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POPE'S MESSAGE



“You shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8)

Dear brothers and sisters, I continue to dream of a completely missionary Church, and a new era of missionary activity among Christian communities. I repeat Moses' great desire for the people of God on their journey: “Would that all the Lord's people were prophets!” (Num 11:29). Indeed, would that all of us in the Church were what we already are by virtue of baptism: prophets, witnesses, missionaries of the Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the ends of the earth! Mary, Queen of the Missions, pray for us!



Pope Francis 
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From the Message of His Holiness Pope Francis for World Mission Day 2022

Marthoma Mission

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Welcome to yet another edition of the Marthoma Vision.

This edition brings the latest news and updates from the Eparchy of St. Thomas the apostle, Melbourne.

“Here am I, send me” (Is 6:8)

We celebrate October 23 as Mission Sunday in the Church worldwide. Pope Francis reminds us, “Mission is a free and conscious response to God’s call. Yet we discern this call only when we have a personal love relationship with Jesus present in his Church. Let us ask ourselves: are we prepared to welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to listen to the call to Mission, whether in our life as married couples or as consecrated persons or those called to the ordained ministry, and in all the everyday events of life?”

As members of the Syro-Malabar Church in Australia, we have a special call to be missionaries by zealously living our faith, dedicating ourselves to the service of others and, above all, proclaiming the gospel through the Church.

October is also the month dedicated to the rosary devotions. Mother Mary was a woman of great Love, a love that reflected itself in her person, her simplicity, her holiness, and her concern for others. Her overwhelming Love for Jesus kept her near Him despite the great trials and sufferings she experienced. Her Love was a love from the fullness of her heart, a caring love, a gently love, a strong and victorious love.

As we celebrate the month of Rosary, let us reflect more profoundly on the influence Mary has in our lives and the role God would want His mother to have in our lives.

In the coming months, many important events are taking place in our eparchy, including the Unite National Youth gathering, the biggest event hosted in our eparchy. Let us pray for the success of this event and for the Love of our Lord Christ to touch the young people.

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സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭയുടെ മേജർ ആർച്ചുബിഷപ്പ് കർദിനാൾ മാർ ജോർജ് ആലഞ്ചേരി തന്റെ സഹശുശ്രൂഷകരായ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തമാർക്കും മെത്രാൻമാർക്കും വൈദികർക്കും സമർപ്പിതർക്കും തന്റെ അജപാലന ശുശ്രൂഷയ്ക്ക് ഏൽപ്പിച്ചിരിക്കുന്ന എല്ലാ ദൈവജനത്തിനും എഴുതുന്ന സർക്കുലർ

മിശിഹായിൽ പ്രിയ സഹോദരീ സഹോദരൻമാരേ,

സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭയുടെ മുപ്പതാമത് സിനഡിന്റെ രണ്ടാം സമ്മേളനം ആഗസ്റ്റ് 16 മുതൽ 25 വരെ സഭാകാര്യാലയമായ കാക്കനാട് മൗണ്ട് സെന്റ് തോമസിൽ നടന്നു. നമ്മുടെ സഭയെയും സമൂഹത്തെയും ബാധിക്കുന്ന സമകാലിക വിഷയങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ച് പ്രാർത്ഥനാപൂർവ്വം പഠിക്കാനും ദൈവഹിതം അന്വേഷിക്കാനുമാണ് സിനഡ് പിതാക്കൻമാർ ശ്രമിച്ചത്.

നമ്മുടെ പിതാവായ മാർത്തോമ്മാ ശ്രീഹായും രക്തസാക്ഷിത്വത്തിന്റെ 1950-ാം വാർഷികം സമുചിതമായ രീതിയിൽ വിവിധ രൂപതകളിൽ ആചരിക്കുന്നതിൽ സിനഡ് സംതൃപ്തി രേഖപ്പെടുത്തി. ഈശോമിശിഹായ്ക്കു സാക്ഷ്യം വഹിക്കുക എന്നത് രക്തസാക്ഷിത്വത്തിനു കാരണമാണെന്ന് മാർത്തോമ്മാശ്രീഹായുടെ ജീവിതമാതൃക നമ്മെ പഠിപ്പിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. വിശ്വാസത്തിന്റെ പേരിൽ ഭാരതത്തിൽ ക്രൈസ്തവർ അനുഭവിക്കുന്ന പീഡനങ്ങളെയും വിവേചനങ്ങളെയും ഈ രക്തസാക്ഷിത്വത്തിന്റെ പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിലാണ് നാം മനസ്സിലാക്കേണ്ടത്. വിശ്വാസവഴികളിലെ പ്രതിസന്ധികളിൽ നഷ്ടപ്പെടാതെ കൈമാറാനും പ്രേക്ഷിതപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കായി പുനരർപ്പണം ചെയ്യാനും മാർത്തോമ്മാ ശ്രീഹായുടെ രക്തസാക്ഷിത്വ സ്മരണ നമ്മെ ശക്തിപ്പെടുത്തും.

കർഷകരും തീരദേശവാസികളും

കുടിയേറ്റ കർഷകരും തീരദേശവാസികളും സമാനതകളില്ലാത്ത സങ്കടങ്ങളിലൂടെയും ആശങ്കകളിലൂടെയുമാണ് കടന്നു പോകുന്നതെന്ന് സിനഡ് വിലയിരുത്തി. ബഹർസോൺ സംബന്ധിച്ച സുപ്രീംകോടതിയുടെ വിധിയിൽ കർഷകരുടെ ഗുരുതരമായ ആശങ്കകൾ പരിഹരിക്കുന്നതിൽ സർക്കാരിന്റെ ഭാഗത്തുനിന്ന് ഉണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ള വീഴ്ചകൾ ദുഃഖകരമാണ്. 1977-നു മുമ്പ് പട്ടയം ലഭിച്ച കുടിയേറ്റ കർഷകരെ വനം കയ്യേറിയവരായി ചിത്രീകരിച്ച് പരമോന്നത നീതിപീഠത്തിനു മുമ്പിൽ കേരള സർക്കാർ നൽകിയ സത്യവാങ്മൂലം കുടിയേറ്റ കർഷകരോടുള്ള വെല്ലുവിളിയായിട്ടാണ് അവർ മനസ്സിലാക്കുന്നത്. കർഷകരുടെ ആവശ്യങ്ങളോട് എന്നും വൈമുഖ്യം പുലർത്തിയിട്ടുള്ള വനംവകുപ്പിനെ മാത്രം ഈ കേസിന്റെ നടത്തിപ്പിനായി നിയോഗിച്ചതു തന്നെ അടിസ്ഥാനപരമായ വീഴ്ചയാണ്. ചീഫ് സെക്രട്ടറിയുടെ അധ്യക്ഷതയിൽ കൃഷി, വനവും വകുപ്പുകൾ കൂടി ഉൾപ്പെടുന്ന സമിതിയെ കേസിന്റെ നടത്തിപ്പിനായി നിയോഗിക്കണമെന്നും

ഗിന്നിമെന്റ് സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭാ സിനഡ് കേരള സർക്കാരിനോട് അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു. നിഷ്പക്ഷമായി നീതി നടപ്പിലാക്കാൻ നിർദ്ദിഷ്ട ബഹുസംഖ്യ പ്രവേശനങ്ങളിലെ ജനപ്രതിനിധികളെ കൂടി സമിതിയിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തണം. കർഷകരുടെ കൃഷിയിടങ്ങളൊന്നും ബഹുസംഖ്യയായി പ്രഖ്യാപിക്കപ്പെടുന്ന മേഖലയിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തില്ലായെന്ന് ഉറപ്പുവരുത്താൻ സർക്കാരിനു കഴിയണം.

വൻകിട കമ്പനികൾക്കു വേണ്ടി കൂടിയിറക്കപ്പെടുന്ന വിഴിഞ്ഞത്തെ തീരദേശവാസികളുടെ സമരത്തിന് സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭ പുർണ്ണ ഐക്യദാർഢ്യം പ്രഖ്യാപിക്കുന്നു. വികസനത്തിന്റെ പേരിൽ തീരദേശവാസികളുടെ വാസസ്ഥലവും ഉപജീവന മാർഗ്ഗവും നഷ്ടമായിട്ടു വർഷങ്ങളായി. വിഴിഞ്ഞം തുറമുഖത്തിന്റെ പേരിൽ കൂടിയിറക്കപ്പെട്ടവരെ പുനരധിവസിപ്പിക്കാനും മത്സ്യബന്ധന മേഖലയിലെ പ്രതിസന്ധികൾ പരിഹരിക്കാനും സർക്കാർ ആത്മാർത്ഥതയോടെ ഇടപെടണം. അതിജീവനത്തിനായി പൊരുതുന്ന തീരദേശവാസികളുടെ സമരത്തിന്റെ ആത്മാർത്ഥതയെ ചോദ്യം ചെയ്യുന്ന രീതിയിലുള്ള പ്രസ്താവനകൾ ഉത്തരവാദിപ്പെട്ടവരുടെ ഭാഗത്തു നിന്നുണ്ടാകുന്നത് അപലപനീയമാണ്.

പ്രളയക്കെടുതിയിൽ വൻതോതിൽ കൃഷിനാശം സംഭവിച്ച കൂട്ടനാട്ടിലെ കർഷകരുടെയും പ്രകൃതിക്ഷോഭങ്ങളിൽ കനത്ത നാശനഷ്ടങ്ങൾ നേരിട്ട മലയോര കർഷകരുടെയും ഭാരതത്തിലെ ഇതര സംസ്ഥാനങ്ങളിലെ മനുഷ്യരുടെയും സങ്കടങ്ങൾക്കു പരിഹാരം ആവശ്യമാണ്.

ഞായറാഴ്ചകൾ പ്രവൃത്തി ദിനങ്ങളാക്കുന്നതിൽ പ്രതിഷേധം

ഫയലുകൾ തീർപ്പാക്കുന്നതിന്റെ മറവിൽ ഞായറാഴ്ചകളെ പ്രവൃത്തിദിനങ്ങളാക്കുന്ന ഉത്തരവുകൾ സർക്കാരിന്റെ വിവിധ വകുപ്പുകളിൽ നിന്ന് ആവർത്തിച്ചുണ്ടാകുന്നത് പുനപരിശോധിക്കണമെന്ന് സർക്കാരിനോട് ആവശ്യപ്പെടുന്നു. ക്രൈസ്തവരുടെ ഞായറാഴ്ച ആചരണത്തെ പരിഗണിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുള്ള നടപടികൾ സർക്കാരിന്റെ ഭാഗത്തുനിന്നുണ്ടാകുമെന്ന് പ്രത്യാശിക്കുന്നു. വിവിധ മത്സര, പ്രവേശന പരീക്ഷകൾ ഞായറാഴ്ചകളിൽ ക്രമീകരിക്കുന്നത് ക്രൈസ്തവരായ അപേക്ഷകർക്ക് അവസരം നിഷേധിക്കുന്നതിനു സമാനമാണ്. നൂറ്റാണ്ടുകളായി നിലനിൽക്കുന്ന പതിവുകളെ മതേതരത്വത്തിനു വിരുദ്ധമായ ചിന്തകളിലൂടെ മാറ്റിമറിക്കാനുള്ള ചില നിഷ്പിത താൽപര്യക്കാരുടെ നീക്കങ്ങളെ തിരിച്ചറിയാനും തിരുത്താനുമുള്ള ആർജ്ജവവും സർക്കാർ പ്രകടമാക്കണം.

യാമപ്രാർത്ഥനകളുടെ നവീകരണം

നമ്മുടെ രക്ഷാകരസംഭവങ്ങളിൽ തിരുസഭയോടൊത്ത് ഓരോ യാമത്തിലും പങ്കുചേർന്നു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാനുള്ള അവസരമാണ് യാമപ്രാർത്ഥനകൾ പ്രദാനം ചെയ്യുന്നത്. സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭയുടെ യാമപ്രാർത്ഥനകൾ മുഖ്യപുസ്തകം വിശ്വസ്തത പുലർത്തിക്കൊണ്ട് നവീകരിക്കാനുള്ള പരിശ്രമങ്ങൾ ഒരു വ്യാഴവട്ടക്കാലമായി തുടരുകയായിരുന്നു. ശ്രമകരമായ ഈ ദൗത്യം പൂർത്തിയാക്കി നവീകരിച്ച യാമപ്രാർത്ഥനാഗ്രന്ഥത്തിന് സിനഡ് അംഗീകാരം നൽകി. യാത്രക

ളിലും മറ്റ് അവശ്യസന്ദർഭങ്ങളിലും ഉപയോഗിക്കാനുതകുന്ന ഹൃസ്വ രൂപത്തിലുള്ള യാമപ്രാർത്ഥനാഗ്രന്ഥവും ലഭ്യമാകും. സഭയോടു ചേർന്നു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാനും രക്ഷാകരഫലങ്ങൾ അനുഭവിക്കാനും സഹായകമായ യാമപ്രാർത്ഥനകൾ വൈദികർക്കും സന്യസ്തർക്കും മാത്രമല്ല എല്ലാ വിശ്വാസികൾക്കും ആത്മീയവളർച്ചയ്ക്കു സഹായകമാണ്. യാമപ്രാർത്ഥനകൾ ദൈവജനത്തെ പരിശീലിപ്പിക്കാൻ അജപാലകർ പ്രത്യേകം ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം.

എറണാകുളം-അങ്കമാലി അതിരൂപത

എറണാകുളം-അങ്കമാലി അതിരൂപതയുടെ ഭരണച്ചുമതലയുള്ള അപ്പസ്തോലിക് അഡ്മിനിസ്ട്രേറ്റർ (sede plena) ആയി പരിശുദ്ധ പിതാവ് ഫ്രാൻസിസ് മാർപ്പാപ്പ തൃശൂർ അതിരൂപതയുടെ മെത്രാപ്പോലീത്തയായ അഭിവാന്യ മാർ ആൻഡ്രൂസ് താഴത്ത് പിതാവിനെ നിയമിച്ചിരിക്കുകയാണല്ലോ. തന്റെ നിയമനപത്രത്തിൽ വ്യക്തമാക്കിയ നിർദ്ദേശങ്ങൾക്കനുസൃതമായി അതിരൂപതയുടെ ഭരണം നിർവഹിക്കാൻ താൻ കടപ്പെട്ടവനാണെന്ന് അപ്പസ്തോലിക് അഡ്മിനിസ്ട്രേറ്റർ സിനഡിനെ അറിയിച്ചു. അതിരൂപതയുടെ കൂട്ടായ്മയും നന്മയും ലക്ഷ്യമാക്കി അപ്പസ്തോലിക് അഡ്മിനിസ്ട്രേറ്റർ എടുക്കുന്ന എല്ലാ നിലപാടുകൾക്കും സിനഡ് പുർണ്ണ പിന്തുണ അറിയിച്ചു. പരിശുദ്ധ പിതാവ് ഫ്രാൻസിസ് മാർപ്പാപ്പ എറണാകുളം-അങ്കമാലി അതിരൂപതയ്ക്കു വേണ്ടി എടുത്ത ഈ തീരുമാനങ്ങളോട് അഭിപ്രായേതരങ്ങൾ മറ്റ് ഒരു മനസോടെ സഹകരിക്കണമെന്ന് എറണാകുളം-അങ്കമാലി അതിരൂപതയിലെ എല്ലാ വൈദികരോടും സന്യസ്തരോടും അൽമായ സഹോദരങ്ങളോടും സിനഡ് സ്നേഹപൂർവ്വം അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുകയാണ്. പൈതൃക സ്നേഹത്തെടെയുള്ള മാർപ്പാപ്പായുടെ തീരുമാനത്തിനു മുമ്പിൽ വിധേയപ്പെടുന്നതിനും എതിർപ്പിന്റെയും ശബ്ദങ്ങൾ അവസാനിപ്പിക്കാൻ എല്ലാവരും ശ്രദ്ധിക്കണം.

ആദരങ്ങളും ബഹുമതികളും

സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭയുടെ ആരാധനാക്രമരംഗത്ത് നിസ്തുലമായ സംഭാവനകൾ നൽകുന്നവരെ ആദരിക്കാനായി 'പൗരസ്ത്യരത്നം' അവാർഡ് ഏർപ്പെടുത്താൻ സിനഡ് തീരുമാനിച്ചു. നമ്മുടെ സഭയുടെ ആരാധനാക്രമ പൈതൃകങ്ങളെ സംരക്ഷിക്കാൻ ആത്മാർത്ഥമായി പരിശ്രമിച്ച അഭിവാന്യ മാർ ജോസഫ് പൗവ്വത്തിൽ പിതാവാണ് പൗരസ്ത്യരത്നം അവാർഡിന് ആദ്യമായി അർഹനായിരിക്കുന്നത്. നവതിയുടെ നിറവിലായിരിക്കുന്ന അവാർഡ് ജേതാവിനു സഭയുടെ മുഴുവൻ അനുഭോദനങ്ങളും പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും നേരുന്നു.

സാമൂഹ്യസേവന രംഗത്തെ നിസ്വാർത്ഥ സേവനങ്ങളെ ആദരിക്കാനായി ഏർപ്പെടുത്തിയ അവാർഡിന് ഈ വർഷം അർഹരായിരിക്കുന്നത് ചങ്ങനാശേരി അതിരൂപതാംഗമായ നവജീവൻ ട്രസ്റ്റിലെ ശ്രീ. പി. യു. തോമസും മാനന്തവാടി രൂപതയിലെ ഫാ. ജോസഫ് ചിറ്റൂരും ജഗ്ദൽപൂർ രൂപതയിലെ ദീൻബന്ധു സമാജ് സന്യാസസമൂഹാംഗമായ സിസ്റ്റർ ലിസെറ്റുമാണ്. അവാർഡ് ജേതാക്കളുടെ സമാനതകളില്ലാത്ത സാമൂഹിക പ്രതിബദ്ധതയെ സിനഡ് ആദരപൂർവ്വം അനുസ്മരിക്കുന്നു.

പുതിയ ഇടയൻമാർ

ഇന്ത്യയിലെ 23 സംസ്ഥാനങ്ങളിലായി വ്യാപിച്ചു കിടക്കുന്ന ഷംഷാബാദ് രൂപതയുടെ അതിർത്തികൾ ഇതര സീറോ-മലബാർ രൂപതകളുടെ അതിർത്തികളുമായി പുനക്രമീകരിക്കേണ്ടത് ആവശ്യമാണെന്ന് സിനഡ് വിലയിരുത്തി. ട്രൈഹിക് സിംഹാസനത്തിന്റെ അനുമതിയോടെ ഇക്കാര്യം നടപ്പിൽ വരുത്തുന്നതാണ്. സഭയുടെ പ്രേഷിതപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളെ കൂടുതൽ കാര്യക്ഷമമാക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള കർമ്മപദ്ധതികൾ സിനഡ് ആവിഷ്കരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. അതിവിശാലമായ ഷംഷാബാദ് രൂപതയുടെ മിഷൻ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളുടെ പ്രവാസികളുടെ അജപാലനവും സുഗമമാക്കുന്നതിനായി പ്രസ്തുത രൂപതയ്ക്കായി രണ്ടു സഹായമെത്രാൻമാരെ സിനഡ് തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തു. പാലാ രൂപതയിലെ വൈദികനായ ഫാ. ജോസഫ് കൊല്ലംപനമിൽ, ചങ്ങനാശേരി അതിരൂപതയിലെ വൈദികനായ ഫാ. തോമസ് പാടിയത്ത് എന്നിവരാണ് ഷംഷാബാദ് രൂപതയുടെ പുതിയ സഹായമെത്രാൻമാരായി നിയമിതരായിരിക്കുന്നത്. രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ അഭി വന്ദ്യ മാർ റാഫേൽ തട്ടിൽ പിതാവിനും പുതിയ സഹായമെത്രാൻ മാർക്കും ഷംഷാബാദ് രൂപതയ്ക്കും പ്രാർത്ഥനാനിർഭരമായ ഭാവുകങ്ങൾ ആശംസിക്കുന്നു. ഷംഷാബാദ് രൂപതയുടെ സ്ഥാപനത്തിലൂടെ ഭാരതം മുഴുവനിലും പ്രവർത്തനം വ്യാപിപ്പിക്കാൻ പുതിയ ക്രമീകരണങ്ങളിലൂടെ നമുക്ക് ആത്മാർത്ഥമായി പരിശ്രമിക്കാം.

1973-ൽ ആരംഭിച്ച മാനന്തവാടി രൂപത കേരളത്തിലെ മലപ്പുറം, വയനാട് കണ്ണൂർ ജില്ലകളിലും തമിഴ്നാട്ടിലെ നീലഗിരി ജില്ലയിലും വ്യാപിച്ചതാണ്. വിശാലമായ ഈ രൂപതയുടെ അജപാലന നിർവ്വഹണത്തിന് ഒരു സഹായ മെത്രാനെ ആവശ്യമാണെന്ന രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷന്റെ അഭ്യർത്ഥന അംഗീകരിച്ച് സിനഡ് തലശേരി അതിരൂപതാംഗമായ ഫാ. അലക്സ് താരാമംഗലത്തിനെ മാനന്തവാടി രൂപതയുടെ സഹായമെത്രനായി തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തു. രൂപതാധ്യക്ഷൻ അഭി വന്ദ്യ മാർ. ജോസ് പൊരുന്തോം പിതാവിനും പുതിയ സഹായമെത്രാനും മാനന്തവാടി രൂപതയ്ക്കും പ്രാർത്ഥനാനിർഭരമായ ഭാവുകങ്ങൾ നേരുന്നു. ചിക്കാഗോ രൂപതയുടെ സഹായമെത്രനായിരുന്ന അഭി വന്ദ്യ മാർ ജോയി ആലപ്പാട്ട് പിതാവിനെ പ്രസ്തുത രൂപതയുടെ മെത്രാനായി ഫ്രാൻസിസ് മാർപ്പാപ്പ നിയോഗിച്ചു. പുതിയ ഇടയനും ചിക്കാഗോ രൂപതയ്ക്കും അഭിനന്ദനങ്ങളും പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും നേരുന്നു. തന്റെ സഭയിലെ ശുശ്രൂഷയ്ക്കായി അനുയോജ്യരായ ഇടയൻമാരെ നൽകുന്ന നല്ല ദൈവത്തിനു നമുക്കു നന്ദി പറയാം.

വിരമിക്കൽ

ചിക്കാഗോ രൂപതയുടെ മെത്രാനായി രണ്ടു പതിറ്റാണ്ടിലേറെ ശുശ്രൂഷ ചെയ്ത അഭി വന്ദ്യ മാർ ജേക്കബ് അങ്ങാടിയത്ത് പിതാവ് 75 വയസ് പൂർത്തിയായതിനെ തുടർന്ന് സഭാനിയമപ്രകാരം നൽകിയ രാജി പരിശുദ്ധ പിതാവ് ഫ്രാൻസിസ് മാർപ്പാപ്പ സ്വീകരിച്ചു. ഇല്ലായ്മകളുടെ നടുവിൽ നിന്ന് ചിക്കാഗോ സെന്റ് തോമസ് സീറോ- മലബാർ രൂപതയെ വളർത്തിയെടുത്തത് അഭി വന്ദ്യ പിതാവിന്റെ ക്രാന്തദർശനവും ദൈവാശ്രയബോധത്തിലൂന്നിയുള്ള കഠിനാധ്വാനവുമാണ്. അഭി വന്ദ്യ ജേക്കബ് അങ്ങാടിയത്ത് പിതാവിന്റെ

നിസ്തുലമായ സേവനത്തെ സിനഡ് ആദരപൂർവ്വം ഓർമ്മിക്കുന്നു.

എറണാകുളം-അകമാലി അതിരൂപതയ്ക്കു വേണ്ടിയുള്ള മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പിന്റെ വികാരി സ്ഥാനത്തു നിന്നു വിരമിച്ച അഭി വന്ദ്യ മാർ ആന്റണി കരിയിൽ പിതാവിന്റെ സേവനങ്ങളെയും സിനഡ് കൃതജ്ഞയോടെ സ്മരിക്കുന്നു. സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭയുടെ മെത്രാൻ, സിനഡിന്റെ സെക്രട്ടറി എന്ന നിലയിൽ അഭി വന്ദ്യ പിതാവ് കഴിഞ്ഞ അഞ്ചു വർഷങ്ങളിൽ ചെയ്ത സേവനം ശ്രേഷ്ഠനീയമാണ്.

പാലാ രൂപതയുടെ സഹായമെത്രാനായി സേവനം ചെയ്തിരുന്ന അഭി വന്ദ്യ മാർ ജേക്കബ് മുരിക്കൻ പിതാവ് സ്വന്തം സജീവിതത്തോടുള്ള താൽപര്യത്താൽ ശുശ്രൂഷയിൽ നിന്നു വിരമിക്കാനുള്ള ആഗ്രഹം പ്രകടിപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് രാജി സമർപ്പിച്ചു. വിശദമായ ചർച്ചകൾക്കും പ്രാർത്ഥനകൾക്കും അഭി വന്ദ്യ മാർ മുരിക്കൻ പിതാവിന്റെ രാജി പെർമനന്റ് സിനഡിന്റെ അനുമതിയോടെ മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പ് സ്വീകരിച്ചു. കഴിഞ്ഞ പത്തു വർഷങ്ങളിലായി പാലാ രൂപതയുടെ സഹായമെത്രാൻ എന്ന നിലയിലും സിനഡിന്റെ വിവിധ കമ്മീഷനുകളിലെ അംഗമെന്ന നിലയിലും അഭി വന്ദ്യ പിതാവ് നൽകിയ നിസ്തുലങ്ങളായ സേവനങ്ങളെ സിനഡ് നന്ദിയോടെ അനുസ്മരിക്കുന്നു. തുടർന്നുള്ള താപസജീവിത വഴികളിൽ എല്ലാ ദൈവാനുഗ്രഹങ്ങളും ആശംസിക്കുന്നു!

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സഭയുടെ ശക്തിയായ യുവജനങ്ങളുടെ അജപാലനം ഈ സിനഡിന്റെ മുഖ്യ ചർച്ചാവിഷയങ്ങളിൽ ഒന്നായിരുന്നു. യുവജനങ്ങളോടൊത്ത് സഞ്ചരിക്കുന്ന സഭയായി നാം മാറേണ്ടതുണ്ടെന്ന് സിനഡ് വിലയിരുത്തി. ഇന്ത്യയ്ക്കു പുറത്തുള്ള നാല് സീറോ-മലബാർ രൂപതകളിലെയും യൂറോപ്പിലെ അപ്പസ്തോലിക് വിസിറ്റേഷനിലെയും യുവജനങ്ങൾ സംയുക്തമായി റോമിൽ നടത്തിയ സമ്മേളനം (Arise 2022) ഏറെ പ്രതീക്ഷ പകരുന്നതാണ്.

പ്രതിസന്ധികൾക്കു നടുവിലും സഭ നൗകയെ ശാന്തമായി മുന്നോട്ടു നയിക്കുന്ന നല്ല ദൈവത്തിന്റെ കരുതലാർന്ന പരിപാലനയ്ക്കു നമുക്കു നന്ദി പറയാം. ദൈവത്തിന്റെ അനുഗൃഹീത മാതാവും നമ്മുടെ അമ്മയുമായ പരിശുദ്ധ കന്യാമറിയത്തിന്റേയും നമ്മുടെ പിതാവായ മാർത്തോമ്മാ ശ്രീഹായുടെയും മാധ്യസ്ഥം നമുക്ക് സഹായകമാകട്ടെ. പിതാവായ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ അതിരില്ലാത്ത സ്നേഹവും നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവിശേഷമിഹായുടെ നിരന്തര സാന്നിധ്യവും പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിന്റെ കൃപയാർന്ന പരിപാലനവും നമ്മോടു കൂടെ എന്നുമായിരിക്കട്ടെ!

NB: കറക്കനാട് മൗണ്ട് സെന്റ് തോമസിലുള്ള മേജർ ആർച്ച് ബിഷപ്പിന്റെ കാര്യാലയത്തിൽ നിന്ന് 2022-ാം ആഗസ്റ്റ് മാസം 25-ാം തീയതി നൽകപ്പെട്ടത്.

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ഈ വർഷം ഒക്ടോബർ 23-ന് ആണല്ലോ ആഗോള സഭയിൽ മിഷൻ ഞായർ ആചരിക്കുന്നത്. അത് നമ്മുടെ രൂപതിയിൽ എല്ലാ ഇട വകകളിലും മിഷനുകളിലും സമുചിതമായി ആചരിക്കാൻ ഏവരെയും ഞാൻ ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്യുന്നു. സാർവത്രിക സഭയുടെയും സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭയുടെയും മിഷൻ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളെക്കുറിച്ച് എല്ലാവരെയും ബോധ്യപ്പെടുത്താൻ വലിയൊരു അവസരമാണിത്. ഈ രംഗത്ത് പ്രവർത്തിക്കുന്ന വൈദികർ, സമർപ്പിതർ, അമ്മായ പ്രേഷിതർ എന്നിവരെപ്പറ്റി കൂടുതൽ അറിവും താൽപര്യവും വളർത്താൻ ക്ലാസുകളും ചർച്ചകളും മത്സരങ്ങളും സംഘടിപ്പിക്കാൻ ഏവരും ശ്രമിക്കുമല്ലോ. കുട്ടികൾക്കും യുവജനങ്ങൾക്കും ഈ രംഗത്ത് കൂടുതൽ സജീവമായി പ്രവർത്തിക്കാൻ അവസരം നൽകുന്നത് ഉചിതമായിരിക്കും. സഭയുടെ പ്രേഷിതപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളുടെ വളർച്ചയ്ക്കായി പ്രാർഥിക്കാൻ പ്രത്യേകിച്ച് ഏവരെയും ആഹ്വാനം ചെയ്യുന്നു. പ്രാർഥന കൊണ്ടും ആളുകൊണ്ടും അർഥം കൊണ്ടും മിഷനെ സഹായിക്കാൻ നാമേവരും കടപ്പെട്ടവരാണ്. ഒക്ടോബർ 23-ന് എടുക്കുന്ന സന്തോത്രക്കാഴ്ച സഭയുടെയും രൂപതയുടെയും മിഷൻ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കായുള്ള പ്രത്യേക നിയോഗത്തോടു കൂടിയതാണെന്ന് നമുക്കറിവുള്ളതാണല്ലോ. ഉദാരമായി മിഷനെ സഹായിക്കണമെന്ന് ഏവരെയും ഓർമ്മിക്കുന്നു.

'നിങ്ങൾ എന്നിക്കു സാക്ഷികളാകുവിൻ' (ശ്ലീഹമാരുടെ പ്രവർത്തനം 1:8) എന്ന കർത്താവിന്റെ പ്രവചനമാണ് ഇക്കൊല്ലത്തെ മിഷൻ ഞായർ സന്ദേശമായി പ്രമാൻസിസ് പാപ്പ തിരഞ്ഞെടുത്തിരിക്കുന്നത്. പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിനെ സ്വീകരിച്ചാലേ യഥാർഥ സാക്ഷികളാകാൻ പറ്റൂ എന്ന് നമ്മുടെ കർത്താവു തന്നെ ശിഷ്യൻമാരെ ഉപദേശിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്. സഭ സ്വഭാവത്താലെ മിഷനറിയാണ്. സഭാജീവിതത്തെയും ദൗത്യത്തെയും അനുസ്മരിക്കാനും നമ്മുടെ മനസിൽ മിഷൻ ചിന്തകൾ കൂടുതൽ ദീപ്തമാക്കാനും മിഷൻ ഞായർ ആചരണം നമ്മെ സഹായിക്കും.

മിഷനറിയാകുക എന്നു വച്ചാൽ മിശിഹായ്ക്കു സാക്ഷ്യം വഹിക്കുക എന്നാണർത്ഥം. പിതാവായ ദൈവത്തിന്റെ സ്നേഹത്തിനു സാക്ഷ്യം വഹിക്കാൻ അയയ്ക്കപ്പെട്ട മിഷനറിയാണ് ഈശോ. തന്റെ സുവിശേഷത്തിനു സാക്ഷികളാകാനാണ് ഈശോ ശിഷ്യ സമൂഹത്തെ നിയോഗിച്ചത്. അതാണ് സഭ. സഭയുടെ ഏതു പ്രവർത്തനവും മിഷൻ പ്രവർത്തനമാകണം; അതു സുവിശേഷത്തിനു സാക്ഷ്യം വഹിക്കലാണ്. സഭയോടു ചേർന്നു നിന്നുകൊണ്ടാണ് ഏതൊരു വിശ്വാസിയും മിശിഹായ്ക്കു സാക്ഷ്യം വഹിക്കേണ്ടത്. നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകയും മിഷനും ഇത്തരം മിഷൻ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിലാണ് ആവേശം കൊള്ളേണ്ടത്. നമ്മുടെ ഓരോരുത്തരുടെയും വ്യക്തി ജീവിതം സാക്ഷ്യത്തിന്റെ ജീവിതമായിരിക്കണം - കൂടുംബത്തിലും ഇടവക സമൂഹത്തിലും പൊതു സമൂഹത്തിലും.

മിശിഹായ്ക്കു സാക്ഷ്യം വഹിക്കുന്നവൻ യഥാർഥ രക്തസാക്ഷിയാണെന്ന് മാർപ്പാപ്പ അനുസ്മരിക്കുന്നു. തന്നെത്തന്നെയും തന്റെ ജീവനെയും മിശിഹായ്ക്കു നൽകുന്നവനാണവൻ. അതാണല്ലോ കർത്താവു തന്നെ ചെയ്തത്. നാം ഈശോയിൽ അനുഭവിക്കുന്ന സ്നേഹം മറ്റുള്ളവരുമായി പങ്കുവയ്ക്കലാണ് പ്രാഥമിക മിഷൻ പ്രവർത്തനം. 'ആധുനിക മനുഷ്യൻ അധ്യാപകരെക്കാൾ സാക്ഷ്യം നൽകുന്നവരെയാണ് കൂടുതൽ താൽപര്യപൂർവ്വം ശ്രവിക്കുന്നത്; അധ്യാപകരെ ശ്രവിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ അവർ സാക്ഷികൾ കൂടിയായതുകൊണ്ടാണ്' എന്ന വിശുദ്ധ പോൾ ആനാമൻ മാർപ്പാപ്പയുടെ വാക്കുകൾ ഏറെ ശ്രദ്ധേയമാണ്.

ശ്രീഹന്മാരെ പോലെ നമ്മളും പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാവിനാൽ നിറഞ്ഞ്, നാമായിരിക്കുന്ന ജീവിത സാഹചര്യങ്ങളിൽ മിശിഹായുടെ സുവിശേഷത്തിനു സാക്ഷികളാകാൻ മിഷൻ ഞായർ ആചരണം നമുക്കു വ്യക്തിപരമായും സംഘാതമായും പ്രചോദനമാകാൻ നമുക്കു പ്രാർഥിക്കാം. തിരുബാലസഖ്യത്തിന്റെ (Holy childhood) സ്ഥാപകൻ ബിഷപ്പ് ചാൾസിന്റെ വാക്കുകൾ ഏറെ പ്രസക്തമാണ്: 'കുട്ടികൾ കുട്ടികളെ സുവിശേഷത്തിലേക്കു നയിക്കട്ടെ; കുട്ടികൾ കുട്ടികൾ

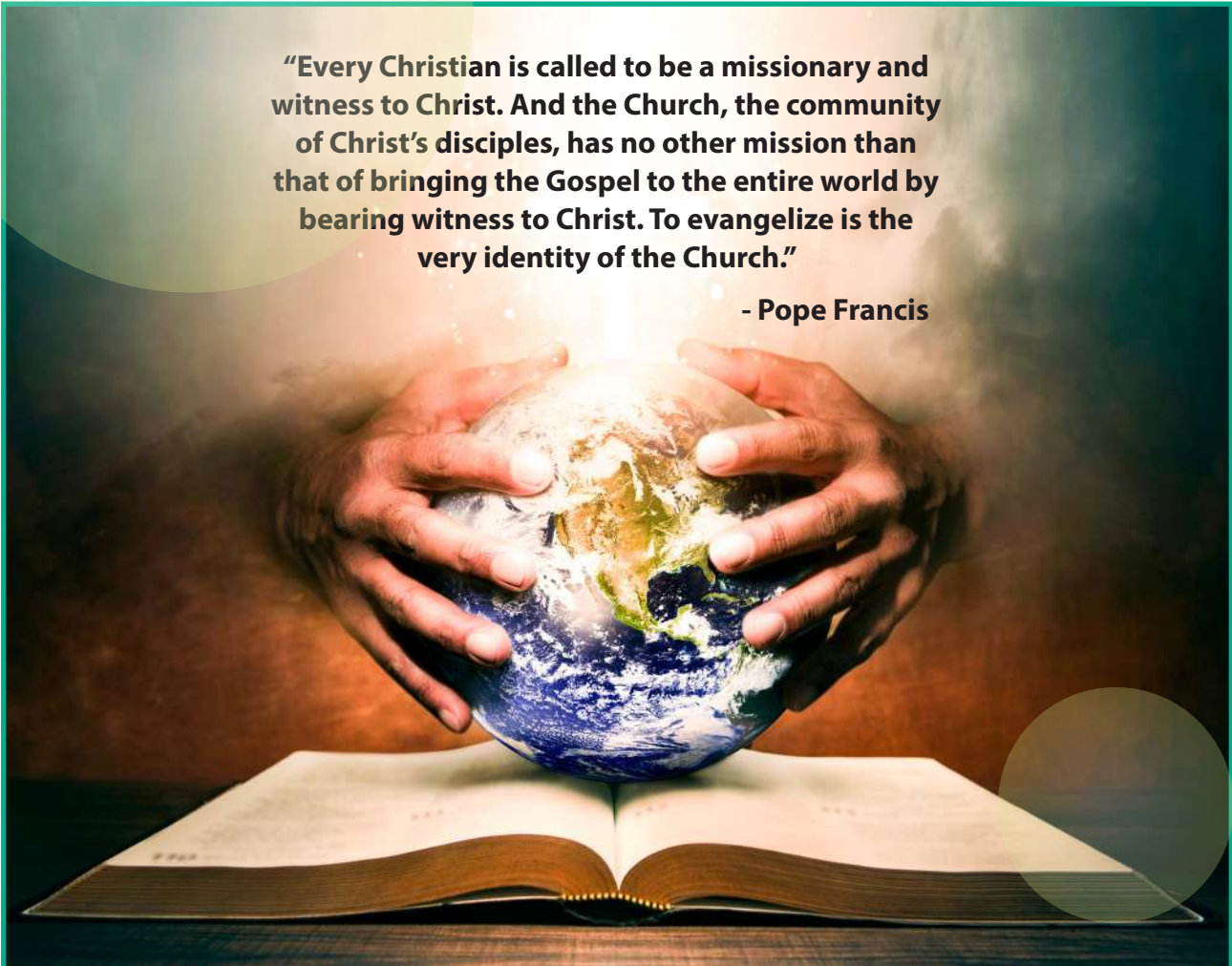
ക്കു വേണ്ടി പ്രാർഥിക്കട്ടെ; കുട്ടികൾ ലോകമെമ്പാടുമുള്ള കുട്ടികളെ സഹായിക്കട്ടെ.'

നമ്മുടെ ഇടവകകളിലും മിഷനുകളിലും കുട്ടികൾക്കായി തിരുബാലസഖ്യവും മിഷൻ ലീഗും സ്ഥാപിക്കാനും അതുവഴി കുഞ്ഞു മിഷനറിമാരെ വളർത്തിയെടുക്കാനും നമുക്കു സാധിക്കണം. അതുപോലെ നമ്മുടെ രൂപതയിലെ മിഷൻ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്കു നേതൃത്വം കൊടുക്കുന്ന ഇവാഞ്ചലൈസേഷൻ മിനിസ്ട്രിയുടെ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങളിൽ പങ്കുചേരാൻ ഏവരെയും ക്ഷണിക്കുന്നു. അതിന്റെ ശാഖ ഇടവക തലത്തിലുമാകാൻ ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട അച്ചൻമാർ ശ്രമിക്കുമല്ലോ. നാമേവരും മിഷൻ ചൈതന്യത്തിൽ വളരാൻ ഇടവരട്ടെ.

മിശിഹായിൽ സ്നേഹത്തോടെ,

2022 ഒക്ടോബർ 1 നിങ്ങളുടെ പിതാവ്
 പരിശുദ്ധ കുർബാനയുടെ തിരുനാൾ +ബോസ്കോ പുത്തൂർ

NB: ഈ സർക്കുലർ 2022 ഒക്ടോബർ 16ന് (ഞായർ) പള്ളിയിൽ വായിക്കേണ്ടതാണ്.



“Every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ’s disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church.”

- Pope Francis

Eparchy News





Congratulations & Prayerful Greetings to



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Aux. Bishop Elect,
Eparchy of Mananthavady

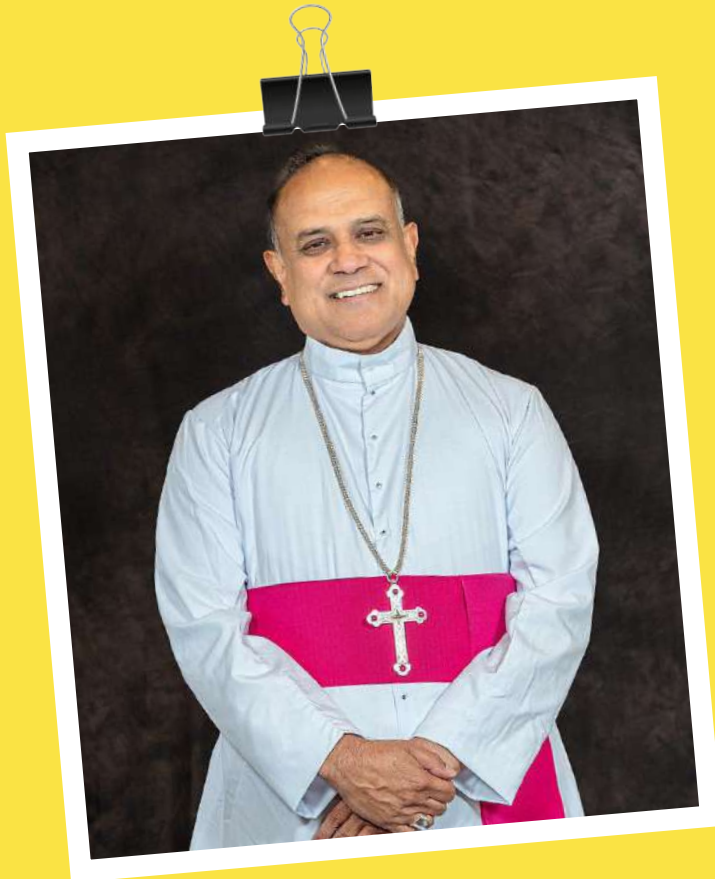


MAR. JOSEPH KOLLAMPAMBIL
Aux. Bishop Elect,
Eparchy of Shamshabad



MAR. THOMAS PADIYATH
Aux. Bishop Elect,
Eparchy of Shamshabad

**സീറോ-മലബാർ സഭയിലെ
നിയുക്ത മെത്രാന്മാർക്ക്
മെൽബൺ രൂപത കുടുംബത്തിന്റെ
പ്രാർത്ഥനാശംസകൾ**



Prayerful Wishes to
MAR JOY ALAPPATT

On his installation as the Bishop of
THE ST. THOMAS SYRO-MALABAR
CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF CHICAGO



Welcome

To The Eparchy Family



FR. TIJO PUTHENPARAMPIL



FR SIBY THANNICKAL MCBS

SEMINARIANS

Syro-Malabar Eparchy of
St. Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne



Seminarians of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle of Melbourne 14-8-2022

Seminarians of Melbourne Eparchy gathered in St. John Paul II minor seminary in the presence of Bp. Bosco Puthur.

MINOR SEMINARIANS

First Year Minor Seminary

Bro. Adelio Chimminikattu
Bro. Geowin Pellissery

Third Year Minor Seminary

Bro. Antony Chennoth

DEGREE SEMINARIANS

First Year Degree

Bro. Saljin Kunjeluparambil
Bro. Albin Plackal
Bro. Joseph Kadumbarathara

Second Year Degree

Bro. Rijo Muttath

Third Year Degree

Bro Ronald Varikkassery
Bro. Alen Kakkanattu
Bro. Bibin Koothodiyil
Bro. Amal Neernakunnel
Bro. Abin Kokkappillil

MAJOR SEMINARIANS PHILOSOPHY

Bro. Jojin Aynikkal
(1st-year philosophy
Degree Graduate)
St. Joseph Pontifical Seminary
Mangalapuzha, Aluva

Bro. Jibin Karuthedath
(1st-year philosophy
Degree Graduate)
St. Thomas Apostolic
Regional Seminary
Vadavathoor, Kottayam

Bro. Jomin Thekkekumbalavayil
(1st-year Philosophy
Degree Graduate)
Good Shepherd Major
Seminary, Kunnoth, Kannur

Bro. Prince Padayattu
(1st-year philosophy
Degree Graduate)
Good Shepherd, Major
Seminary, Kunnoth, Kannur

Bro. Robert Punnaparayil
(3rd-year philosophy
Degree Graduate)
Good Shepherd
Major Seminary
Kunnoth, Kannur

Bro. Franto Kunnamkudath
(3rd-year philosophy
Degree Graduate)
St. Thomas Apostolic
Regional Seminary
Vadavathoor, Kottayam

MAJOR SEMINARIANS THEOLOGY

Bro. Agnal Chakkedan
1st year Theology,
Pontificio
CollegioInternazionale
Maria Mater Ecclesiae, Rome

Bro. Sibin Erinjery
2nd year Theology
Pontificio
CollegioInternazionale
Maria Mater Ecclesiae, Rome

SEMINARY UPDATES

DEACONATE

Dn. Bibin Velampampil
Deaconate ministry
at Basilica of Our Lady of
Dolours, Thrissur

TEACHING STAFF AT ST. JOHN PAUL II MINOR SEMINARY - THIRUMUDIKUNNU, KORATTY EAST – 680308

Rev. Dr. Lawrance Thaikattil
Rector & Teacher

Rev. Fr. Jose Karachira
Spiritual father & Confessor

Other Teachers

Rev. Fr. JettoThottungal
Introduction to Bible

Rev. Dr. Fr. Bilju Vazhappilly
Introduction to Liturgy

Rev. Dr. Shiju Chittilappilly
Introduction to Church History

Rev. Fr. Andrews Kuttukatt
Introduction to Spirituality I

Rev. Fr. Robin Vazhappilly
Introduction to Spirituality II

Rev. Sr. Nirmala SSS
Introduction to
Second Vatican Council

Mr. Nelvin John
Syro-Malabar Church

Mrs. Jitha Jose
Malayalam

Mrs. Dimple Joy
English I

Mrs. Albin Jose
English II

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

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

**& We become
the CHURCH,
Missionary
in Nature,
Evangelising
in Action.**

SYRO-MALABAR NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING



A meeting of the SYRO MALABAR NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL COUNCIL was held in Napier, New Zealand, on the 26th and 27th of September 2022.

The meeting consisted of 31 Lay participants across the 13 Syro-Malabar communities, six priests who are currently providing pastoral care to the Syro-Malabar faithful in New Zealand, the vicar general Msgr Francis Kolenchery and the eparchial bishop Mar Bosco Puthur.

The meeting began with an exclusive session for the priests moderated by Msgr Kolenchery and Bishop Bosco Puthur, followed by several sessions for the entire group. The council discussed and discerned a variety of topics, including;

- Building up and strengthening our communities by making available the services of more priests
- Regularising the Sunday Liturgies in more centres
- More focused efforts in strengthening and stabilising finances for our communities
- Effective delivery of catechism programs
- Developing and delivering training programs for the catechism teachers
- Implementation of the palliyogam procedures in our missions

The meeting gratefully acknowledged the services of Fr. Manoj Mathew, who is returning to India after seven years of ministry in New Zealand.



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Eparchial Synthesis Report

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

INTRODUCTION

The Synodal consultation report of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne, is synthesised in accordance with *Vademecum (Appendix D: Preparing the diocesan synthesis - a document for the Synod on Synodality)*. This report is the fruit of extensive consultation across the eparchy (especially the parishes and missions in Australia and New Zealand). To understand this report better, a brief history of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Melbourne is given as an introduction.

Pope Francis established the Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle Melbourne for the Syro-Malabar faithful (*Sancti Thomae Apostoli Melburnensis Syro-Malabarensium*) on 23 December 2013. Bishop Bosco Puthur was appointed as the first Eparchial Bishop and the Apostolic Visitor for Syro-Malabar faithful residing in New Zealand. In 2021, Pope Francis extended jurisdiction of the eparchy to New Zealand and all other Oceanian countries. Over the past nine years, the eparchy has grown to 13 parishes and 53 missions (*See: Appendix 1*), with 36 priests serving in the eparchy. We have been blessed to establish parishes/missions in all major Australian and New Zealand cities, and our mission is growing to other regional areas. These establishments have helped the Syro-Malabar faithful receive ongoing pastoral care, participation in regular Holy Qurbana (East Syriac term for Eucharist) and regular faith formation classes for children and young people.

THE CONSULTATION PROCESS

The synodal process of the eparchy began with the appointment of the eparchial contact person (Rev. Dr Sijeesh Pullankunnel - Chancellor of the Eparchy) and a ten-member Synodal commission (*See: Appendix 1*) by the eparchial Bishop Bosco Puthur. The commission coordinated the activities of the eparchy under the leadership of Msgr. Francis Kolencherry as the chair of the Synodal commission. The appointed synodal commission is a reflection of Synodality. The commission members were selected, giving importance to the local, cultural and geographical context, including young people, women, key eparchial departments, and parishes/missions geographically distanced in nature.

Bishop invited the faithful to partake in the consultation process through his pastoral letters to parishes and missions. To plan and execute the preparatory phase of the consultation, the eparchial commission met weekly via an online platform. The Commission formed three sub-committees to contextualise the Synod on Synodality questionnaire to reflect the cultural diverseness and the local context on the themes of communion, participation, and mission. The preliminary questions from these sub-committees were further refined and finalised through discussions with the eparchial commission. The questionnaire was made available in both Malayalam and English languages to accommodate the entire congregation, especially people from the margins, and it ensured participation and inclusion.

Synodality was the central theme for the eparchial Pastoral council, and a keynote address was given by Dr Trudy Dantis (Director, National Centre for Pastoral Research, Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference) on Synodality. The synodal commission led the discussions, and 26 priests and 43 lay leaders from parishes and missions across all states and territories of Australia participated in this consultation as eight groups. Each discussion group had the representation of clergy, young people, women, and members from eparchial departments and ministries, and it was a true cross-section of the congregation of

Syro-Malabar Catholics in Australia. Participants experienced the Synodality in practice during these discussions and commented that it was a time of listening, dialogue, and spiritual discernment. Parish priests and pastoral council members were equipped to facilitate the discussions at their parishes/missions and were provided with an orientation and resources at the eparchial gathering.

The resources (*See Appendix 2 & 3*) to facilitate the process of the consultation were sent out to each parish/mission in Australia and New Zealand. Each parish and mission organised consultations and discussion gatherings by the parish council, ministry groups, pious organisations, youth groups, and senior students from catechism classes to promote the most fruitful synodal experience in the local context. Individuals and groups were encouraged to read and reflect on the suggested scripture readings before reflecting on the questionnaire. Parish priests and pastoral council members were trained to facilitate the discussion and reflect and discern the response on the synodal themes.

In addition to group consultations, individuals and families who do not generally participate in church gatherings were invited to participate in the consultation process. The consultation questionnaire was available to people through the eparchy/parish/mission level media and communication networks. The responses to the group consultation process at the parish/mission level were compiled by the parish priest with the help of the parish secretary and were submitted to the eparchial synodal commission using Microsoft Office forms. The individuals and families submitted their online responses directly to the commission. The commission received responses from all the parishes and most of the missions.

The commission received a total of 274 responses. Of these responses, 175 were individual responses, and 99 were group responses. The size of the groups that participated varied from 10 to 90 participants, and approximately 4600 people participated in the discussions. The participation of young people was noteworthy, and they made recommendations to grow in Synodality on the themes of communion, participation, and mission. The majority of individual and group respondents fall into the age bracket of 40 to 49 (*See Appendix 1*).

THE CONSULTATION EXPERIENCE

The participants of the synodal consultations were enthusiastic about the opportunity to experience the synodality in local contexts and listen to the Holy Spirit's voice. The participants expressed their contentment in sharing their views, insights, concerns, dreams and hopes and the opportunity to be able to listen to the experiences of each other. Participants spoke with courage, appreciated the freedom of speech and respected each other's opinions on the various topics discussed throughout the process.

Many voices recognised that it is an important event that determines the future of our Catholic Church. But, on the other hand, there were voices in which participants experienced desolations, tensions and disagreements. Indeed, the process was full of mixed emotions of gratitude, joy, anger, lamentations, disappointments, and frustrations.

The majority acknowledged the current initiatives and efforts of the eparchy and were grateful for being able to continue their liturgical traditions in a foreign country. Furthermore, the majority expressed awe in

the growth of the eparchy from its inception to the present. Some of the notable matters emerged during the discussions: community building, missionary activities, pastoral care, involvement in the socio-cultural contexts, and providing systematic faith formation and the ministry to young people.

Some of the high points that also came up during the consultation process were:

- availability to participate in the Holy Qurbana at least once a week, and the parish becomes the family of families where they experience communion and fellowship;
- the thrust is given to uphold spiritual values and the continuous moral education for the next generation;
- the focus on the domestic church and the sacrament of matrimony, also the emphasis is given to developing missionary families;
- the governance of the parish/mission is participatory, and the teamwork within the teams is commendable;
- the monthly ward prayer meetings (a gathering of families who lives in the same geographical areas) are an opportunity for communion; and
- the hard work of volunteers who are scarifying their talents, time and treasures. Many volunteers contribute their resourcefulness professionally to the church.

Some voices expressed concern on the following issues:

- the inability of the church to be open and inclusive;
- on the feudalistic/political attitudes of some church leaders;
- the colonial divide and rule policy;
- egoism and acting with prejudices against its members;
- making decisions based on the advice of a minority caucus; and
- separatism, autocracy and power politics.

Some of the topics which flagged diverse points of view were:

- the need to be more open in listening to all the members of the church; hence we say we are participatory;
- taking the congregation into confidence while taking significant decisions; hence we say we are transparent in decision making;
- selection of more experienced office bearers; hence we say we have enough resourcefulness; and
- more activities, initiatives and pastoral care support in regional areas; hence we say we are missionary in nature.

In addition to these, many participants took the consultation to reflect on other issues that hindered them from actively participating in church. The most common responses were:

- the geographical distance;
- the lack of the own infrastructure;
- the unavailability of the infrastructure for timely and frequent liturgical services;
- language barriers;
- the current pandemic; and
- struggles in achieving a work-life balance.

Many also noted that there was an unawareness and limited formation opportunities for individuals to get involved in the life and mission of the church more actively. Several voices shared their insecurities and personal issues such as; a feeling of being unwanted, fear of making mistakes, fear of being criticised or judged, fear of responsibilities, burnout due to commitments, and the struggle to prioritise Christ and the Church. The faithful effectively utilised the synodal discussions to express their concerns and hope that the church can provide support to individuals being challenged by these issues.

However, it is essential to note that the majority of the participants indicated that they were filled with zeal for the church and were grateful to actively participate in the Holy Qurbana, the faith formation and the Syro-Malabar Youth Movement (SMYM) initiatives. Many faithful recognised that the church needed them and was happy to be a catalyst for the growth of our church.

THE CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

Through the voices of the people, the synodal commission listened to the Holy Spirit, where the voices brought surprising feedback, moving life experiences, and noteworthy points of view, which opened new horizons.

A Listening Church

A significant number of participants in the consultation stated that the church needs to be a good listener rather than a speaker. In particular, one member described the church as a *"loudspeaker... it emits, it never listens."* In contrast, many stated that the church was invariably a good listener while it was laypeople who were hesitant to come forward or speak out. Lack of participation in the church could be due to unawareness, previous bitter experiences, unresolved issues, divisions within the church, scandals, neglect and predisposition that their opinions may not impact or make any change in its operations. However, most people agreed that their parish has a modus operandi suitable for listening to its members through family units, Parish Councils, Pothuyogams (General Body Meeting of the parish), and various departments and ministries.

Women Leadership

One of the less mentioned but interestingly unique voice is women's leadership in the church. One submission noted, *"No equal opportunity for women. Very minimal whole group gatherings that I have seen, usually only the parish council meetings."* This consultation opens a new horizon for creating more leadership opportunities for women, empowering women to undertake critical roles within the church leadership.

Sourcing Community Talents

Many voices recommended channelising the existing skill sets and professional experience of people in our community to form support groups and professional services for those in need since many are working in the health, welfare and community sector. Some of the feedback was: developing a legal advice clinic for parishioners; counselling services for individuals and families; and regular sessions for parents and children on how they can tackle new parenting challenges.

The busy-ness of New Migrants

One of the moving stories is the struggles and challenges faced by our new migrant community. The voices we heard talk about the demanding priorities of the life situations of the migrants were: trying to fit into the Australian context; the competing demands of settling in financially; the upbringing of children without the support of the extended family; and busy life schedules. These factors drain the motivation of individuals to partake in the church community. One submission voiced, *"Many of us are not participating actively due to lack of time for our family commitments. Without any support from in-laws, parents or helpers, the entire responsibility will be on the mother. Mothers will be very much stressed if they try to satisfy everyone."*

Meetings & Decision Making

Surprisingly, a significant number of participants have given firm feedback on the process of conducting meetings and decision-making. The feedbacks were: not adhering to the announced start and finish time of the meetings; inappropriate and limited moderation; conducting meetings with predetermined outcomes or decisions; not presenting the meeting agendas and discussion points well in advance; fear of being responsible for implementing ideas, opinions and suggestions shared during the meeting; and the possible financial burden associated with taking up new ventures.

The opportunities that opened up were:

- the need for the meetings regularly;
- appropriate moderation by the chair;
- sending out agenda and discussion points in advance;
- promoting inclusiveness in all meetings; and
- recording meeting minutes and initiating actions therein.

The Need for Dynamic Catechesis

Many voices agreed that faith formation should happen primarily in the family and felt that children should encounter God and have that experience in their teenage years. Even though there are existing faith formation programmes in every parish/mission, many submissions voiced that catechesis should be dynamic, family-based and relatable to the current society in which we live. Interestingly, one submission noted, *"Although the current curriculum of the catechism inspires the generation that had the opportunity to build their faith in Kerala, it does not inspire our new generation."*

The Voice of the Young

The need to listen to the voices of the young people was one of the most significant themes which emerged from the discussions. Young people's voices are often dismissed due to the wrong perception of being immature or inexperienced. At the same time, many submissions noted the undeniable fact that the young people are the ones who will lead the church in future. And hence adequate training must be in place to equip them. The current leadership is encouraged to share responsibility with the young people in the church.

Cultivating a Culture of Evangelisation

Many voices agreed on the need for increased missionary activities. Some of the new horizons opened were: prison ministry, evangelisation at workplaces, empowering women and young people, disaster relief teams to assist natural disasters, support for the homeless, family-oriented programs, and couple's gatherings. The faithful agreed that the church has become complacent in opening up to new ministry ventures and needs to encourage parishioners to step out of their comfort zones in their missionary lives. These will help achieve the ultimate goal of *"Cultivating a culture - I am doing it for the Lord."*

The Need for a Resident Chaplain and Permanent Infrastructure

One of the important voices which resonate strongly is the limited opportunities or platforms available for the faithful to come together and contribute highly. This is due to the unavailability of a permanent place of worship (a place faithful can call home) and a full-time parish priest.

KISS (Keep It Short & Simple) the Faithful with Homilies

Many voices acknowledged that the sermons given by parish priests are inspiring, especially the examples given in the homily that keep us motivated to do the right things. In contrast, one voice noted that *"Sometimes, the priest's homily lacks clarity and isn't concise; it is easy to lose track and get distracted."*

Bilingual Liturgical Services

The majority of the voices emphasised the dire need to have liturgical services in Malayalam and English concurrently. Many submissions noted that having the liturgical services only in the Malayalam language and lengthy services discourages the active participation of children and young people. One submission noted, *"language is a big problem... parishes should consider families whose children don't understand Malayalam...if there are two masses on Sunday, one should be in English, so everyone is included and not marginalised..."*

Taking Wise Financial Decisions

Some voices expressed their concerns about the financial requirements for sustaining communities and running the day-to-day activities of the parishes/missions. Some disappointments were expressed that extreme care had not been exercised while acquiring immovable assets for the church, noting that not everyone can bear an additional financial responsibility. In contrast, many voices spoke that individuals who raised their voices strongly favouring the acquisition of such immovable assets were never seen to have contributed to the expenses or have never been active members. It was suggested that all community members be given the opportunity to express their views so that a collective decision can be taken in the community's best interest.

Getting Involved in the Political and Policy-making Sphere

Many voices expressed their disappointment with the political leaders and policymakers supporting bills on abortion, euthanasia and homosexuality and recognised that the voices of the faithful were being disregarded when passing bills. Many urged that the Christian community needs to pray for political leaders worldwide and get actively involved in politics where they can influence the policy decisions and act morally.

Courageous Leadership

Many noted that liberal ideas and opinions may not reflect the church's teachings and are not suitable for the community's common good. One participant wrote, *"It is difficult to listen to those people in leadership who do not receive proper catechism of the catholic faith. Now the church is listening to drunkards, anti-Catholics infiltrated into our church and others against the church teachings. Our church seems to be in a confused stage. Hierarchy itself not strong in what they preach."* More people should be brought into leadership roles to strengthen the church and improve approachability, communication, and transparency. Strong leaders will also be good role models for the community to uphold faith in the face of worldly ideologies.

THE CURRENT REALITY OF SYNODALITY

The experience of the current reality of synodality triggered mixed emotions and feelings within the participants. The voices shared their unique understanding of synodality. They acknowledged that the synodality is in practice through the various departments, apostolates, ministries and the administrative bodies in our parishes/missions. Many voices appreciated the church community for its social support, the periodic meetings, the teaching received through the homilies, the welcoming and friendly approach to visitors, the moral education, countless hours of work done by volunteers, the puthuyogams (General Body Meetings) and finally the togetherness and outstanding leadership within the community. The participants notably commented on some departments such as Parish Council, Syro-Malabar Youth Movement (SMYM), Nurse's ministry, Vincent de Paul Society, Catholic Congress (social action group), Mathruvedi (Congregation of mothers), Pithruvedi (congregation of fathers). These departments conduct regular meetings and planned events or retreats centred around Christ's teachings, with the common goal of creating a good fellowship of the Holy Spirit within our churches. These groups give the laity a sense of belonging and responsibility for the church. As one member commented, *"They are the pillars of the church structure."*

However, some have expressed that these groups require more support from the governing bodies to grow in participation. Some voices shared that they are unaware of the aforementioned ministries within their parishes/missions and suggested more outreach. A submission expressed the unique experience of synodality: *"SMYM meeting helps create a close-knit, safe community where we come together to strengthen and deepen our faith through meetings and activities done for the parish community. Vincent De Paul helps those in our community as well as people outside. We donated offertory through the Mother Teresa sisters and city mission. We donated money to build houses for those who lost theirs in flood. These were all led by the laypeople with the blessings of the priests."*

The participants emphasised the church's role in building a concrete Catholic community to promote inclusion and participation and overcome marginalisation. Many suggestions were put forward to ensure the participation and involvement of the people who are excluded or marginalised. One submission noted, *"I fear the expectation of participation from community members only through liturgical rituals is a negative driving force. While holy mass is an important aspect of our faith, it may not be the only aspect of community participation. Active participation can be improved by creating opportunities for more*

community events and not just giving focus to liturgical activities." There was a consensus that some people are in the margins because of their circumstances: divorcees; widowers; single mothers, grieving families; children confused about their sexual, gender and cultural identity; and families of children with special needs. It was recognised that such individuals and families go through many struggles, and the church needs to provide adequate support and pastoral care through various initiatives and services. The voices identified international students and new migrants as another cluster to fall under the excluded and marginalised category.

Many participants recognised the need to extend the works of the Syro-Malabar church into the neighbouring dioceses and other communities. Many voices favoured ecumenism and encouraged individuals to have an open mind and build rapport with other Christian communities. Some suggestions to promote ecumenism were: an annual ecumenical gathering of neighbouring parishes and a bible quiz for people to share the fruits of their denomination with others. One submission noted the importance of ecumenism in our communities, *"Being people of same faith and believer of same Lord; we should have appropriate ecumenical dialogue. We should have a more intensive dialogue with our brethren among Nasrani folk, such as the Syro Malankara church, Orthodox, Jacobite, Marthoma churches, the Church of East and so on, as they are also part of our greater St Thomas Christian family, who share the same history. A similar attitude of brotherhood and charity should be there towards other Christian communities."*

The areas which need healing and conversion through the voices we heard were:

- people who experienced rejection;
- families who stopped coming to church due to disagreements;
- people who lack a sense of belonging; and
- people who have not received proper grievances on time.

Some expressed concerns that there is no platform to redress grievances of people who have not received proper grievances at the parish level. Often, they need to be addressed to higher authorities in the church. There were unlimited delays in getting a response from the higher authorities when the issue could have been resolved at a local level on time. Since the leadership, including priests and laity, primarily have overseas experience, it is recommended more culturally sensitive training to be provided to improve engagement with the faithful born and brought up in Australia and New Zealand.

THE WAY FORWARD IN SYNODALITY

Adopt Change according to the Signs of the Time

Many submissions stated that the church and its members are reluctant to change due to its deep and historical roots in tradition. Surprisingly, one submission wrote, *"the Church has an attitude that this is how it's always been done, so there's no need to change it."* Holding only on to the conservative approaches of the Syro-Malabar church would compromise the church's existence in the long run. It was voiced that to move forward in synodality, the church's stand on religious/spiritual/ecclesiastical and civil aspects should be inclusive.

Various proposals were put forward, such as forming core groups or outreach teams constituting ward representatives or church leaders to recognise the non-active members and understand their problems. Furthermore, it was emphasised that the Parish Priest should take responsibility for having open communication with parishioners. Some acknowledged that the church is not entirely responsible for the actualisation of the synodality since all its members are not motivated to engage in the life and mission of the church.

Liturgy at the Centre of Synodality

Many submissions noted how the eucharistic and liturgical celebrations build the community in synodality. These are the Holy Qurbana, family prayer, and unique liturgical celebrations. A vast number of participants acknowledged, that eucharistic celebrations and prayers enlighten us with the discerning power of the Holy Spirit to make the right choices in our personal, spiritual, professional, or community lives and give us the strength to endure the many challenges we face as immigrants. One submission wrote, *"we are so privileged to have daily Qurbana in our Parish, which helps us grow in faith. Kids actively participating in the Holy Qurbana have made a big change in their lives and has helped in community bonding."*

Rediscovering the Roots to Grow in Synodality

Many voices suggested fostering discernment in a synodal way by encouraging regular family unit meetings, good leaders who act according to what they preach and encouraging the laity to feel responsible for their church. To achieve this, Syro-Malabar Christians must be properly catechised about the richness of their traditions and history. *"Appropriate catechesis regarding the traditions and history - through a boring subject - for many - is highly important. History connects any community to its roots. St. Thomas Christians do not need to invent any new theory for communal spiritual discernment, but need to peep back to stories of own ancestors."* The most crucial aspect and the church's focus must be on the spiritual nourishment of the faithful and safeguarding the truth in the middle of the confusion that the world preaches. Good homilies, good catechetical structures for both children and adults, youth/teen retreats, annual parish retreats, Eucharistic adorations, regular Holy Qurbana, scripture readings, obedience to the church teachings are some of the steps to grow more in synodality.

Media and Communications – A Tool to Strengthen Synodality

The majority of the voices consider media and communication an inevitable tool to deepen and strengthen synodality in the modern world. A variety of practical suggestions came up during the consultation process: utilisation of all available social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, blogs, testimonies, and YouTube to reach out; allocation of adequate funding and resources to create a dedicated media cell, and develop online holistic mentorship strategies/programs catering to the marginalised and unprivileged people in the society. Many also suggested that social media can be used to educate and raise awareness on the church teachings and activities and how we can work together through charitable works such as supporting refugee communities, contributing during floods, assisting during bush fires and arranging blood donation camps, ecumenism, and interfaith dialogue. Some suggested that social media can also help the new migrants find employment, accommodation, support and assist in settling into their new cities, church, school, and work.

Other Recommendations to Grow in Synodality

Some of the recommendations that also came up during the consultation process were:

- introduce new members to the parish community through socialising nights, sports activities, and food fests;
- provide disabled access and appropriate amenities to cater for faithful with special needs;
- strengthen the chaplaincy service in nursing homes and retirement villages;
- implement bilingual liturgical services to cater for children and young people, thus fostering inclusiveness;
- promote and uphold Christian values and Christian ways of living in the society where we live in; and
- safeguard and promote the significance of the sacrament of matrimony and family.

OUR CULTURAL IMAGE AND OUR EXPERIENCE OF SYNODALITY

Father Placid J Podippara CMI, a scholar of the community, describes the Syro-Malabar rite as *"Indian in culture, Christian in religion and Oriental in worship."* This paints a cultural image that articulates our experience of synodality as St. Thomas Christians have been able to listen to the faithful and incorporate cultural and geographical facets into our faith. Although our cultural image is challenged in a country like Australia, the Syro-Malabar faithful have been able to listen to each other and grow whilst being rooted in their culture and traditions. Synodality is about listening to each other and journeying together. The Syro-Malabar faithful have been able to experience Synodality in their journeying together and the establishment of their faith in Australia.





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Department Updates





DEPARTMENT OF CATECHESIS

Qadosh 3.0 Diakonia

The department conducted the third training for extraordinary ministers of Holy communion. Rev. Fr. Abraham Kazhunnadiyil was the resource personnel. In total, they were 76 Participants from 20 Parishes across Australia.

Text Book Review

THE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING YEAR 7 TEXT BOOK

The first review team consisted 16 teachers from various Sunday schools at Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne & Sydney – mostly young people. Completed on 31st March 2022

The Second review team consisted 14 expert Sunday school teachers from Perth, Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne & Sydney catechism centres. Completed on 30th April 2022

The third and final review is being conducted at present and expected to finish soon and will be submitted for Bishops approval.

Sep – October 22 – Final Design and Printing.
Nov 22- New text book release.

Lumen Fidei 2.0 Regional Teachers Conference QLD

Regional catechism teachers conference QLD was held on August 27th 2022. Catechists and Principals from 7 catechetical centres across QLD participated in the event which was held at St. Thomas the Apostle parish Brisbane South. Certification of participation on the topic Forming in Christ was awarded to the participants of the event.

Cartoon competition prizes announced

The department announced the prizes for cartoon competition. 1st place was won by Amble

Antony, St. Mary's Syro- Malabar parish Melbourne east and 2nd Prize by Shelby Chacko, St. Mary's Syro- Malabar Mission Alice springs.

Bible 365 & Audio Bible

Bible 365 and audio Bible was inaugurated by Rev.Bishop Bosco Puthur on 15th August 2021. The department released audio bible every day on its YouTube channel. The mission was successfully completed on the 365th day August 15th 2022.

Audio full Bible is available on the departments YouTube channel.

Ettu Nombu

To prepare for the nativity of Mother Mary, the department released flyers with special activity/prayers each day from September 1st to 8th and encouraged children to partake in daily prayers throughout the days of Ettunoyambu which were offered up to Mother Mary.

Logos Quiz Registrations open

Logos quiz registrations are open. The quiz will be conducted on 8th of October.



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UPDATES FROM THE FAMILY APOSTOLATE



Registration open for the November 2022 Online Marriage Preparation Course via Zoom.

Please find below the link to register for the November 2022 Online Marriage Preparation Course (MPC) via Zoom in English.

You may click on below link for registration and further details.
<https://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

COURSE FEE
A\$200
per participant

NOVEMBER 2022 MPC DATES AND SESSION TIMINGS (AEDT, MELBOURNE TIME);

- 17th Nov, Thursday (6.45pm to 10.15pm)
- 18th Nov, Friday (6.45pm to 10.15pm)
- 19th Nov, Saturday (6.45pm to 10.15pm)
- 24th Nov, Thursday (6.45pm to 10.15pm)
- 25th Nov, Friday (6.45pm to 10.15pm)
- 26th Nov, Saturday (6.45pm to 10.15pm)
- Last date for registration: 10/11/2022

For enquiries, please contact Coordinator, Santhosh Jose on Mob: 0423 450 768

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UPDATES FROM THE YOUTH APOSTOLATE

YOUTH LEADERS' SUMMIT (YLS)

In April 2022, youth leaders from all over Australia gathered in Melbourne for four days for the annual Youth Leaders' Summit. YLS gives the opportunity for young people who are interested and passionate about youth ministry to come together. Through valuable discussion sessions, youth were able to share their visions for the Syro-Malabar church and explore ideas and initiatives to spiritually support and grow the community. The Summit covered sessions such as Syro-Malabar Identity, Discipleship, and Leadership and Missionary Calling, which challenged the youth to take new strides outside their comfort zone in their personal faith journey and within the Syro-Malabar Church.

After prayerful reflection and discernment, a new SMYM National Team was elected, and the end of the Summit. Comprising of fourteen members across all states, the team is led by Hanson Wilson, who is the SMYM National Coordinator.

SMYM NATIONAL TEAM 3.0

- Hanson Wilson - Coordinator
- Sheril Jose Sao - Assistant Coordinator
- Christina Vincent - Secretary
- Tonia Kurisunkal - Joint Secretary
- Emmanuel Thomas - Finance Coordinator
- Avin James - Projects Coordinator
- Alwin Joseph Lal - Intercession Coordinator
- Anna Saju - Intercession Coordinator
- Alfred James - Media Coordinator
- Catherine Shaji - Media Coordinator
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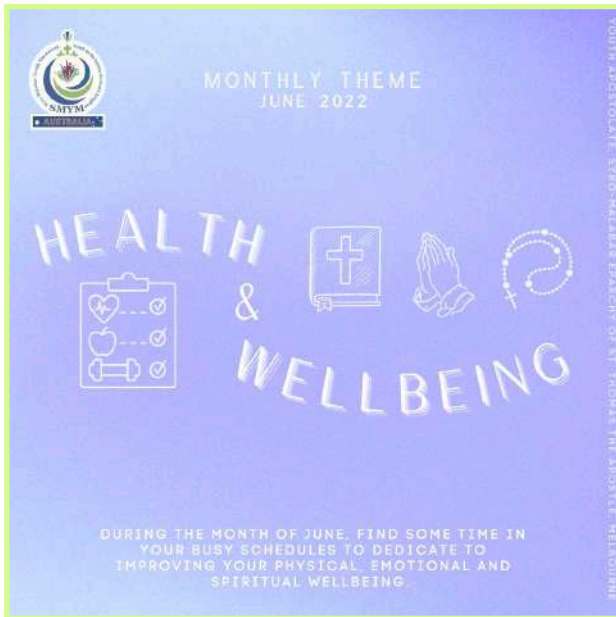
Proclaim is an annual one-day conference that runs regionally across Australia, and this year, it occurred between the months of July and September. Filled with fellowship and faith formation, the youth were called to ponder on the theme of Purpose and Calling. Over the course of the day, the youth learnt about the necessity to be imitators of Christ and explored ways to practice it within the community and other facets of life. Filled with sessions, praise and worship, testimonies, Holy Qurbana and Eucharistic Adoration, the youth were able to encounter and celebrate Christ.

SMYM MONTHLY THEMES

SMYM monthly themes are a monthly national youth initiative where the youth are encouraged to explore and learn more about a designated unique theme. Each month has both national and regional initiatives regarding the theme through which, youth are able to explore, remember and celebrate God's blessings.

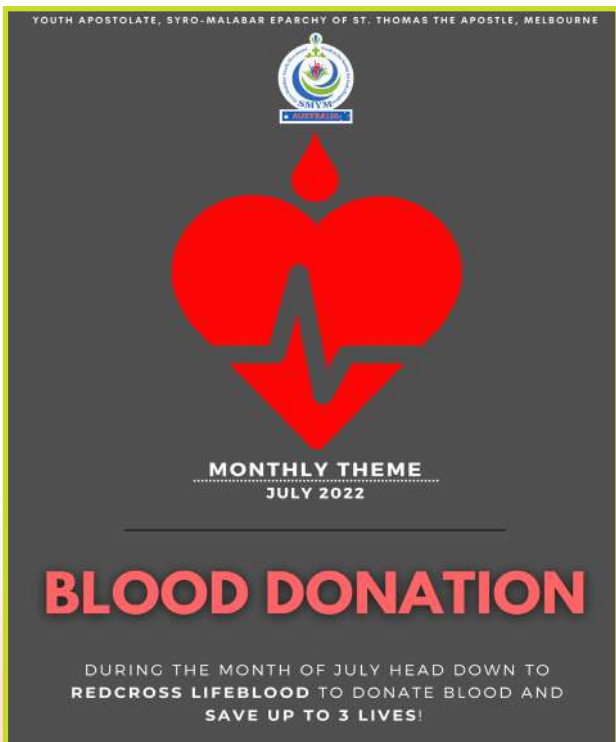
SMYM monthly themes continue with more and more activities and initiatives at national and parish/mission level. The themes for the month of June to September were: Health and Wellbeing, Blood donation, Art, Music and Dance, and Environment.

JUNE – HEALTH AND WELLBEING



In the month of June youth were encouraged to find some peace in the midst of the chaos of their busy lifestyles. The youth were reminded of their wider support system that exists within the community, especially while going through tough seasons of their lives.

JULY- BLOOD DONATION



“Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action” (1 John 3:18)

The month of July was dedicated to blood donation. Blood is quintessential for life. It courses through our bodies and keeps us alive. Often, we don’t realise the importance of our blood and we take it for granted. Throughout the month of July many youths practiced charity and servitude by donating their blood and plasma through the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood organisation.

AUGUST –ART, MUSIC AND DANCE

“In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’” (Acts 20:35)

This month was dedicated to inspire young people to realise their true calling as the everyday missionaries of Christ. Activities and initiatives organised at parish/mission level helped them to reach out to the wider communities and use their talents creatively. This brought the community together, setting our differences aside, as a one body in Christ.

SEPTEMBER - ENVIRONMENT

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have



dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.” (Genesis 1:26:)

When God gave us dominion above all else on Earth, we become the caretakers, the ones who has responsibility to take care of the land and the animals living in it. God made sure to create the world so perfectly life to sustain. Taking care of the planet is not a voluntary action, rather it is a duty that is handed down to us.

In the month of September, young people in our eparchy aimed to spend some time to appreciate and take care of 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.

ROAD TO PENTECOST

Road to Pentecost is intercessory initiative that took place during the last nine days leading up to Pentecost. During these days, youth from different regions and parishes around Australia took leadership in leading the rosary and novena, and offering intercessory and thanksgiving prayers on behalf of the Eparchy. This was another opportunity for youth to come together and once again spend time together in prayer before the day of Pentecost.

40-DAY FAST AND PRAYER HOUR

This is an initiative organised for leaders as preparation for UNITE, the biggest national Syro-Malabar youth event since 2018. More than 50 young people have committed to fast something of their preference and to spend one hour in prayer every morning from 6am to 7am AEST. This fast began on 12 September and will conclude on 21 October. During the prayer hour, the youth spend time in worship through Sapra, read and reflect on the Word of God and intercede for all those attending the conference at the end of the year.

The end of this fast will conclude with a day of celebration as it is the feast of the patron saint, St. John Paul II.

IPRAY

Another ongoing intercessory initiative is iPray which runs nationally, every Thursday at 9pm AEST. iPray allows young people to come together and recite the Rosary together, offering up different intercessions and request of prayer at each decade. This is another beautiful opportunity for young people from all around the Eparchy to come together despite the physical difference and varying time differences and pray together as one united community.

SLIHADAMISIHA

SlihadaMisiha, or Apostles of Christ is a youth mission project of the Youth Apostolate of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle, Melbourne. It is an initiative that invites young people to respond to their ultimate missionary calling and share their faith and celebrate Christ with others.

In SilhadaMisiha, young people take a year/month’s break from their studies or work and commit that year to the Lord and His Church. After the month of formation, the team of young missionaries will be ready to hit the road, visiting various parishes, missions and communities in the eparchy. The team will be equipped to conduct retreats and other programs that will help them to witness our Lord to their fellow boys and girls, thereby enabling them to encounter IshoMisiha (Jesus Christ) as their Maaran and Aalaha (Lord and God).

Over the course of 2022, eight young full-time studying and/or working youth took on this commitment to minister to the young of the parishes/missions of VIC, NSW, ACT and QLD. The events took place over four full days where the young were able to create and strengthen bonds within the parish/mission, while growing in their faith together.

SPIRIT OF SONSHIP

Spirit of Sonship is an ongoing mission initiative with our friends in Singapore. Conducted online via zoom, youth from Australia get the opportunity to chat and have thought-provoking discussions with teens and youth from Singapore about spirituality, the Syro Malabar Church and own individual faith journeys. Spanning for two hours, every fortnight, young people have the opportunity to celebrate Christ and impart personal experiences and knowledge to their younger peers.

CHILD SAFEGUARDING DEPARTMENT



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2022

September 11 was widely celebrated as Safeguarding Sunday throughout Australia by Australian Catholic Church. This year's theme was that "Every child, in every community, needs a fair go" to ensure that every child grows up safe and supported and the community need to work together to ensure that this aim is achieved.

Safeguarding our children and vulnerable people is a responsibility of everyone that requires collective effort. Keeping this in mind on this occasion, various parishes of our Eparchy took initiatives in conducting variety of workshops and safeguarding activities to create social awareness about wellbeing and protection of children and young people in our community.

We sincerely acknowledge and thank all our wonderful volunteers and Parish Safeguarding officers who work tirelessly to ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and vulnerable people.

Snapshots of safeguarding activities from some of our parishes below:





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SEPTEMBER 11

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“*The Rosary mystically transports us to Mary's* side as she is busy watching over the human growth of Christ in the home of Nazareth. This enables her to train us and to mold us with the same care, until Christ is ‘fully formed’ in us.”

Pope St. John Paul II

Parish Mission Updates



St Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Parish Adelaide Central

Over the months of July, August and September, the parishioners have been busy preparing and celebrating several events. The month started off with us celebrating the 1950th Martyrdom of our father in faith, St Thomas. The day was one of celebration where we had a solemn Qurbana, followed by a flash-mob by the youth and a high tea for all parishioners. Our community also partook in the St Thomas celebrations organised by the Archdiocese of Adelaide. This was a great opportunity for us to meet Catholics from all parts of India and be united by the faith we inherited from St Thomas.



On July 30th we celebrated our Parish Thirunnal. We held a 9-day Novena followed by a grand Thirunnal celebration. The youth held a photobooth stall and the altar serves held a games stall. The parishioners also prepared a scrumptious three course dinner. We also had Chenda Mela and a Ganamela. Many parishioners said that the Thirunnal celebrations reminded them of the Perunal celebrations in India.

In the past two months, the community was able to honour the life of our beloved Mother Mary. On August 15th, we celebrated the Assumption of Mother Mary and on September 8th, we celebrated the Birthday of Mother Mary. To commemorate Ettu-Nombu, we celebrated Holy Qurbana every day and recited the Holy Rosary as a community for eight days. Parishioners were able to experience the love of Mother Mary and request her intercession and protection in our lives.

The community also gathered together on 5th September to celebrate the Feast Day of Mother Theresa and on 14th September to celebrate the Exultation of the Cross. Members from respective family units prepared nercha for all the parishioners.

CATECHISM



Our Bible Kalotsavam was held on July 9 and July 16. Our children spent several months practicing and preparing their dances, songs and costumes to showcase their love for Christ. The children showcased stellar performances and the whole community was able to witness a celebration of faith.

Our parish also conducted a safe-guarding session for the parishioners and catechism students on 11th September. Parishioners and children were reminded of their responsibilities to look after each other and to remain safe.

YOUTH

The youth team have been organising exciting events for fellow youth to partake in. On August 13th, the youth held a trivia night, where everyone dressed up as movie/tv show characters and spent the night answering questions. The youth had a great time of fellowship and fun.

On September 3rd, the youth partook in the annual regional conference Proclaim. The theme of this year's conference was about purpose and calling. The participants were able to listen to sessions and testimonies to understand God's calling in their life.



On September 18th and 25th, the youth organised a Careers Expo. This was an opportunity for students in high school to explore their career options and to ask questions about university and work life. This event was also an opportunity for parents to understand the Australian education system.

As there is a significant number of youths from our parish registered to attend UNITE 2022, the youth have been selling coffee and snacks after Holy Qurbana on Sunday. All profits are going towards their transportation costs for the conference.

ST ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR CATHEDRAL PARISH MELBOURNE

REFLECTION FOR JULY TO SEPTEMBER:

St. Alphonsa Cathedral Parish continues to thrive as our Cathedral construction moves forward.

July was a very special month for us: Bishop Bosco celebrated Rasa Holy Qurbana on 03 July for the Dukrana of Mar Thom, our father in faith. We also celebrated the feast day of our patron saint and India's first saint, St Alphonsa was on 28th July 2022. In preparation to celebrate the feast, we had nine days of Novena starting from 19th July 2022- 27th July 2022. On the 28th of July, an evening Holy Qurbana was held at St Stephen's Church, to give the community to come together and pray to seek the intercession of our patron saint.

During this time, the feast day of Saints Joachim and Anne took place on 26th July. Along with the Universal Church, our Cathedral celebrated World Day for



Grandparents and the Elderly, a custom initiated by Pope Francis. During the Sunday services on the 24th of July, we took the time to show our gratitude to our grandparents who have worked diligently to pass on our traditions and faith to each one of us.

In August, we observed the 15 days of the fast, starting from 1st August 2022- 15th August 2022. On the 15th of August 2022, the Assumption of our Lady was celebrated with Holy Qurbana and Ladeenju.

In September, Ettunombu was observed with the Nativity of Our Lady is celebrated on 8th September 2022.

Our different movements have also been moving forward with their initiatives. During these months, SMYM has helped to organize Proclaim, a one-day retreat to allow youth to join and obtain a Christ experience. They have conducted a blood drive, with



several youths coming forward to donate blood. A career expo was also organized for VCE students and youth in our Parish to assist them in making decisions regarding subject and course selection.

Our Mathrvethi movement is also going strong. They have organized several fundraising events, such as food stalls, and contributed all funds obtained to the construction of our Cathedral.

One of the biggest highlights in September was our SMCC Fest, which celebrated the inauguration of our Syro-Malabar Cultural Centre. On this day, a Mega Dance was performed which included over 100 participants from different age groups, including teens. Youths, couples, etc.

Other highlights of the day included an Orchestra performance, Payasamela, a painting/drawing workshop for children, and many stalls.

Catechism classes are running smoothly and classes have concluded for Term Three with a two-week holiday.

By the grace of God, the work on our Cathedral Parish continues to progress. We would like to ask you all to pray for the Cathedral's completion during this critical time of development.

ST ALPHONSA

Syro-Malabar Mission Parramatta

Faith Fest 2022

The parish celebrated Faith Fest for the second time on July 2nd & 3rd 2022. The celebrations were inaugurated by lighting the candle after the Holy Qurbana on by Parish Priest and Catechism Director Fr. Mathew Areeplackal, Kaikkaran Dane Xan Alex, and catechism team.

Children were categorised into groups Bethlehem, Capernaum, Judea & Jerusalem based on their age. In total, there were 224 students and 40 volunteers that participated in the two-day event.

1. ST. THOMAS DAY CELEBRATIONS

Dukhrana Thirunal was celebrated on July 3rd 2022 at Nagle college hall. Holy Qurbana was celebrated by Rev Fr. Jose Manjali, Rev. Fr Joby Kadambattuparambil, Rev Fr. Jolly Joseph, Rev Fr. Thomas Manimalaalong with vicar Fr. Mathew Areepalckal. The celebrations concluded with the Faith Fest finale and a snehavirunnu. More than 500 parishioners participated in the celebrations.

2. FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSA

The Feast of St. Alphonsa was celebrated by the parish on July 31st with solemn Holy Qurbana, la-deenju, pradakshinam and Nercha.

3. NOVENA TO ST. ALPHONSA

The parish commenced novena to its patron saint St Alphonsa on Friday 5th of August. The novena mass will be held on every Friday.

4. AKCC COMMENCING THE ROLES OF NEW OFFICE BEARERS

The new office bearers of AKCC commenced their roles on August 7th 2022 with special prayers and offertory during the Holy Qurbana. Fr. Mathew congratulated the new office bearers and welcomed them to their roles.

5. FEAST OF SAINT MARY MACKILLOP 8TH AUGUST 2022

Feast of St. Mary Mackillop, the first Australian saint, was celebrated by the parish on 8th August 2022.

6. ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Parish celebrated the assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary on 15th August 2022. Members of the mathrujyothi held a special offertory and nercha on Sunday 14th August to commemorate the feast day.

7. HOLY HOUR WITH THE LORD

Special adoration and blessing for Holy communion students and their families was held on Friday 19th August. Those students who are receiving the sacraments here and their families participated in the adoration and Holy Qurbana.

8. EUCHARISTA AUGUST 28TH 2022

The monthly Sunday school English Qurbana was celebrated on August 28th 2022. The newly formed Sunday School junior choir participated in the HolyQurbana.

Fr. Luke Holohan, Lecturer in Theology, Campioncollege, Australia, was the special invitee and shared the word of God. A few theology students from Campion college also participated in the Syro-Malabar Holy Qurbana.

9. AMORIS LAETITIA RELEASE

The first ever Sunday school

St. Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Parish
Parramatta - Blacktown

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Novena starts : 30th September 2022 Friday

6:15 PM - Rosary, Adoration
7:00 PM - Novena, Holy Qurbana

01st October 2022, Saturday

6:15 PM - Rosary, Adoration
7:00 PM - Novena, Holy Qurbana

St Michael's Church, 58 Orwell St, Blacktown

Join us in Rosary, Adoration, Holy Qurbana and Novena.



magazine Amoris Laetitia was released on August 28th after the Holy Qurbana. The parish congratulated the 50 authors/ artists and its editors during the release.

10. FIRST SYRO MALABAR HOLY QURBANA IN AN AUSTRALIAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY CHAPLAINCY

SMYM Parramatta led and organised the first ever Syro-Mala-

bar Holy Qurbana at an Australian university on 1st September 2022. SMYM teams from neighbouring parishes also participated in the event. Fr. Mathew Areeplackal was the main celebrant with Fr. Joseph Kunnakkat. The word of God was shared by the university chaplain.

11. FATHER'S DAY BLESSING. 4TH SEPTEMBER 2022.

12. ETTU NOMBU

Ettu nombu and the nativity

of Blessed Virgin Mary was celebrated by the parish from Sep 1st to 8th with adoration, Novena Holy Qurbana and Nercha. Each day's celebrations were led by different ward groups.

13. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION

The parish celebrated the first Holy communion of 18 children and confirmation of 6 children on Sept 10th 2022. Rev. Bishop Bosco Puthur was the main celebrant.

ST ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR PARISH CANBERRA

Within the St. Alphonsan Syro-Malabar Parish, Canberra, many faith formation-based events have taken place. With the goal of encouraging and strengthening intercommunity bonds and relationships, these programs were well received by our parish members.

DUKHRANA – ST THOMAS FEAST

St Thomas the Apostle's feast was solemnly celebrated within our community on the 3rd of July. These celebrations included Holy Qurbana, Ladeenju, and 'nercha', and took place at St. Joseph's Church, O'Conner. Members of SMTM (Syro-Malabar Teen's Mission) organized a play and performance surrounding the life and death of St. Thomas, which was received with much appreciation by the community. All these solemn celebrations were headed by our Vicar, Fr. Abraham Nadukunnel. Hundreds of people attended this feast day celebration and received blessings.

'PONNONAM' 2022

In an effort to strengthen our abundant intercommunity bonds, the Keralean festival 'Onam' was celebrated within our community, held at the Symonston property on the 20th of August. This event was a wonderful success, including performances, games and 'onam sadhya'. The success of this first ever 'Ponnonam' event is evidence that the community itself was strengthened by the lighthearted nature of the occasion. These events were organized and executed by our Vicar, Kaikkarans, Parish Council Members and organization leaders.



FAITH FEST



A one-day long Faith fest was conducted for our catechism student under the initiative of the Catechesis School and our parish. This was held at St Joseph Primary School, O'Conner and over 200 students attended. This event began with the solemn celebration of the Holy Qurbana and ended with a student led Faith Proclamation Rally. These events were conducted under the supervision and leadership of our Vicar, Fr. Abraham Nadukunnel and Catechism Headmaster Binog Chettiakunnel.

ANNUAL 'POTHUYOGAM' AND ELECTION OF NEW KAIKKARANS

The annual parish-based 'pothuyogam' was conducted and the 2021-2022 finance report (therettu) was presented to the yogam. Our current Kaikkarans: Jomy Pulavelil, Thomas Antony and Bibin Joseph were re-elected to continue in their roles for 2022-2023.

FEAST DAY OF OUR PARISH PATRON – ST ALPHONSA

Parish Feast Day celebrations will take place on the 1st and 2nd of October at St Joseph's Church O'Conner. The 1st of October celebrations will commence with the flag hosting led by Fr Abraham, followed by Holy Qurbana and Dinner. Main celebrations will take place on the 2nd of October (Sunday), these celebrations will begin at 3pm with 'Roopam Ezhunnellikal' followed by the Solemn Thirunnal Holy Qurbana led by Fr. Biju Mathew Koikattil (Vicar of St Leonard's Church, Naremburn, Sydney). The Qurbana will be followed by a procession at 6pm and dinner at 7pm.



MONTH OF THE ROSARY AND MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

With the intent of celebrating the month of the Rosary, prayers will be held at a familial, ward unit and parish-based level. From the 1st of October to the 10th, families are encouraged to partake in evening prayer and rosary. Prayer meetings will be held on a ward unit level from the 11th of October to the 20th. From the 20th to the 29th of October, the rosary will be held at the church. On the 30th of October there will be a Marian Pilgrimage to St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong, NSW.



CULTURAL NIGHT AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

Cultural night and Christmas Celebrations will be held on the 20th of November 2022. There will be an opportunity for parish organizations and family ward units to perform during this event, these events will conclude with dinner. Many initiatives are being taken to ensure the success of this program.

Ave Maria Syro-Malabar Mission Ipswich



AVE MARIA SYRO MALABAR MISSION - IPSWICH
MATHRUVEDI EXECUTIVE TEAM

 SALOMY SEBASTIAN PRESIDENT	 LITTY JOEMON DELEGATE
 SINDHU SEBASTIAN SECRETARY	 TENCY JOMON DELEGATE
 DEEPA FRAGY TREASURER	 JESSIE BINOJ DELEGATE
 LINDA PETER DELEGATE	

MATHRUVEDI
AVE MARIA SYRO MALABAR MISSION - IPSWICH
MINISTRY OF WOMEN
 for spiritual health, family health and next generation's health.



A MCM Mathruvedi Executive team was formed on 14/8/22. The Executive Team includes President, Secretary, Treasurer & Delegates.

On 10 & 11 September our catechism students had their Faith Fest, which is an intensive faith formation program that is designed and catered for children in their respective age groups.

On 27th August, we celebrated Birthday of our vicar, Fr. Anto Chiriyankadath.

ST ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR PARISH, BRISBANE NORTH



Faith fest 2022 conducted by the Catechism department of St Alphonsa Syro-Malabar Parish, Brisbane North where Sunday school students were able to participate in faith oriented skits, learning activities, rallies etc.



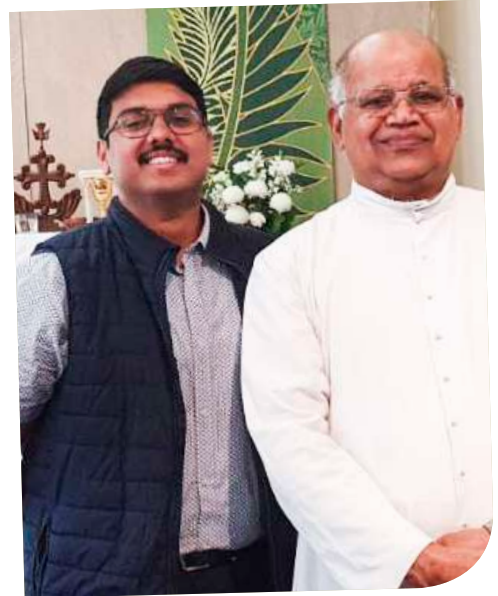
Thirumal of St. Mary, St. Alphonsa and St. Mackillop was celebrated from July 22nd to 31st with Novena, Rasa Qurbana, procession, social meal, fireworks etc.



Farewell given to current trustees
(Mr. J oemon Edakkara, Mrs. Ancy Jomonand M. John Mathew)

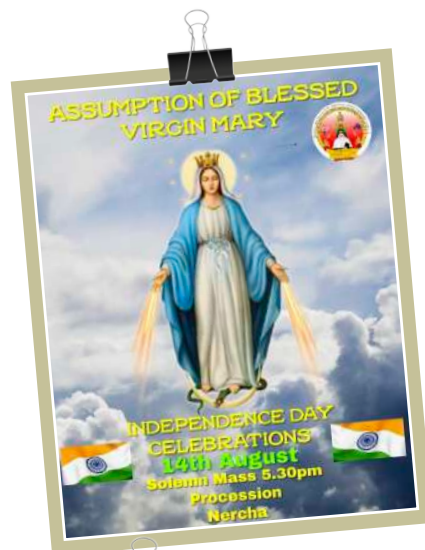


Newly elected trustees started ministries
(Mr. George P Varkey, Mr. Joseph Xaviour and Mrs. Lijy Shaju)



Farewell given to sacristan
(Mr. Allan Jomon)

ST ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR PARISH TOWNSVILLE QLD





Mary Matha Syro-Malabar Catholic Mission Gold Coast

ASCENSION OF MOTHER MARY

On 14th August 2022, we celebrated the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Having completed the course of her earthly life, she was assembled body and soul to heavenly glory. The Assumption of Mary confirms that this extraordinary reversal of death is not limited to Christ Jesus. Our Lady who was the greatest conversation partner with God, is constantly trying to draw us into her conversation with God as she proclaimed, 'Be it done unto me according to Thy word.'



In that day we celebrated the solemn Holy Qurbana followed by Novena to Our Lady and Nercha. The celebrant for this blessed ceremony was our Vicar Fr. Anto Chiriyankandath.

GRANDPARENTS DAY – ST. ANNE & ST. JOACHIM

On Sunday, July 24, 2022, we celebrated the feast of St. Anne and St. Joachim. We honoured them, the celebrant blessed them, and everyone received chocolates as part of the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. We feel that they continue to offer unconditional love and support for others as well as kids.

On July 3rd, we celebrated the feast of St. Thomas.

We celebrate the life and deeds of St. Thomas. The occasion has become an opportunity for people to commit preserving faith and culture. We participated the Solemn Holy Qurbana for this blessed occasion including Nercha.



On 27th August 2022, we celebrated our Vicar Fr. Anto Chiriyankandath's birthday. We wished him a delighted happy birthday.

Every first Saturday, our church is conducting 8-hour adoration after Holy Mass.

St. Euphrasia Parish, Adelaide North



ONE DAY RETREAT

A retreat refreshes and revitalizes, gives the opportunity for more time spent in prayer and contemplation and rekindles and deepens one's relationship with God. Away from our busy lives, we had a blessed day with God on the 23rd of August. A big thanks to Fr Jilto George CMI and Shalom Team for providing a spiritual and inspirational day of blessings. The beautiful songs and sermons were really life-changing.

NEW PARISH COUNCIL

The members of the new Parish Council for the term 2022 – 2024 were elected. Congratulations to the trustees, Jose Thomas, BijiScaria, and the entire team and we wish you all a great and wonderful time ahead. Our Safeguarding officers for the term are Joicy Mathew and Jojo Joseph.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY CELEBRATION

Safeguarding Sunday was celebrated on the 11th of September, reminding the importance of a safe environment and feeling of safety to the Church Community, especially children. Joicy Mathew, our safeguarding officer, talked to children and families about the safety measures in the church and what they should do if they feel unsafe and do it without fear. Sweets were distributed after the Mass.

ST. JOSEPH'S SYRO-MALABAR PARISH PERTH



പെർത്ത് സെന്റ് ജോസഫ് സീറോ-മലബാർ ഇടവകയിൽ തിരുനാളിനോടനുബന്ധിച്ചു നടന്ന പ്രദക്ഷിണം



പെർത്ത് സീറോ-മലബാർ ഇടവക വിശുദ്ധ അൽഫോൻസാമ്മയുടെയും മാതാവിന്റെയും തിരുനാൾ ആഘോഷിച്ചു

ഒട്ടേറെ പ്രിയപ്പെട്ടവരുടെ സാന്നിധ്യത്തിൽ പെർത്ത് സെന്റ് ജോസഫ് സീറോ-മലബാർ ഇടവകയിൽ ഞായറാഴ്ച പരി. ദൈവമാതാവിന്റെ സ്വർഗാരോഹണത്തിന്റെയും വി. അൽഫോൻസാമ്മയുടെയും സംയുക്ത തിരുനാൾ ആഘോഷിച്ചു. രാവിലെ 11.00ന് ആഘോഷമായ തിരുനാൾ കുർബാനയും ലഭിത്തും തുടർന്ന് പ്രദക്ഷിണവും നടന്നു. ചടങ്ങുകളിൽ ആയിരത്തിലധികം ഇടവകാംഗങ്ങൾ പങ്കെടുത്തു.

ഫാ. സാബു ജേക്കബ് വി.സി. വിശുദ്ധ കുർബാനയ്ക്ക് മുഖ്യ കാർമ്മികത്വം വഹിച്ചു. ഇടവക വികാരി ഫാ. അനീഷ് ജെയിംസ് വചനസന്ദേശം നൽകി. (ട്രസിറ്റിമാരായ ബെന്നി ആന്റണി, തോമസ് കുട്ടി പൗലോസ്, റോയി ജോസഫ്, സിബി തോമസ് എന്നിവർക്കൊപ്പം പാരിഷ് കൗൺസിൽ അംഗങ്ങളും വിശ്വാസ പരിശീലന അദ്ധ്യാപകരും നേതൃത്വം നൽകി.

തിരുനാളിനോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് മാത്യുവേദി പെർത്ത് യൂണിറ്റിന്റെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ പ്രത്യേക സ്റ്റാളുകൾ ഉയയിരുന്നു. സീറോ-മലബാർ യൂത്ത് മൂവ്മെന്റിന്റെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ ഫോട്ടോ ബുത്തും ഒരുക്കിയിരുന്നു. നിരവധി പേരാണ് കൗണ്ടുകൾ സന്ദർശിച്ചത്.

ST. MARY'S SYRO-MALABAR MISSION NEWCASTLE NSW



മദ്രെസ് ഡേ മെയ് 8 / ഫാദർസ് ഡേ സെപ്റ്റംബർ 4

ഭാവി വാഗ്ദാനങ്ങളായ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങളെ വിശ്വാസപരിശീലനത്തിൽ വളർത്തുന്നതിലും സമൂഹ നന്മയ്ക്കായി ഒരുക്കുന്നതിലും അച്ഛനമ്മമാരുടെ പങ്ക് വളരെ വലുതാണ്. സെന്റ് മേരീസ് ന്യൂകാസിൽ മിഷനിലെ ഓരോ മാതാപിതാക്കളെയും അവർ നൽകിവരുന്ന ത്യാഗാർപ്പണങ്ങൾ അനുസ്മരിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് പുച്ചെണ്ടുകൾ നൽകി ആദരിച്ചു.

വി. കുർബാന, ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യ ആരാധന

സെന്റ് മേരീസ് ന്യൂകാസിൽ മിഷൻ എല്ലാ ഞായറാഴ്ചയും വെള്ളിയാഴ്ചയും വിശുദ്ധ കുർബാന അർപ്പിച്ചു പോരുന്നു. കോവിഡ് മൂലം വളരെ നാളായി മുടങ്ങിക്കിടന്നിരുന്ന ദിവ്യകാരുണ്യ ആരാധന ഈ മാസം മുതൽ എല്ലാ വ്യാഴാഴ്ചയും പുനരാരംഭിച്ചു.

സേഫ്ഗാർഡിങ് സൺഡേ സെപ്റ്റംബർ 11

നമ്മുടെ കുഞ്ഞുങ്ങൾ സമൂഹത്തിലായിരിക്കുമ്പോൾ നൽകേണ്ട സുരക്ഷയുടെയും പിന്തുണയുടെയും ആവശ്യകതയും അതിന്റെ നിയമപരമായ വശങ്ങളും ഇടവക സമൂഹത്തെ സേഫ്ഗാർഡിങ് ഓഫീസർ ഉദ്ബോധിപ്പിച്ചു. തുടർന്ന് ആ വിഷയത്തെക്കുറിച്ചുള്ള വിഡിയോ പ്രസന്റേഷനും ഉണ്ടായിരുന്നു.

മതബോധനം

എല്ലാ ഞായറാഴ്ചയും വിശുദ്ധ കുർബാനയ്ക്കു മുമ്പ് ഒന്നുമുതൽ പതിനൊന്നുവരെയുള്ള കുട്ടികൾക്ക് മതബോധനം നൽകി വരുന്നു. സീറോ-മലബാർ ക്രൈസ്തവ കുടുംബങ്ങളിൽ നിന്നും വളരെ വ്യത്യസ്തമായ സംസ്കാരവും മൂല്യങ്ങളും ധാർമികതയും അടങ്ങിയ ഒരു സമൂഹത്തിൽ ജീവിക്കുന്ന ഇന്നത്തെ ഇളം തലമുറ പ്രതിസന്ധി നിറഞ്ഞ വ്യക്തിത്വത്തിന് ഉടമകളായി മാറിക്കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്നു.

കുന്ന സാഹചര്യത്തിൽ അവരെ വിശ്വാസത്തിൽ പരിപോഷിപ്പിക്കാനും പ്രാർത്ഥനയ്ക്കും ഭക്താഭ്യാസങ്ങൾക്കും ക്രിസ്തീയ മൂല്യങ്ങൾക്കും ജീവിതത്തിൽ ഉണ്ടാകേണ്ട പ്രാധാന്യം ബോധ്യപ്പെടുത്താനും സ്വർഗാഭിമുഖമായി അവരെ വളർത്താനുള്ള പരിശീലനം നൽകുന്നതിനുമാണ് ഫാ. ആന്റണി ജോസഫിന്റെ നേതൃത്വത്തിലുള്ള അഞ്ചു പേരടങ്ങിയ സെഹിയോൻ ടീം സെപ്റ്റംബർ 26, 27, 28

എന്നീ ദിനങ്ങളിൽ ധ്യാനം നടത്തയിരുന്നു. പ്രായക്രമ മനുസരിച്ച് രണ്ടു ഗ്രൂപ്പായാണ് ധ്യാനം ക്രമീകരിച്ചിരിക്കുന്നത്.

നേഴ്സസ് മിനിസ്ട്രി സെപ്റ്റംബർ 21

നേഴ്സിങ് എന്നത് വേദനിക്കുന്നവർക്ക് സാന്ത്വനമായി തീരാനും സൗഖ്യദായകമായ യേശുക്രിസ്തു തങ്ങളുടെ ജീവിതത്തിന്റെ കേന്ദ്രമെന്ന് ഉറക്കെ പ്രഘോഷിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് യേശുവിന് സാക്ഷ്യം വഹിക്കാനുള്ള ഒരു ദൈവവിളിയാണ്. 2003-ൽ യുഎഇയിൽ തുടങ്ങിയ നേഴ്സസ് മിനിസ്ട്രിയുടെ ഇവിടുത്തെ ആദ്യത്തെ മീറ്റ് സെപ്റ്റംബർ 21-ന് നടത്തി. നേഴ്സസ് മിനിസ്ട്രി പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്ക് പിന്തുണയേകാനും അനേകരെ പരിശുദ്ധാത്മാഭിഷേകത്തിന് ഒരുക്കാനുമായി തുടങ്ങിയ നേഴ്സുമാരുടെ വാട്സാപ്പ് കുട്ടായ്മയും പ്രാർത്ഥനകളും സജീവമായി നിലകൊള്ളുന്നു.

St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Mission Sunshine Coast



FAITH FEST

Faith Fest for catechism students year 1-5 were also organised by our catechism teachers and led by our Young Catechism Teachers on August 20 Saturday, with Holy Mass by our Vicar. Same day afternoon Teens meet was coordinated with all other students who took part in Qadosh as a follow-up. Soon after these sessions parents joined for a Movie night. The day was so blessed for the whole parish.

QADOSH

This dream project for pre-teens and teens was able to host in our parish on 6, 7, 8, 9 July, after coordinating the intercession prayers by our catechists for few months. The 4-day residential retreat was blessed by our Vicar Rev. Fr George Mankuzhikkary, where almost 71 students of grade 5-12 took part with more than 25 catechists and parent volunteers. Sessions led by Sliha Da Msiha team were truly inspirational and helped in encountering Jesus very personally. Holy Mass and lively Adorations were very anointing, and all other sessions were so informative to grow in the Catholic faith. Last day on the 9th all parents were also inspired by a talk given by SojinSebastin. The success of the program was attained through the wholehearted cooperation of Teachers, Parents, and the community.



FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF MOTHER MARY

On September 11, our parish celebrated Mother Mary's Nativity Thirunna, following 9 days of Novena and Holy Mass. On Thirunna day, Catechism students participated in procession with flags and umbrellas. This procession helped the kids to proclaim the faith in Mother Mary and the Teachers were leading them. Catechism Dept. initiated to put up a stall on Thirunna Day. There were Book Stall, Games, Refreshments, Candy Floss etc in the Stall. These stalls are run by our Grade 9,10,11 &12 students with the help of Teachers. This was an opportunity for them to serve at the church and community and which bring them more closer to church.



St Mary's Knanaya Catholic Parish Melbourne

St. Mary's Knanaya Catholic Parish Melbourne hosted a Parish Day on the 13th of August. The mission of our Parish Day was "പാരമ്പര്യം തലമുറകളിലേയ്ക്ക്". It started off with Holy Mass followed by fun filled activities like magic shows, ice breaking events, games for all ages, Sausage and snacks food stalls, trivia, raffle tickets, face painting etc. The highlight of the day was all our parishioners came together and made



പിടിയും വറുത്തരച്ച കോഴിക്കറിയും on the day. The vibe we had on that day was extra ordinary, it also helped the kids to taste our traditional food and also to understand the necessity to grow ourselves respecting and beholding our culture and tradition that we have brought up in.



The Koodarayogam meetings have been conducted at different centres, people have been participating wherever possible. We have started preparing for our Thirunal 2022 which will be happening in October. We invite you all to our Thirunal which will be conducted on 23rd of October at St. Matthew's Catholic Parish, Fawkner at 2:00 pm.

St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Mission Wellington, New Zealand



SMYM TEENS MEET

SMYM Wellington organised a one day Teens and Youth Meet for SMYM Members. Programs started with Rosary, after that joyful sessions, indoor and outdoor activities, lunch and end up with

Holy Qurbana and Eucharistic Adoration. 30 Teens and Youth participants took part in this One Day Meet.

FEAST OF ST. THOMAS

Our Community celebrated St. Thomas feast on July 10 which was led by St. Thomas unit members with Holy Qurbana, Ladheenju and Snehavirunnu. Many families brought Nercha appam.

FEAST OF ST. ALPHONSA

Our community celebrated St. Alphonsa feast on August 7th which was led by St. Alphonsa unit members with Holy Qurbana, Novena, Ladheenju and Snehavirunnu. Many families brought Nercha appam.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Seven of our children received their first holy communion and confirmation on September 11th. Bishop Bosco Puthur was the Main Celebrant for this Sacramental program. Congratulations to all Students and their parents.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Bishop Bosco Puthur meeting with council members along with Chaplain Fr. Biju Xavier on 12 September.

UPCOMING EVENTS - ANNUAL EAST DAY

- St Mary's Syro-Malabar Mission Wellington.
- Celebrating Annual Feast Day on 23rd October Sunday.
- Community is preparing with Holy Rosaries from 1st October to 31st October in our community members' house. Bosco Pithave is the Main Celebrant for this year's Annual Feast Day

ST. MARY'S SYRO-MALABAR PARISH ADELAIDE SOUTH



Joint feasts of our Patroness Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Sebastian celebrated on 25th June with Holy mass followed by Litany, Procession and Nercha.

Feast of Dukhrana celebrated on July 3rd with Holy Mass and Novena prayer.

Bible Kalolsavam Held at Cosgrove Hall on July 23rd. Listen to God's word and let's implement in our life's. Bible Kalolsavam is a part of faith formation to develop Children's talents and increase their

confidence.

July 24th-Honoring of our Grandparents-Celebrated as the day of Grandparents and the Elderly.

August 15th Celebrated Feast of The Assumption of our Lady with Holy Mass and Rosary.

Father's Day celebrated on September 4th - We did pray for all fathers / Grandfathers and those who fulfilling the role of a father including the Future father's

during the Mass.

Feast of Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary Celebrated on 8th of September with Holy Mass Followed by Litany and Nercha Distribution.

OFFICE BEARERS

Congratulations to our Relected Trustees for the year of 2022-2023 Mr. Joshy Kizhakkemyalil, Mr. Cijo Joy and Mr. Tony Mathew. May God Bless them with all The Happiness and Success in their Life.

St.Thomas The Apostle Syro-Malabar parish, Brisbane South

PARISH FEAST

In line with the Parish feast and ദുക്നാമതിരൂമാൾ, this year, our parish conducted various liturgical and spiritual services at our church. The solemn Raza Qurbana offered by Fr. Anto Chiriyankandath and Fr. Dalish evoked great spiritual awakening and a special love for our Syro-Malabar Liturgy. On July 3rd we had a solemn procession and Snehavirunnu after the Thirunal Qurbana. Various family units and youth teams of our church performed Tableaus at various locations in the procession route. The best-performed wards were awarded attractive prizes.

OTHER CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

The Feast of St. John Maria Vianney was celebrated on August 4th with a solemn Holy Mass in which all Syro-Malabar priests in Brisbane celebrated.

On the feast of Mary MacKillop on August 7th, members of the Mary MacKillop ward presented the life story of the saint. Children from that Unit

dressed up with habits to give a spiritual experience to the parishioners for the children's Mass.

Eucharistic adoration - We have started Eucharistic adoration every First Friday of the month from 9 am till 7 pm.

Introduction of English Mass: In line with the Eparchy Master Plan, our parish introduced English Mass in Syro-Malabar rite on the 31st of July. We have a Malayalam Mass at 9 am and an English Mass at 10.30 am every Sunday.

Catechism and Malayalam examination: The first-semester catechism exam was held on the 19th of June and the Malayalam examination on the 21st of July.

Rose garden: We have made a Rose Garden in front of the presbytery. Fund was raised by food sales and by donations from the parishners. The garden is now ready with new plants that carry the names of donors.

Youth Retreat & Raffle: As part of the youth residential retreat scheduled in Jan 2023, a youth





raffle ticket sale was held in June for fundraising purposes. The raffle draw was held on the 28th of August.

Proclaim 2022: The SMYM Qld Regional Conference named PROCLAIM 2022 was held at our parish on August 13th, Saturday from 9 am to 6 pm. SMYM members from all Syro-Malabar Parishes in Queensland attended this one-day conference.

Catechism Teachers' Regional Conference: The Department of Catechesis of the Eparchy of Melbourne conducted a conference in our parish for all the catechism teachers in Queensland on the 27th of August under the leadership of Fr. Mathew Areplackal.

Fr. Abraham kazhunadiyil and Mr. Noby Joseph, Academician from the University of Western Sydney, lead the sessions based on "Forming in Christ". The presence of Fr. Anto Chiriyakandath and Fr. George Mankuzhikkary enriched the conference.

Faith Fests: Faith Fest for grades 5 to 8 will be held from September 17 to 19 and for grades 1 to 4 from Oct 1 to 2 during the school holidays.

Faith & Friends: we introduced "Faith and Friends", a new group in our parish aimed at promoting the ongoing faith formation of our young

members who have completed their formal catechism education. The main purpose of this group is for all the youth to come together every Sunday, participate in group activities and to discuss relevant topics on Faith, and be involved in parish activities. The first session was held on the 14th of Aug, Sunday after the second mass.

SANTHOM INSIGHTS MAGAZINE (4TH EDITION)

The 4th edition of Santhom Insights, our parish magazine, was released on 4th September. Fr. Abraham handed over the first copy of the magazine to Crispin Vincent and Dr. Juliana who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September. The theme for this edition is "The Truth Will Set You Free" (Jn. 8:32)

NEW TRUSTEES

On September the 11th, the new trustees, George Sebastian, Thomas Kachapilly, Mathew Punnolil, Nivil George, and Sharon Biju, took charge after taking the oath after the 9 am Mass. The outgoing trustees Jogy John, Francis Joseph, Brijesh Mathai, and Ivan Jolly thanked the parishners for the cooperation they have given to them during their tenure. Fr. Abraham handed over mementos to the outgoing trustees and the Accountant Robert George for their dedicated service to the parish. The new Parish Accountant, Anish Antony also officially took charge on the same day.

First Holy Communion: A total of 52 children of our parish received their solemn Holy Communion. Bishop Mar Bosco Puthur was the main celebrant of the solemn Holy Communion and Confirmation on September 25th Sunday at 10 am.

ST THOMAS SYRO-MALABAR PARISH SOUTH EAST MELBOURNE

CATECHISM FAITH FEST

During the winter break (2nd and 3rd July), a 2-day Faith Fest was conducted for all the catechism students from grades 1 to 12. Faith Fest helped the kids to develop their Catholic Faith formation through games and activities targeted to specific age groups.



CATHOLIC CONGRESS INAUGURATION

The inaugural ceremony for All Kerala Catholic Congress was conducted on Sunday 31st July after the holy Qurbana. Names of the newly elected office bearers are as follows.

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| President | : Jaison Alappadan |
| Vice President | : Sebastian Jacob |
| General secretary | : Jude Abraham |
| Joint Secretary | : Vinoj Varghese |
| Treasurer | : Josh Paikada |
| Executive Members | : Mini George |
| | : Leo Pynadath |
| | : Diya Biju |
| | : Christom Alappadan |
| | : Nikki Pynadath |

SEEK – YOUTH CAMP

Our parish conducted a residential camp for all youth from ages 18-30 on 28- 31st July 2022. The camp was led by Slihada Msiha, a youth mission team under the Youth Apostolate of St Thomas, Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Melbourne.



CHURCH CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

We are in the process of finalizing and engaging the builder for our new church construction. Demolition of the old function center is completed. The work for carpark lighting, installing the pillars, and the main electrical switch board are in progress. We are finalizing quotes for installing the lights in the sports oval.



Parish Church Foundation Stone

Laying on Friday 23 September 2022

Long awaited Parish Church Foundation Stone Laying of St Thomas Syro-Malabar Parish Melbourne South East was held on Friday 23 September 2022. This is a major milestone towards building our own place of worship.

Bishop Bosco Puthur was the main celebrant of the day. Eparchy Chancellor Fr. Sijeesh Pul-

lankunnel, Vicar Fr. Fredy Eluvanthinal, Assistant Vicar Fr. Joyis Kolamkuzhiyil CMI, Syro-Malabar priests from neighbouring parishes, priests from other parishes and 300+ faithful of our parish attended the ceremony.



The ceremony started with Eucharistic adoration at 10.00am. Bishop Bosco Puthur blessed and laid the foundation stone during the service held at 11.00 am in the presence of priests and faithful assembled at the new church property at 525-531 Frankston-Dandenong Road, Dandenong South.

The church construction will commence within a month.

DAYS OF REMEMBRANCE

NOVEMBER

- NOV 1**
Feast of All Saints
- NOV 2**
Commemoration
of The Dead
- NOV 4**
Sts. Zachariah &
Elizabeth
- NOV 20**
Feast of Christ
The King
- NOV 21**
Entrance of
St. Thomas to India
- NOV 30**
St. Andrew The Apostle

DECEMBER

- DEC 1**
25 Days Fasting Begins
- DEC 3**
St. Francis Xavier
- DEC 7**
St. Ambrose
- DEC 8**
Feast of Immaculate
Conception of Our Lady
- DEC 18**
The Miraculous Cross
at Mylapore
- DEC 25**
Christmas
- DEC 26**
St. Stephan
- DEC 27**
St. John The Apostle
- DEC 28**
Holy Childhood Day
(The Infants' Day)
- DEC 30**
The Devine
Motherhood of Mary



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