺലൈനെയും ഓഫ്ലൈനെയും ഈ വർഷം നടന്ന വിശ്വാസപരിശീലന പരിപാടികൾക്ക് നേതൃത്വം നൽകിയ വികാരിയച്ചന്മാരെയും പ്രിൻസിപ്പൽമാരെയും അധ്യാപകരെയും ഞാൻ ഹൃദയപൂർവ്വം അഭിനന്ദിക്കുന്നു.

2021 മുതൽ നമ്മുടെ രൂപതയിലെ വിശ്വാസ പരിശീലന വിഭാഗം വഴി കുട്ടികൾക്കും യുവജനങ്ങൾക്കുമായി നടപ്പിലാക്കിയ ഫെയ്ത്ഫെസ്റ്റ് 2020-21 കുട്ടികൾക്കും അധ്യാപകർക്കും വലിയ സന്തോഷത്തിനും ഇടവക സമൂഹങ്ങളുടെ ഉണർവിനും കാരണമായി എന്നത് നിങ്ങൾക്കെല്ലാവർക്കും ബോധ്യമായ കാര്യമാണെന്ന് ഞാൻ കരുതുന്നു. ഫെയ്ത്ഫെസ്റ്റ് നടന്ന കുറെയേറെ സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ ഞാൻ കുട്ടികളെ സന്ദർശിച്ചിരുന്നു. വിശ്വാസജീവിതം ആനന്ദപ്രദമെന്നറിയുന്ന ദിനങ്ങളായിരുന്നു കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ആ നാളുകൾ. ഈ വർഷവും മൂന്നു ദിവസങ്ങളിലെ ഫെയ്ത്ഫെസ്റ്റിനായി കുട്ടികളെയും മാതാപിതാക്കളെയും സജ്ജരാക്കണമെന്ന് വികാരിയച്ചന്മാരോടും അധ്യാപകരോടും ഞാൻ അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു. താഴെ പറയുന്ന വിധത്തിൽ ഫെയ്ത്ഫെസ്റ്റ് 2022 ന്

തയ്യാറാകാൻ എല്ലാ ഇടവകകളെയും മിഷൻ കുടുംബങ്ങളെയും ഞാൻ സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

1. സൗകര്യപ്രദമായ തുടർച്ചയായ മൂന്നു ദിവസങ്ങൾ തീരുമാനിച്ച മാതാപിതാക്കളെ അറിയിക്കുക.
2. ആവശ്യമെങ്കിൽ സൗകര്യപ്രദമായ സ്ഥലം നേരത്തെ ബുക്ക് ചെയ്യുക.
3. മുന്നൊരുക്കമായി സ്റ്റാഫ് മീറ്റിംഗുകൾ വിളിച്ചു ചേർക്കുക.
4. ഇടവകയിൽ നിന്ന് മുൻവർഷങ്ങളിൽ 12-ാം ക്ലാസ് പൂർത്തിയാക്കിയ യുവജനങ്ങളുടെ സേവനം ആ ദിവസങ്ങളിലേക്ക് ഉറപ്പു വരുത്തുക.
5. ആവശ്യമായ സന്നദ്ധപ്രവർത്തകരുടെ സേവനം തേടുകയും എല്ലാവർക്കും സേഫ്ഗാർഡിംഗ് പോളിസി അനുസരിച്ചുള്ള രേഖകൾ തയ്യാറാക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുക.
6. നമ്മുടെ രൂപതയുടെ വിശ്വാസപരിശീലന വിഭാഗം തയ്യാറാക്കിയ 'Something Beautiful for God' ന്റെ രണ്ടാം വാല്യം അധ്യാപകർക്കും സന്നദ്ധപ്രവർത്തകർക്കും പഠനസഹായിയായി നൽകുക.

മിശിഹായിൽ സ്നേഹത്തോടെ,

2021 ഡിസംബർ 3

നിങ്ങളുടെ പിതാവ്
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Welcome



Rev. Dr. Sijeesh Pullankunnel
Chaplain Geelong Syro-Malabar Mission,
Eparchy Chancellor

Fr Sijeesh was born in Kallody in the eparchy of Mananthavady. After his high school studies, he joined the Minor Seminary of the eparchy of Mananthavady. He completed his philosophical studies at St Joseph's Pontifical Seminary, Alwaye and his theological studies at the Pontifical Urban University in Rome. After obtaining Licentiate in Oriental Canon Law from Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome, he was ordained as a priest on 30 December 2010. He began his pastoral ministry as the Assistant parish priest at St Joseph's Cathedral, Mananthavady. In 2012 he was appointed as the Principal of New Man's College, Mananthavady and one of the judges of the eparchial Tribunal. In 2014 Fr Sijeesh was sent to Rome to pursue doctoral studies in Canon Law. After completing doctoral studies, he also completed a Masters degree in Ecclesiastical Jurisprudence at the Pontifical Urban University, Rome. When he returned from Rome in 2018, he was appointed as the Vicar of St Xavier's Church Kuttimoola. From 2019 until recently, he had been the chancellor of the eparchy of Mananthavady.

Fr Sijeesh is a Visiting Professor of Canon Law at Pontifical Oriental Institute, Rome. He speaks Malayalam, English, Italian and German.

Hearty Welcome, Fr. Sijeesh. Congratulations on your appointment as the chancellor of the Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne.

❧ Congratulations & Prayerful Greetings ❧

**On the 25th Anniversary of
Your Priestly Ordination**

31 December 2021



Fr. Sebastian Mandapathil





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Suggestions from
Pastoral Council 2021



- ➔ During lockdown and COVID restrictions in place, Liturgical celebrations to be made available using online platforms across all parishes and missions regularly (preferably on a daily basis)
- ➔ Promote activities supporting regular Bible reading challenges, Bible study groups, Bible quizzes using virtual platforms
- ➔ During pandemic situations, focus to promote more interactive online prayer meetings and interactive sessions at parish /mission level to preserve faith and nurture fellowship
- ➔ Catechism and faith formation programs to be delivered online at parish /mission level by utilising virtual platforms while adhering to eparchy catechism department guidelines on online safety.
- ➔ Engage parish /mission youth via online meetings and virtual gatherings to enrich spiritual growth on a regular basis.
- ➔ Encourage families to spend quality time together and to participate in daily online Mass, prayer activities and Bible study.
- ➔ Pastoral care to be offered to parishioners in need on a regular basis by parish priests using phone calls.
- ➔ Promote repentance and reconciliation as soon as the opportunity arises for physical admittance of congregation to church.
- ➔ Parish Committee members under the leadership of parish priests to implement activities to engage parish/mission members to maintain spiritual enthusiasm during and after lockdowns.



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Dear,

We are extremely pleased to invite you to join us on **February 19 Saturday 2022** at **2.30 pm** for the consecration of our long-awaited new church at 68 Katherine Drive Ravenhall Victoria 3023. Our Eparch **Bishop Mar. Bosco Puthur** will be the principal celebrant along with many priests from around.

You are very specially invited to this auspicious occasion and to enjoy the multicontinental cousins at the arena. We solicit your RSVP for catering purpose.

Yours Sincerely,
Fr. Sebastian Mandapathil
Parish Priest

St. Mary's Syro Malabar Parish
Melbourne West 68 Katherine
Drive Ravenhall Victoria 3023

ഇടയന്റെ അനുഭവക്കുറിപ്പുകൾ

വർഷങ്ങൾക്കു മുമ്പുണ്ടായ അനുഭവകഥയാണ് ഓർമ്മയിൽ വരുന്നത്. തൃശൂർ ജില്ലയിലെ ഒരു ഗ്രാമപ്രദേശത്ത് ഞാൻ ബസു കാത്ത് നിൽക്കുകയായിരുന്നു. ആ വഴി കടന്നു പോകുന്ന ടാക്സികാർ ബസ് സ്റ്റോപ്പിൽ നിറുത്തി തൃശൂർക്കാണെങ്കിൽ കയറാൻ എന്ന് ക്ഷണിച്ചു. ഞാനതിൽ കയറി യാത്ര തുടങ്ങുമ്പോൾ ടാക്സി ഡ്രൈവർ വളരെ സന്തോഷവാനായി സംസാരിക്കാൻ തുടങ്ങി. അസാധാരണമായ അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ സന്തോഷപ്രകൃതി കണ്ടപ്പോൾ അയാളെപ്പറ്റി കുടുതൽ ചോദിച്ചിരുന്നു. അപ്പോൾ അയാളുടെ ജീവിതത്തെ മാറ്റിമറിച്ച ഒരു സംഭവം പങ്കുവെച്ചു.

ജില്ലാ ആസ്പത്രിയുടെ മുൻവശത്തുള്ള പുരപ്പറമ്പിൽ ടാക്സി സ്റ്റാൻഡിലെ ഡ്രൈവറാണ്. ഒരു ദിവസം രാത്രിയിൽ ടാക്സി സ്റ്റാന്റ് വിട്ട് പോകാനൊരുങ്ങുന്ന സന്ദർഭത്തിൽ പുരപ്പറമ്പിലെ ഒരു മരത്തിനു കീഴെ അരണ്ട വെളിച്ചത്തിൽ സ്ത്രീരൂപം. 18 വയസ്സു തോന്നിക്കുന്ന ഒരു ചെറുപ്പക്കുട്ടി. ഒപ്പം രണ്ട് ചോരക്കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾ. വിവരങ്ങൾ ചോദിച്ചി



കൃപയുടെ കഥ; മാതാവർക്കുള്ള സന്ദേശം

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ഞാൻ മനസ്സിലായി സമീപപ്രദേശത്തെ ഏതോ ഓട്ടുകമ്പി തൊഴിലാളിയായ അവൾക്ക് അവിഹിതബന്ധത്തിലുണ്ടായ ഇരട്ടക്കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളാണെന്ന്. ഓമനയുള്ള രണ്ടു പെൺകുട്ടികൾ. ആരും അറിയാതെ പുരപ്പറമ്പിൽ ഉപേക്ഷിച്ച് സ്ഥലം വിടാൻ തക്കം നോക്കി നിൽക്കുകയാണവൾ.

ടാക്സി ഡ്രൈവർ എന്നോട് പറഞ്ഞു: അച്ചാ ഞാൻ ക്രിസ്ത്യാനിയല്ല. പക്ഷേ, ആ പിഞ്ചുകുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളെ കണ്ടപ്പോൾ പുൽക്കുട്ടിലെ ഉണ്ണിയേശുവിന്റെ ചിത്രമാണ് എന്റെ മനസ്സിലേക്ക് കടന്നു വന്നത്. അവരെ രക്ഷിക്കാൻ എന്തെങ്കിലും ചെയ്യണമെന്ന് അപ്പോൾ ഞാൻ ഉറച്ചു. പെട്ടെന്ന് ഇത്തരം കുട്ടികളെയും സ്ത്രീകളെയും സ്വീകരിക്കുന്ന ക്രിസ്റ്റീൻ ഹോം എന്ന സ്ഥാപനത്തെപ്പറ്റി അയാൾ ഓർത്തു. അപ്പോൾ തന്നെ അവരെയും കൊണ്ട് ആ സ്ഥാപനത്തിലേക്ക് പോയി. രാത്രിയായിക്കഴിഞ്ഞിരുന്നു. സ്ഥാപനാധികൃതർ കുട്ടികളെ

സ്വീകരിക്കാൻ തയ്യാറാണ്. പക്ഷേ പൊലീസ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടറോ, അതുപോലുള്ള ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥരിൽ ആരെങ്കിലുമോ ശുപാർശ ചെയ്യണം. അവിവാഹിതയായ അമ്മക്കതു സമ്മതമല്ല.

ടാക്സി ഡ്രൈവർ ബുദ്ധിമുട്ടിലായി. ഇനി ഈ രാത്രിയിൽ എന്തു ചെയ്യും? ഒരു കുട്ടുകാരന്റെ വീട്ടിൽ അന്നു രാത്രി അവരെ താമസിപ്പിക്കാൻ ഏർപ്പാട് ചെയ്തു. വളരെ വെറുപ്പാണ് അയാൾ അന്ന് വീട്ടിലെത്തിയത്. ഭാര്യയേയും കുട്ടികളേയും വിളിച്ചുണർത്തി തനിക്കുണ്ടായ അനുഭവം അയാൾ വിവരിച്ചു. എന്നിട്ട് ചോദിച്ചു: അതിൽ ഒരു കുഞ്ഞിനെക്കൊണ്ടു നമുക്ക് ദത്തെടുത്തുകൂടെ? അയാളുടെ ചോദ്യം ഒരു ബോംബുസ്പന്ദനം പോലെയാണെന്നു മക്കളിൽ താഴെയുള്ളവർ ഒരു ഉണ്ണിയെക്കൂടി കിട്ടുന്നതിൽ സന്തോഷം പ്രകടിപ്പിച്ചു. ഭാര്യയും മുത്തമക്കളും എതിർത്തു. അന്നുതന്നെ അയാൾ സംസാരിച്ചപ്പോൾ ഭാര്യ പറഞ്ഞു ആഗുക്കുട്ടികളെ വളർത്തിയ എനിക്ക് ഏഴാമതൊരെണ്ണത്തെക്കൂടി വളർത്താൻ പറ്റാത്തില്ല.



ഇടയന്റെ അനുഭവക്കുറിപ്പുകൾ



ഭർത്താവ് മദ്യപാനം നിറുത്തി സ്നേഹത്തോടെ പെരുമാറാമെങ്കിൽ അവർ കുട്ടിയെ നോക്കാൻ തയ്യാറാണ്. അങ്ങനെ പിറ്റേ ദിവസം അതിരാവിലെ അതിൽ മുത്തകുട്ടിയെ അയാൾ വീട്ടിൽ കൊണ്ടു വന്നു. കൃപ എന്നവൾക്കു പേരിട്ടു.

ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കൃപ. ടാക്സി ഡ്രൈവർ പറയുകയാണ്, അവൾ വീട്ടിലെത്തിയ നാൾ മുതൽ തന്റെ വീട് സ്വർഗ്ഗമായെന്ന്. അന്നുമുതൽ അയാൾ മദ്യപിച്ചിട്ടില്ല. ജോലി കഴിഞ്ഞാലുടൻ വീട്ടിലെത്തും. സ്നേഹം കൊടുക്കാൻ പഠിച്ച അയാൾക്ക് സ്നേഹം സ്വീകരിക്കാനും സാധിച്ചതോടെ ആ വീട് സ്വർഗ്ഗതുല്യമായി.

പിറ്റേദിവസം കാലത്ത് ആ പെൺകുട്ടി തന്റെ രണ്ടാമത്തെ കുഞ്ഞിനെയും കൊണ്ട് തൃശൂർ ടൗണിലെ തിരക്കേറിയ ഒരു ബസ് സ്റ്റോപ്പിൽ നിൽക്കുമ്പോൾ ഏറെ കോളേജുകുമാരികളും അവിടെ ബസുകാത്ത് നിൽക്കുന്നുണ്ടായിരുന്നു. ആശുപത്രിയിൽ ചില സാധനങ്ങൾ മറന്നുവെച്ചത് എടുത്ത് ഉടനെ വരാമെന്നു പറഞ്ഞ് കുഞ്ഞിനെ ഒരു പെൺകുട്ടിയെ ഏൽപ്പിച്ച് അവൾ സ്ഥലം വിട്ടു. അമ്മ തിരിച്ചു വരാതായപ്പോൾ കുഞ്ഞിനെ എടുത്തിരുന്ന കോളേജ് കുമാരി കരച്ചിലായി. ഉടനെ അവരെല്ലാം കൂടി കുഞ്ഞിനെ ആശുപത്രിയിൽ ഏൽപ്പിച്ചു. ഈ വാർത്ത പത്രത്തിൽ വന്നു. പലരും ആ കുഞ്ഞിനെ ദത്തെടുക്കാൻ തയ്യാറായി വന്നു. അതിൽ ഏറ്റവും അർഹരെന്നു കരുതിയ ദമ്പതികൾക്ക് ആശുപത്രി സുപ്രണ്ട് കുഞ്ഞിനെ ഏൽപ്പിച്ചു.

വർഷങ്ങൾക്കു മുമ്പ് ഒരു ക്രിസ്തുമസ് അവസരത്തിൽ ഞാൻ കേട്ട ഈ സംഭവകഥ ക്രിസ്തുമസിന്റെ അന്തരാത്മാവ് എന്തെന്ന് നമുക്ക് മനസ്സിലാക്കിത്തരുന്നു.



“He is wrapped in swaddling clothes but vests us with immortality. He found no place in the inn, but makes for Himself a temple in the hearts of believers. In order that weakness might become strong, strength became weak”

St. Augustine

HAVE A BLESSED & MOST JOYOUS CHRISTMAS





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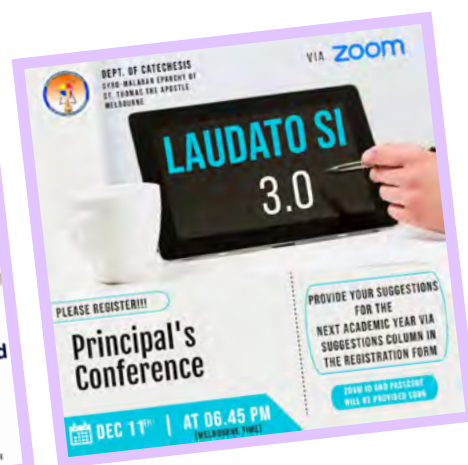
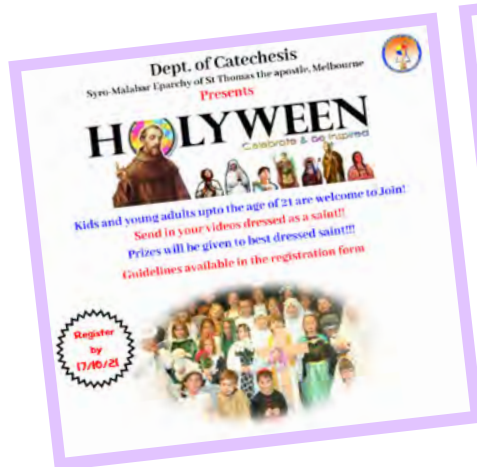
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Updates From The Department of Catechesis

NOVEMBER 2021

HOLYWEEN: CELEBRATING THE SAINTS

In connection with All saints day, the department conducted Holyween challenge to engage our young people to dress up themselves like their favourite saint and say a quote from them. Those saint videos were uploaded to the department fb page. 48 Students from 12 different parishes participated in the challenge. Results awaited!



Bishop Mar Bosco inaugurated the Bible reading challenge and 12 Hour continuous Bible reading on 15th August.

CATECHISM CENTRES DATA COLLECTION

Department conducted a data survey across the Syro-Malabar eparchy and we are happy to release the following statistics. Big thanks to all our principals, secretaries and parish priests.

LOGOS QUIZ AUSTRALIA

The third logos quiz Australia2021 was conducted on 2nd October. Participants from 32 parishes participated in the Mega Logos Quiz event. Prabaha Dijo from Canberra had the highest with 99% marks. Daiby Shiji from Wagga Wagga is the second mega winner with 97% marks.

BIBLE 365 & AUDIO BIBLE

Department initiated the challenge of reading the Bible in one year and 500 participants committed themselves for it. Department releases passages for everyday reading. Its audio version is simultaneously published in the you tube channel to assist those who have travels at a stretch to listen to and complete their task. Bible Commission of KCBC has granted copyright permission to use its translation for the production of an Audio Bible.

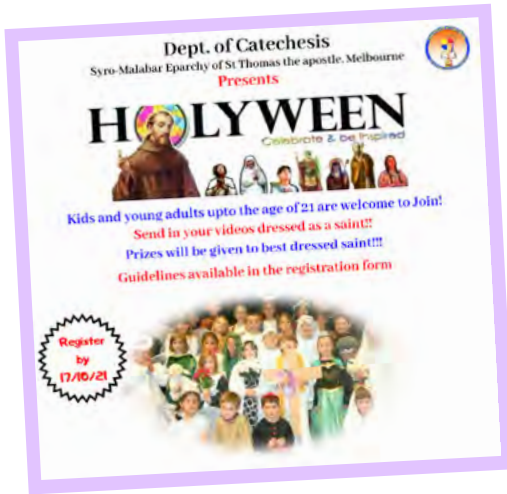
State	Number of centres	Total Teachers	Total Students
ACT	2	24	98
New South Wales	9	168	1146
NT	2	41	206
Queensland	10	213	1421
South Australia	3	65	403
Victoria	9	195	1777
WA	5	94	893
Total	40	800	5944

DOCUMENTS RELEASED & TRAININGS COMPLETED:

Reviewing the policies and providing up-to-date documents and procedures are necessary for the smooth functioning of any departments. This year, catechism department released the following documents.

1. Revised Version of Year 12 Course Completion Guide.

- Guidelines for Virtual meeting and interactive classes involving Children.
- A Journal of Love - Activity book for Holy communion children May 2021.



FAITH FEST 2022

Celebration of faith is envisaged by the new initiative of the department called Faith Fest. For 2022 Faith Fest, a team of 20 resource persons are working together to produce the faith fest document for the year 2022. This year the themes for three days would be; Day 1: Faith - The Primary Theological Virtue, Day 2: Discover yourself in the Ecclesial Living and Day 3: The Word: Love Letter from God. In the current academic year, which is heavily affected by Covid 19, nearly 1500 of our students were able to engage in Faith fest 2021.

- Something Beautiful for God – Faith fest 2021 Activity Booklet.

Trainings Completed:

- Eucharista- Holy communion teachers training program April 2021.
- Rabboni –Senior class teachers training May 2021
- Yaladim - Junior class Teachers Training - 28th August.

UPDATES FROM THE FAMILY APOSTOLATE

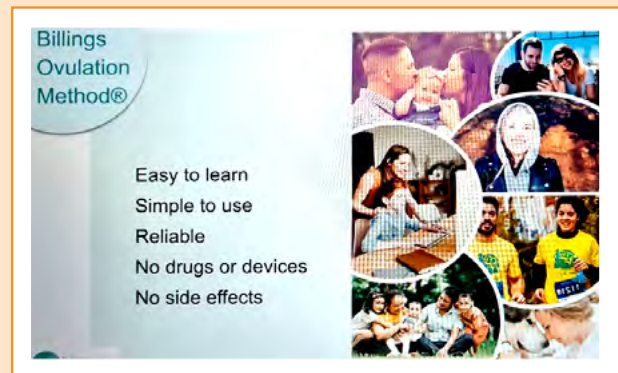
Online Marriage Preparation course was conducted via Zoom in November 2021 from 18th to 20th and from 25th to 27th, 7pm to 10pm (AEDT) total of 6 days in a two week period.

25 registered participants attended the course. Attendees were from various parts of Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Resource persons were from various backgrounds and we had Priests, medical professionals, Psychiatrists, Nurses, Couples etc to take various sessions.

Daily sessions were concluded with Eucharistic adoration.

Fr Francis Kolencherry, VG inaugurated the course and our Bishop Bosco gave a blessing speech.



Upcoming online MPC course in 2022; Feb 2022 (17th, 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th, 26th) 7.00PM to 10 PM Melbourne Time

For any enquiries please contact:

SANTHOSH JOSE, MOB: 0423 450 768, COORDINATOR, DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY APOSTOLATE

UPDATES FROM THE YOUTH APOSTOLATE

SMYM MONTHLY THEMES

The monthly themes concept formulated by SMYM, continue to grow in number of events and initiatives at the national, parish, and mission levels. Activities related to the month of the Youth and Environment were the key events for the months of October and November.

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE YOUTH



October was a big month for all young people in our eparchy as we came together to celebrate our faith, our love for Christ, to draw power from our community and to partake in various activities to further deepen our relationships and faith.

NOVENA TO ST. JOHN PAUL II (13TH TO 21ST OCTOBER 2021)

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)



In preparation for the feast day of St. John Paul II on 22nd October, SMYM Australia initiated the Novena to the patron saint on the 13th of October till the 21st of October, seeking his spiritual guidance along with the intercession of Our Blessed Mother during the month of the Holy Rosary.

EMPOWER YOUTH RETREAT (14TH TO 16TH OCTOBER 2021)

In preparation for youth week celebrations, the Youth Apostolate organised Empower 2021, a three-day online retreat for young people across Australia and New Zealand. The retreat focused on prioritising a strong relationship with the Heavenly Father whilst continuing the mission that has been set out for us. Around 50 youth and their families joined the retreat online via the zoom platform and YouTube live stream service.



Visit us on our YouTube Channel if you missed Empower:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzWsh5oHaF6hjBwdQkxU_ig
EMPOWER Online Retreat 2021 | DAY ONE

PATRON'S DAY SMYM GLOBAL MEETING (22ND OCTOBER 2021)

To celebrate the Patron's Day, SMYM Global organised a gathering of SMYM youth leaders across the globe with our Major Arch Bishop His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry. The gathering happened on the 22nd of October, the feast day of St. John Paul II and many youth leaders joined the meeting.



PLANT A TREE

The feast of the Solemnity of Christ the King will become the yearly commemoration of World Youth Day, as announced by the Holy Father himself last year. This year, it was on Sunday, the 21st of November.

In keeping with the month's theme, young people were reminded of the responsibility to care for the God-given environment by encouraging them to plant a tree or a seed or to make their work/study area green by growing indoor plants. On that day, young people were invited to share what they had done on social media with the hashtag #netsyro #smymaustralia.

SHED THE LIGHT - SOJIN SEBASTIAN; YOUTH MINISTRY IN A POST-COVID ERA (24TH OCT 2021)

Work and life have changed dramatically since COVID, thus a focus on bringing the youth together in these changing times is invaluable. 'Shed the light – Youth ministry in a Post-Covid Era' was a meeting which was organised to welcome young people to openly discuss and plan the future of the youth ministry in the post covid times. Many young people came together on the 24th of October 2021 and had fruitful discussions with the director of the Youth Apostolate, Sojin Sebastian.

SMYM ONLINE GAMES NIGHT (29TH OCTOBER 2021)



A nation-wide online games night was conducted on Friday, 29th of October to conclude the Month of Youth. The young people in our eparchy came together online to catch up with each other, play some games and spend some time together in fellowship.

NOVEMBER - RESPOND TO THE CALL

This month's theme was the significance of putting Jesus first. It also encouraged all teens to learn to put others before themselves and to imitate Jesus' deeds by serving others. St. Damien of Molokai was the saint for November.



SONGS OF SERAPHIM

Pathinayirangalum Padunnu – Feast of St. Cecilia | SMYM Combined Missions Project

On 22nd of November, the feast day of St. Cecilia who is the patroness of music and musicians, Songs Of Seraphim released a cover of Pathinayirangalum Padunnu, a song by Fr. Binoj Mulavarickal. This was an SMYM Combined Missions project with youth from the eparchies and missions of Australia, the USA, Europe and New Zealand. More than twenty singers and instrumentalists across more than six countries participated in this project. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBoJQTqsarrU>

Pathinayirangalum Padunnu
SMYM Combined Missions Cover

GOD'S LITTLE PENCIL

As an extension of the Bible Project, SMYM Australia and New Zealand has launched God's Little Pencil. As we journey through the gospel readings each day in the year 2022, it provides a chance for young people to share their Holy Spirit-led reflections with the rest of the community. This project aims to develop a culture of meditating on God's Word through the Syro-Malabar Church's liturgical calendar. More than 130 young people across Australia and New Zealand are participating in this initiative. A pre-order link will be available soon to book your copy.



NOVEMBER - ENVIRONMENT

"Let us be 'protectors' of creation, protectors of God's plan inscribed in nature, protectors of one another and of the environment" - Pope Francis

In the month of November, young people in our eparchy aimed to spend some time to appreciate God's creation. By partaking in activities together to protect the environment, young people shared the importance of caring for our common home and promoted the need for young people to become caretakers and protectors of the environment.

SMTM MONTHLY THEMES

Similar to the SMYM monthly themes, the Syro-Malabar Teens Ministry of our eparchy also carry out events and initiatives at the national, parish, and mission levels. Every month, a different theme is promoted by SMTM, and all the information needed to run the events and initiatives are provided to each parish/mission. Icebreaker games, activities, videos, discussion questions and prayer outlines are included in the information booklet. Parishes/missions are also encouraged to design their own activities based on the theme of the month and execute them in their parishes/missions.

OCTOBER - THE KINGDOM CALLS

This month the teens learned about the Kingdom of God. The beatitudes were the highlight of this month and the ultimate calling of any Christian is to be the salt and light of the world. St. Don Bosco was the saint of the month.

KNOW YOUR

SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS

NATIONAL CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS

The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards provide a framework for Catholic Church entities to build child-safe cultures.

The National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS) create a framework for Catholic entities to promote the safety of children and adults at risk. They outline the policies and activities that will prevent, respond to, and support reporting of concerns regarding child abuse.

The 10 National Catholic Safeguarding Standards incorporate the Royal Commission's recommendations and also the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations, contextualising these requirements for the Catholic Church in Australia. The Standards have been adopted by all Church Authorities, religious institutes, Catholic entities, ministries and organisations across Australia.

In this bulletin Standard One is being introduced as below:

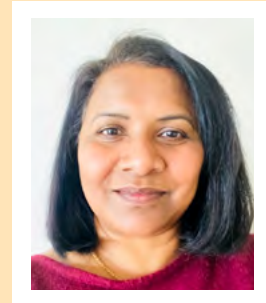
STANDARD 1 Committed leadership, governance and culture Child safeguarding is embedded in the entity's leadership, governance and culture.

- 1.1 The entity publicly commits to child safeguarding and takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse.
- 1.2 A child safeguarding culture is championed and modelled at all levels of the entity from the top down and bottom-up.
- 1.3 Governance arrangements facilitate implementation of a Child Safeguarding Policy across the entity's activities.
- 1.4 A Code of Conduct provides guidelines for personnel on expected behavioural standards and responsibilities.
- 1.5 The entity has risk management strategies focusing on preventing, identifying and mitigating risks to children.
- 1.6 Personnel understand their obligations on information sharing and record keeping.



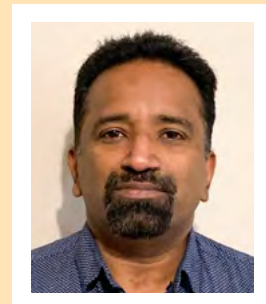
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Our National Safeguarding Team



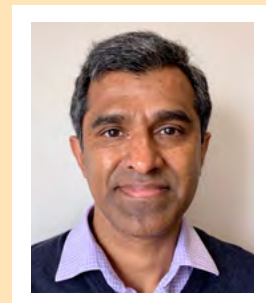
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Evangelisation is the most important duty of the Church and the Church exists in order to evangelise. It is not an option but a command from our Lord(Mark16:15). Bible, fathers of the Church, teachings of the Church, exhortations and encyc-

empower and equip each one of us as a missionary. Bishop Bosco Puthur inaugurated this program and inspired us to do the work of evangelisation. Rev Frs Varghese Vavolil, Abraham Kazhunnadiyil, Ajith Cheriakara, and Fr Binu Maliekal conducted Ephphath

Rev. Fr Joseph Kandathiparambil and his team. Evangelisation Ministry is organising residential family retreats – ATHMABHIKSHEKA DHYANAM in our eparchy and first of this kind is conducted in Melbourne on 17th to 19th of January 2022. Retreat preachers are

EVANGELISATION MINISTRY

Rev. Fr. Roni George Mukkuzhi VC and Rev. Fr Michael Payyappilly VC. Registration will start soon. At this difficult time of Covid and its bad consequences people are in confusion, uncertainties and fear. They are in need of spiritual renewal and enlightenment. Only Word of God can lead us to the

icals of Popes always emphasise the importance of Evangelisation. As members of Syro Malabar Christians who received faith from St Thomas, the Apostle who expressed his faith by saying "Let us go and die with him", it is our most important duty and responsibility to proclaim the Word of God with our whole life. Evangelisation Ministry of Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle provides us through EPHPHATHA – Eucharist Adoration and proclamation of Word of God, program an opportunity to come together online to praise and worship and to hear the Word of God on second Fridays of every month to

tha program in the last months. It is a humble attempt to bring the whole eparchy on one platform for praise and worship and sharing the word of God. In the month of December Rev. Fr. Fredy Eluvathingal will lead the Ephphatha Eucharist Adoration and preach the word of God. Evangelisation Ministry is organising TAPAS DHYANAM -72 hours long Fasting and Prayer retreat online from 2nd Dec. to 5th Dec. led by

Truth and life in its fullness. Jesus tells us " I am the way, the truth, and the life". We are totally wrong sometimes because we understand neither the scripture nor power of God. Word of God can give us the power of God and let us witness to this POWER OF GOD.

Fr Varghese Vithayathil MST
(Director, Evangelisation Ministry)

The Nurses Ministry is a movement of Catholic Professional Nurses, committed to the 'caring and healing' Ministry of Jesus. It had its humble beginning at St. Mary's Catholic Church Dubai in the year 2003, by a few nurses who realized the unique and wide opportunity of a nurse in evangelization. It has now

expanded its wings to the catholic churches of other continents empowered and led by the Holy Spirit.

The Nurses Ministry in Australia began in the year 2018, in collaboration with the international nurses ministry; under the guidance and blessings of Most Rev. Bishop Bosco Puthur, Bishop of Syro-Malabar Eparchy in Melbourne. Rev. Fr. Abraham Nadukunnel is the spiritual director of the Nurses Ministry in Australia. The Nurses Ministry currently has groups in 23 parishes within five different states of Australia and the ACT.

THE VISION OF NURSES MINISTRY

All Nurses around the world to know, love and share Jesus to become Saints.

SPIRITUALITY

Be merciful, just as your father is merciful (Lk 6:36). The nurses will carry out their professional roles as a disciple of Jesus in relationship with the father and guided by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. 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, sacraments, Word of God, fellowship and share the love of God.

MOTTO

You have done to me (Mathew 25:40)

The 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.

The Nurses ministry has a hierarchical structure with a National Service Team headed by the National Coordinator and State Service Teams for the various states. The State Service Teams are headed by the State Coordinators. The service teams meet regularly and are responsible for planning the activities, formation programmes and workshops for the ministry. Intercession is the powerhouse of the nurses' ministry and the national, state and parish intercession coordinators play a vital role in keeping the powerhouse fuelled.

THE NURSES MINISTRY AUSTRALIA

**NURSES....
YOU ARE
THE HEART BEATS
OF HEALTH CARE...**



NURSED MINISTRY

The Nurses ministry is consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mother Mary and has 24 hour chain Holy Rosaries on the 13th of every month. All the groups of the Nurses Ministry in Australia are actively involved in this 24 hour chain prayer and have a Zoom prayer with Benediction. Nurses ministry members also have a night vigil on the last Friday of every month (from 9 to 11:30 pm) for Australia, which is a night of great blessing as testified by the members of the ministry. All the nurses in Australia along with their families are most welcome to participate in the Night Vigil and be blessed.

The nurses' ministry will forever be indebted to the great support offered by the parish priests of different parishes who offer their support with exposition of the Blessed sacrament, sharing the Word of God and helping the groups as and when needed. The members of the nurses' ministry also offer their wholehearted support to their respective parishes and contribute towards the activities of the parish. The members of the nurses' ministry constantly share and testify about their growth in faith after becoming members of the ministry.

The year 2021 has been a year of great achievements for the Australian nurses ministry by the grace of the Almighty. Four new nurses ministry groups were formed in Perth (Western Australia), a new group in North Adelaide (South Australia) and another in Canberra. A new group has been formed in Shepparton as well and will have their inauguration very soon.

The Nurses ministry group in Canberra was inaugurated on 27th November (Photo below).



Inauguration of Canberra nurses ministry group

Another great milestone was the Nurses meet organised by the Adelaide Nurses ministry for South Australia on 14th October (Photo below)



Nurses Meet South Australia

FUTURE EVENTS- The Nurses ministry group in Shepparton will be inaugurated on Dec 5th.

Another future initiative by the Nurses Ministry is Glory 2021 - International Nurses Conference (Flyer

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GLORY 2021
INTERNATIONAL NURSES CONFERENCE

DECEMBER 17TH
AUSTRALIA
SYDNEY TIME
9.00 PM TO 11.00 PM
IST 3.30 PM TO 5.30 PM

LEAD BY DR. JOHN D

zoom PRAYER

NURSES MINISTRY
A CALL TO BE A SAINT

below)-led by the renowned preacher Dr. John D. The session for Australia is on the 17th of December, 9 to 11 Pm (AEDT). This event will be conducted via Zoom and can be attended by all the Australian nurses and their families. The members of the Nurses ministry, prayerfully and eagerly await this huge blessing coming their way.



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Parish Mission Updates

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CHRIST



ST. MARY'S SYRO-MALABAR PARISH, MELBOURNE WEST

An interconnected parish amidst pandemic and lockdown. Though the pandemic and the rigorous lockdowns in Melbourne denied physical Qurbana, our parish continued the online services very meticulously on all Sundays and regular parish feast from September 1 to 8 with solemn Qurbana, Novena and Litany with 34 Presudendies (sponsors).

CONSTRUCTION OF THE CHURCH

Construction of the church is progressing very well and heading to the final phase. Church building, Sacristy and Presbytery are almost over. Currently painting been undergoing. The next major work will be the completion of the car park.

FUNDING PROGRAM

A final financing is underway with all possible ways like house visiting, Sunday auctions, food sale, Candle sale of Sunday School Children, Money Box collection of Sunday School Children, Holy Items Sponsorship and gofund.me etc. These are besides our regular direct debit and one-off donations. Our large hearted and magnanimous parishioners are contributing maximum to this prestigious and long cherished project under the leadership of a well-organized financial committee.

GENERAL BODY

The parish had organized an online general body

on 23 October in which all financial details of the construction been presented and approved.

Consecration date. The general body decided to consecrate the new church on 19 Saturday 2022 with various celebrative elements.

Physical Services resumed. After long lockdown 07/11/2021 onwards our community had resumed physical Holy Qurbana at both centers Laverton and Ardeer.

CHURCH CONSTRUCTION UPDATES & PHOTOS:

We need your valuable support and prayers to finish the construction of the first Syro-Malabar Church built in the name of Mother Mary in Australia which is now in the final phase.

St Mary's Syro-Malabar Catholic Church Project



St Mary's Syromalabar Catholic Parish is organising this fundraiser.

\$17,164 raised of \$100,000 goal

120 donations

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PARISH /MISSION UPDATES

We really appreciate if you could share and donate to the GoFundMe campaign. *St Mary's Syro-Malabar Catholic Church Project*

Click the below link to make your contribution:
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Options are also available to sponsor a Holy Item for the new church and be a part of this great initiative. For more details, please contact Fr Sebastian Mandapathil email: vicar@syromalabarmelbournest.org.au



PARISH /MISSION UPDATES



St Alphonsa Cathedral Parish Melbourne

The recent easing of restrictions in Victoria, has helped our Cathedral Parish to join together within church and resume our face-to-face faith services and activities with more zeal and togetherness as was before. By the grace of God, we have been able to offer unrestricted participation in all church services and prayer activities.

commodate all the children within three Holy Qurbanas, one at 9:30am, 11:00am and 4pm. The services were all well conducted, arranged and executed. The dedication and perseverance of all catechism teachers, volunteers and organisers are very appreciated.

We have been able to invite parishioners back to all weekday services also with Adoration and Holy Qurbana taking place each morning at 9:30am at Reservoir Presbytery.

During Bible Week 2021, Cathedral Parish organised for BiblePrathishta to take place alongside Holy Qurbana at both centres are on Sunday 28th November. Children who had received Holy Communion and Confirmation were welcomed to come dressed in their communion clothing and helped lead the Prathishta. A Holy Bible Hour was also arranged between 6 and 7pm on 1st December, 2021. During this hour, families together completed all the books from Mathew to Revelations.

Catechism Home Learning Program continues to move forward strongly, with teachers arranging for end of year assessments through different avenues as Catechism draws to a close for this year.

SMYM has also resumed more face-to-face activities as restrictions ease. Recently, SMYM arranged a one-day trip to 1000 steps, located in the Dandenong Ranges National Park. The trip ran from 10am to around 4pm and gave the youth to come together and interact with other youth from Church after the long period of being in lockdown.

The easing restrictions have also greatly assisted with the building of our



The lockdown had caused the reschedule of our children's Solemn Holy Communion and confirmation services several times. Since the restrictions eased, the service was held on Sunday 21st November. Through the kind service offered by Rev. Bishop Bosco Puthur, we were able to ac-



Cathedral Church and Parish Hall as more workers were welcomed back on site to assist with the construction. By the grace of God, the works continue to run smoothly and are progressing efficiently.

FAITH FEST 2021

September 25-26

The faith festival for the catechism children were on 25 & 26 of September which has nourished faith through various spiritual ministries and activities like learning sessions, Exhibition, procession, Skit, Action Song, games etc. It was organised by catechism department.



St Alphonsa Parish, Brisbane North



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HOLY QURBANA EXPLAINED

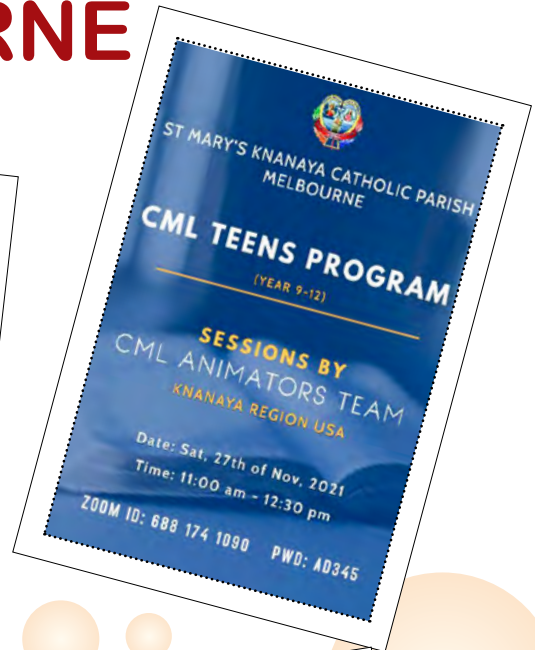
A much-appreciated skit performed by year 9 school students were presented at church in october That was a great expression of the content of the Holy Qurbana beyond words.



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ST MARY'S KNANAYA PARISH, MELBOURNE



October, the month of Rosary we celebrated daily Rosary followed by Holy Mass online. Different grades from both centres were rostered each day for 30 days taking initiative to do Rosary and prayers along with their respective catechism teacher and their parents.

As part of Mission Sunday celebrations, Cherupusha Mission league of our parish organised a raffle fundraiser event in the month of October for this year's charity event planned.

This year's All Saints Day and All Souls Day was celebrated having an online mass.

Our catechism for this year came to an end with the term examinations. We had special programs for different age groups in each weekend in November. Kna fire from UK conducted a ThirubalaSakhyam students, CML team from US took a session for CML juniors and CML animators teams from USA took a session to CML teens in November on various week-

ends. That comes towards the end of programs for catechism students for this year.

We have started practicing the new changes in our Holy mass from 28th of October. We parishioners are preparing ourselves to celebrate Christmas in December.

St Mary's Knanaya Catholic Parish Melbourne wishes you all a **Merry Christmas and a Blessed Happy New Year.**

St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Parish is led by Fr. Leonse Moossari-parambil and based in Central Adelaide, South Australia.

Despite initial postponement in July due to lockdowns, the Parish was able to celebrate the Parish Feast Day on the 31st of October. This was celebrated during the span of a weekend, with the raising of the flag (koddiettum) and mass on Friday, 29th of October, followed by morning mass and the blessing of Parishoners' vehicles on Saturday and lastly, celebrating the feast day on Sunday followed by a hearty meal prepared by the community itself. In addition to the festivities, the community also cele-

St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Parish Adelaide



brated the birthday of the Parish Priest on the Sunday as well. The overall celebration was festive and much needed for the community, especially after months of capacity restrictions as well as splitting Sunday mass times and major church events capacity.

Furthermore, the community also observed October as the Month of the Rosary. Leading with 10 days of reciting the rosary after mass, the community came together to reflect, recognise and give thanks to Mother Mary and to ask for intercession and prayer for all our individual and community needs.

St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Parish also observed Mission Sunday on the 7th of November. As always, the community came together enthusiastically in participating in the Auction, both donating and buying items and was able to raise a significant amount to donate to support our fellow parishes and communities.

Additionally, the St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Parish also celebrated Chatham on the 20th of November. Organised predominately by families of those whose loved ones passed within the last twelve months, the community took time to come together and reflect and pray for the souls of our loved ones.



NEW CHURCH BUILDING PERMIT

After a long wait, the plan to build a new church in our property is stamped by Dandenong City Council on 17 November 2021. This is a significant milestone in the process of building our own place of worship and the parish congratulate all the team members who tirelessly worked towards achieving this goal.



PARISH /MISSION UPDATES

Solemn Holy Communion and Confirmation of first batch of children in our parish was celebrated on Saturday 27 November 2021. Bishop Bosco Puthur was the main celebrant and 15 children received Holy Communion / Confirmation.

BIBLE WEEK



ST THOMAS SYRO-MALABAR PARISH SOUTH EAST, MELBOURNE

WELCOME TO FR. JOYISKOLAMKUZHIYIL

Our parish officially welcomed assistant parish priest Fr. Joyis Kolamkuzhiyil on 22 November 2021 before Sunday Holy Qurbana at St. John's Hall Dandenong. Parish priest Fr. Fredy Eluvathingal gave a bouquet and welcomed Parish Fr. Joyis to our parish.



SOLEMN HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION



Our parish celebrated bible week on Sunday 28 November 2021. There was a solemn procession of Holy Bible after the Sunday Holy Qurbana at St. John's Hall Dandenong. Many parishioners faithfully participated in the solemn procession.

PARISH ADMIN TEAM 2021-22

Our Parish administration team with Bishop Bosco Puthur along with Fr Fredy Eluvathingal (Parish Priest) and Fr JoyisKolamkuzhiyil CMI (Assis Parish



Priest). From left Anto Mathew (Parish Secretary), Jose Mathew, Biju Varghese, Sanesh Sebastian and Rajesh Augustine (all 4 Kaikkarens)

ST MARY'S SYRO-MALABAR PARISH ADELAIDE SOUTH

OCTOBER /NOVEMBER

- Holy Rosary – Each year the month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The liturgical feast of Our Lady of Rosary is celebrated annually on October 7th. It was instituted to honour Blessed Virgin Mary in gratitude for the Protection that she gives the Church in answer to the praying of the Rosary.



We Celebrated 10 days of Rosary (Kontha Namaskaram) in Our Parish from Thursday 7th October to Saturday 16th October with Holy Mass followed by Adoration, Rosary Procession and Nercha Distribution. Rosary led by Family Units, Catechism Teachers/ Students, Nurses Ministry, SMYM and Choir



- Holy Ween Celebration organized by Catechism department on October 30th Saturday
- All souls Day Mass was celebrated on November 2nd. Followed the Mass, we did remember and



pray for those who have died (our loved ones, also those people around the world).



- October 31st – Celebrated Birthday of our Dear Vicar Rev. Fr. Leonse Moosariparambil

ST. MARY'S LITTLE HANDS TO VINNIES

From 2013 as a part of Mission Sunday, Catechism school collecting nonperishable food items from Catechism Students and donating to St. Vincent De Paul's society of South Australia. They will use this for Christmas hampers to support our needy brethren in our community. Congratulations and big Thank you to our Sunday School Students, Teachers and Families for making it happen.

PARISH COUNCIL TEAM FOR 2021 -2023

Best Wishes to all our Parish Council members. May our good Lord fill you with the Holy Spirit to be role models and to proclaim his ministry.

UPCOMING

Pothuyogam -December 12th
Catechism Christmas Celebration – December 19th
Christmas Holy Mass – 24th December 6.30 pm
First Holy Communion & Confirmation-December 30th
New Year Eve Holy Mass & Adoration – 31st December 8.30 pm

St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Parish, Canberra

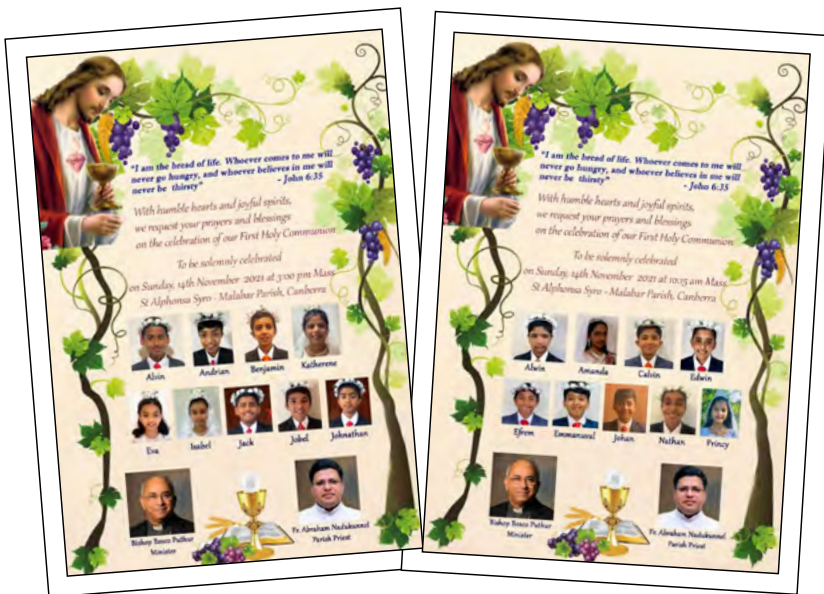
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

This year, there were 18 eligible children in our parish who received their First Holy Communion. Due to COVID restrictions the Celebration was held as two separate Masses in the morning and afternoon. The Services were Celebrated under the leadership of our Bishop Bosco Puthur, who led the Holy Mass with the utmost grace and engaged our chil-

try was conducted by our Bishop Bosco Puthur on the 27th of November, following Holy Mass. Fr Abraham Nadukunnel and Fr Abhilash Kannampadum also joined together to inaugurate the Ministry. The event was concluded by messages from the coordinators of the Nurses Ministry.

FUNDRAISING PROGRAMS

A Church of our own on our Parish premises has been a dream of our parishioners for a long time. In order to fulfill this dream our various church committees have joined together to organise and conduct multiple fundraising opportunities during the Advent and Christmas seasons. As part of these efforts the building committee has begun the sale of raffle tickets, the final draw will be taking place on the 24th of December following the Christmas Mass. Another notable fundraising program is our Mathruvedhi's Christmas Cake Fest. They will be distributing Christmas cakes across our Parish and within external communities, raising funds and spreading the Christmas message



dren and those in attendance with his thought-provoking Homily. The Bishop was joined by our Vicar Fr Abraham Nadukunnel, Monsignor Giuseppe First Secretary of the Australian Apostolic Nuncio, Fr. Paul Nulley, Fr Abhilash Kannampadum, Fr Praveen Paul and Fr. Baiju Thomas on this occasion.

INAUGURATION OF THE NURSES MINISTRY

The inauguration of our parish's Nurse's Minis-



throughout Canberra. Alongside these efforts, the profits from the sale of various items are also being put toward our parish dream. These fundraising programs are being conducted under the leadership of our parish priest Fr Abraham Nadukunnel and Kaikkarans; Bibin Joseph, Thomas Antony and Jomy Pulavelil.



ST EUPHRASIA PARISH ADELAIDE NORTH

PARISH FEAST 2021

On the 30th of October 2021, the parish celebrated the feasts of our patroness Saint, St. Euphrasia, along with Our Lady of Rosary and St. Sebastian, which started with a nine-day Novena, starting from 21st October 2021. Making the day more auspicious, we were blessed with the presence and prayers of all the priests joining us, Fr. Roy John Elavumkal, as the main celebrant along with Fr. Stephen Kulathumkarott, giving us a heartfelt loving Thirunal sandesham and our parish priest Fr Ajith Cheriakkara, being there making the whole parish come together and join hands through his loving support and prayers. Also was blessed with the prayers and presence of Fr. Jose Pazheparampil, Fr. Shibu Jacob, Fr. Leonse Kurian, Fr. Manu Kumbidiyamackal, Fr. Josy Sebastian on the days of Navanal. On the day of the feast, the celebrations started Holy Rosary, followed by Solemn Holy Mass, Ladinju, Pradakshinam and Snehavirunnu.



BIBLE KALOLSAVAM 2021 STAGE ITEMS



As a part of children's bible Kalolsavam, Stage items for Sub Junior, Junior and Senior level was conducted on 23rd October 2021. The Kalolsavam was inaugurated by our parish priest Fr. Ajith Antony Cheriakkara. The competitions were song and Dance, solo and group, Story Telling, Speech, Bible Reading, Monoact, Fancy Dress, Skit and Tableau. The help and support from Ajith Achan, Parish Council, Catechism teachers and PTA Members, organising everything including lunch, snacks, and dinner for the families on the day are much commendable and their services are held with great love and gratitude.

ST. ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR MISSION, PARRAMATTA

Summary of important events conducted in the last three months

ST ALPHONSA SYRO MALABAR SUNDAY SCHOOL PARRAMATTA

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Overview of the month of the Holy Rosary, Oct 2021

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160 catechism students
320 parents
20 teachers
3 technical experts

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50 minutes each day for 14 days = 700 mins of rosary recitation and reflective meditation on the most sacred mysteries

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10 hours of rehearsal sessions; spiritually enriching conversations between parents, students and teachers

Our dearest Mother Mary, We are so grateful that we spent this month with you. Thank you for continuously interceding on our behalf. Protect us from every evil and guide us closer to Jesus, who gave you to me as my Mother.

ROSARY MEDITATION: OCTOBER 1st TO 15th

In the month of October, the Parramatta catechism center conducted Rosary Meditation on Zoom. It was a live telecasted before Holy Qurbana on the parish YouTube and Face book channels. 160 catechism students, 320 parents and 20 teachers were engaged in Rosary Meditation. It became a mega online event with 2600 views in total.

DEVARIM A CHALLENGE TO BY-HEART THE LONG BIBLE PASSAGES

An exciting opportunity for all catechism students to memorise and record a video reciting the passages; Mary's Song of Praise (Luke 1: 46-55), Song on Love by St. Paul (1 Corinthians 13) and The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalms 27).

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ETTUNOYAMBU SEPTEMBER 1st TO 8th

Feast of the nativity of Virgin Mary was celebrated on the 8th of September with Holy Mass. To prepare for the birthday of Mother Mary, reflective rosary was conducted on zoom by YR 1-12 catechism students and audio telecasted on the parish social media platforms.

More than 80 students and their families participated in this activity and offered aspirational prayers and bible verses each day as special gifts.

More than 35 students and their families participated in this activity and their video submissions have been uploaded to the parish social media platforms.

St Alphonsa Sunday School

Let's give Our Mother Mary

VERY SPECIAL GIFTS

On her BIRTHDAY!

- Our Father (x16) For all the blessings we have received.
- Hail Mary (x10) For all the amazing mothers and women roles!
- Memorize (x1) For all the students of our age!
- Hail Holy Queen (x1) (For all persecuted Christians)
- Psalm 23 For reassurance to persecuted and religious life!
- My mother My hope (x25) For all the people affected by the pandemic!
- Mary, Mother of God, pray for us! (x25) (As a penance for our sins)
- Our Father 10 Hail Mary 1 Glory be (For growing in personal holiness)

It's your BIRTHDAY but the GIFT is mine, because I love you!

St Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Parish Parramatta, Blacktown

Syro-Malabar Mass in English

On every Saturday starting from 28-08-2021

06:30 PM - Rosary & Benediction
07:00 PM - Holy Qurbana

LIVE STREAMING on YouTube and Facebook

Join us along with your kids for Rosary, Adoration, and Holy Qurbana

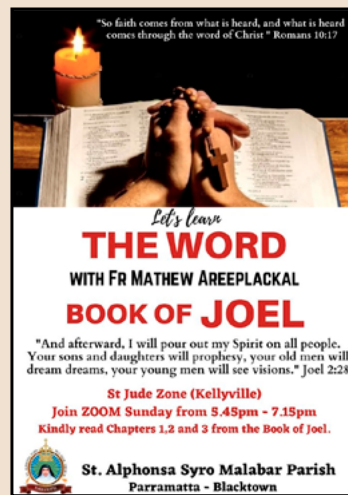
ENGLISH SYRO MALABAR HOLY QURBANA STARTED

Parramatta Mission started celebrating English Syro Malabar Holy Qurbana August 28th. Because of its wider appeal among students, English Qurbana is celebrated twice a week; on Saturdays and Sundays and are Live telecasted on the parish Facebook and YouTube channels.



YOUTH Q & A

Starting from the 15th of August, SMYM members will be conducting monthly Q & A sessions with Fr. Mathew Areepackal on various topics. The first month's topic was the catholic response to the problem of evil. SMYM Parramatta organised the event over Zoom.

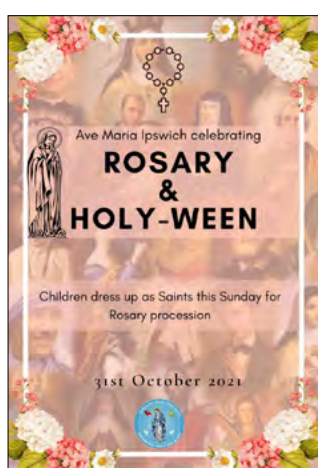


BOOK OF JOEL

A detailed course on the prophetic book of Joel was offered to the parish community over zoom for all the family units during the time of covid 19 lockdown on every Sunday afternoons. The course included Kahoot quizzes, Q & A and sharing of

the Word from the book of Joel. Each session took 2 hours counting a total of 22 hours of Word Study. The parish council members coordinated the event, the youth organised the Quiz and Fr. Mathew took the sessions.

AVE MARIA SYRO-MALABAR MISSION IPSWICH, QLD



ST. SEBASTIAN'S MISSION GEELONG

1. Physical Qurbana resumed on 21/11/2021.
2. Intensive process for upgrading the Mission with the availability of a full-time priest is underway.



Fr Sebastian Mandapathil celebrates his last Holy Qurbana as parish priest at St Sebastian's Syro-Malabar Mission Geelong. There was a small farewell gathering also after the Qurbana.

Fr. Sebastian Mandapathil (Parish Priest)
22/11/2021

ST THOMAS SYRO-MALABAR MISSION CAIRNS

Mission and Catechism Annual Day- 2021



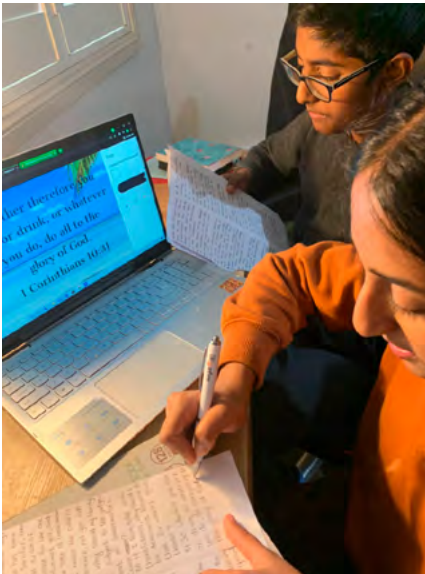
CHRIST THE KING SYRO-MALABAR MISSION VILLAWOOD, NSW

As NSW was undergoing severe lockdown during the past few months, upon an inspiration from the Holy Spirit, the Holy Bible was handwritten by 42 families and 110 individuals. Christ Culture families and youth in NSW, alongside



- Personal intentions.

By the grace of God, the Scripture writing was completed in 40 days, collated, binded and blessed after restrictions were eased. During the course of the writing and after, many testimonies were shared from



families and youth from Christ the King Syro Malabar Mission, Villawood, NSW with the blessings of Fr Joseph Kunackattu were pivotal in this initiative.

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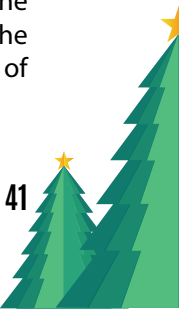
- Evangelisation in Australia
- Eradication of Covid-19
- The Catholic Church in Australia- sanctification of Priests, Religious and Laity



physical to spiritual blessings and the Name of Jesus was glorified throughout.

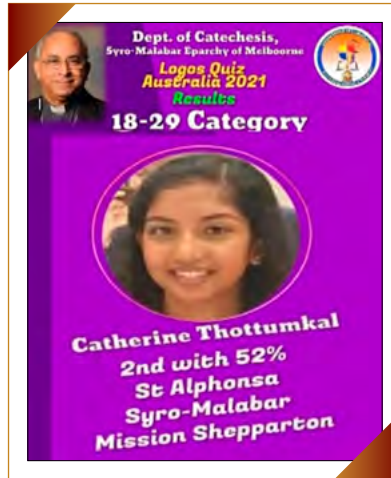
Families, youth, teens, pre-teens and Fr. Joseph all partook in writing and all stated with one accord, "it was a very different, blessed and anointed experience".

Thanking God for all the blessings He poured out, all the conversions and reversions of souls.



ST. ALPHONSA MISSION SHEPPARTON

St. Alphonsa Mission, Shepparton became the centre of attention again. 2021 Logos quiz gave this mission a chance to be proud of its parishioners. The second prize winner is Shiny Thomas, who was the second prize winner from the 2020 Logos Quiz. To be more distinctive, Catherine Thottumkal, the second prize winner in 2021, was the first prize winner in 2020 logos quiz too. The number of people who attended the quiz also increased this year.



Another golden feather on St. Alphonsa Mission Shepparton, a new ministry, named YOUTH MINISTRY has formed on 19th Novem-

ber with 22 youngsters who are aged 12 and above. The aims and future plans were discussed, activities and games were directed by Rev. Fr. Varghese and Mr. Soji Joseph, Principal of Catechism Department, Shepparton. Supervision of children were conducted by Child Safety Department.

സെന്റ് തോമസ് സീറോ-മലബാർ മിഷൻ ബെൻഡിഗോ



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St Mary's Syro-Malabar Mission, Toowoomba



Decorated statue of Mother Mary on feast day



FR Thomas Areekuzhy and Bonnie Abraham celebrating feast day Holy Mass



Festal Procession of the statue of Mother Mary around Holy Name Parish grounds



Exterior decoration and lights at Holy Name parish on feast day

Even with the uncertainty of the Covid-19 crisis in present society, Our St Mary's Catholic community was actively involved in providing for those in need. With the special blessing of Mother Mary, our community was able to partake in Holy Mass and celebrate important events in the midst of Covid -19. Outlined below is a brief outlook of our communities' important festivals and upcoming events.

PERUNAL

The Feast of Assumption on August 15 is our community feast day, where everyone gathers in one spirit to honour and pay devotion to beloved Mother Mary. Our fest began with a Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Thomas Areekuzhy and chief celebrant Fr Bonnie Abraham. Following Holy Mass, a festal procession of Mother Mary around Holy Name grounds to signify our honour and devotion towards Mother Mary. Our

Commemoration concluded with a live music concert.

ANNUAL DAY

Our Sunday School annual day, celebrated on October 26th, is conducted to acknowledge our younger generation in their outstanding efforts and results attained in Sunday School. The annual day also reflects the Sunday School teacher's hard work and dedication to accomplish a common goal.

ONE DAY RETREAT FOR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS

A one-day program is conducted annually for the reflection of our students and teachers. One Day retreat programs encompass bible teachings and improvement necessary to lead to a successful Christian life.



ST ALPHONSA PARISH, TOWNSVILLE

PRESBYTERY BLESSING

Presbytery was blessed by Fr Manoj Kunnath on 29/11/21 followed by Holy Mass, cake cutting by parish council members and Snehavirunnu.

Despite Monday being a working day a huge number of parishners attended the function.

Fr Manoj and Trustee Thomas Palatty thanked parishners for their generous contribution and support and also appreciated parish council members for their hard work which made a dream into reality for the Syro-Malabar faithfuls in Townsville.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNUAL DAY- 28/11/21 ALL SOULS DAY – 02/11/21

All the parishners offered flowers in remembrance of their loved ones.

ALL SAINTS DAY- 01/11/21

Children from junior classes attended Sunday school and holy mass dressed as various saints.

OCTOBER

Rosary at church conducted in the month of october for 10 days by various pious organisations and family units of the parish.



Days of Remembrance

JANUARY

3 Mon - St. Kuriakose Elias
6 Thu - The Feast of Denha
7 Fri - St. John the Baptist
20 Thu - St. Sebastian
24 Tue - St. Francis de Sales
26 Wed - Australia Day
28 Fri - St. Stephen & St. Thomas Aquinas
30 Sun - World Day of Peace
31 Mon - St. John Bosco

FEBRUARY

2 Wed- The Presentation of our Lord in the Temple
4 Fri- Greek Fathers & St. John Britto
7 Mon - Three Days Fast begin
11 Fri- Syriac Fathers & Our Lady of Lourdes (Day of the sick)
25 Fri- Commemoration of the dead & Blessed Martyr Rani Maria

MARCH

19 Sat - Death of St. Joseph
25 Fri - The Feast of Annunciation

APRIL

10 Sun - Palm Sunday
14 Thu - Pesaha Thursday
15 Fri - Passion Friday
16 Sat - Great Saturday
17 Sun - Easter
24 Sun - St. George
25 Mon- St. Mark, the Evangelist



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