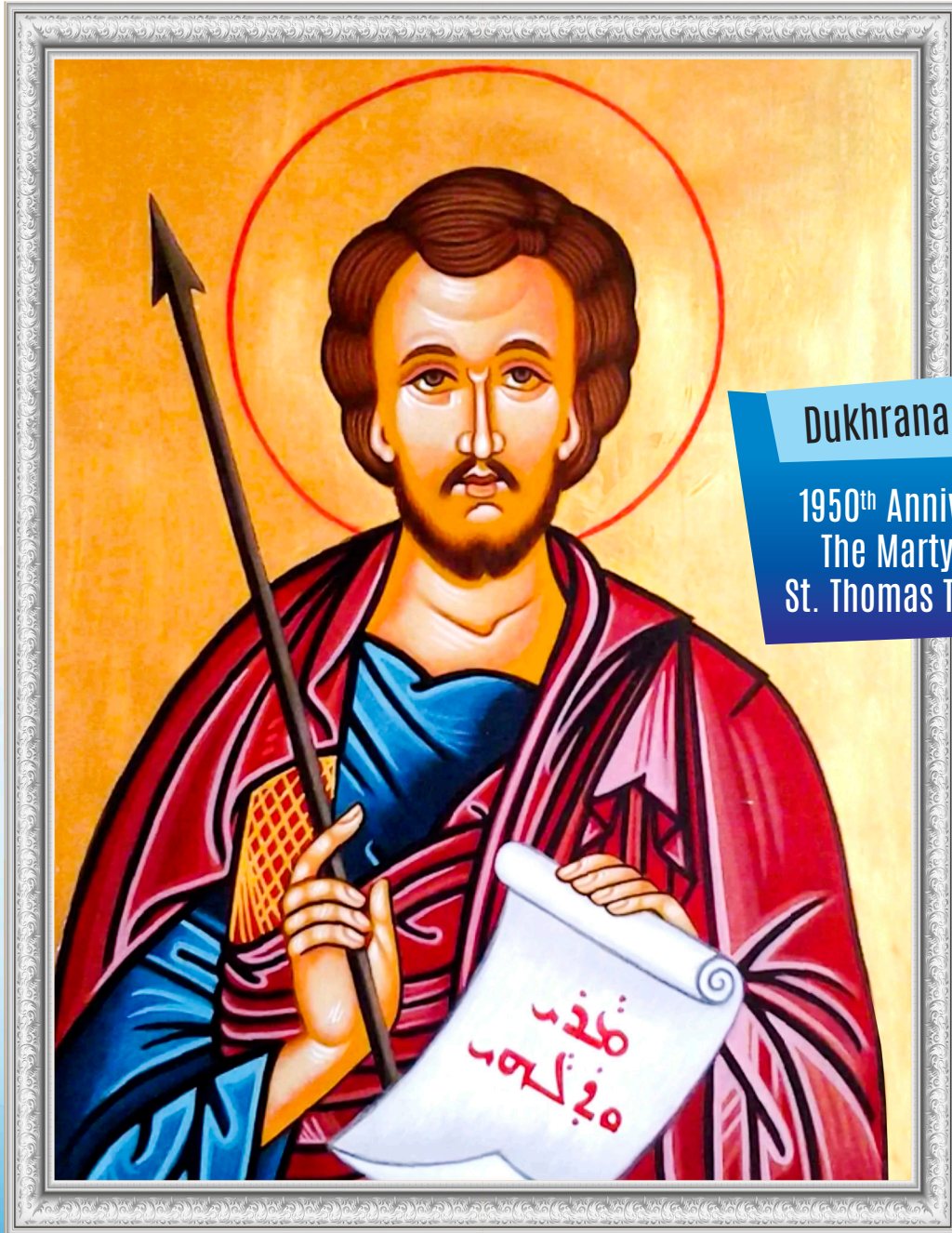


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1950<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
The Martyrdom of  
St. Thomas The Apostle

SYRO-MALABAR EPARCHY OF  
ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE MELBOURNE



## Say 'Yes' to a Life of Service and Responsibility



**Pope Francis** ✓  
@Pontifex

*Addressing some 75 young leaders of the various Syro-Malabar Eparchies of the diaspora and the Apostolic Visitation in Europe, Pope Francis noted that as Christians our wish is to follow Jesus and “walk along his path of love, the sole path that leads to eternal life.”*

*Though not easy, he said, this path “is exciting” and “gives meaning to our lives. It gives us the strength to say ‘yes’ to a life of service and responsibility, and ‘no’ to one of superficiality and dissipation.”*

***“In today’s ‘fluid’, even ‘frothy’ culture, our lives find substance and meaning whenever we say ‘yes’ to Jesus.”***

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# Editorial

## **Blessed Dukharna Thirunnal ! Happy Syro-Malabar Church Day!**

Welcome to yet another edition of the Marthoma Vision.

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 the mission communities.

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022 is the 1950<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Martyrdom of our Father in faith Mar Thomasleeha. It is a significant milestone in the history of our Church. The blood of Mar Thomasleeha shed at Mylapore, and his final witness to Our Lord Jesus was the solid foundation on which the Indian Church was established. This occasion invites us to commit ourselves more earnestly to living the Gospel more meaningfully, which was first brought to India by St Thomas.

As Pope Francis has appealed to all of us, let us continue to pray for the people of Ukraine and those whose lives are affected by war and violence. We have received a great response to our Bishop's appeal to support the people of Ukraine. Our Bishop Mar Bosco Puthur and the eparchy would like to thank everyone for their invaluable prayers, incredibly generous donations, and sacrifice. It is greatly appreciated. Your support helps to further the mission of our eparchy. Thank you again. A detailed report of the Help Ukraine project is included in this edition of the Marthoma vision.

As the Covid restrictions ease, our eparchy at all levels is returning to normalcy. Parishes and missions' communities have become more active pastorally. Arise 2022, the Syro-Malabar Youth Leaders Conference (of the Diaspora) is the year in which we commemorate the 1950<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Martyrdom of the Holy Apostle St. Thomas, was the most highlighted event in the last three months. A detailed report of it is also included in this edition.

All departments, including the catechesis, youth apostolate, evangelisation ministry and the family apostolate, have been busy planning many of their events for the rest of the year.

Exciting times ahead for the eparchy.

**We are wishing you all a Happy Dukhrana and Syro-Malabar church day.**

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# Circulars Pastoral Letters



CIRCULAR  
GEORGE CARDINAL ALENCHERRY



Major Archbishop  
Syro-Malabar Church



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ഇടയലേഖനം  
സഭാദിനം - 3 ജൂലൈ 2022

സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭയുടെ മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് കർദ്ദിനാൾ ജോർജ്ജ് ആലഞ്ചേരി തന്റെ സഹശുശ്രൂഷകരായ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തമാർക്കും മെത്രാൻമാർക്കും വൈദികർക്കും സമർപ്പിതർക്കും തന്റെ അജപാലനശുശ്രൂഷയ്ക്ക് ഏല്പിക്കപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്ന എല്ലാ ദൈവജനത്തിനും എഴുതുന്നത്. കർത്താവിന്റെ കൃപ നിങ്ങളെല്ലാവരോടും കൂടെ ഉണ്ടായിരിക്കട്ടെ!

ഈ ശോമിശിഹായിൽ പ്രിയ സഹോദരീസഹോദരന്മാരേ,

മാർ തോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ ഓർമ്മിനമായ ജൂലൈ 3-ാം തീയതി യോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് നിങ്ങളോടും സംസാരിക്കുന്നതിൽ എനിക്ക് അതിയായ സന്തോഷമുണ്ട്. ദുർഗ്ഗാനാ തുരുനാൾ സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭാദിനമായും നാം ആചരിച്ചുവരികയാണല്ലോ. 'എന്റെ കർത്താവേ, എന്റെ ദൈവമേ' എന്നു പറഞ്ഞ് ഉത്ഥിതനായ മിശിഹായിലുള്ള വിശ്വാസം ഉച്ചൈസ്തരം ഉദ്ഘോഷിച്ച തോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ മക്കളായ നമ്മിൽ അതേ വിശ്വാസം ഉജ്ജ്വലിപ്പിക്കുക എന്നതാണ് ഈ സഭാദിനാചരണത്തിന്റെ ലക്ഷ്യം. അതിനുപകരുന്ന കർമ്മപരിപാടികളാണ് ഇടവക-രൂപതാ-സഭാതലങ്ങളിൽ നാം സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചുപോരുന്നത്.

ഈ വർഷത്തെ സഭാദിനാചരണത്തിന് ഒരു പ്രത്യേകതയുണ്ട്. മാർതോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ രക്തസാക്ഷിത്വത്തിന്റെ 1950-ാം വാർഷികം ഈ വർഷം നാം ആചരിക്കുന്നു. ഉത്ഥിതനായ മിശിഹായെ കണ്ടു

മുട്ടിയ ശിഷ്യന്മാരാണ് അവിടനിലുള്ള തങ്ങളുടെ വിശ്വാസത്തിൽ സ്ഥിരീകരിക്കപ്പെട്ടതും പിന്നീട് അതിന്റെ പ്രഘോഷകരും പ്രചാരകരുമായി മാറിയതും. മൂന്നാം സഹസ്രാബ്ദത്തിലെ ആദ്യദശകങ്ങളിൽ ജീവിക്കുന്നവരായ നമ്മൾ ഈ കാലഘട്ടത്തിന്റെ സാഹചര്യങ്ങൾക്കനുസരിച്ച് നമ്മുടെ വിശ്വാസത്തിനു സാക്ഷ്യം വഹിക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ക്രിസ്തുവിലുള്ള വിശ്വാസം ഒരുവനിൽ വരുത്തുന്ന മാറ്റം ആഴമേറിയതും പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ ഫലങ്ങൾ പുറപ്പെടുവിക്കുന്നവയുമായിരിക്കും. സമൂഹത്തിലെ ഉച്ചനീചത്വങ്ങൾക്കും അന്ധവിശ്വാസങ്ങൾക്കും എതിരെ വിപ്ലവകരമായ മാറ്റങ്ങൾ ക്രിസ്തുവിൽ വിശ്വസിക്കുന്നവരിലൂടെ സമൂഹത്തിൽ സംഭവിക്കും എന്നുള്ളതാണു സഭാചരിത്രം നമുക്ക് നൽകുന്ന വലിയൊരു പാഠം. ഭാരതത്തിലെ ക്രൈസ്തവ മിഷനറിമാരിലൂടെ സമൂഹത്തിൽ സംഭവിച്ച പരിവർത്തനങ്ങൾ ഏവർക്കും അറിവുള്ളതാണല്ലോ. സുവിശേഷത്തിന് വീരോചിതമായ സാക്ഷ്യം വഹിച്ച ക്രൈസ്തവമിഷനറിമാർ ഭാരതത്തിൽ അനേകരാണ്. ഏറ്റവും അടുത്ത കാലത്ത് വിശുദ്ധൻ എന്ന നാമകരണം ചെയ്യപ്പെട്ട രക്തസാക്ഷി ദേവസഹായവും അന്നത്തെ സാമൂഹ്യ തിന്മകൾക്കെതിരെ അടരാടിയാണല്ലോ വീരചരമം പ്രാപിച്ചത്. ഇന്നു നാമും ദരിദ്രവിഭാഗങ്ങൾക്കും കഷ്ടതകൾ വഹിക്കുന്ന എല്ലാവർക്കും ജാതിമതഭേദമന്യേ സേവനം ചെയ്ത് ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ സ്നേഹത്തിനും കാരുണ്യത്തിനും സാക്ഷ്യം വഹിക്കാൻ തീക്ഷണതയുള്ളവരാകണം. വിവിധമതങ്ങൾ തമ്മിലും സാംസ്കാരിക സമൂഹങ്ങൾ തമ്മിലും ഐക്യവും സൗഹാർദ്ദവും നിലനിറുത്തിക്കൊണ്ട് എല്ലാവരെയും ഒരേ സ്നേഹത്തോടും കാരുണ്യത്തോടും കൂടി കാണാനും എല്ലാവരോടും ഒന്നു ചേർന്ന് ജീവിക്കാനും നമുക്ക് പരിശ്രമിക്കാം.

ക്രിസ്തുവിലുള്ള വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ പേരിൽ ക്രൈസ്തവർ പീഠിപ്പിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന രാജ്യങ്ങൾ ഇന്നു ലോകത്തിലുണ്ട്. ഭാരതത്തിലാകട്ടെ മതത്തിന്റെ പേരിലുള്ള പീഠനങ്ങൾ ആവർത്തിക്കാതിരിക്കാൻ ശക്തമായ കരുതലുകൾ ഭരണകർത്താക്കൾ എടുത്തു വരുന്നു. അത് എക്കാലവും തുടരുന്നതിനു വേണ്ടി നമുക്ക് പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാം സങ്കുചിതമായ വീക്ഷണങ്ങളോടെ പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന വ്യക്തികളെയും

സമൂഹങ്ങളെയും മതസൗഹാർദ്ദത്തിന് വിഘാതമാകുന്ന പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും പിന്തിരിപ്പിക്കാനും നമുക്ക് പരിശ്രമിക്കാം. അതോടൊപ്പം രാഷ്ട്രനിർമ്മാണ പ്രക്രിയയിൽ പങ്കുചേർന്ന് ഉത്തമ പൗരന്മാരായി ജീവിക്കാനും നമുക്ക് സാധിക്കണം.

സീറോ-മലബാർസഭയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചിടത്തോളം ഈ സഭയുടെ കേരളത്തിലുള്ള രൂപതകളെ മാതൃസഭയായിട്ടാണ് പരിഗണിക്കുന്നത്. ഈ മാതൃസഭ കേരളത്തിന് പുറത്ത് ഇന്ത്യയിലും ഇന്ത്യക്കു പുറത്ത് മറ്റു രാജ്യങ്ങളിലുമുള്ള സഭാസമൂഹങ്ങളുടെ പ്രേക്ഷിത പ്രവൃത്തനങ്ങൾക്ക് സഹകരണം നൽകുവാൻ സർവ്വാനന്ദനാ പരിശ്രമിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്. ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ സന്നേഹവും കാരുണ്യവും അറിയിക്കുകയും അതിനു സാക്ഷ്യം വഹിക്കുകയുമാണ് യഥാർത്ഥമായ പ്രേക്ഷിതത്വം. അതിനുപകരമില്ലാത്ത എല്ലാ നല്ല പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിലും ഏർപ്പെടാൻ നാം പരിശ്രമിക്കണം. സുവിശേഷപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്ക് ആളും അർത്ഥവും നൽകി പരസ്പരം സഹായിക്കാൻ നാം ഏവരും തയ്യാറാകണം. ഇപ്രകാരം പ്രവർത്തിക്കുമ്പോൾ എല്ലാ മനുഷ്യരോടും ക്രിസ്തുവിന്റെ സാർവത്രികസന്നേഹം പങ്കുവയ്ക്കാൻ നമുക്ക് സാധിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

കാർഷികമേഖലയിലുള്ള നമ്മുടെ ജനങ്ങൾ കടന്നുപോകുന്ന കഷ്ടതകൾക്കു പരിഹാരം കാണേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. കർഷകരും അസംഘടിത തൊഴിൽ വിഭാഗങ്ങളും ഉപജീവനത്തിനുവേണ്ടി കഷ്ടപ്പെടുകയാണ് എന്നതു യഥാർത്ഥ്യമാണ്. സംഘടിത വിഭാഗങ്ങൾ തങ്ങളുടെ സുരക്ഷിതത്വം വർദ്ധിപ്പിക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി സമ്മർദ്ദം ചെലുത്തുമ്പോൾ സർക്കാരും ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥരും അവഗണിക്കുന്നതു കർഷകരെയും അസംഘടിത വിഭാഗങ്ങളെയുമാണ്. പ്രകൃതിക്ഷോഭം, വന്യമൃഗശല്യം എന്നിവയാൽ കർഷകരുടെ ജീവിതം ദുരിതപൂർണ്ണമായിരിക്കുന്നു. കർഷകരുടെ ഉൽപ്പന്നങ്ങൾക്കു ന്യായവില ഉറപ്പാക്കാനും അതുവഴി ഒരു നിശ്ചിതവരുമാനം കർഷക കുടുംബങ്ങൾക്ക് ഉറപ്പാക്കാനും ഇതുവരെ ഫലപ്രദമായ ഒരു നടപടിയും മാറിവരുന്ന സർക്കാരുകൾ സ്വീകരിച്ചിട്ടില്ല എന്നത് വസ്തുതയാണ്. ഭാരതത്തിന്റെ പരമോന്നത നീതിപീഠം ബഹർസോൺ സംബന്ധിച്ചു നൽകിയിരിക്കുന്ന പുതിയ ഉത്തരവ് ആയിരക്കണക്കിനു കർഷകകുടുംബങ്ങളെ വഴിയൊരാമൊക്കാൻ ഇടയാക്കുമെന്ന ആശങ്ക നിലനിൽക്കുന്നു. ഈ വിഷയത്തിൽ സർക്കാർ ജാഗ്രതയോടെ സത്യമായി ഇടപ്പെടുകയും കർഷകരുടെ പ്രത്യേക സാഹചര്യം ബഹു. കോടതിയെ അറിയിക്കാൻ ആവശ്യമായ നടപടികൾ സ്വീകരിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യണം. കർഷകരെപ്പോലെ മറ്റു അസംഘടിതവിഭാഗങ്ങളിലെ മനുഷ്യർക്കും നീതിയും തുല്യതയും ഉറപ്പാക്കാനും മാനുഷമതരീതിയിൽ അധ്വാനിച്ചു ജീവിക്കാൻ സാഹചര്യങ്ങൾ ജനാധിപത്യ സംവിധാനത്തിൽ ഒരുക്കുകയും ചെയ്യേണ്ടത് സർക്കാരിന്റെ കടമയാണ്.

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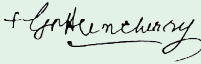
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2023-ൽ റോമിൽ നടക്കുന്ന സിനഡിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി എല്ലാ രാജ്യങ്ങളുടെയും ഭൂഖണ്ഡങ്ങളുടെയും തലങ്ങളിൽ ചർച്ചകളും അഭിപ്രായരൂപീകരണങ്ങളും നടക്കുന്ന സമയങ്ങളാണല്ലോ ഇത്. നമ്മുടെ സഭയിലെ എല്ലാ രൂപതകളിലും വിവിധതലങ്ങളിൽ സിനഡിന്റെ ചിന്താവിഷയം ചർച്ചചെയ്തു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുകയാണ്. നമ്മുടെ രൂപതകളിൽ നിന്നും സമർപ്പിതസമൂഹങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും ലഭിക്കുന്ന റിപ്പോർട്ടുകൾ ക്രോഡീകരിച്ച് 2022 ആഗസ്റ്റ് മാസത്തിൽ നടക്കുന്ന നമ്മുടെ മെത്രാൻ സിനഡിൽ ചർച്ച ചെയ്യുകയും സഭയുടേതായ ഒരു റിപ്പോർട്ട് അടുത്തതലത്തിലെ ചർച്ചകൾക്കായി നൽകുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നതാണ്. കുട്ടായ്മയും പങ്കാളിത്തവും ദൗത്യബോധമുള്ള ഒരു സമൂഹമായി ഇനിയും വളരാൻ ഈ ചർച്ചകൾ ഉപകരിക്കട്ടെ.

നമ്മുടെ സഭ ഘടനാപരമായി സിനഡിൽ ആണ്. അതോടൊപ്പം സാർവത്രികസഭ വിഭാവനം ചെയ്യുന്ന സിനഡാത്മകത നമ്മുടെ സഭയുടെ പ്രേക്ഷിതപരവും അജപാലനപരവുമായ എല്ലാ മേഖലകളിലും കൂടുതൽ ഉൾച്ചേർക്കാൻ നാമെല്ലാവരും ശ്രദ്ധചെലുത്തണം. സഭാ അടിസ്ഥാനപരമായ ഒരു കുട്ടായ്മയാണ്. ഈ കുട്ടായ്മ പങ്കാളിത്തത്തിലൂടെയാണ് പ്രകാശിതമാകുന്നത്. സഭയുടെ എല്ലാ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിലും പങ്കാളിത്തം സജീവമാകണം. എല്ലാത്തിന്റെയും ലക്ഷ്യം പ്രേക്ഷിതദൗത്യം ആയിരിക്കുകയും വേണം. ഇപ്രകാരം കുട്ടായ്മ, പങ്കാളിത്തം, പ്രേക്ഷിതദൗത്യം എന്നീ ത്രിവിധപ്രമേയങ്ങളെ സമന്വയിപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണു സിനഡാത്മകസഭയെ വിഭാവനം ചെയ്യാനും നവീകരിക്കുവാനും ഫ്രാൻസിസ് മാർപാപ്പാ ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്തിരിക്കുന്നത്.

ഈ സഭാദിനത്തിൽ സഭാമക്കളായ മെത്രാന്മാർ, വൈദികർ, സമർപ്പിതർ, അല്മായ സഹോദരിസഹോദരന്മാർ എന്നിങ്ങനെ എല്ലാവർക്കും മാർത്തോമ്മാശ്രീഹായുടെ ദുക്നാന തിരുനാളിന്റെ മംഗളങ്ങളും സഭാകുട്ടായ്മയുടെതായ സന്നേഹത്തിന്റെയും ഐക്യത്തിന്റെയും ആശംസകളും നേരുന്നു.

കാക്കനാട് മൗണ്ട് സെന്റ് തോമസിനുള്ള മേജർ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പിന്റെ കാര്യാലയത്തിൽ നിന്ന് 2022-ാം ആ് ജൂൺ മാസം 14-ാം തീയതി നല്കപ്പെട്ടത്.



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ആയിരത്തിത്തൊള്ളായിരത്തി  
അമ്പതാം ദുക്നാന തിരുനാൾ**

മിശിഹായിൽ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ട വൈദികരേ,  
സഹോദരീ സഹോദരന്മാരേ, കുഞ്ഞുമക്കളേ,

നമ്മുടെ പിതാവായ മാർ തോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ രക്തസാക്ഷിത്വത്തിന്റെ ആയിരത്തിത്തൊള്ളായിരത്തി അമ്പതാമത് വാർഷികം ജൂലൈ മുനിന് ദുക്നാനതിരുനാളിൽ നാം ആചരിക്കുകയാണല്ലോ. ഈ പുണ്യദിനം ഉചിതമായി ആഘോഷിക്കാൻ ഏവരെയും ഞാൻ ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്യുന്നു. അന്നേദിവസം പതിവുപോലെ നമ്മുടെ കത്തീഡ്രൽ ഇടവകാസമൂഹത്തോടൊപ്പം ഞാൻ റാസ കുർബാനയർപ്പിച്ച് രൂപതക്കു വേണ്ടി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയും വന്ധുപിതാവിന്റെ മാധ്യസ്ഥ്യം ഏവർക്കും വേണ്ടി യാചിക്കുന്നതുമാണ്.

ദുക്നാന തിരുനാൾ ദിനം തന്നെയാണല്ലോ സീറോമലബാർ സഭാ മക്കളായ നാം സഭാദിനം ആചരിക്കുന്നത്. സഭാസന്മേഹത്തിൽ വളരാനും സഭക്കുവേണ്ടി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാനും ഏവരേയും ആഹ്വാനം



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ചെയ്യുന്നു. വർത്തമാനപുസ്തകത്തിന്റെ മുഖവുരയിൽ പറോമ്മാക്കൽ തോമാ കത്തനാർ നൂറ്റാണ്ടുകൾക്കുമുമ്പ് കുറിച്ചതുപോലെ, 'സർവ്വേശ്വരന്റെ അനന്തകാരുണ്യത്താലും, സ്ഥാപകനും പ്രഥമരക്തസാക്ഷിയുമായ മാർ തോമാശ്ലീഹായുടെ സുകൃതത്താലും, ഈജിപ്തിലെ രാജകീയദുർഭരണത്തിൽ ഇസ്രായേൽ ജനതെയന്ന പോലെ നമ്മുടെ സമുദായവും ഇന്നുവരെ പല ഭരണകൂടങ്ങളുടെയും കീഴിൽ ഒരു ക്ഷീണവും സംഭവിക്കാതെ സംരക്ഷിക്കപ്പെട്ടു പോരുകയാണ് എന്നതിൽ നമുക്ക് നല്ല തന്മൂലമാണ് നന്ദി പറയാം. സഭാദിനത്തിലെ സ്മരണകൾക്ക് സഭയുടെ പൊതുപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കുവേണ്ടി സഭാകേന്ദ്രത്തിലേക്ക് അയച്ചുകൊടുക്കാനുള്ളതാണ്. സഭയുടെ പ്രേഷിതപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളെ സഹായിക്കാൻ ഏവരും ഉദാരമായി സംഭാവന ചെയ്യുമല്ലോ.

ഓസ്ട്രേലിയയിലെ കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയെ സംബന്ധിച്ചുടത്തോളം ഈ ജൂലൈ മുനിന് വളരെ ചരിത്രപ്രാധാന്യമർഹിക്കുന്ന ഒരു ദിവസമാണ്. ഓസ്ട്രേലിയൻ കത്തോലിക്കാസഭയുടെ പ്ലീനറി കൗൺസിലിന്റെ രണ്ടാം സമ്മേളനം സിഡ്നിയിൽവെച്ച് ആരംഭിക്കുന്നത് ജൂലൈ മുനിനാണ്. ഒരാഴ്ച നീണ്ടുനിൽക്കുന്ന വളരെ ചരിത്രപ്രാധാന്യമുള്ള ഈ സമ്മേളനത്തിൽ എല്ലാ മെത്രാന്മാരും വൈദിക, അൽമായ പ്രതിനിധികളും പങ്കെടുക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. സഭയിൽ യഥാർത്ഥ നവീകരണം നടക്കുന്നതിനും, പങ്കാളിത്ത സ്വഭാവമുള്ള, എളിമയോടും കാരുണ്യത്തോടുംകൂടി മുറിവുകളുണ്ടാക്കുന്ന, ക്രിസ്തു കേന്ദ്രീകൃതമായ ശുശ്രൂഷാമനോഭാവമുള്ള, ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യാദി മുഖ്യത്തോടെ പ്രേഷിതചൈതന്യത്തിൽ ഏവർക്കും പ്രത്യാശ പങ്കുവയ്ക്കുന്ന സമൂഹമായി സഭ വളരുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി നമുക്കു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാം.

ഏവർക്കും ദുക്നാന തിരുനാളിന്റെ ആശംസകൾ നേരുന്നു.

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മിശിഹായിൽ സന്മേഹത്തോടെ,  
നിങ്ങളുടെ പിതാവിന്  
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മിശിഹായിൽ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ട വൈദികരേ, സഹോദരീ സഹോദരന്മാരേ,

കഴിഞ്ഞ രണ്ടു വർഷക്കാലമായി കോവിഡിന്റെ പ്രത്യേക സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ നമ്മുടെ രൂപതയിൽ ഏതാനും ഇടവകകളിലും മിഷനുകളിലും പൊതുയോഗങ്ങൾ കൂടുവാനോ കണക്കുകൾ പാസാക്കുവാനോ സാധിച്ചിട്ടില്ല എന്ന് മനസ്സിലാക്കാൻ കഴിഞ്ഞു. മാത്രവുമല്ല, പ്രതിനിധി യോഗംഗങ്ങളുടെയും കൈകാരൻമാരുടെയും തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പ് രൂപതയിൽ എല്ലായിടത്തും ഒരേ സമയത്തല്ല നടക്കുന്നത് എന്നും മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നു. ഈ സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ ഇടവകപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ കൂടുതൽ കൃത്യതയോടും കാര്യക്ഷമമായും നടക്കുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി രൂപതാ പാസ്റ്ററൽ കൗൺസിലിലും വൈദിക സമ്മേളനത്തിലും ചർച്ച ചെയ്ത് തീരുമാനിച്ചതിന്റെ വെളിച്ചത്തിൽ പ്രതിനിധി യോഗംഗങ്ങളുടെയും കൈകാരൻമാരുടെയും തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പിനും, കണക്കുകൾ ബന്ധപ്പെട്ട സമിതികളിൽ അവതരിപ്പിച്ച് പാസ്സാക്കുന്നതിനും വേണ്ടിയുള്ള സമയക്രമത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് താഴെപ്പറയുന്ന നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾ നൽകുന്നു:

- 1) ഇനി (2022) മുതൽ എല്ലാ വർഷവും പുതിയ കൈകാരൻമാരുടെയും പ്രതിനിധി യോഗംഗങ്ങളുടെയും തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പ് നടത്തേണ്ടത് ഓഗസ്റ്റ് മാസത്തിലായിരിക്കണം.
- 2) പുതുതായി തിരഞ്ഞെടുക്കപ്പെടുന്ന കൈകാരൻമാരും പ്രതിനിധി യോഗംഗങ്ങളും ചാർജ്ജ് എടുക്കേണ്ടത് സെപ്റ്റംബർ ആദ്യ ഞായറാഴ്ച ആയിരിക്കണം.
- 3) കൈകാരൻമാരുടെ സേവന കാലാവധി എല്ലാ വർഷവും ഓഗസ്റ്റ് 31 ന് അവസാനിക്കുന്നതാണ്.
- 4) ഓസ്ട്രേലിയയിൽ സാമ്പത്തിക വർഷം അവസാനിക്കുന്നത് ജൂൺ മാസം മുഴുതാം തീയതിയാണല്ലോ. നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകകളിലെയും മിഷനുകളിലെയും കണക്കുകൾ ഓസ്ട്രേലിയൻ സാമ്പത്തിക വർഷത്തിനനുസരിച്ചു ക്രമീകരിച്ച് നിയമപ്രകാരം

മുള്ള ഓഡിറ്റിന് പൂർത്തിയാക്കി, റിപ്പോർട്ട് എല്ലാ വർഷവും ഓഗസ്റ്റ് പതിനഞ്ചാം തീയതിക്കകം രൂപതാകേന്ദ്രത്തിൽ എത്തിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.

- 5) ഈ വർഷം മുതൽ എല്ലാ ഇടവകകളിലും മിഷനുകളിലും ഒരേസമയത്തു തന്നെ കൈകാരൻമാരുടെയും പ്രതിനിധി യോഗംഗങ്ങളുടെയും സേവന കാലാവധി ആരംഭിക്കുകയും അവസാനിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി നിലവിലുള്ള കൈകാരൻമാരുടെയും പ്രതിനിധി യോഗംഗങ്ങളുടെയും സേവന കാലാവധി 2022 ഓഗസ്റ്റ് 31 വരെ നീട്ടുന്നു.
- 6) ഏതെങ്കിലും ഇടവകയിലും മിഷനിലും ഈ വർഷം ഇതിനകം തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പ് നടന്നിട്ടുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അവിടെയുള്ള കൈകാരൻമാരുടെ സേവന കാലാവധി 2023 ഓഗസ്റ്റ് 31 വരെ നീട്ടുന്നു.

നമ്മുടെ രൂപതയുടെ സുസ്ഥിതിയും വളർച്ചയും എത്രമാത്രം കാര്യക്ഷമമായും സുതാര്യമായും കാര്യങ്ങൾ ബന്ധപ്പെട്ടവർ നടപ്പിലാക്കുന്നു എന്നതിനെ ആശ്രയിച്ചിരിക്കും എന്ന് പരേയങ്ങളില്ലല്ലോ. അതിനാൽ നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകകളിലെയും മിഷനുകളിലെയും സാമ്പത്തിക ഇടപാടുകളും അതുപോലെ തന്നെ കൈകാരൻമാരുടെയും പ്രതിനിധി യോഗംഗങ്ങളുടെയും തിരഞ്ഞെടുപ്പും പള്ളി യോഗ നടപടിക്രമങ്ങൾ കൃത്യമായി പാലിച്ചുവേണം നടത്തേണ്ടതെന്ന് ഒരിക്കൽക്കൂടി ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. നിങ്ങളുടെ നിസ്വാർത്ഥമായ സേവനത്തിനും രൂപതാപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളോടുള്ള അകമഴിഞ്ഞ സഹകരണത്തിനും നന്ദി പറയുവാൻകൂടി ഈ അവസരം വിനിയോഗിക്കുന്നു.

മിശിഹായിൽ സ്നേഹത്തോടെ,

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A Spiritual Oasis in a dusty, arid land - a fascinating travel experience

# The Quirky Jewel of The Outback: Coober Pedy, South Australia



It's one of the unique places I visited in Australia. Coober Pedy (meaning white man Doug out) is located roughly halfway between Adelaide and Darwin in South Australia (with little life in between!) It's 846 kilometres north of Adelaide on the Stuart Highway.

On the drive up from Streaky Bay, we drove past a gorgeous landscape of salt lakes and vibrant desert colours. You may recognise the mysterious lunar landscape surrounding this town that rises from the desert floor.

You're almost at Coober Pedy

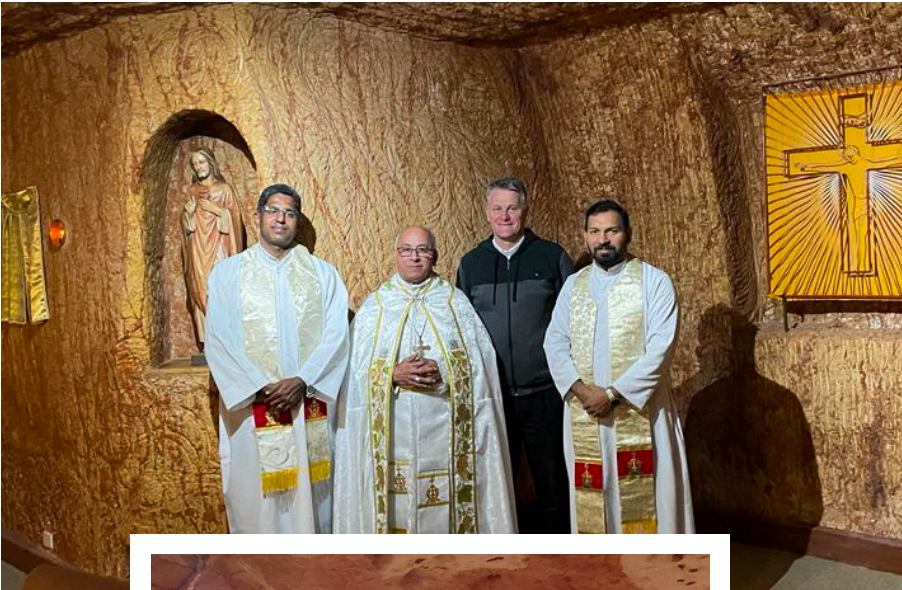
when you start seeing mounds of dirt piled up as far as the eye can see – it's the waste excavated by the opal mines. Hot, dry, desolate, quiet, dusty and burnt orange colour landscape all around. Coober Pedy is the biggest supplier of Opals in the world. Opal was first found in Coober Pedy on 1 February 1915 when a teenager, William Hutchison, stumbled on the "Surface Opal Nobbies" while gold prospecting with his father.

Coober Pedy has spectacular-coloured hills, flat-topped mesas and gibber-covered plains (locally referred to as "moon plain").

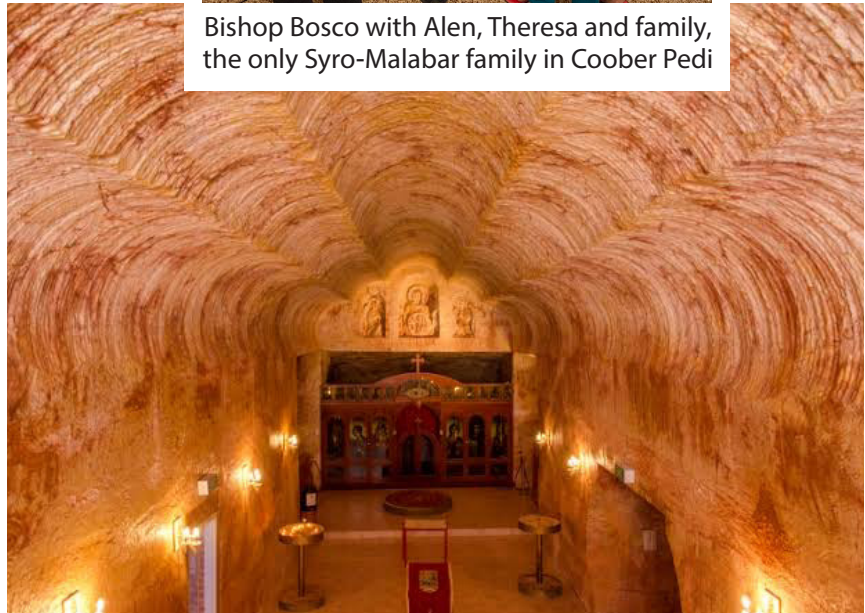
This region is a breathtaking landscape. From a distance, the low hills scattered across the horizon appear to have 'broken away' from the higher escarpment of the nearby Stuart Range, giving rise to the name 'The Breakaways'.

The air is not cool. It is really hot. So hot that people are forced to live underground! That is what makes it intriguing. It's not just the homes that are underground; the shops, hotels, swimming pools, churches and even a campground are all under the earth.

Visiting some of the local underground churches was a once-



Bishop Bosco with Alen, Theresa and family, the only Syro-Malabar family in Coober Pedi



in-a-lifetime experience, St Peter and Paul Catholic Church, a Serbian orthodox church and an Anglican church named after the Catacombs in Rome.

The time we spent inside St Peter and Paul Catholic Church was incredibly ascetic. Australia's first underground church was dug out of sandstone in the shape of a cross. Once inside, St Paul and St Peter's Catholic church has a comforting appeal, with its statue-filled nooks and

soothing classical music. A quiet place of meditation and prayer, the church provides a regular Sunday service for about 40 worshippers. The church's interior is chiselled from natural rock and coated with a special sealant to prevent dust from settling. The temperature inside the underground church is a pleasant 25C all year long. The church is open 24 hours a day. The ambience inside the church will move you and leave you feeling humbled and connected with your inner self. It will take you inside its pleasant, peaceful womb as if to shelter you from the harsh world outside. What an ascetic feeling! A real spiritual oasis. ●

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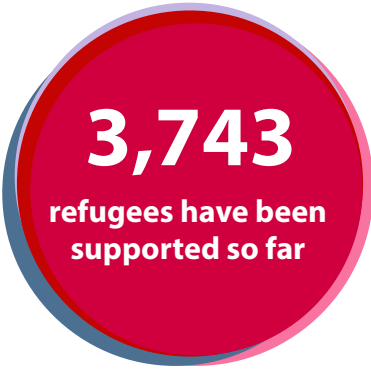




# PROGRESS REPORT Ukraine Relief Project

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## Impact of Syro-Malabar's support for the people of Ukraine

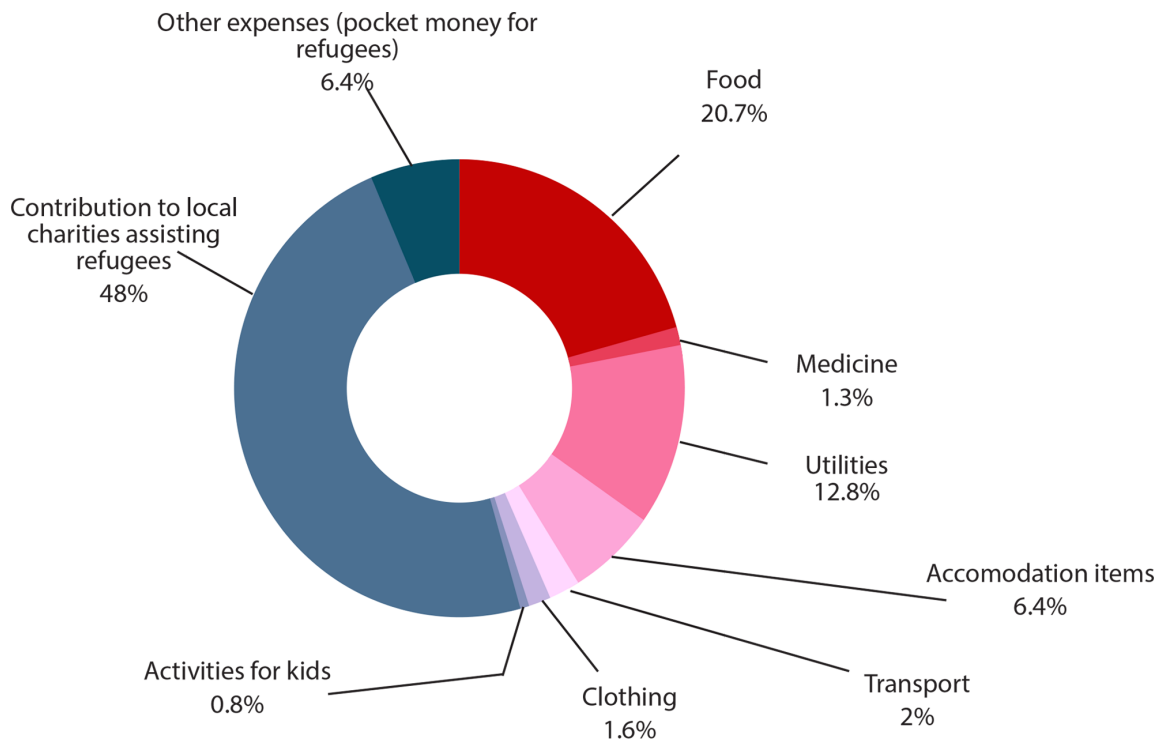


As the war in Ukraine continues relentlessly, we are proud to partner with Fr Eugen Blaj, the National Director of the PMS in Romania, to provide emergency relief to fleeing refugees.

This project is providing immediate and vital relief to those in need who make the 13+ hour drive (longer for those who cannot access a vehicle) to safety in Romania. The generosity of the Syro-Malabar community in Australia has helped Fr Eugen respond to the needs of a growing number of refugees entering Romania. They come traumatised and are so grateful for this support which includes providing full board, medicine, food and water, money and transport costs. Above all, they are provided with a safe place to begin the recovery process as they rebuild their lives. The continuing conflict in Ukraine impacts on the cost of living in Romania, which continues to rise, making this project vital to the needs of the refugees there.

**“The refugees are extraordinary people, accepting their situation and being ready to start a new life from zero. Strong people, trying to discern what to do every day, in a context in which you may not know when the war finishes.”**

*Fr Eugen, Project Director*



**Stories From The Ground**

"The first who came it was Natali's family. They arrived by car after three days journey. She came with her two years old baby, Emily, her brother, Denis, her mother, Tatiana, and with a small puppy pet, called Emy. There were so desperate, tired, and worried because the husbands and part of the family remained behind. Also, the grandmother, 86 years old.

Natali's husband and Tatiana's husband were taken to war. They were so sad. All of them were living in the car for three days and were desperate to find a place to stay. So, they got my phone number form the JRS center and requested me to give them accommodation.

All of them were under shock when they arrived here. Watching news and looking for information about the war."

Fr Eugen, Project Director



*Pictured: Natali's family.*

### Gratitude and going slowly

Due to the fluid nature of things in-country and the unpredictability of war, we have gone slowly to ensure funds arrive to the right places and people. Fr Eugen and those he has helped so far are grateful for your generosity.



*Pictured: Easter activities to bring some joy in a devastating time.*

violence and mistreating or not attending the needy people it is a big crime, crying to heaven.

Beside this, I could see the readiness of Church and state institution or NGOs to help the refugees. At the same time, I can confess the truth that the abroad support, like the one from you and other institutions, was the spark of charity and the guarantee of taking commitment of offering continuous support to the refugees.

May God bless your offers and all your benefactors for ever!"

Fr Eugen, Project Director



*Pictured: Natali's family.*

# മെൽബൺ സീറോ-മലബാർ രൂപതയുടെ പ്രഥമ ഡീക്കനായി ബിബിൻ വേലംപറമ്പിൽ



**മെൽബൺ:** മെൽബൺ സെന്റ് തോമസ് സീറോ-മലബാർ രൂപതയുടെ പ്രഥമ ഡീക്കനായി ബ്രദർ ബിബിൻ വേലംപറമ്പിൽ. റോമിൽ സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭ മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് കർദ്ദിനാൾ മാർ ജോർജ് ആലഞ്ചേരിയിൽ നിന്നാണ് ഡീക്കൺ പട്ടം സ്വീകരിച്ചത്.

2014-ൽ സ്ഥാപിതമായ മെൽബൺ രൂപതയുടെ ആദ്യത്തെ ഡീക്കൺ ആണ് ബിബിൻ വേലംപറമ്പിൽ. ചങ്ങനാശേരി അതിരൂപതയിലെ നെടുംകുന്നം സെന്റ് ജോൺ ബാപ്റ്റിസ്റ്റ് പള്ളി ഇടവകാംഗമായ ബിബിൻ വേലംപറമ്പിൽ, വി.വി. സാബുവിന്റെയും ജാനസിയുടെയും മകനാണ്. സഹോദരി: ബിസ്മി കുര്യൻ. പ്രാഥമിക വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം കേരളത്തിൽ പൂർത്തിയാക്കിയ ഡീക്കൻ ബിബിൻ റോമിലുള്ള പൊന്തിഫിസിയാ കോളജ് ഇന്റർനാഷണൽ മരിയ മാട്രേ എക്സെസിയിൽ വിദ്യാർഥിയാണ്.

"Rendete grazie al Signore, perché egli è buono; il suo amore dura per sempre".  
SALMO 107, 1

*Congedo 2022!*

**DIAC. BIBIN KURIAN**  
DIOCESI DI MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA

TEMPO A ROMA  
2019-2022

STUDI:  
**Baccalaureato in Teologia**  
Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum

## PROJECT MY SHARE

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

*Calling On*

everyone to partake, empower and enable the mission activities of our Eparchy through your monthly contributions.

**OUR FAITH  
OUR EPARCHY  
OUR FUTURE  
OUR SHARE**

- To establish operational and governance structures for the effective functioning of the eparchy/parishes/missions.
- To ensure pastoral care and support for our families.
- To develop services and systems to serve the faithful.
- To reach out and establish new missions. across our Eparchy.

### THROUGH PROJECT MYSHARE, WE SUPPORT OUR EPARCHY:

- To enhance the faith formation of our children
- To create more opportunities for youth, young adults, and young families to grow in faith and mission.
- To foster and support vocations.

- To preserve and pass on our unique oriental spirituality & traditions to the next generations.

**& WE BECOME THE CHURCH, MISSIONARY IN NATURE, EVANGELISING IN ACTION.**



# Eparchy Ministries



# Eparchial Bulletin - Department of Catechesis

APRIL 2022 - JUNE 2022

## LUMEN FIDEI 2.0

Lumen Fidei 2.0 -Catechism teachers regional conference NSW & ACT was held on June 11<sup>th</sup> at

**CATECHISM TEACHERS' CONFERENCE NSW & ACT @ SYDNEY**  
58 Orwell St, Blacktown

- New Castle
- Wagga Wagga & Orange
- Canberra St Alphonsa
- Canberra SH
- Wyong & Wyoming
- Campbelltown
- Wollongong
- Terry hills & Hornsby
- Penrith & Kingswood
- Villawood
- Parramatta & Blacktown

**Lumen Fidei 2.0**

Register your seats  
June 11, Saturday 2022  
12.30 pm -5.30 pm  
followed by SMYM Band & Adoration  
Dept of Catechesis  
Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Melbourne

Sydney. 103 teachers from 10 catechism centres participated in the event. Noby Joseph, a university professional delivered the keynote session.

## CARTOON IDEAS

The Department invited cartoon ideas. This is a competition to find out upcoming cartoonists from our community. Last date for the entries was 15<sup>th</sup> June.

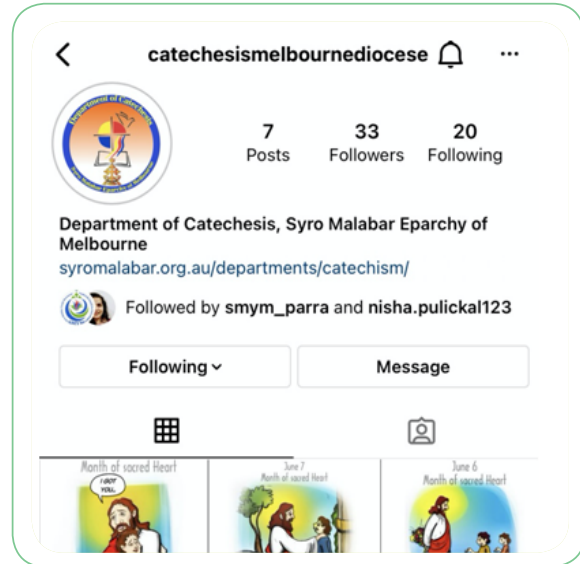
Dept. of Catechesis PRESENTS  
**Cartoon Ideas from catechism teachers**

Submit by **JUNE 15TH**

**MEGA CASH PRIZE!**

1. Every teacher including the casual ones from each Sunday school is invited to participate
2. One entry from each participant. The teacher can seek assistance from their students to draw the cartoon picture if needed.
3. Theme: catechetical, biblical, and social. No political/religious satire entertained. Content could be Malayalam or English.
4. Dept will publish selected entries with modifications in case it needs.
5. Entries must be submitted on an A4 Paper with a single frame content with dialogue boxes. Email your entries to catechism\_eparchy@syromalabar.org.au
6. Kindly include your name and place of the parish on the cartoon
7. There will be a mega prize of \$250 for the best one selected and a lot of cash prizes for other winners.

## CATECHESIS MELBOURNE DIOCESE



Department started its Instagram page on June 1<sup>st</sup> on the first day of the month of sacred heart of Jesus. Sukrutha japam has been uploaded every day since then.

## GAANA RACHANA

**GAANA RACHANA Results Malayalam**

**Winners!**

- 1. Daiby Shiji, St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Mission Wagga Wagga
- 2. Holy Family, Knanaya Mission Brisbane
- 3. Roy Abraham, St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Parish Meribourne S-E
- 4. Jini Shajan, St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Parish Meribourne S-E
- 5. Ann Muneer, St. Alphonsa Syro Malabar Parish Koroitsuille
- 6. Ramesh Viji, Christ The King Syro Malabar Mission Villawood
- 7. Nisha Riji, St. Thomas the Apostle Syro Malabar Parish Brisbane South

**Gaana Rachana Results (English)**

- 1. Amble Antony, St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Parish Melbourne west
- 2. Taniya Thomas, St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Mission Parramatta
- 3. Ann Maria Baiju, St. Joseph's Syro-Malabar Parish Perth

Results of the Gaana Rachana competition were announced. Amble Antony, Taniya Thomas and Ann Maria Baiju were the winners of the English competition. Daiby Shiji and Joy Parappilly were the winners of the Malayalam competition.

## MALAAKHA

Altar servers Eparchial zoom conference was held on 28<sup>th</sup> March. Rev Bishop Bosco Puthur was the main resource personnel. There were 262 registrations from 29 parishes/ missions. One of the biggest online events with

## DEPARTMENT OF CATECHESIS

211 active participants and more than 500 individuals attending the conference.



**Maalaakha**  
מְלָאָכָה

Altar Servers Eparchial Family Meet 2022

Date: Saturday, May 28, 2022  
Time: 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm  
**Via Zoom**

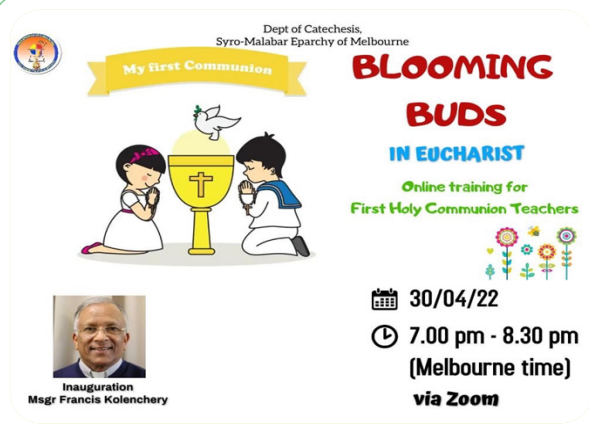
Participants: Altar Servers & their Families across Australia  
Liaison Officer: Principals, Catechism

Chief Guest  
Bishop Bosco Puthur

Dept of Catechesis  
Syro - Malabar Eparchy of Melbourne

### BLOOMING BUDS

Holy communion teachers training was held on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The session was inaugurated by Vicar General Rev Fr. Francis Kolencherry. Anu Paul from the NSW department of education was the resource personnel. 48 participants benefited from the training.



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**My first Communion**

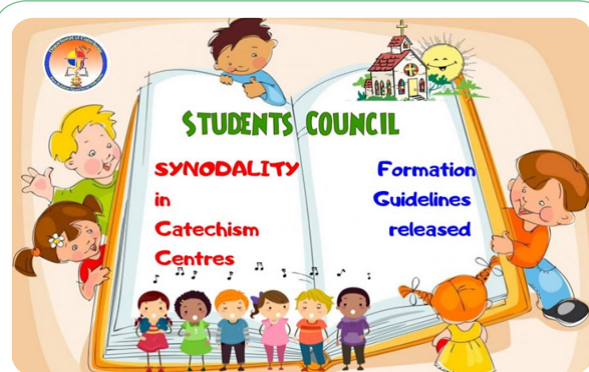
**BLOOMING BUDS**  
IN EUCHARIST

Online training for  
First Holy Communion Teachers

30/04/22  
7.00 pm - 8.30 pm  
(Melbourne time)  
**via Zoom**

Inauguration  
Msgr Francis Kolencherry

### STUDENTS COUNCIL



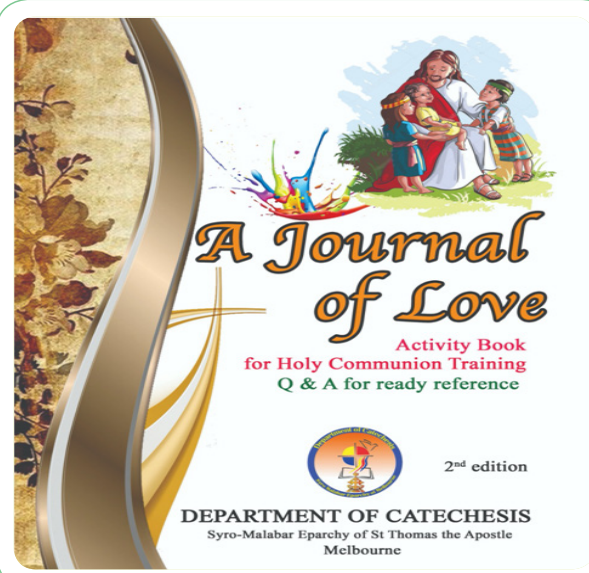
**STUDENTS COUNCIL**

Formation Guidelines released

SYNODALITY in Catechism Centres

Imbibing the theme of Synodality, different catechism centres organised Students councils. Student council consists of representatives from year 4 to year 12. Each council sits with their parish priests and shares their thoughts about faith formation and their journey of faith from a student perspective.

### A JOURNAL OF LOVE



**A Journal of Love**  
Activity Book  
for Holy Communion Training  
Q & A for ready reference

2<sup>nd</sup> edition

DEPARTMENT OF CATECHESIS  
Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle  
Melbourne

The second edition of Holy communion workbook – A Journal of Love- was released in the Month of June. The book has more than 120 pages.

### LOGOS QUIZ 2022

Those wishing to study the Word of God have the golden opportunity at hand. Date and Syllabus has been announced. Date is on 8<sup>th</sup> October. Syllabus is given below.



Department of Catechesis  
Syro-Malabar Eparchy Of Melbourne Australia

**Logos QUIZ**  
AUSTRALIA 2022

Reg Fee \$5.00

Syllabus:  
Joshua - Chapters 13-24  
Sirach - Chapters 30-36  
2 Corinthians Chapters 1-6  
Luke Chapters 1-12

Age Categories:  
18-29: 30-40;  
41-50: 41-50;  
51 and above

Study the Word of God:  
Much awaited Bible Quiz of our time is back with the opportunity to read and study the Word of God

Medium: Malayalam  
Mode: Online

8th October Sat  
10.00 am Melbourne time

Joshua 13-24, Sirach 30-36, 2 Corinthians 1-6, Luke ch 1-12

# DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY APOSTOLATE

Online Marriage Preparation course was conducted via Zoom in May 2022 on 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 6.45pm to 10.15pm (AEDT) total of 6 days in a two week period.

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

Resource persons were from various backgrounds and we had priests, medical professionals, couples etc to take various sessions.

Daily sessions were concluded with Eucharistic adoration.

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

Registration is open for the next online MPC in Aug 2022 (18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>).

For any course enquiries, please contact:  
Santhosh Jose, Mob: 0423 450 768  
Email: [office@familyapostolate.syromalabar.org.au](mailto:office@familyapostolate.syromalabar.org.au)

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE**

**AUGUST 2022 - SESSION TIMINGS**  
MELB, SYD & CANBERRA TIME

- 18<sup>TH</sup> AUG, THURSDAY (6.45PM TO 10.15PM)
- 19<sup>TH</sup> AUG, FRIDAY (6.45PM TO 10.15PM)
- 20<sup>TH</sup> AUG, SATURDAY (6.45PM TO 10.15PM)
- 25<sup>TH</sup> AUG, THURSDAY (6.45PM TO 10.15PM)
- 26<sup>TH</sup> AUG, FRIDAY (6.45PM TO 10.15PM)
- 27<sup>TH</sup> AUG, SATURDAY (6.45PM TO 10.15PM)

**LAST DATE OF REGISTRATION**  
**10<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2022**  
[syromalabar.org.au/services/marriage-preparation-course](http://syromalabar.org.au/services/marriage-preparation-course)

Registration will be complete only after we receive the proof of payment and a digital passport size photo

Email to: [office.familyapostolate@syromalabar.org.au](mailto:office.familyapostolate@syromalabar.org.au)

**FOR ENQUIRIES:**  
PLEASE CONTACT COORDINATOR  
**SANTHOSH JOSE**  
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**DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY APOSTOLATE**

# DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SAFEGUARDING

## STANDARD 5



### Robust Human Resource Management

People working with children are suitable and supported to reflect child safeguarding values in practice

### CRITERION 5.1

Recruitment, including advertising, interview questions. Referee checks and pre- employment scening, emphasises child safeguarding

#### Indicators

- 5.1.1 The entity emphasizes its commitment to child safeguarding and zero- tolerance approach to child abuse in all aspects of its advertising, screening and recruitment for personnel.
- 5.1.2 The entity documents its child safeguarding approach in recruitment and screening procedures and processes.

- 5.1.3 Positions are assessed for the expected level of contact with children and appropriate child safeguarding recruitment procedures are implemented.
- 5.1.4 Position descriptions, selection criteria, reference check and interview questions articulate:
  - That children are valued and respected;
  - The commitment of the entity to child safeguarding; and
  - Where appropriate to the role [refer indicator 5.1.3], an understanding of children's developmental needs culturally safe practices.



### CRITERION 5.2

Relevant personnel (including all seminarians, clergy and religious) have current working with children checks or equivalent background checks

#### Indicators

- 5.2.1 The entity has a policy which is implemented that ensures :
  - Personnel have a current working with children check as required by legislation prior to working with children; and
  - Where a working with children check is not required by legislation, other background Checks for personnel are conducted prior to working with children.
- 5.2.2 The entity keeps records and monitors the status of working with children Checks and/ or background checks for all personnel.

“Criminal background checks are of limited effectiveness unless accompanied by other child safe recruitment practices.”

Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

### CRITERION 5.3

Personnel receive an appropriate induction and are aware of their child safeguarding responsibilities, including reporting obligations.

#### Indicators

- 5.3.1 All personnel participate in a safeguarding induction program, which occurs as soon as possible after commencement
- 5.3.2 All Church Authorities (along with members of their leadership team ) who are signatories to the Catholic Professional Standards Ltd Service Agreement participate in the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards Introductory Session for Leaders within four months of commencement.

### CRITERION 5.4

Ongoing supervision and people management is focused on child safeguarding.

#### Indicators

- 5.4.1 Support, mentoring, oversight and professional supervision processes for personnel include child safeguarding [refer to indicator 5.5.3]
- 5.4.2 Annual performance reviews for personnel include child safeguarding responsibilities relevant to their role [refer to indicator 5.5.4]

### KNOW OUR TEAM

PARISH SAFE-GUARDING OFFICERS,  
St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Parish Birsbane South



**Rasin Augustine**



**Sebastian Joseph**

### SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY

The Eaprchy of St thomas the Apostle, Melbourne is committed to fostering a culture of safety and care for children and vulnerable adults. ●

## UPDATES FROM THE YOUTH APOSTOLATE APRIL 2022 - JUNE 2022

# ARISE 2022

### The First Ever Leaders Meet of The Syro-Malabar Youth Living Outside India

The historic gathering of Syro-Malabar youth leaders outside of the India (combined mission) was held in Rome in the month of June 2022. 70 elected Youth from the four Eparchies (Chicago, Melbourne,

Mississauga and Great Britain) and the Apostolic Visitation to Europe is here with their own bishops and with His Beatitude Maran Mar George Alencherry, the Father and Head of the Syro-Malabar Church. His Eminence, Leonardo Cardinal Sandri, Prefect for the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches will give his Inaugural address this morning.

The event consists of talks, discussions, fellowship and a pilgrimage to the important sites in Rome too. The meeting will also feature a special audience with His Holiness Pope Francis. The gathering aims to enable Syro-Malabar youth who are building their lives in the western countries to move forward with missionary zeal and vigor for evangelisation.





Movement living in 12 countries from the Eparchies of USA, Canada, Great Britain, Oceania and the Apostolic Visitation of Europe come together with the Major Archbishop, Bishops and Youth Directors.

As a migrant community living in the western hemisphere, the pastoral concerns and challenges faced particularly by our families and youth are often discussed. We identified four areas where we need to concentrate more, Youth, Family, Catechesis and Liturgy. Most of the Syro-Malabar population in these ecclesiastical circumscriptions are below 40 years of age. Those youth and children born and brought up in western culture, face tremendous challenges to maintain their Syro-Malabar identity in the universal Church and, at the same time, struggle to maintain their relevance where they live. Hence, with the consent of the Syro-Malabar synod, we decided to organise a meeting of the youth leaders from the above places in 2020. Unfortunately, due to COVID, it was postponed.

Now we thought that it is the opportune time to hold such a meeting here in Rome, which is the centre of Catholicism. So we have come together for ARISE 2022 from 17 to 22 June. The purpose of this International Youth Leader's Summit is 1. Encounter Jesus Christ and deepen the personal relationship with Him 2. Experience the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church and its Apostolic and oriental tradition 3. Celebrate the universality of the Church 4. Engage the youth in the life and mission of the Church and, 5. Pilgrimage to the tomb of the Apostles to regain missionary vigour.

During this summit, we want to prayerfully reflect on our way forward and discern the pastoral and missionary call with renewed vigour and commitment. This summit helps also us to plan and prepare ourselves for the upcoming World Youth Day 2023.

Holy Father, here we are to seek your Apostolic Benediction and paternal Petrine pastoral guidance, especially to the migrant youth of the Syro-Malabar Church living in the western hemisphere.

Once again we assure your Holiness of our prayers, please remember us in your prayers.

+Bosco Puthur ●

Greetings & Introduction before the Holy Father by Bishop Bosco Puthur 18 June 2022 during The Syro-Malabar Youth Leaders here in Rome for

## “ARISE 2022”

Holy Father,

First of all, we thank Your Holiness for your courageous Petrine ministry to the universal Church in these difficult times. We, sons and daughters of St. Thomas the Apostle, consider it a great privilege by the grace of God today to be with the successor of Peter, the head of the college of the Apostles. We assure you that, every day, we pray for Your Holiness so that you can lead the Church in her pilgrimage with the Lord and unto the Lord. We take this opportunity to thank Your Holiness, the Apostolic See, especially the Congregation for the Oriental Churches and its Prefect Leonardo Cardinal Sandri, for the care and concern shown towards the Syro-Malabar Church, especially outside India.

Thanks to the generous welcome and pastoral assistance from the part of the Latin hierarchy and the strenuous efforts of our Synod under the leadership of the Major Archbishop, the Apostolic See has graciously constituted four eparchies outside India for the Syro-Malabar migrants and an Apostolic Visitation in Europe. We take this opportunity to express our gratitude to our Major Archbishop for his paternal leadership.

For the first time, 76 leaders of the Syro-Malabar Youth

# POPE'S MESSAGE TO YOUNG PEOPLE DURING ARISE 2022

## SAY 'YES' TO A LIFE OF SERVICE AND RESPONSIBILITY

"In today's 'fluid', even 'frothy' culture, our lives find substance and meaning whenever we say 'yes' to Jesus."

## BEAR WITNESS TO THE LOVE GIVEN BY THE SAINTS

Referring to the 1,950<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Thomas's martyrdom, Pope Francis reminded the Syro-Malabar young leaders that the Church is apostolic "because she is founded on the testimony of the Apostles, and continues to grow not by proselytism, but by witness."

He therefore called on them to bear witness to the love given by the saints in every age, primarily among their peers in the Syro-Malabar diaspora, but also among those who do not belong to their communities, and even those "who do not know the Lord Jesus".

## CHRISTIANITY IS NOT A SERIES OF PROHIBITIONS

That love, Pope Francis noted, "shows – more than any words – that Christianity consists not in a series of prohibitions that stifle the desire for happiness, but in a life project capable of bringing fulfilment to every human heart."

"Don't be afraid to rebel against the growing tendency to reduce love to something banal, without beauty or genuine sharing and lacking in fidelity and responsibility."

## STEP AWAY FROM THE "SOFA" OF COMFORT

Pope Francis further encouraged the young Indian pilgrims to follow Mary's example, referring to the theme of next World Youth Day in Lisbon: 'Mary arose and went with haste', drawn from the Gospel of Luke in which the Mother of God rushes to announce the Good

News to Elizabeth.

He noted that "Mary did not allow herself to be paralyzed by pride or fear, after receiving the message of the angel."

"Mary was not one of those people for whom all it takes to be comfortable and secure is a good sofa: 'couch potatoes.'"

## CULTIVATE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE OLDER GENERATIONS

Pope Francis also remarked that the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth is an inspiring example of the "importance and fruitfulness of the encounter between young and old."

He encouraged the young leaders to cultivate their relationships with their elderly relatives and make good use of their wisdom, emphasizing that the older generations play a crucial role in transmitting the faith.

"If you, young people, want to make your own lives a canticle of praise, a gift for all humanity, you must be grounded in the tradition and prayer of past generations."

## LIVE EUCHARISTICALLY

In conclusion, Pope Francis pointed out that Mary "teaches us also to live Eucharistically," in other words to give thanks, to cultivate praise, and not to be fixated only on problems and difficulties.

"In the course of life, today's fervent petitions become tomorrow's prayers of thanks giving," he said.

*Source Vatican News*









**Congratulations &  
Prayerful Greetings to**

**ARCHBISHOP  
TIMOTHY COSTELLOE SDB**

ON HIS GRACE'S ELECTION AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOP CONFERENCE

**BISHOP BOSCO PUTHUR &  
THE EPARCHY FAMILY**

SYRO – MALABAR EPARCHY  
OF ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE MELBOURNE

# Parish Mission Updates



# Ave Maria Syro-Malabar Mission Ipswich, QLD

**13<sup>th</sup>** June is a very special day for our vicar, Fr. Anto Chiriyankandath. We celebrated the Feast of his patron, St Antony of Padua. Our Trustee facilitated Fr. Anto and gave a short message about his patron, St. Antony of Padua. Distributed sweets to all parishioners.

“Ezhuthiniruthu”– Initiation of a child into the World of Letters. A Guru (Teacher) should be a man of prayer, knowledge, and divinity. The one who teaches the first letters have a great importance in the academic life of the child. On Pentecost Sunday, our Vicar, Fr. Anto Chiriyankadath blessed our children who are about to start their academic life and taught them to write the Holy name of Jesus in the rice.

We celebrated our Thirunnal on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022. Flag hoisting was at 3:30pm followed by “Presudenthi Vazhcha”. The main celebrant of the Holy mass was Fr. Johnny Edapulvan and gospel message was given by Fr. Jio Francis. After the mass, we had procession followed by “ Chendamelam”, Drama, Concert and



**AVEMARIA SYROMALABAR MISSION - IPSWICH**



**AMCM MATHRUVEDI DELEGATES**

 <b>JESSIE BINOJ</b> St George Unit	 <b>TENCY JOMON</b> St George Unit	 <b>LITTY JOEMON</b> Sacred Heart Unit
 <b>SALOMY SEBASTIAN</b> Sacred Heart Unit	 <b>LINDA PETER</b> St Joseph Unit	 <b>DEEPA FRAGY</b> St Joseph Unit

Agape(“Snehavirunnu”). Drama was enacted by our parishioners based on a social theme and Concert was led by our Choir members. We had stalls from Mathruvedi & SMYM along with a special Nostalgia stall which had merchandises from Kerala that brought back memories of Thirunnal celebrations in Kerala.

In the month of April, AMCM Mathruvedi was formed and Mathruvedi delegates were appointed to empower women of our parish. Two representatives from each unit were elected to as delegates and they launched their first initiative, Mathruvedi Food stalls during our Thirunnal. It was a great success, and we are looking forward for many innovative activities from the Mathruvedi team.

Holy Week was celebrated by re-enactment of the way of the cross & Resurrection. The re-enactment was new to the parish. Parishioners, especially youth played a big role in the re-enactment, and it was quite a divine and touching experience especially for our children.

# ST ALPOHONSA SYRO-MALABAR MISSION PARRAMATTA - NSW

## HOLY WEEK 2022

**I**ntensive meditation on the Paschal Mysteries: Repentance, Renewal and Joy of Christian living.

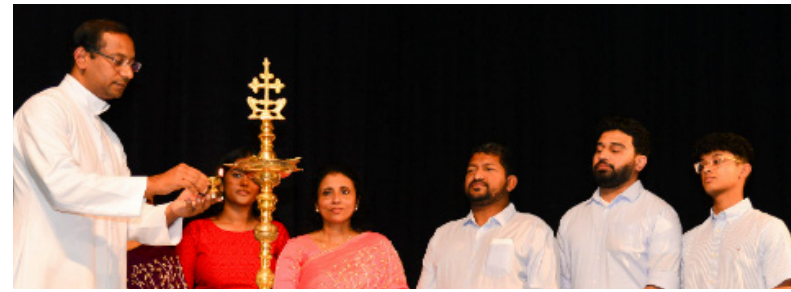
The Parramatta Syro-Malabar Mission celebrated Holy week to the fullest this year. Palm Sunday was concluded with the Blessing and Procession of tender coconut leaves. During Maundy Thursday celebrations - Washing of the Feet, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament, and Holy hour were conducted along with Holy Mass. Good Friday was celebrated with specific ceremonies for the day such as Stations of the Cross, unveiling and Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. "Nercha Kanji" was contributed by parishioners and given to all attendees. Easter day ceremonies started on the eve with the whole community celebrating the Holy Qurbana. There was a live presentation of the Lord's resurrection organised by the youth of our parish.

## MAY 2022 VANAKKAMASSAM Reflecting on the Discipleship of Mother Mary

The community celebrated the month of May as "Vanakamasam", where we focused on the different aspects of Our Mother's life. This month is special as it involves prayer and discipleship which is influenced by an ancient tradition in our families. Vanakamasa

prayers were read out in families and in the church for 30 days in May. The Vanakkamasam month was concluded by celebrating the feast of Mother Mary on 31<sup>st</sup> Tuesday with Ladinju, Candle Procession and Nercha.

## MAY 14, 2022 CATECHISM & PARISH DAY



The parish community celebrated the Catechism and Parish Annual Day in a fully crowded venue. The day was coloured with various cultural and entertaining events by students of the different catechism classes and families from various family wards within the parish. Catechism Students and family wards were able to bring out their own budding talents and showcase their skills. This was an event the whole community was looking forward to as it gave opportunities to interact with each other after a long period of lockdown. There were food stalls in the venue by the parishioners to support fundraising for the parish.

## JUN 11, 12 2022 - RETREAT

A 2 day retreat was conducted by the SMYM Melbourne team during the month of June. The event was full of fun activities celebration and faith sharing. Altogether 100 pre-teens and teens in the mission participated for the 2 day program to explore their faith formed by the Syro-Malabar identity. They were able to experience belongingness, discipleship, worship and prayer in a creative and fun atmosphere.

## PENTECOST DAY CELEBRATED WITH ADORATION & EZHUTHINIRUTHU FOR KIDS

Pentecost Sunday was celebrated with one hour of Adoration and Holy Qurbana. The Holy Mass was preceded with an offertory by newly selected Altar servers. The Adoration was a powerful spiritual event with



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the community taking part in it. After the Holy Qurbana, Ezhuthiniruthu was conducted by Fr Mathew Areepalackal with special prayers and a blessing ceremony invoking the divine assistance of the Holy Spirit on all toddlers who are planning to join school in the coming term.

**MONTHLY - CATECHISM & WARD - HOLY MASS**

Our Catechism Department has more than 300 children who attend Catechism every Sunday. We have one Sunday in each month dedicated to each year group for offertory during Holy Mass. Furthermore, St Alphonsa Mission Parramatta has 12 wards where each ward per month is given the opportunity to do offertory, lead choir and conduct leelam in the spirit of community building.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS**



On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Pentecost Day we inaugurated 19 new altar servers to join in serving our church and church community. One Saturday in each month is dedicated to training and building fellowship amongst themselves. ●

**St. Thomas Syro-Malabar Mission, Bendigo**



- Annual Lenten Retreat was conducted from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March
- Holy Week ceremonies and Easter celebration were



- conducted with its solemnity. All shared the joy of Easter and Holy Qurbana was on Easter Sunday at 10 am.
- There was Solemn celebration of the First Holy Communion and Confirmation conferred by Bishop Bosco Puthur on 24<sup>th</sup> April.
- Mothers Day was celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> May. In the meeting

- after Holy Qurbanathe role of mothers in family and parish was acknowledged.
- St Thomas Syro Malabar Mission, Bendigo celebrated Faith Fest for the children and youth on 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> June. It helped them to deepen their faith and celebrate the faith in liturgies and church activities. ●

# ST ALPHONSA CATHEDRAL PARISH MELBOURNE

## REFLECTION FOR APRIL-JUNE

**M**ar Bosco Puthur our bishop celebrated Solemn Holy Qurbana at the Cathedral (St. Stephen's Reservoir) on the Feast of the Annunciation on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 marking the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Eparchy, thanking God for the immense grace we have received in the past years.

The Lenten retreat was led by Fr Rojan VC on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> April at St. Monica's College.

This grace-filled retreat provided the opportunity for reflections and confessions. Palm Sunday was commemorated with Holy Qurbana and the blessing of palms at the conclusion of the retreat. Pesaha Solemn Holy Qurban and washing of the feet ceremony were held at Good Samaritan's Roxburgh park and St Stephen's Reservoir. Good Friday ceremony was led by Bishop Bosco on the ground of Roxburgh park School. The passion play acted and organised by more than 50 SMYM young people was the highlight of the day. Holy Saturday ceremony of blessing the new water and light with baptismal renewal was held at Reservoir. Bishop



Bosco led the Easter Holy Qurbana at Roxburgh park. Simultaneously, and on Easter Sunday Holy Qurbana was held at Reservoir. Puthunjayar with Divine Mercy Sunday was celebrated with Adoration and Holy Qurbana.

Weekly Qurbana, adoration and Confessions are held on weeknights: Monday at St Peter's Epping, Wednesday at Our Lady's Craigieburn and Friday at Reservoir in the evenings and others days in the morning at the chapel.

In order to ensure the active participation of the children and youth, English Holy Qurbana is celebrated on both centres on Sundays of School terms.

Mother's Day was celebrated on both centres by Catechism children, especially teens by singing and praying for them and handing out prayer cards and flowers. Syro Malabar Teens Ministry (SMTM) was officially inaugurated on the day.

All family units organised prayer meeting with Holy Rosary and Vanakkamasam in May and concluded on 31<sup>st</sup> with Holy Qurbana, Rosary, ladingue and nercha.

The parish, as an immediate preparation towards the Feast of Pentecost, had the opportunity for a

**SMCC Fest 2022**  
At Marymade Catholic College  
60 Williams Rd, South Morang VIC 3752

**SEPTEMBER 24**  
9AM - 3PM

**FREE ENTRY**

- Orchestra
- Cultural Mega Dance involving 100+ artists from different age groups
- Mega Pookkalam (Floral arrangement/carpet)
- Pappasamela - free pappasam (Indian sweets) for all attendees
- Drawing/painting workshop for children
- Food stalls serving authentic Indian snacks and food

For more details contact:  
Shaji Joseph: 0401 739 960 (Coordinator)  
Anita Thomas: 0401 514 245, Chelus Chacko: 0402 764 226,  
Johnson George: 0434 439 231 (Secretary)



24 hours adoration, as part of 'Hours of Grace', by Jesus Youth, starting from 4pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> June to 4pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> of June. Family Units, ministries, Youth and families led the hours in prayer.

**UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

**29 JUNE - 02 JULY:** Qadosh (for Teens) and Seek (for Youth) Retreats at Upper Plenty Conference Centre.

**03 JULY:** Feast of Dukrana, Solemn Rasa Qurbana is celebrated by Bishop Bosco at Reservoir at 10 am.

**JULY 16:** Safer Church, training on child safety by the Eparchy.

**SEPTEMBER 24:** Syro-Malabar Cultural Centre, SMCCFest 22 at Marymede College Southmorang.

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The children were brought by parents for Ezhuthiniruthu after the Pentecost Holy Qurbana praying for the anointing of the Holy Spirit as the children begin their formal education. Catechesis exam was held on 19<sup>th</sup> June.

**OCTOBER 29:** Marian Pilgrimage to Bacchus Marsh Centre, organised by Melbourne Syro-Malabar Parishes.

**NOVEMBER 18-20:** Bible Convention by Fr Daniel Poovannathil at Our Lady Guardian of the Plants, Camberfield (Friday & Sunday: 4pm to 9pm; Saturday: 9am to 3pm)

**JANUARY 28:** Consecration of the Cathedral and blessing of Parish Hall and Presbytery at 9.30am.

**St Alphonsa Syro- Malabar Mission Sheparton**

**വാർഷിക ധ്യാനം**

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**വലിയ ആഴ്ച ആചരണം**

വലിയ ആഴ്ചയുടെ ഭക്തി നിർഭരമായ ആചരണങ്ങൾ, കാലുകഴുകൽ ശുശ്രൂഷ, കുരിശിന്റെ വഴി തുടങ്ങിയവ ശനിയാഴ്ച രാത്രിയിലെ ഇന്ത്യൻ കുർബാനയോടെ സമാപിച്ചു. മാത്യുവേദിയുടെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ നടന്ന സന്തോഷപൂർണ്ണ എല്ലാവരും സന്തോഷപൂർണ്ണം പങ്കെടുത്തു, ഇന്ത്യൻ മംഗളങ്ങൾ കൈമാറി.

**ആദി കുർബാന സ്വീകരണം**

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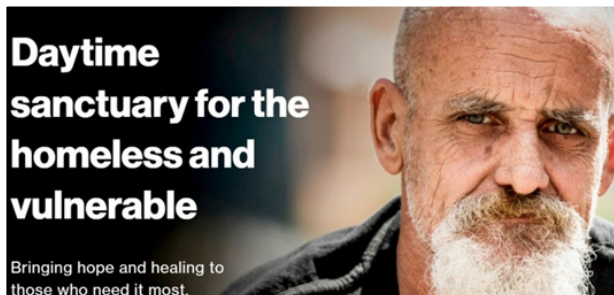
# ST ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR PARISH BRISBANE

CELEBRATED HOLY WEEK IN OUR PARISH PALM SUNDAY

GOOD FRIDAY



**CHARITY ACTIVITIES:** Distributed food, Clothing, Toiletries and Cash to Homeless People through the Emmanuel City Mission.



**Daytime sanctuary for the homeless and vulnerable**

Bringing hope and healing to those who need it most.



# St Alphonsa Syro-Malabr Parish Adelaide Central

Over the months of April, May and June, the parishioners of Saint Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Parish Adelaide, have grown in their spirituality. Although the weather is getting colder, the hearts of the parishioners are blazing with the zeal to do the work of God.

On April 9th, the parishioners partook in the annual Way of the Cross conducted at Black Hill Conservation Park. Parishioners of all ages walked through the Conservation Park reciting the Way of the Cross. Palm Sunday was celebrated with much joy and on Good Friday, the youth re-enacted Christ's suffering through the Passion Play. The Play was a moving experience for all, and many were brought to tears. Our community gathered for the Easter Vigil Qurbana where everyone was able to share in the joy of the resurrection. This year the youth had prepared an Easter raffle and four lucky parishioners took home some exciting prizes.

The parishioners honoured Mother Mary during the month of May. Our community also participated in the Marian Procession on 21 May 2022. The Marian Procession is an annual event organised by the Adelaide Archdiocese and all catholic communities are invited to partake and honour Mother Mary.

The community also gathered together on 13 June 2022 to celebrate the Feast Day of St Antony. Parishioners requested St Antony's intercession in



their lives and members of the St Antony family unit prepared nercha.

## CATECHISM

The Catechism school organised a Family Fun Day on 7 May 2022. The event was filled with exciting games and delicious food and was enjoyed by all who attended. The catechism students have started preparing for the annual Bible Kalotsavam in July, with many students participating in the off-stage events such as Bible Quiz, Painting, Drawing and Essay Writing. The students are busy practicing and preparing costumes to showcase their love for Christ.

## YOUTH

From April 21 to 25 2022, our youth leaders attended the Youth Leaders Summit in Melbourne. We are proud of our youth leaders, Aakash Joseph

and Christina Vincent who were elected to the Youth Leaders National Team. The leaders shared their experiences with the wider community and have inspired many young students to take up youth leadership in the coming years.

The youth gatherings are also an opportunity for our young people to come together and share in fellowship. Over the past three months, the





youth have been studying the Book of James; equipping the young people to live as mature Christians in this world. The youth also participated in a Games Night to build companionship and a sense of community within the group.

As the winters began to get colder in Adelaide, the youth have started selling coffee and snacks after Holy Qurbana on Sunday. All profits are going towards the Unite Conference in December 2022. ●

# St. Marys Syro-Malabar Parish Adelaide South

## March/ April/ May HOLY WEEK

- 10<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday Holy Mass celebrated 6pm at St. Bernadette's Church
- 14<sup>th</sup> April – Maundy Thursday Celebrated @ 8pm.
- 15<sup>th</sup> April -Good Friday services held at St. Therese's Church@11am
- 16<sup>th</sup> April –Holy Saturday Mass celebrated at10 am
- 16<sup>th</sup> April -Easter Holy Qurbana Celebrated @8pm



- Happy Mother's Day to all our Dear Moms. Mother's Day Celebrated on 8<sup>th</sup> May after Mass With Special prayers and blessings by our dear Priest Fr. Leonse Kurian.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> May -Pastoral Visit to the Parish by our Beloved Bishop Bosco.

### Up Coming

- Parish Feast -Joint Feast of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Sebastian will be celebrated on June 25<sup>th</sup> Saturday 3.30pm at St. Bernadette's Church.
- St. Thomas Day celebration July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- July 23<sup>rd</sup> Bible Kalolsavam Stage Programs from Morning 9.30@ Cosgrove Hall. ●



# ST. EUPHRASIA PARISH NORTH ADELAIDE

**W**ith covid easing and our lives returning to normal, being international borders open, families in the parish are having a very eventful year.

## NEW TRUSTEES

We have elected our new Trustees on 6<sup>th</sup> of February. Congratulations and all the very best wishes to Biji Scariachen and Joseph P Kurian. We heartily thank



Shaji Peter and George Joseph for their much appreciated and valued service and support as our previous trustees. (image-01)

## NURSES MINISTRY DAY

Commemorating their patron saint, Fathima Matha, the nurses from our parish celebrated the

Nurses Ministry Day on 13<sup>th</sup> of May, the feast of Fathima Matha. They had a prayerful gathering starting with a Mass, Novena and adoration. (image- 02)

## DEVASAHAYAM PILLAI CANONISATION

On the day of the Canonisation of Devasahayam Pillai, the Department of Catechism presented the life and work of the saint. Thank you Christo Joseph (as Devasahayam Pillai), Ann Jacob and Michelle Jacob, for doing such a wonderful job. (image-03)



## HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION

We Praised and rejoiced on 21<sup>st</sup> May, celebrating our little angels' Holy Communion and Confirmation. Congratulations to all the children. Stay blessed, and wish you a very happy and prayerful life in God. ●

# ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH MELBOURNE SOUTH EAST

## NEW TRUSTEES

New trustees of our parish took charge officially on Sunday 15 May 2022 during Holy Qurbana.

Congratulations and prayerful wishes to Mr. Biju Varghese, Mr. Jose Mathew, Mr. Rajesh Augustine and Mr. Sijo James.



Our parish acknowledges the services of Mr. Sanesh Sebastian, the outgoing trustee.

## SMYM DODGE BALL TOURNAMENT

A Dodgeball Tournament was organised by SMYM at St John's



Regional College Stadium, Dandenong on Saturday 21st May 2022. Around 90 youth members from various parishes attended the tournament.

## CATECHISM INAUGURATION

Catechism Inaugural Holy Qurbana was on 29 May 2022 at 11am at St John's Regional College Stadium, Dandenong. The Inaugural ceremony included lighting the lamp by Parish Priest, PCC president, student representatives, and representatives of teachers. Also, welcoming prep students, commissioning of class leaders and commissioning of teachers were part of the ceremony.

## CHURCH CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

We sent out the tender documents to 8 builders on 5 May 2022. The due date for the prospective builders to return the tenders is 9 June 2022.

We engaged the contractor to demolish the old function centre (front building).

We are finalising the quotes for car park lights, supply pillar and the main switch board.

# St Mary's Syro-Malabar Parish Melbourne West

## FEAST OF ST ANTHONY 12/06/2022

Our parish celebrated the feast of St. Anthony with Solemn Holy Qurbana, Novena, Latheenju and procession. To add more festivities many families brought pachornercha to the church that was shared as a community meal. Many families were presudendies for the feast. Our Youth team presented a beautiful video presentation which was the Faith Formation for all. In fact, the celebration was a spiritual nourishment to the parish that we experience in our own church with out any constrains from a rented church.



## VIDYARAMBHAM FUNCTION ON 05/06/2022

We had 12 children participated in the event. Fr. Sebastian helped children to write Jesus as their first written word in a plate of rice. It was a great experience for Children as well as parents. ●



# St Marys Knanaya Mission Melbourne



munion of our 13 kids from Parish at St. Peter's Parish Clayton, We were blessed to have Bishop Bosco Puthur as our main celebrant along with Fr. James Arichira and Fr. Jose Chirayil Putthanpura. Under the leadership of Rev Fr. Prince Thaipurayidathil,

**O**ur 2022 Holy Season started off with an Annual retreat lead by Evangelisation team of Melbourne Diocese. A Lenten program named "Arise" for youth and teens by Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry Team and Jesus Youth Team for the kids were also conducted along with it.



A special Lenten pilgrimage for our Knanaya youth at our Lady's Ta 'Pinu Shrine, Bacchus Marsh was a highlight bringing our youth together to recite the Way of The Cross together. We had our special Holy Week services at our centres on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and on Easter Saturday.

On 8<sup>th</sup> of May, Mother's Day was celebrated at both centres, special prayers also a small token of gift were given to all mother's in our Parish.

Catechism department of our Parish have been preparing over 25 kids in our Parish for Solemn Holy Communion over past 3 months. Mrs. Lizy Antony Plakkoottathil & Mrs. Smitha Jose Chakkalayil have been conducting Holy communion preparation classes on most of the Saturdays. Also our Parents had been actively hosting the classes at different locations on Saturdays.

On 5<sup>th</sup> of June we had our Solemn Holy Com-

also with support of Trustees; Mr. John Thommen Nedumthuruthil, Asssish Cyriac Vayalil, Secretary Mr. Philips Abraham Kureekottil and other Parish Council Members and volunteers and with God's blessings we could organise everything very well.

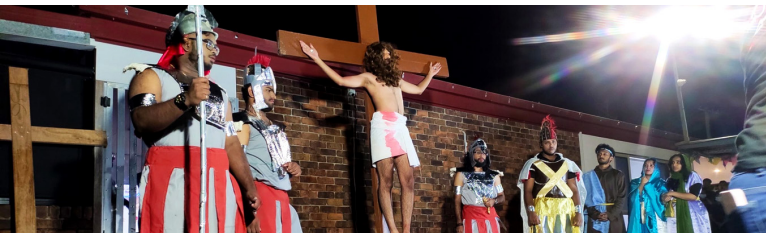
As we are half way down the year, we organised a one-day picnic for our Catechism teachers and their families on the 13th of June. We had a huge turnout, lots of games and entertainments were conducted. In spite of the cold weather we had, everyone truly enjoyed the day together.

We have recently restructured our Koodarayogam for the convenience of the families to gather and we are seeing improved participation across. We are looking forward to conduct our Thiruridaya Vanakamasam for 10 days towards end of June.

God bless you all. ●

# St. Thomas The Apostle Syro-Malabar Parish, Brisbane South

April to June marked very significant events in our parish. The holy week ceremonies were a real heart-touching experience for all of us. The passion play put up by the SMYM on Good Friday and the Annual Retreat preached by Fr. Joby George from the Divine Retreat Centre, Sydney added grace to the Holy week celebrations. Apart from the liturgical services, our parish conducted several spiritual, cultural, and training programs for the parishioners. Below are some of the significant events we conducted during this period.



## ADVANCED SAFER CHURCHES TRAINING

Creating safe spaces at our parish is everyone's responsibility. Towards this goal, the Parish Safe Guarding Office under the guidance of Fr. Abraham along with PSOs, Sebastian Joseph, and Resin Tony conducted a Safer churches training program on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 from 9 am till 4 pm in collaboration with the Syro-Malabar Eparchy, Melbourne for everyone who is involved in various ministries with children, young



people, and vulnerable adults.

## CATECHISM DEPARTMENT

The catechism department elected a Students Council team this year composed of class leaders from grade 4 to grade 12 to bring in ideas and develop student leadership. Shayne Jojo and Jiya Jiju were elected from the council as School Leaders. The council members had a pledging ceremony in the church



after the Holy Mass on 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Congratulations to our student council members.

## INSIGHTS MAGAZINE

The 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of our parish magazine, Santhom Insights, was officially released after the Easter Vigil Services on April 17<sup>th</sup>. The theme for this edition was "We are the Easter People". We print 1200 copies of the magazine (28 pages) and they are made available to all Malayalee Christian communities in and around Brisbane (North & South), Sunshine Coast, Ipswich, Springfield, Toowoomba, and the Gold Coast area. The printed and online copies reach around 8000 people.



## RUBY JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF OUR PARISH PRIEST

We solemnly celebrated the ruby jubilee of our





Parish priest, Rev. Fr. Abraham Kazhunadiyil, on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2022. The Ruby Jubilee marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Fr. Abraham's priestly ordination.

**MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

On 8th May, our parish celebrated Mother's day with Holy Mass. Fr. Abraham blessed all our mothers



with special prayers and presented them with gifts for their service to the parish in many ways.

**INTERNATIONAL NURSES DAY**



International Nurses Day was observed on 12<sup>th</sup> May with Holy Mass and Adoration. The nurses ministry leaders arranged a meeting and lunch for all the nurses after the Mass. Fr. Abraham blessed and greeted all our nurses and their family.

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**FOOD SALE BY MATHRUVEDI**

The Mathruvedi helps the parish by raising funds for different needs of the parish through food sale. They sell a variety of food like Pothichoru, Biriyani, Porotta, and Kappa Biriyani.



**FAITH FEST 2022**

We have arranged three Faith Fest programs this year for three different clusters. For grades 9 to 12, the Faith Fest will be from June 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. For grades 5 to 8, the Faith Fest is planned for July 8 to 10. It is an intensive faith formation program through student-engaging methods that takes the teachers and students on a journey through the themes of the day. It is devised with love and leads to fun, joy, and spiritual empowerment. A great team of teachers, SMYM members, and parents are ready to deliver the activities that will become a great learning lesson; etched into the students' minds forever.

**MATHRUVEDI PILGRIMAGE**

On 28<sup>th</sup> May, the Mathruvedi team of our parish had a pilgrimage to the Marian Valley pilgrim center. This was a memorable and spiritual experience for all the mothers who traveled together praying the Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet under the spir-



itual direction of our parish priest, Rev. Fr. Abraham. We had Holy Mass, Way of the Cross, and Novena to Bl. Virgin Mary at the pilgrim center. The Mathruvedi members requested many more such programs for empowering mothers.

# Days of Remembrance

## JULY

- 3 - Dukhrana of St. Thomas Apostle
- 11 - St. Benedict
- 15 - Sts. Kuriakose and Julitta
- 16 - Our Lady of Mount Carmel
- 22 - St. Mary Magdalene
- 24 - Day for grand parents and the elderly
- 25 - St. James, the Apostle
- 26 - Sts. Joachim and Anne
- 28 - St. Alphonsa
- 29 - St. Martha
- 31 - St. Ignatius of Loyola

## AUGUST

- 1 - St. Alphonse Liguori
- 4 - St. John Maria Vianney
- 5 - Mar Mari, Disciple of Mar Addai
- 6 - Transfiguration of Our Lord
- 8 - St. Dominic
- 11 - St. Clare
- 14 - St. Maxmillian Kolbe
- 15 - Assumption of our Lady & Indian Independence Day
- 21 - St. Pius X
- 24 - St. Bartholomew, the Apostle
- 27 - St. Augustine
- 29 - St. Euphrasia

## SEPTEMBER

- 5- St. Theresa of Calcutta
- 8- The Nativity of Our Lady
- 13- St. John Chrisosthom
- 14- The Exaltation of the Cross
- 21- St. Mathew, the Apostle
- 27- St. Vincent de Paul
- 29- Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael

## OCTOBER

- 1 - St. Therese of Child Jesus
- 2 - Guardian Angel
- 4 - St. Francis Assisi
- 15 - St. Theresa of Avila
- 16 - Mission Sunday & Bl. ThevarparampilKunjachan
- 18 - St. Luke, the Evangelist
- 22 - St. John Paul II
- 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

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