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Major Archbishop
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Message

I am glad to know that the Syro-Malabar Church in Ireland is launching a newsletter *The Irish Syro-Malabar Catholic* on the Feast of *Dukhrana*. I am happy that you have taken the initiative in promoting the faith and traditions proper to our Church. As you are well aware, it is our primary duty to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ wherever we are. I am very happy to find that you are very much committed to this mission. The journal will help everyone to grow in the common awareness of our rich traditions and spirituality.

I appreciate the combined efforts of the priests and lay leaders of the Syro-Malabar Community in Ireland under the leadership of Bishop Stephen Chirappanath, the Apostolic Visitor and Rev. Fr. Clement Padathiparambil, the National Coordinator with the support of the Episcopal Conference in Ireland. May the Syro-Malabar Community in Ireland grow in unity and faith with St. Thomas the Apostle as your guide and exemplar of authentic Christian faith!

I wish and pray that the Newsletter bring everybody together to work with one heart for the glory of God and the good of everyone in the community.

I extend my greetings to all the members of the community in Ireland on the Feast of *Dukhrana* and Sabhadinam.

Yours cordially in Christ,

Cardinal George Alencherry
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**3RD JULY
DUKHRANA
RENEWING THE MEMORY
OF OUR FATHER IN FAITH
ST. THOMAS
THE APOSTLE OF JESUS**



**DECLARATION
OF YEAR OF
YOUTH IN EUROPE**



**ANTIQUUM
MINISTERIUM**





WHY DO WE CELEBRATE ST. THOMAS DAY ON 3RD JULY?

3rd July is the death anniversary of St. Thomas. Remembrance of this event is known as Dukhrana. Meaning of the Syriac Word Dukhrana is remembrance

ܩܕܝܫܐ ܡܪܘܠܐܝܗ
MARWALAH - Meaning My Lord and My God

St. Thomas prophesed his faith seeing the wounds of Jesus Christ after his resurrection. St. Thomas apostle came to Muziris (Cranganore), Kerala, India in AD 52.



St. Thomas established Seven and half churches in Kerala.

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- ▼ PALAYOOR
- ▼ KOTTAKKAVU
- ▼ KOKKAMANGALAM
- ▼ NIRANAM
- ▼ NILACKAL
- ▼ KOLLAM



St. Thomas was martyred at St. Thomas Mount in Chennai, India on 3rd July in AD 72 and his body is burried in Mylapore presently known as Santhome.

Relic is held in Santhome Basilica.

St. Pope Paul VI declared St. Thomas as the Apostle of India on 25th March 1972.



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The Syro Malabar Community has a strong presence throughout the island of Ireland and, here in the Archdiocese of Armagh, we have a large, faithful, Syro Malabar Catholic Community.

We thank God for the Syro Malabar Church and the full communion which we all enjoy with the Holy Father, with the Church of Rome and with each other.

The origins of Syro Malabar can be traced back to the missionary work of St Thomas the Apostle. It is therefore especially fitting that, on this the Feast Day of St Thomas the Apostle, 3 July 2021, I wish my paternal blessings on the Syro Malabar Church in Ireland and every good wish and success for the launch of the online newsletter, "*The Irish Syro Malabar Catholic*".

Yours sincerely,

+ Eamon Martin

Eamon Martin
Archbishop of Armagh



MESSAGE



"One of the great treasures of the Catholic Church is its unity in diversity. As we embark on different synodal journeys in our country and throughout the wider Church, so too the Syromalabar Catholic Church is called to walk a pilgrim path whilst recalling the great legacy of St. Thomas, Apostle to India and walking in his footsteps as a faith community here in Ireland. All these paths ultimately lead to Christ, who is the Alpha and Omega, and source of all blessings.

As you launch this initiative of a newsletter for the Syromalabar Church in Ireland, I pray that it will be an instrument of unity and communication among you, acknowledging the richness of the spiritual and ecclesial patrimony of the Syromalabar Church and the need for constant faith formation so as to be credible missionary disciples in today's world.

With my blessing that this will bring forth abundant fruit,
Fraternal greetings for the feast of St. Thomas.

Archbishop Dermot Farrell,
Archbishop of Dublin.



MESSAGE

My best wishes to the editorial team of the new tri-monthly Newsletter, "The Irish Syro Malabar Catholic". This is a very important and welcome initiative, full of useful resources for Syro Malabar communities across Ireland and I wish it every success and blessing.

+ Noel Treanor
Bishop of Down and Connor



MESSAGE

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ,

It has been two decades since the major migration of Syro Malabar faithful to the Island of Ireland, the great land of saints and zealous missionaries have started. The Syro Malabar Church in Ireland has grown not only in numbers of the faithful but also in various realms upholding the spiritual and ecclesial patrimony of the St. Thomas Christians. The deep commitment of the priests and profound dedication of the people of God for the development of the Syro Malabar Church in Ireland needs to be appreciated on this occasion. The 41 Holy Qurbana Centres with its administrative setup viz., National Coordination, four Regional Coordination of Belfast, Dublin, Galway and Cork, Parish committees, Family Units, Regular Sunday Catechism Classes, Associations and Movements including Pithrvedi, Mathrvedi, Syro Malabar Youth Movement, Altar Servers' Association and other ministries testify to this reality. I am indebted to all the bishops, priests, religious and people of God in Ireland for granting us churches and halls for the various spiritual and social needs of the Syro Malabar Faithful. I am delighted to learn that you are starting a new venture "The Irish Syro Malabar Catholic Newsletter" which would be 'formative and informative' for our community and to all the people of God. Formative, in the sense that articles and writings would enhance our knowledge in the rich spiritual and ecclesial patrimony of the Syro Malabar Church and deepen our understanding of the Faith and Morals of the Catholic Church. Informative, in the sense that the online newsletter, would be the platform for unveiling the activities and endeavours of the Syro Malabar Faithful in Ireland. It is a platform to proclaim the gospel of Jesus to both: those who don't know him and to those who are in our community. The different activities and the events in this newsletter would be a prime example of guaranteeing connectivity and coordination among the different Holy Qurbana Centres, to help in brining our church community together. It would be an effective podium to address the faith and morals of the Catholic Church. Let us use this astute means of media for an effective ministry of evangelisation. Hope this newsletter would be a great source of inspiration for the youth and children to preserve the rich ecclesial tradition of the Syro Malabar Church and to preach the good news of the Lord to people whom they meet in the various settings of their daily lives.

Mar Stephen Chirappanath
Apostolic Visitor, Europe



Message

Pope Benedict XVI in his message for World Communication Day (From the Vatican, 24 January 2009, Feast of Saint Francis de Sales) spoke of human beings' innate nature of the desire for communication and friendship. It should be seen primarily as a reflection of our participation in the communicative and unifying Love of God, who desires to make of all humanity one family. When we find ourselves drawn towards other people, when we want to know more about them and make ourselves known to them, we are responding to God's call - a call that is imprinted in our nature as beings created in the image and likeness of God, the God of communication and communion. The Irish Syro Malabar Catholic Newsletter mainly intends to communicate the Love of God while living in the land of Ireland. "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength" and & "You must love your neighbour as yourself" (cf. Mk 12:30-31). All people of good will who are active in this media are encouraged to commit themselves to promoting a culture of respect, dialogue and friendship. "Life is not just a succession of events or experiences: it is a search for the true, the good and the beautiful. It is to this end that we make our choices; it is for this that we exercise our freedom; it is in this - in truth, in goodness, and in beauty - that we find happiness and joy. Human hearts are yearning for a world where love endures, where gifts are shared, where unity is built, where freedom finds meaning in truth, and where identity is found in respectful communion." (Pope Benedict XVI). Our faith should respond to these expectations: let us try to become its heralds.

Secondly, as the Syro Malabar Church is one of the autonomous (Sui Iuris) churches in the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, its faithful should retain its spiritual and ecclesial patrimony. "It is the mind of the Catholic Church that each individual Church or Rite should retain its traditions whole and entire and likewise that it should adapt its way of life to the different needs of time and place" (Orientalium Ecclesiarum n. 2), and that they should all "preserve their legitimate liturgical rite and their established way of life, and ... these may not be altered except to obtain for themselves an organic improvement" (n. 6; cf. n. 22). The Second Vatican Council articulates that "by divine Providence it has come about that various churches, established in various places by the apostles and their successors, have in the course of time coalesced into several groups, organically united, which, preserving the unity of faith and the unique divine constitution of the universal Church, enjoy their own discipline, their own liturgical usage, and their own theological and spiritual heritage. This variety of local churches with one common aspiration is splendid evidence of the catholicity of the undivided Church." Hope this Newsletter will be a helping hand to know more about our Church and thereby with profound enthusiasm can love the Church and commit oneself for the causes of the Church in the World.

Rev. Dr. Clement Padathiparambil

**National Coordinator
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**The Irish Syro-Malabar Catholic:
(The Official Newsletter for the Syro-Malabar Church in Ireland).**

Bridging & Binding us together...

The intention is that this newsletter will become a medium for highlighting and sharing the fruits of Faith within the Syro-Malabar Church in Ireland. We intend to issue this newsletter quarterly and we are very much dependent on our membership committing to becoming involved in actively supporting this initiative through personal contributions and involvement.

You will already be in receipt of the very first Newsletter for the Syro-Malabar Church in Ireland. Our primary aim is to highlight and promote the importance of sharing within our communities and beyond. We hope it is essential that our membership becomes involved in making suggestions, writing articles, and basically sharing the experiences of our local groupings. To facilitate your participation, we would encourage you to write in the language medium with which you are most comfortable. This is a major milestone in our faith journey as a migrant faith base in another land and we should take great courage from the fact that our numbers have grown to such an extent in our communities that we are now developing inter-community projects. Our aim is to publicise how we are bringing religious practices of faith together and the news and activities emanating from these developments.

It has been the realization of our desire as welcome together as one family, within the greater. This development has allowed us to realise our dream of coming together as one family in a welcoming manner, within the greater family of the Syro-Malabar Church in Ireland. This affords us the opportunity not only of understanding and affirming our bonds, but also of growing in our togetherness.

It features historical, ecclesiastical, liturgical, spiritual and theological insights of our Church and a wide variety of news, articles and photos from different units across the Syro-Malabar communities in Ireland and in this edition, a special mention is given to Dukrana.

We trust that we will gain inspiration from St. Thomas the Apostle, Father in Faith and that we will commit your considerations to his intercession. Significantly, the first release of our newsletter occurs on 3rd July, the feast of Dukrana which seems most appropriate.

Let us all look back with pride and gratitude at the rich liturgical history of our Church, let us accept the baton being handed on to us now, to build on the rich heritage of our ancestors and look forward with hope to fulfilling the will of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

May we all grow together in Christ, as we continue to bear effective witness to the message of the gospel.

Rev. Dr. Joseph Karukayil
(On behalf of SMCCI Newsletter editorial Board)



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Inviting Contributions for upcoming editions

The editorial board invites SMC Ireland members to submit your contributions to publish in the upcoming editions of 'The Irish Syro Malabar Catholic' news letter. The submissions can include mass center updates and news, articles, short stories, poems, and cartoons.

Guidelines for contributions

- The content should be in line with the objective of the newsletter which is to inform the community and for the formation of faith in the congregation.
- Content should be limited to one page. Any photograph used must be of high quality and attached separately.
- The editorial board will review, edit (if needed), and finalise the content for publishing in the newsletter.
- The editorial board reserves the right not to publish all submitted content and to publish it in later editions.
- It is the responsibility of the writer to ensure no copyrighted materials are used in the submitted work.
- The editorial board takes no responsibility for copyright infringement in your submitted/published work.

Please submit your contributions to
newsletter@syromalabarcatholic.ie
before August 31st to publish them in the October edition.

Gratitude for the name of the newsletter

The editorial team expresses its sincere gratitude to all those who shared their suggestions for the name of this newsletter. More than 15 people posted their suggestion along with the description, which were all meaningful and intriguing. We selected 'The Irish Syro Malabar Catholic' which personifies the content of the newsletter with its objective of 'information and formation'.

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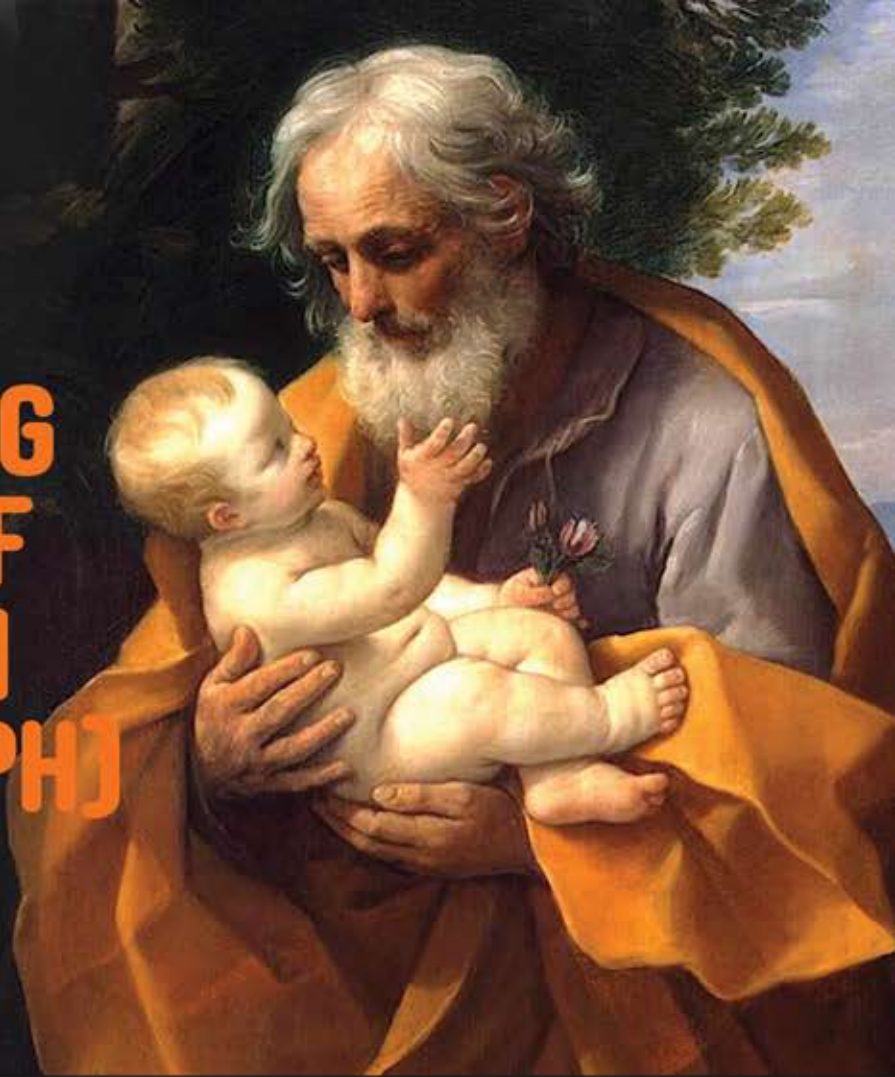


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CELEBRATING THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH (ITE AD JOSEPH)



Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church with the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" (With a Father's Heart) . In order to mark this occasion, Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021.

As we devote an entire year in St. Joseph's honour, Syro Malabar church in Ireland has taken various spiritual initiatives and activities to grow devotion to St. Joseph under the leadership of National Coordinator, Rev. Dr. Clement Padathiparambil and all our parish priests. As St. Peter Julian Eymard said, "Devotion to St. Joseph is one of the choicest graces that God can give to a soul, for it is tantamount to revealing the entire treasury of our Lord's graces".

SADARAM is a year-long continuing programme in devotion to St. Joseph on Wednesdays via online platform. The first sadaram commenced on January 13 Wednesday at 7.30 and it is continued every Wednesday. This devotional programme begins with St. Joseph's novena followed by inspiring talks on the life of St. Joseph by priests from various parts of the world. Families from all over Ireland participate in this spiritual event. We remember with gratitude, all priests who inspired us with beautiful messages on the life of St. Joseph.

In addition to Sadaram, special St. Joseph prayer by Pope Francis is recited daily after the Holy Qurbana and faithful are encouraged to pray at home after the rosary

Syro Malabar faithful also participated in the 33 day consecration to St. Joseph with the final consecration prayer conducted on May 1st.

St. Joseph's feast days were celebrated on March 19 and May 1 with special celebration via online platform. This event named 'Patris corde' was a great blessing especially by the inspiring talk of Fr. Joseph Puthenpurackal. Approximately 200 families participated on the zoom platform from various parts of Dublin.

A special, St. Joseph's- Pop quiz was conducted for all families using the kahoot platform and three winners were announced. Syromalabar Church Ireland also participated in the round one of the online quiz on St. Joseph "Santa Sophia " organised by the Apostolic visitation Europe. Families, Youth, Children and parents took part in this online quiz with much enthusiasm and great interest.

The year of St. Joseph is a wonderful opportunity for our Church to grow in love for St. Joseph and to increase our knowledge about this saint to inspire us in imploring his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal.

"Ite ad Joseph " Let us go to Joseph, asking for his special intercession and protection for our families and Church.

May St. Joseph bless us all.



DECLARATION OF YEAR OF YOUTH IN EUROPE

(Apostolic Visitation for the
Syro Malabar Faithful in Europe)

Report by: Bivin Varghese, Dublin

In 1995 when the late Pope St. John Paul II of Blessed Memory, visited the Philippines, he had said, "Today we need a Church that knows how to give reasons for hope to the youth. We need a Church that can accompany youngsters with an open mind. In today's changing world, we need elders available to understand the societal changes that influence youth, to love them, embrace them, and hear them."

In line with this exhortation, the European Apostolic Visitation aims to provide more care, attention, and involvement to work for the integral formation of the youth. It is with this background the European Syro Malabar Apostolic Visitation announced a Year of Youth, "MISSIO" from 22nd May 2021 to 22nd May 2022.

The biblical reference message for the year of youth is Acts 1:8, 'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come up on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth'.

The vision of the Syro Malabar Youth Movement (SMYM) in Europe is 'to know Jesus, to love Jesus, and to serve Jesus'. The heavenly patron saint for SMYM is Pope St. John Paul II and co-patron for Europe is Bl. Carlo Acutis. St. John Paul II was the shining splendour who inspired the youth by his vitality and enthusiasm, and Bl Acutis showed us that the youth of the current generation, who are tech savvy and dress like a modern teenager, can also become saints.



As part of the year of youth, there are several initiatives and interventions recommended for SMYM members across Europe, some of which include:

- Formation of SMYM units under the leadership of youth executive members, youth animators, and directors. Inaugurate the year of youth locally in all units on July 3rd and register all youth as SMYM members.
- Conduct weekly executive meetings to strengthen the unity between members and to mature in their roles and responsibilities, along with planning of SMYM programmes.
- Encourage to organise at least one programme for all youth monthly.
- Organise a national SMYM program at least once a year and one major youth event in their own units.
- Ensure participation of the animators in the monthly animators' training programme –'Companion'
- Ensure all youth to participate in Faith Hub, an event organised orienting towards a better understanding of Faith and reason. Facilitate further discussions on Faith Hub topics in the local units.
- Participate in Europe level retreats like the 'Grand Awake'.

Holy Father, Pope Francis in his post youth synodal apostolic exhortation 'Christus Vivit' says, "My dear young people, the Church needs you, your enthusiasm, your creativity and the joy that is characteristic of you".

Mar Stephen Chirappanath, the Apostolic Visitor in his letter to the congregation reminded his faithful of Church's focus on youth and dedicated all the youth members to the providence of God, to the filial care of Mother Mary, to the protection of St. Joseph, and to the intercession of Pope St. John Paul II and Bl Carlo Acutis. His Excellency in his apostolic letter wished all the youth members a blessed year of youth and exhorted them to observe the year with all the fervour and zeal.

Inauguration of Year of Youth

On 22nd May (Saturday), the eve of the Feast of Pentecost witnessed a historic day in the Apostolic Visitation in Europe with the declaration of the Year of Youth across the apostolic visitation areas in Europe. This is a significant move aimed at empowering youth ministry and nurturing young people in the Church. As a precursor to the event, a circular was issued by the Apostolic Visitor Stephen Chirappanath which was read in all parishes/mass centres in the region. Preparations were underway for the inauguration ceremony which was held over a virtual platform.

His Excellency Mar Stephen Chirappanath welcomed the August gathering and re-emphasised the vision for youth – to Know Jesus, Love Jesus, and to Serve Jesus.

His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry, the Major Archbishop of the Syro Malabar Church, inaugurated the Year of Youth which was followed by the Youth Year Prayer where all the participants joined the major archbishop in reciting the prayer with lighted candles. Mar Alencherry in his inaugural address exhorted the youth to work with zeal and carry the joy of Gospel. His Beatitude added that the Holy Spirit is a consoler, a helper, and an advocate for us.

His Excellency Mar Joseph Pandarasseril, the Syro Malabar Youth Commission Chairman and the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy of Kottayam delivered the Presidential address. In his address he emphasised that the Church looks up to its youth to be its protagonist.

Rev. Fr. Jacob Chakkathara, the Syro-Malabar Youth Commission Secretary and SMYM Global Director shared his felicitation in the program.

Around 400 members participated live on Zoom from over 22 countries. The two-and-half-hour program was a spectacular event which had the audience and the guests glued to screen. The parish level inauguration is planned on the 3rd of July (Sabhadinam), details of which will be shared in the coming days.

The inauguration ceremony and the programs for the year of youth is coordinated by the Youth Apostolate Team of Europe led by Rev. Fr. Binoj Mulavarickal, Director.



ANTIQUUM MINISTERIUM:

Pope Francis Calls Faith-filled
Lay Catechists to Be
Witnesses of Modern Times

Written by : Sibil Rose Sabu

On May 10th of 2021, Pope Francis breathed new life into the ancient ministry of Catechesis in the Church through his Apostolic Letter, 'Antiquum Ministerium'. The letter which was issued as a "motu proprio" (On the Pope's own initiative) established the lay ministry of Catechist in the Church. The catechists in the Church today comprise of many faithful men and women who dedicate themselves to educating, accompanying and transmitting faith to form true Christian disciples for Jesus. This papal initiative offers an opportunity to recognise with gratitude and formational support those catechists who serve in this pivotal ministry.

'Antiquum Ministerium' commences by tracing the roots of catechesis to the New Testament. St. Paul refers to catechists as "teachers" and "instructors" in his letters to the Corinthians and the Galatians. St. Luke also mentions in his Gospel, about the "teachings" received by Theophilus to whom the Gospel is addressed to. In the early Church, "men and women, obedient to the working of the Holy Spirit" transmitted faith to the believers. Catechumenates were established to catechize potential believers in preparation for the sacraments of initiation. From the beginning, the heart of the Church's catechetical efforts was the invitation to a lifelong communion with Jesus Christ.

Over the past two millennia, the Church has always considered teaching as Her primary duty. The Apostolic letter remembers with gratitude, the bishops, priests, deacons, men and women in the consecrated life and lay men and women, especially the blessed, saints and martyrs who were catechists in the past, for their inevitable contribution in spreading the Gospel. The Church invites the current catechists to walk on the paths of these heroic witnesses and to make use of the rich resources they left behind.

Further into the letter, Pope Francis denotes the interests of Pope Paul VI, who encouraged Episcopal Conferences to promote the ministry of catechist in his apostolic letters and exhortations. Pope Francis also recollects the teachings of the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council which emphasised the “importance of lay involvement in the work of evangelisation.” This focus on a renewal of catechesis and the promotion of laity in the Church’s ministries has resulted in the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Apostolic Exhortation, ‘Catechesi Tradendae’ by Pope John Paul II, three catechetical directories over five decades, and numerous national, regional and diocesan catechisms. Therefore, the institution of the ministry of lay catechist can be viewed as a crowning moment for the Church’s pastoral concern for a catechesis of contemporary relevance.

By elevating the work of the catechist as a ministry in the Church, the pontiff formally recognises the many “lay men and women who feel called by virtue of their baptism to cooperate in the work of catechesis”. He emphasises that the presence of these men and women who are specially called by the Holy Spirit is crucial for evangelisation in the contemporary world.

He urges the lay catechists to cooperate in the mission of their bishop, the primary catechist in his diocese, with “fidelity to the past and responsibility for the present.” The Church dreams of creating true disciples for Jesus by creative interactions with young people through the ministry of catechesis.

POPE FRANCIS ANTIQUUM MINISTERIUM

 INSTITUTING THE
MINISTRY OF CATECHIST
Apostolic Letter



Saying “yes” to the vocation of the ministry of catechist entrusts great responsibilities on the one undertaking the ministry. The primary duties of the catechist are to transmit faith from the initial proclamation (Kerygma), prepare for the sacraments of initiation, and deliver ongoing formation for the baptized. For this, catechists must strive to gain knowledge in the Holy Bible and the teachings of the Church, be exemplary companions, and possess experience in catechesis. Through prayer, study, and participation in community life, a lay catechist is called to be at once, “a witness to the Faith, a teacher and mystagogue, a companion and pedagogue, who teaches for the Church.”

The Syro Malabar Church is fortunate to be enriched with the zealous service of numerous lay catechists who offer a vital ministry that nurtures the young disciples of Jesus. This papal letter must be viewed as an opportunity for lay catechists to echo the Church’s witness to Jesus who is the way, the truth and life. It is an invitation to be a living source of Christian hope and a channel of the transformative power of God’s grace.

In these times where faith is immensely challenged and the uncertainties of a global pandemic is distressing everyone, Pope Francis’ Apostolic Letter, ‘Antiquum Ministerium’ is a timely reminder of the timeless and transforming joy of the Gospel. This great invitation for faith-filled lay catechists to serve on the frontlines of new evangelisation will expectantly build a renewed and vibrant Bride for Her Bridegroom, Jesus Christ.

SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH HOLY QURBANA (MASS) TIMES

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BANGOR	St.Comgall's Church, 27 Brunswick Road, Bangor, BT20 3DS	1ST SATURDAY : 3:00 PM	Fr. Paul Morely 07759998317
LISBURN	St Patrick's Church, Lisburn https://parishoflisburn.org/webcams/	LAST SATURDAY : 3:00 PM	Fr. Paul Morely 07759998317
BALLYHACKAMORE	St. Colmcille's Church, 191a Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 3JB	2ND SATURDAY: 2.00 PM	Fr. Paul Morely 07759998317
PORTADOWN	St Patrck's Church, William Street , Portadown, Armagh	1ST SUNDAY: 12:00 NOON	Rev. Dr Joseph Karukayil 07850402475

GALWAY REGION

GALWAY	The Holy Family Church, Mervue, Galway	1ST & 3RD SUNDAY : 4.00 PM, FIRST FRIDAY : 7.00 PM	Fr. Jose Bharanikulangara 0899741568
LIMERICK	St. Mary's Syro Malabar Church, St. Paul's, Dooradoyale, Limerick	FIRST FRIDAYS - NIGHT VIGIL : 8.00PM, SATURDAYS : 2.45PM. (DURING COVID RESTRICTIONS : 2.00PM & 4.30PM ON SATURDAYS)	Fr. Robin Thomas Koorumullil 0894333124
SLIGO	St. Joseph's Church Ballytivnan House, Ballytivnan Rd, Ballytivnan, Sligo https://www.churchtv.ie/stjosephschurch/	2ND SUNDAY :3.30 PM	Fr. Jose Bharanikulangara 0899741568
TULLAMORE	Church of the Assumption, Tullamore, Co. Offaly www.Tullamoreparish.ie	2ND FRIDAY : 6.00PM	Fr. Jaison Kuthanapillil 0872614656
CAVAN	The Cathedral of Saint Patrick & Saint Felim , 45 Farnham Street, Kinnypottle, Co. Cavan	4TH SATURDAY: 1.00PM	Fr. Reji Kurian 0892011086
LONGFORD	The Presbytery, St Mel's Cathedral, Longford	2ND SUNDAY : 4.00PM	Fr. Reji Kurian 0892011086
CASTLEBAR	Church of The Holy Rosary, Castlebar, Co.Mayo	4TH SUNDAY: 4.00PM	Fr. Jose Bharanikulangara 0899741568

CORK REGION

CORK	St. Joseph's Church SMA Wilton, Cork https://syromalabarchurch.ie	SUNDAY: 5.00PM	Fr. Sibi Joseph Arackal 0892319271
WATERFORD	St. Joseph and St. Benildus church	2ND SATURDAYS :3.00PM 4TH SUNDAYS : 3.00PM	Fr. Sibi Joseph Arackal 0892319271
WEXFORD	Franciscan Friary Church, Francis St, Wexford	1ST SUNDAY : 5.00PM	Fr. Aquino Maliakkal 0894488991
KILKENNY	St Canice's Church , Kilkenny	3RD SUNDAY @ 3.30PM	Fr. Martin Porokkaran 0876248170

DUBLIN REGION

BEAUMONT	St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 95 Ardlea Rd, Beaumont, Artane, Co. Dublin	3RD SUNDAY: 4PM	Fr. Roy George Vattakkattu 0894590705
BLANCHARDSTOWN	Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Huntstown Way, Clonsilla	SATURDAY :9.00AM & 10.30AM SUNDAY :7.30AM, 8.45AM & 10.15AM	Fr. Roy George Vattakkattu 0894590705
BRAY	St. Fergal's Catholic Church, Bray, Co. Wicklow	SUNDAY: 2.30PM	Fr. Rajesh Mechiraketh 0894442698
INCHICORE	Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fatima, Rialto Dublin 8	MON-FRI : 8.00AM ADORATION & 9.00AM HOLY MASS SAT: 3.00PM -ADORATION & 4.00PM- HOLY MASS SUN: 9AM-HOLY MASS	Rev. Dr. Clement Padathiparambil 0894927755
LUCAN	Divine Mercy Church, K78 NH05, Balgaddy Rd, Lucan, Co. Dublin & Our Lady of Nativity , Old Hill, Leixlip, Co. Kildare	8.00 AM & 18.30 - DIVINE MERCY & 16.30 - OUR LADY OF NATIVITY CHURCH	Rev. Dr. Clement Padathiparambil 0894927755
PHIBSBOROUGH	St. Peter's Church, Phibsborough, D 7 St. Canices Church, Finglas, Dublin 11	2ND,3RD &4TH SUNDAY: 2.00PM 1ST SUNDAY:2.00PM	Rev. Dr. Clement 0894927755
BLACKROCK (ST. JOSEPH'S)	The Church of the Guardian Angels , Newtown park avenue, Blackrock	SUNDAY: 5.00PM	Fr. Rajesh Mechiraketh 0894442698
SWORDS	St Finian's Parish Rivervalley St. Peter & Paul's Church, Balbrigan, Dublin St, Balbriggan, Co. Dublin	1ST,2ND & 3RD SUNDAY: 2.00PM 4TH SUNDAY: 1.30PM	Fr. Roy George Vattakkattu 0894590705
TALLAGHT	Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn, Kilcarrig Ave, Fettercairn, Dublin 24	MON-SAT: 6.00PM SUN: 11.30AM	Fr. Rajesh Mechiraketh 0894442698
NAVAN	Church of the Nativity, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath	1ST & 3RD SATURDAY: 10.00AM	Fr. Roy George Vattakkattu 0894590705
DUNDALK	St Joseph's Church, Fatima, Castletown Road, Dundalk	3RD SUNDAY :3.00PM	Fr. Mathew Chandrankunnel 0894160788
DROGHEDA	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda	3RD SUNDAY: 3.00PM	Fr. Roy George Vattakkattu 0894590705
ATHY	St. Michael's Church, Lr Saint Joseph's Terrace, Athy, Co. Kildare	1ST & 3RD SAT. 2.00PM	Fr. Rajesh Mechiraketh 0894442698

Financial Support to India for COVID Response Management

The Syro Malabar Church 'Help India-COVID help' is being channelised. The initiative was started in the first week of May to help people in India suffering from COVID. By the end of June, a sum of €39,812 was collected, this by the generous contributions of members of Syro Malabar Church and Irish community.

The charity project donated €5,860 to Delhi Faridabad Social Service Society to source medical equipment for the treatment of COVID patients in pandemic mostly affected areas of North India. Archbishop Kuriakose Bharanikulangara of the Faridabad-Delhi diocese, appreciated the generosity and solidarity of the Syro Malabar Church - Dublin. The Archbishop expressed his gratitude and stated that the generosity of Dublin Syro Malabar Church helped many people to survive through the pandemic and regain hope in these unprecedented times.

Another initiative of this project involves donating a fund of €8,684 to Adilabad Dioceses Social Service Society, located in Hyderabad. Adilabad Dioceses Social Service Society will utilise the first phase of donation to buy medical equipment that includes oxygen concentrators for the treatment of COVID patients in a thirty bedded 'COVID care facility'.

Assistance of €5,893 is shared through 'Prem Marg'-Shahabad Diocese Social Service Society. The funds are utilised to provide food and medical aid to people suffering with COVID.



Further channelisation of funds are planned for South India through Hosur Dioceses and other associations.

The generous contribution of local Irish parishes like Mount Merrion Parish, Kilmacud Parish, Aylesbury Parish Tallaght, Blackrock Guardian Angels Parish, Johnstown Parish Navan, and Rialto Parish is noteworthy. The Syro Malabar community in Dublin and the Church in India is ever grateful for the support of the Irish Catholics.

The Syro Malabar Church 'Help India-COVID help' project is ongoing. Those who wish to extend a helping hand to people suffering with COVID in India can do so by contributing through the official website of Syro Malabar Church www.syromalabar.ie

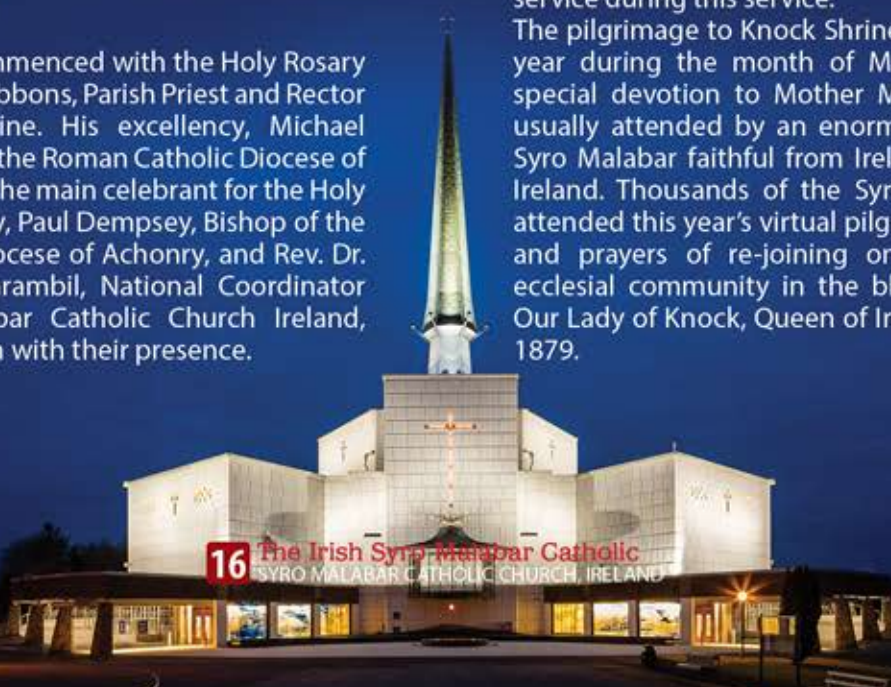
Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine (Virtually)!

The annual Marian Pilgrimage of Syro Malabar Catholic Church in Ireland to Knock Shrine was held virtually on Sunday, 16 May 2021 at 2:30 pm. The Roman Catholic Dioceses of Galway, Clonfert, and Achonry, and Faith and Life adjoined for their virtual pilgrimages.

The pilgrimage commenced with the Holy Rosary led by Fr. Richard Gibbons, Parish Priest and Rector of the Knock Shrine. His excellency, Michael Duignan, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Clonfert, served as the main celebrant for the Holy Mass. His excellency, Paul Dempsey, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Achonry, and Rev. Dr. Clement Padathiparambil, National Coordinator of the Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland, graced the occasion with their presence.

Special prayers were offered in remembrance of the deceased priests of Syro Malabar Church in India due to Covid-19. The frontline healthcare workers of the Syro Malabar Church in Ireland were acknowledged with gratitude for all their service during this service.

The pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, celebrated every year during the month of May as part of the special devotion to Mother Mary. This event is usually attended by an enormous crowd of the Syro Malabar faithful from Ireland and Northern Ireland. Thousands of the Syro Malabar faithful attended this year's virtual pilgrimage with hopes and prayers of re-joining once again as one ecclesial community in the blessed land where Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, appeared in 1879.



CORK:

The new Cork Church Committee (2021-2022) takes charge

The new Parish Council of the elected representatives took charge on 21st of March 2021, under the leadership of Fr. Sibi Joseph Arackal, the current chaplain.

Representatives from all family units gathered on the Zoom platform under the chairmanship of Chaplain Fr. Sibi Arackal and elected Sony Joseph, Dino George, and Shinto Jose as trustees and Tessy Mathew as secretary. Soly Sabu and Melvin Mathew were elected as PROs and Sherly Robin and Joslyn Jose as church representatives.

The new trustees were sworn in on Sunday 28th March, in the presence of Fr. Sibi Arackal and other members (on Zoom). During the meeting of the new leadership, Fr. Sibi thanked the old Parish Council members of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church in Cork, for their sincere work. He called on all to work together to achieve more spiritual and material growth of the church.

Christmas traditions recreated the atmosphere of the Nativity

The members of the Cork community celebrated Christmas with lighted candles to welcome baby Jesus into their hearts. It was after long that members gathered in the Church to celebrate holy mass. Syro-Malabar tradition of Christmas Crib and Carol singing gave a beautiful experience on Christmas. A competition for 'Christmas Family Song' and 'Christmas Crib' were conducted for the families. Families actively participated in the events and the best 3 entries were given first, second and third prizes respectively.

Holy week Services

Sunday Masses were held online this year until May due to the COVID 19 restrictions. Holy Mass at SMA Church, Wilton resumed in June. Palm Sunday and other Holy week services were telecasted live from the Church of Immaculate Conception Clonakilty, Cork. Feast of Divine Mercy and Puthunjayar was celebrated and telecasted live on the 11th of April with great devotion.



Marian Vanakkamasam

In the month of May, there was Holy Rosary and Vanakkamasam prayer every day at 6pm through Zoom. Each day's prayer was led by different families. The final day of Vanakkamasam was celebrated on the 30th of May with special Marian veneration prayers and Holy Adoration at SMA Church, Wilton.



Solemnity of Pentecost & 'Vidyarambham'

The feast of Pentecost was celebrated on 23/05/21 with an invoking blessing of the holy spirit upon the little children entering the world of education. 'First Writing' on Pentecost Day commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit, the source of knowledge and wisdom, upon the apostles who were praying with our Holy Mother.



Corpus Christi Sunday

The feast of Corpus Christi was celebrated on Sunday 6th June with confession, adoration and holy mass. The members proclaimed the truth of the transubstantiation of bread and wine into the actual body and blood of Christ during Mass.

Feast of Sacred Heart of Jesus & Welcome Mass for Newcomers in Cork

The June 13th Sunday Holy Mass was celebrated as the feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus with special prayers and warm welcome to the new members of the community. The prayers, bible readings and choir of the holy mass was led by them. During homily Fr. Sibi Arackal offered ongoing prayers and blessings for their new life in the country.

CAVAN:

Festival of Faith & Marian Quiz

കാവൻ സീറോ മലബാർ കുർബാന സെന്റർ കാറ്റിക്കിസം ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റിന്റെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ കുട്ടികൾക്കായി ബനൽ അഡി ദിനങ്ങളിൽ FESTIVAL OF FAITH എന്നപേരിൽ ഓൺലൈൻ പരിപാടി നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നു.. ക്ലാസ്സ് അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ വ്യത്യസ്ത ദിവസങ്ങളിലായിട്ടായിരിക്കും ഓൺലൈൻ പരിപാടി സംഘടിപ്പിക്കുക.

കാവനിൽ കാറ്റിക്കിസം ഡിപ്പാർട്ട്മെന്റ് മെയ് മാസത്തിൽ മാതാവിനോടുള്ള പ്രത്യേക വണക്കത്തിന്റെ ഭാഗമായി അമ്മമാർക്കും പതിനെട്ടു വയസ്സിനു മുകളിലുള്ള സ്ത്രീകൾക്കുമായി MARIAN QUIZ സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചു. മെയ് 29 നടന്ന പ്രോഗ്രാമിൽ അമ്മമാർ ആവേശത്തോടെ പങ്കെടുത്തു.

DERRY:

യൗസേപ്പിതാവിന്റെ നിശ്ശേഷതയും പരിശുദ്ധ മാതാവിന്റെ സമർപ്പണവും കൂടുംബങ്ങളിൽ ഉറവണം - മാർ സ്റ്റീഫൻ ചിറപ്പണത്ത്. യൗസേപ്പിതാവിന്റെ നിശ്ശേഷതയും പരിശുദ്ധ മാതാവിന്റെ സമർപ്പണവും കൂടുംബങ്ങളിൽ ഉറവണമെന്ന് സീറോ മലബാർ സഭയുടെ യുറോപ്പിനെയുള്ള അപ്പസ്തോലിക് വിസിറ്റേറ്റർ ബിഷപ്പ് മാർ സ്റ്റീഫൻ ചിറപ്പണത്ത് പറഞ്ഞു. ഡെറി സീറോ മലബാർ കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റിയിൽ പരിശുദ്ധ കന്യകാ മറിയത്തിന്റെ ദർശന തീരുനാളിനോടനുബന്ധിച്ച് സന്ദേശം നൽകുകയായിരുന്നു പിതാവ്.

എല്ലാ വർഷവും ആഘോഷമായി നടത്താറുള്ള പരിശുദ്ധ കന്യകാ മറിയത്തിന്റെ തിരുനാൾ കോവിട്സിന്റെ പശ്ചാത്തലത്തിൽ ലളിതമായി ആചരിച്ചു. വിശുദ്ധ യൗസേപ്പിതാവിന്റെ തിരുനാൾ ദിനമായ മെയ് 1 നു നടത്തപ്പെട്ട തിരുനാൾ കുർബാനയ്ക്ക് വികാരി ഫാ. ജോസഫ് കറുകയിൽ മുഖ്യകാർമ്മികത്വം വഹിച്ചു. ഫാദർ റോണി മാളിയേക്കൽ വിശുദ്ധ കുർബാനമധ്യേ വചന സന്ദേശം നൽകി. കുർബാനയ്ക്ക് ശേഷം മധ്യസ്ഥ പ്രാർത്ഥനയോടെ തിരുനാൾ സമാപിച്ചു. തിരുനാൾ കൺവിൻ ജോമോൻ ജോസഫും കൈക്കാരന്മാരും തിരുനാൾ ഒരുക്കങ്ങൾ നടത്തി. ജോൺ വർഗീസ്, ബിസ്മി നിയിൻ എന്നിവർ ഗായകസംഘത്തിനു നേതൃത്വം നൽകി.



DUNDALK:

ബൈബിൾ പാരായണം

ഡൗണ്ടാൽക്ക് കുർബാന സെന്ററിൽ ജനുവരി 9 മുതൽ നടന്ന പുതിയ നിയമ പാരായണം ബിഷപ്പ് മാർ സ്റ്റീഫൻ ചിറപ്പണത്ത് ഉത്ഘാടനം ചെയ്തു. സൂം ഫ്ലാറ്റ് ഫോമിലാണ് പരിപാടി സംഘടിപ്പിച്ചത്. ജനുവരി 31 ന് യുവജനങ്ങൾ ഗൂഗിൾ മീറ്റിൽ ബൈബിൾ പാരായണം നടത്തി. ജൂലൈ 19 മുതൽ 22 വരെ സമ്പൂർണ്ണ ബൈബിൾ പാരായണം നടത്താത്തപ്പെടും.

ജപമല ദിനം

ഡൗണ്ടാൽക്ക് കുർബാന സെന്ററിൽ മാർച്ച് 13 നു രാവിലെ 9 മുതൽ വൈകിട്ട് 9 വരെ തുടർച്ചയായ് നടത്തിയ ജപമല മാർ സ്റ്റീഫൻ ചിറപ്പണത്ത് ഉത്ഘാടനം ചെയ്ത് സന്ദേശം നൽകി. നാഷണൽ കോർഡിനേറ്റർ ക്കുമന്റ് പാടത്തിപറമ്പിൽ ഉപസംഹാരം സന്ദേശം നൽകി.

യുവജന പരിശീലന പരിപാടി

ഓഗസ്റ്റ് 9, 10 തീയതികളിൽ യുവജനങ്ങൾക്കും, കുട്ടികൾക്കുമായ് പരിശീലന പരിപാടി ഡൗണ്ടാൽക്ക് കുർബാന സെന്ററിൽ നടത്തും.

PORTADOWN:

പോട്ടൗൺ വിശുദ്ധ അൽ ഫോൻസായുടെ തിരുനാൾ

പോട്ടൗൺ സീറോ മലബാർ കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റി വി. അൽഫോൻസായുടെ തിരുനാൾ ആഗസ്റ്റ് 1നു ആചരിക്കുന്നു. ഉച്ചകഴിഞ്ഞ് 2:30 സെന്റ് ജോൺസ് ദേവാലയത്തിൽ നടക്കുന്ന തിരുകർമ്മങ്ങൾക്ക് വികാരി റവ. ഫാ. ജോസഫ് കറുകയിൽ മുഖ്യകാർമ്മികനായിരിക്കും. റവ. ഫാ. റോണി മാളിയേക്കൽ തിരുനാൾ സന്ദേശം നൽകും. സഹനത്തിന്റെ അമ്മയായ വി.അൽഫോൻസായുടെ മാധ്യസ്ഥം തേടി ഈ കോവിട്സിന്റെ കാലഘട്ടത്തിൽ പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കാൻ ഏവരെയും ക്ഷണിക്കുന്നതായ് സഭാ നേതൃത്വം അറിയിച്ചു..



GALWAY:

HOPE - Photographic Competition

Galway Syro Malabar Qurbana Centre conducted a photographic competition 'HOPE' in February 2021. Prizes were given to the winners.

Bible Quiz

Galway Syro Malabar community is going to conduct a Bible Quiz for youth in the month of August.

LONGFORD:

Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick & Knock

Longford Pithruvedi is going to conduct a pilgrimage to Croagh Patric centre at the foot of the holy mountain in July end and Knock pilgrimage is in October.

BELFAST:

(ANTRIM, BANGOR, BALLYHACKAMORE, BELFAST, LISBURN)

The Diocese of Down and Connor in the North of Ireland has five Syro-Malabar Mass Centres, namely ANTRIM, BANGOR, BALLYHACKAMORE, BELFAST and LISBURN. Because of the COVID restrictions there was Holy Mass only in St Paul's. The Mass in Antrim resumed last month and the other Mass Centres will resume from next month onwards. All the activities reported here are for all the five Mass Centres together. New Year - January 1st Friday

On 31st December Thursday at 9pm, the Syro-Malabar Church conducted a Year -end prayer service and, on Friday 1st January, New Year prayer with adoration and Holy Mass.

Arrival of New Priests- February 7th Sunday

Three Syro-Malabar priests , Fr Jain Mannathookkaran (Diocese of Kothamangalm), Fr Joe Pazheparambil (Diocese of Belthangady), Fr Nidheesh Njanakkal (Archdiocese of Ernakulam- Angamaly), who have been assigned to work in the Diocese of Down and Connor, arrived in Belfast. Bishop Noel, Very Rev. Fr Eugene O'Hagan, Very Rev. Fr Tony Devlin, Rev. Fr. Paul Morely, together with the trustees, Mr. Shajimon Varughese and Mr. Selestine Thomas, received the new priests at the airport. Eventually Fr Jain was assigned to the Parish of Antrim and Fr Joe to St Pauls, both Syro-Malabar assistant chaplains. Fr Nidheesh was assigned to the parish of Coleraine.

Family Retreat - March 21st Sunday

Rev Fr Jilto Pulprayil CMI conducted a Lenten Retreat via Zoom, for the Syro-Malabar faithful in the Diocese of Down and Connor.

The Holy Week - 2021 March 29- April 4

Holy Week in 2021 was a blessed time for all the Syro-Malabarians in the Diocese of Down and Connor, especially as Holy Week in 2020 was under strict lockdown, and a congregation could not be present at the celebrations. This year however, the church resumed celebrations with a congregation in attendance. To accommodate all those who wished to attend the ceremonies, we doubled the liturgical ceremonies in Holy Week. The arrival of the new priests in the Diocese of Down and Connor enabled this increase.

Positive Parenting - April 30th Saturday

Mathrujyothi conducted a class for mothers via Zoom, on "Positive Parenting". Dr Sherly George from Dublin took the class.

Divine Mercy Chaplet for India- May 1st – May 7th

For seven consecutive days at 3pm, people from the five Mass Centres of the Diocese of Down and Connor gathered via Zoom, and prayed the Divine Mercy Chaplet for India, which was badly affected by COVID.

Mass and Adoration for India - 7th May First Friday

This First Friday vigil was dedicated to praying for India, which was devastated by COVID. A good number of people participated in the Holy Mass and Adoration.

COVID Help - 9th May Sunday

The Syro-Malabar Church central committee decided to take up a collection to help India, devastated by COVID, and sent £5,500 to India, for the Diocese of Chanda, the Diocese of Shashabad and the Santhibhavan Palliative Care Hospital, in the Archdiocese of Thrissur, for their COVID relief efforts.

First Holy Communion - May 2nd Sunday

Thirteen children from our Community received First Holy Communion in the Syro-Malabar Rite. Within COVID restrictions, the celebration was very elegant and well organised, attracting positive feedback from each family. In preparation for First Holy Communion, there were online classes for the children. Fr Paul Morely was the main celebrant, assisted by Fr Jain and Fr Joe , while Fr Nidheesh was the master of ceremonies.

International Nurses' Day - May 12th Wednesday

On International Nurse's Day, Mathrujyothi conducted a Zoom meeting, and a group of nurses prayed together. Fr Nidheesh, Mrs Saramma Mathew and Shaily Paul talked to the members, and other nurses too shared their experiences. It was a celebration of rekindling their vocation as nurses.

First Friday - June 4th

The regular First Friday ceremony was conducted in St Paul's Church. Mass was celebrated by Fr Paul Morely, with a talk given, and adoration led, by Fr Joe Pazheparambil.

Catechism Teachers' Meet- June 8th Saturday and June 13th Sunday

There was a Zoom meeting for all the catechism teachers from the five Mass Centres of the Diocese of Down and Connor. The meeting was in connection with the training and vetting of catechism teachers, and planning for online catechism.

Pithruvedi - June 20th Sunday

Together with the celebration of Fathers' Day we inaugurated Pithruvedi, a pious association for the married men in the Syro-Malabar Church. Very Rev Fr Tony Devlin, the parish priest of St Paul's Church, Belfast, inaugurated Pithruvedi by lighting the lamp in the presence of Rev Fr Paul Morely, Rev Fr Jain Mannathookkaran and Rev Fr Joe Pazheparambil. There are 41 members from the five Mass Centres of the Diocese of Down and Connor.

60th Birthday celebration of Fr Tony Devlin – June 20th

Very Rev Fr Tony Devlin, the parish priest of St Paul's, Belfast is a great supporter and benefactor of the Syro-Malabar Church in the Diocese of Down and Connor. After the Sunday Mass the Syro-Malabar community held a celebration for Fr Tony's 60th birthday, and read out messages to him from Bishop Stephen Chirappanath and Msgr Antony.

SM Teens

On the 18th of February SM Teens conducted a General Knowledge Quiz on KAHOOT. On the 6th of March there was a Lenten Reflection talk by Rev Dr Binoj Mulavarickal and Mr Justin (Germany) for the SM Teens. Rev Dr Aoop MSFS conducted a retreat via Zoom, for the SM Teens of the Diocese of Down and Connor on Saturday March 13th. Every Saturday, the leaders of SM Teens gather online to pray. The whole SM Teens group has prayer meetings and quizzes every once in a while. Fr Joe is in charge of SM Teens, with Dr Sagitha Joseph and Tinu Thomas as animators.

SMYM (Syro-Malabar Youth Movement)

SMYM leaders gather online biweekly, for prayer and faith formation. Leaders and members together meet monthly, for the Faith-Hub question and answer discussion. SMYM also arranged a Bible Quiz, which was well attended. SMYM has an Instagram page to promote their various activities. Fr Jain is in charge of SMYM, in the Diocese of Down and Connor, with Mr Paul Kodyan and Mrs Aneeta Melwin, as animators.

LIMERICK:

Limerick - St. Mary's Church

The Syro-Malabar community, which is currently 250 families strong, gather in St. Paul's Church in Dooradoyle, Limerick every Saturdays for mass and other church festivities.

During the recent lockdown, the Holy Qurbana was conducted online on every second, third, fourth Saturdays and first Fridays with praise and worship, adoration in every month. The community also celebrates Holy Qurbana every Saturday at 2pm and 4.30 pm in St. Paul's church at Dooradoyle. On the first Friday, a praise and worship session is conducted along with Holy Qurbana.

The feast of St. Joseph was celebrated during the Qurbana where all Josephs in the mass center were specially greeted.

Other recent engagements at Limerick includes:

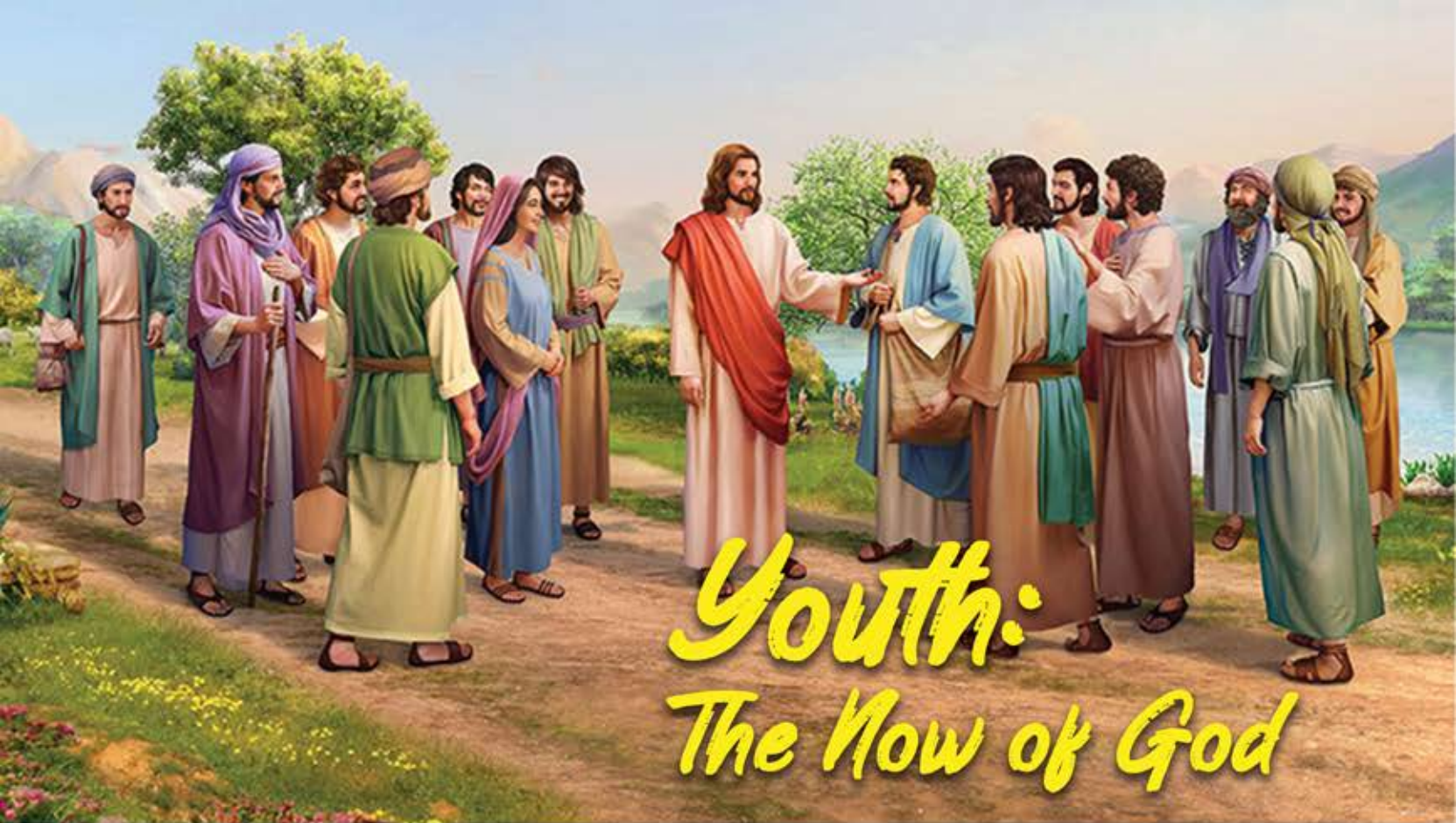
- A speech competition for catechism students with a cash prize for top three positions
- The new committee was elected for the year 2021/2022
- The first online pothuyogam (general body) which was blessed by the presence of Bishop Brendan Leahy (Bishop of Limerick). Bishop addressed the members and shared the message to be kind, helpful and offer help those who needs help especially during this Lenten days
- SMYM organised Christmas carols and tree competition; participated in the Rosary prayer campaign on 29th May 2021; conducted an exam prayer night and other similar activities
- Bishop Stephen Chirappanathu, along with Fr. Clement, Fr Babu, and Fr. Robin met with the newly elected committee members (through zoom) 9th April. The Bishop sat through the committee meeting and shared his observations. He congratulated Fr. Robin and all the committee members for their hard work and commitment to run the church effectively.
- The six family units organise monthly prayer meetings and during the Lenten season organised the 'way of the cross' every Friday
- "Mathavinte Vanakamasam" was observed with prayers and novena every day during the month of May
- The community helps the homeless by contributing clothes and toiletries for their daily needs through "Simon community" during the Christmas time
- During the pandemic time the community organised online retreats by various priests and also circulated the online link of the retreats from Kerala.

The parish committee plans to organise various programs like family fun day and summer camp for the children to grow in love with Jesus.

SYRO MALABAR CHURCH'S MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE WAS HELD ON 2, 3, AND 4 JUNE 2021.

The Family Apostolate of the Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland conducted a preparatory course for the youth in Ireland and the countries in the Apostolic Visitation of Europe, preparing them for the sacrament of Holy Matrimony. It was attended by 19 participants. The course which was held online due to Covid-19 restrictions was led by experts from different parts of the world in the field of marriage and family guidance. A certificate of attendance, recognized in all the dioceses of the Syro Malabar Church, was issued to the participants who successfully completed the course.

In recent times, family life is met with a lot of complexities. This course aims to equip the youth to enter into the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony by embracing the essence of family life. The next marriage preparation course will be held on 25, 26 and 27 August 2021.



Youth: The Now of God

Article by: Ayana Gijo, SMYM Portadown

But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak". Jeremiah 1:7.

Present day, young people aged 15 – 24 make up 16% of the global population. The aspirations and zeal of these 1.2 billion youth will shape and prosper the future. A subset of mentioned youth are of our own hometown, Portadown, Northern Ireland. Although a modest subset, a subset no less ambitious and zealous.

The onset of adolescence can beckon vulnerabilities in mind and spirit. These susceptibilities were augmented by the enduring impact of the Covid19 pandemic. Unprecedented adversity, grief and uncertainty of this prolonged period has made nurture and guidance of youth more urgent than ever. To cultivate faith fit to stand the tests of new normality, to lay down burdens at His feet and to know that refuge is in Him alone.

Within our parish, this call is undertaken by our devoted animators and dear Parish Priest Reverend Fr Joseph Karukayil who collectively bear the torch with warmth, spirit and by example. Heartened under their nurture and spiritual guidance, we the youth of Portadown have kept ablaze and bright our fire for prayer, worship, and service. Not weakened by burdening times but emboldened by that He heals the broken hearted and in Him there is strength & rest.

In union with our Holy Father Pope Francis, youth of our Year 11 Catechism Class produced a contemplative video reflecting on the reverberations of the

Coronavirus Pandemic. Prayerfully reflecting on the silence and desolation of our society; sudden unfamiliarity of our surroundings; destruction of livelihood, plight of those suffering; halted education and widespread isolation. Echoing Pope Francis' message, they conveyed that at a moment marked by health, social and economic crises, it is important not to be scattered in fear of the invisible enemy but to remain united in prayer.

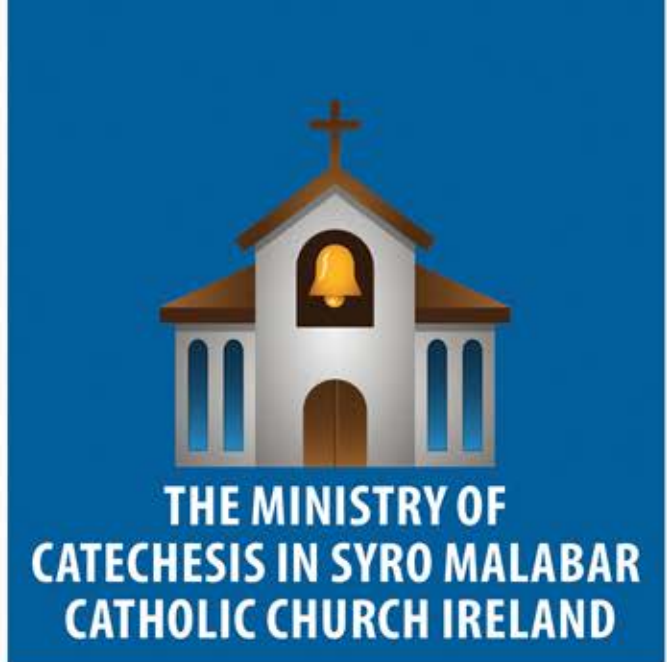
While our churches lay closed, our community strengthened faith and fellowship through virtual devotion, which our youth attended in earnest and led novenas accordingly. Recently, in addition to community prayer, inspired by our animators, our youth prayerfully and harmoniously orchestrated our inaugural monthly intercessory prayer session, led by our youth for all in need.

Through our initiatory prayer gathering we adored the Sacred Heart of Jesus, invoking the Soul, Body and Blood of Christ to sanctify, save and strengthen us. Through meditation on The Entry into Jerusalem; The Road to Emmaus; Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane; The Image of The Sacred Heart; and The Most Holy Blessed Sacrament we sought intercession for students, the poor, the grief-stricken, our youth and our church. With emotive reflections, profound messages by our Parish Priest and scripture rooted in God's complete love; we concluded our blessed session with promises to adore, praise, thank and love forever and always The Heart of Jesus.

We aspire to continue to conduct monthly prayers, to undertake many future endeavours and to cherish all time gathered in His name, in hope and prayer that our efforts are pleasing to Him.

The ministry of catechesis is a prophetic ministry that holds an important place in the faith formation of our children and our youth. It is an education ministry or instruction of Christian faith and the truths of faith which aims to initiate and lead them to the maturity of faith and the fullness of Christian life. In order to impart our traditional faith formation, Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland organises catechism classes. Our Catechism is spiritually guided by Cardinal Mar George Alencherry, Major Archbishop of Syro Malabar Church, Mar Stephen Chirappanath, Apostolic Visitor for the Syro Malabar Faithful in Europe, Rev. Dr. Clement Padathiparambil, National Coordinator, Fr. Roy George Vattakkattu, Catechism Director, Jose Chacko, Secretary of the National Catechism Coordination Council and the Parish Priests and Headmasters of each mass centre. We are blessed with priests and many lay leaders who have taken initiatives to set up catechism classes in most of the Syro-Malabar communities in Ireland.

We have 22 Catechetical centres in Ireland with over 2100 children and 360 dedicated volunteer Catechists (teachers). The catechetical year runs from September to May of every year for classes I to XII, similar to the academic year in Ireland. During the year, the Department of Catechesis organises various activities and competitions for the children along with the classroom-based catechesis. The department also organises seminars and formation courses for the catechists to empower them to be successful in their mission of transmitting faith to our little children.



THE MINISTRY OF CATECHESIS IN SYRO MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH IRELAND

The catechetical year of 2020-21 was held completely online due to the restrictions of Covid-19. The classes were conducted through online applications which was a new and varied experience for both the catechists and the children. The annual examinations were held through google forms during the month of May and the results were informed by the teachers to the students and their parents by 15 June 2021.

It has been a challenging year for everyone around the world. However, our unflinching faith in our God, the dedication and patience of our teachers, the encouragement and support of parents and the absolute resilience of our students has helped navigate this year successfully. The next catechetical year will commence on 5 September 2021.

'GLORIA - 2020' - WINNERS ANNOUNCED FOR THE ONLINE ELOCUTION COMPETITION

The Department of Catechesis announced the winners of Gloria-2020, an online elocution competition for the catechism students in Ireland during the Christmas season of 2020. The competition was held in five categories for the students in classes I to XII. It was attended by more than 220 children from 41 mass centers in Ireland.



The Winners:

GROUP 1

- 1ST PRIZE - AUGUSTUS BENEDICT - SWORDS
- 2ND PRIZE - DAN JOBY - SWORDS
- 3RD PRIZE - ERICA JINSON - INCHICORE

GROUP 2

- 1ST PRIZE - ANAKKA JOSEPH - TALLAGHT
- 2ND PRIZE - RYAN JANNER - BRAY
- 3RD PRIZE - CAROLINE JAISON - WILTON

GROUP 3

- 1ST PRIZE - JOSHUA JAYAN - LUCAN
- 2ND PRIZE - SHREYA MARIA SAJU - BLANCHARDSTOWN
- 3RD PRIZE - AUSTIN SANTHOSH - BLACKROCK
- 3RD PRIZE - BRAYLIN BINUJITH - LUCAN

GROUP 4

- 1ST PRIZE - AGNES MARTIN MENACHERY - LUCAN
- 2ND PRIZE - MARSHEL MARTIN - LUCAN
- 3RD PRIZE - GLEN SHABU MADAPARAMBIL - LUCAN

GROUP 5

- 1ST PRIZE - MISHA MERIN MATHEW - DUNDALK
- 2ND PRIZE - VARSHA VINCENT - BLACKROCK
- 3RD PRIZE - SANDRA MARIA SAJU - BLANCHARDSTOWN

Buona Pasqua - Lenten Quiz for the Catechism Students

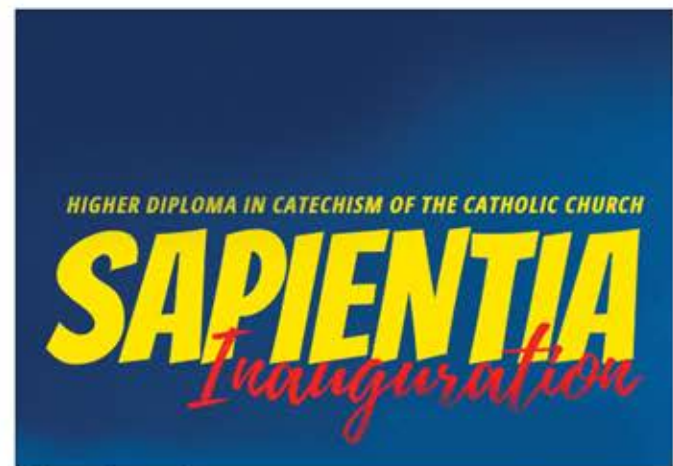
Buona Pasqua is the Easter quiz programme conducted for catechism students in Ireland by the Department of Catechesis in alliance with the Syro Malabar Youth Movement. The online quiz competition started on Ash Monday and continued daily throughout the Lenten season till Maundy Thursday. Around 300 participants attended this quiz competition regularly and the top five winners were selected every day. The Syro Malabar Youth Movement in Ireland welcomed this event with great enthusiasm and the large number of participation is a testimony to their interest in this exciting initiation.

The Grand Finale of the quiz programme was conducted on Easter Sunday via zoom. **Joel Rajesh Joseph** and **Amal Rajesh Joseph** from Lucan mass centre won first and second prizes respectively in the Grand Finale. **Jewel Shaijo** from Blanchardstown mass centre secured third place. SMYM Secretary, Honey Jose from Swords mass centre was the quiz master of this programme. Buona Pasqua was conducted under the guidance of Rev. Dr. Clement Padathiparambil, National coordinator of the Syro Malabar Church Ireland, Fr Rajesh Mechirakath, SMYM Director, Fr Roy George Vattakattu, Catechism Director, Jose Chacko, Secretary of the National Catechism Council, and Jincy Jiji, SMYM Animator.



May Devotion to Mother Mary Concluded with Enlightening Marian Quiz

The Department of Catechesis Ireland conducted an online Marian Quiz for 10 days, from 21 May 2021 to 30 May 2021, for all the catechism students in Ireland. The quiz was held on google form, where the students were given 10 questions every day which had to be answered between 5 pm to 10 pm. Around 200 children from all over Ireland consistently participated in the quiz. The top 5 winners were announced and congratulated every day. The month of May was the most ideal time to conduct the quiz; celebrating our devotion to Mother Mary as well as getting to know more facts about Her. The children responded to the quiz with much enthusiasm and described it as "informative" and "fun". Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland extends heartfelt congratulations to all the participants.



Sapientia: A voyage with the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The Catechism of the Catholic Church is a wonderful treasure that is gifted by the Holy Church, offering us an in-depth knowledge of Christian principles and therefore enabling us to lead a true Christian life as witnesses of Jesus Christ. The Department of Catechesis Ireland has organized, 'SAPIENTIA', a one-year higher diploma course in the Catechism of the Catholic Church for the catechism teachers in Ireland. The course aims to equip the catechists to transmit the true essence of the Church's deposit of faith to form young disciples for Christ.

The inauguration of the course was held on 13 March 2021 on zoom platform. 34 participants from various Mass centres in Ireland enrolled in the course. Mar Stephen Chirappanath, Apostolic Visitor for the Syro Malabar Faithful in Europe, inaugurated the course. He appreciated the participants for their efforts and readiness to learn the catechism. Rev. Dr. Clement Padathiparambil, National Coordinator of the Syro Malabar Church Ireland, led the introductory session of the course and introduced the text.

The one-year course which is expected to be completed in March 2022 is composed of webinars, exams, assignments and projects which covers the entire text of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The course is led by scholars in catechetical treatises. Fr. Roy Vattakkattu, Director of the Department of Catechesis Ireland, coordinates the course along with Mr. Jose Chacko, Secretary of the National Catechism Council.

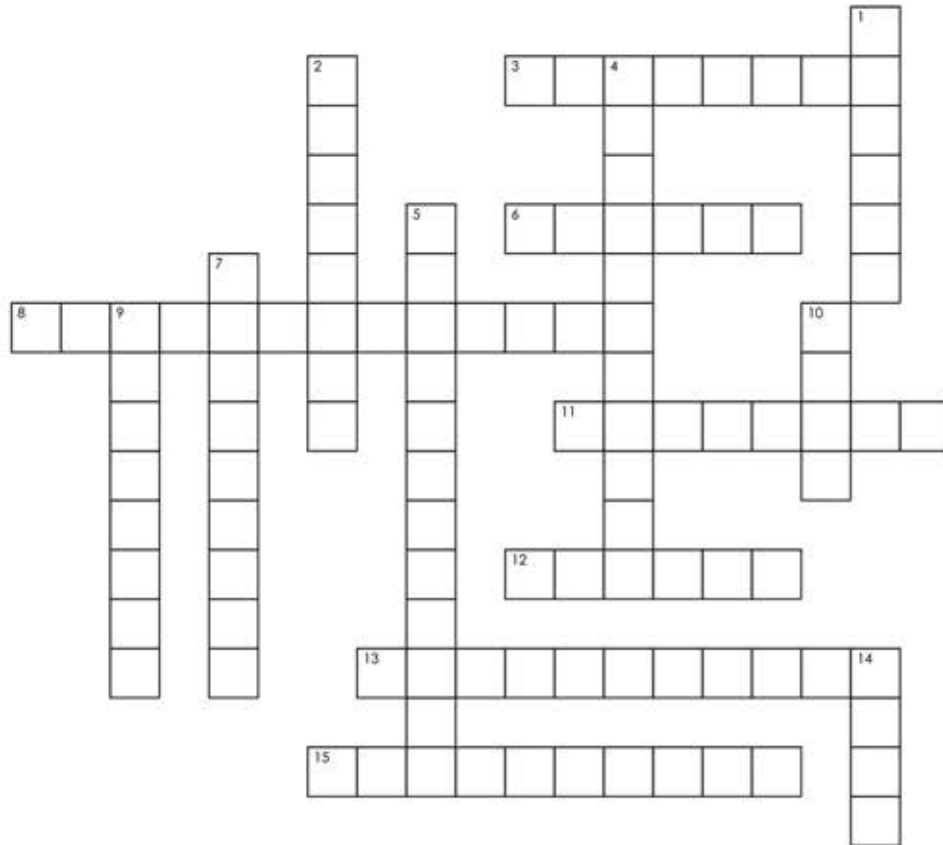
In this contemporary world where faith is continuously challenged in various manners, it is necessary to have profound knowledge in the Church's beliefs, sacraments, morals, and Christian prayer life. Journeying with the Holy Father Pope Francis' vision of enriching the Church with many lay catechists with great missionary zeal, as he shares in his recent Apostolic Letter, 'Antiquum Ministerium', the Syro Malabar Catholic Church aspires to empower the lay catechists to be significant contributors of new evangelization.



LET US SOLVE THIS CROSSWORD PUZZLE AND WIN SOME AMAZING PRIZES.

You may print this page or draw the crossword on a blank page and fill it in. send us your answers before 20 July 2021 to kidscorner@syromalabarcatholic.ie Selected entries will win some exciting prizes!

Crossword Puzzle



Across: →

- 3. Syro Malabar Saint
- 6. Harp of the Holy Spirit
- 8. Dhukhrana
- 11. Syro-Malabar Major Archiepiscopal Curia
- 12. Language of liturgical celebration
- 13. Arrival of St. Thomas
- 15. Dance form of St. Thomas Christians

Down: ↓

- 1. Evening liturgy
- 2. Tomb of St. Thomas
- 4. Sunday after Easter
- 5. The synod that led to a schism
- 7. Author of an Anaphora
- 9. Profession of faith in Jesus by St. Thomas
- 10. Liturgical seasons
- 14. Most Solemn form of Holy Qurbana

Mathruvedi Ireland

Mathruvedi is the pious association of all married women in the Syro Malabar Catholic Church (SMCC). Mathruvedi ensures active participation of women in the spiritual and cultural fabric of the church. The goal of Mathruvedi is imbibing Christian values in families, developing and nurturing leadership qualities of mothers, upbringing the dignity of human life and promoting values of life and most importantly enabling mothers to proclaim faith to the present generation and generations to come. Mathruvedi has chosen Mother Mary as our spiritual guide, through whom we foster our inherent capabilities and strengthen our spiritual power. The official motto of Mathruvedi is "Mother, the Protector of Life and the Light of Family".

Mathruvedi at National Level

Mathruvedi is an integral part of Family Apostolate of SMCC Ireland which was formally inaugurated by Bishop Rev. Dr. Stephen Chirapanath (Apostolic Visitor Europe) during May 2018 at Knock Basilica, Ireland. Fr. Jose Bharanikulangara appointed as National director of Mathruvedi. Mathruvedi has drafted an action plan for the year 2021 and the most important aim of Mathruvedi is to establish Mathruvedi units in all Mass centres in Ireland. A national Bylaw for SMCC Mathruvedi is currently under drafting process. An 'Adhoc Committee' is in the formation stage with the presidents and Secretaries of existing Mathruvedi units in Ireland and nominated members from other Mass centres where Mathruvedi is not established yet. The 'ADHOC Committee' will guide, and support different Mass centres to establish and manage Mathruvedi units. Once the National Executive committee is formed according to bylaws, the present 'Adhoc Committee' will be dissolved. Mathruvedi will initiate two days of dedication every year that is - Mathruvedi Day : December 8th and Mother's Day

SMCC Ireland wishes all mathruvedi members prayers and best wishes.

Mathruvedi Dublin

There are 9 Mathruvedi units in Dublin. Each unit holds committee meetings once every month and the Zonal Committee meets on the 1st Saturday of every month. On Valentine's Day, Mathruvedi organised and led a Snehakoottayma. On 14th March, we celebrated Mother's Day by saying Chain Rosary from 9am to 6pm. On 19th March, we celebrated the Feast of St Joseph and honoured Pithruvedhi members via Zoom meeting. In May, we prayed 203 beads Rosary via Zoom and all the nine units actively participated. All units are actively involved in daily intercessory prayers. We are planning a half-day meet and greet session on 14th August strictly adhering to the COVID-19 protocol. In October, we are planning to have daily Rosary prayer seeking Mother Mary's help & protection. On 8th December, we will be celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate conception



Amoris Laetitia Family
Year 2021 - 2022

Amoris Laetitia Family Year

On Friday 19 March 2021, the Feast of Saint Joseph, the Church celebrated the five year anniversary of the publication of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation 'Amoris Laetitia' (The Joy of Love) on the beauty and joy of love in the family. On the same day, Pope Francis launched the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, which will conclude on 26 June 2022, on the occasion of the Tenth World Meeting of Families in Rome. The Syro Malabar Church Ireland inaugurated the 'Amoris Laetitia Family Year' on the same day on a virtual platform.

Speaking about the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, Pope Francis referred to it as a special year to grow in family love and an opportunity for a renewed and creative pastoral drive to place the family at the centre of both Church and society. Pope Francis also shared his hope that every family may feel in its own home the living presence of the Holy Family of Nazareth, that it may fill our small domestic communities with sincere and generous love, a source of joy even in trials and difficulties".

Formation of Family Apostolate

Family Apostolate was formed by Syro Malabar Church Ireland this year. It is formed under the spiritual guidance of Bishop Stephen Chirappantahu and National coordinator Rev.Fr. Clement Padathiparambil is appointed as the director. The main aim of family apostolate is family reformation and sanctification. Marriage preparation courses, family life training programs, pro-life, SMILE (Syro Malabar Inclusive Living Experience), family units activities and family enrichment programmes are co-ordinated by family apostolate. Currently various activities are being coordinated for the efficient running of the family apostolate. Alphonsa Binu is the secretary serving the family apostolate.



HOPE - THE VITAL VIRTUE IN THE CURRENT (COVID) TIME.

Article by: Joemon Joseph, Omagh (Derry St. Mary's SM Community)

As usual and customary, we receive many greetings messages in WhatsApp and many other social media platforms on every special occasion. One of the messages did catch my attention in particular and I saved it for future reflections. I thought it is appropriate to mention it here. Perhaps you too may have received the same (many of us keep sharing the same messages to our friends and family).

"Sunshine is not Cancelled. Love is not Cancelled. Relationships are not Cancelled. Reading is not Cancelled. Naps are not Cancelled. Going for a walk is not Cancelled. Kindness is not Cancelled. Imagination is not Cancelled Conversations are not Cancelled. HOPE is not Cancelled."

*"Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."
Hebrews 11:1*

We all need hope. In the past couple of years, we have heard from people and the media, many are going through divorces, people who have lost their jobs and those who are struggling with illnesses. One thing that almost all of them have in common is that they are grasping for something to give them hope. Hope that things will get better and turn around. Hope that God will be with them while they are going through turbulent times.

Recent times have paused many challenges in our families due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Many of our loved ones have fallen to this deadly virus and taken away from our lives. Many have lost their livelihood. Businesses are permanently closed. When everything around us gives the impression of gloomy and doomed times ahead, let's not give up and instead believe and hope that there is light at the end of the tunnel. To see the light, we must trust and believe that nothing happens in our life without the knowledge of God almighty, and he is capable of putting back our life in order and leading us in the right path. Hope is what sustains us as we persevere, remaining steadfast in times of trial and discouragement. We should live hopeful lives.

Holy Father Pope Francis has announced a special year dedicated to families marking the fifth anniversary of the publication of his apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*. In his Angelus address on the feast of the Holy family, the Pope noted that March 19, 2021, would mark five years since the signing of *Amoris Laetitia* following synods on the family in 2014 and 2015. Feast of the Holy Family reminds us of the example of evangelising with the family, proposing to us once again the ideal of conjugal and family love, as underlined in the apostolic exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, was introduced to us five years ago on March 19th 2015. The proclaimed year would be known officially as the year "Amoris Laetitia Family". The pandemic experience has highlighted the central role of the family as the domestic church and has shown the importance of community ties between families, which make the church an authentic family of families.

Recently I had an opportunity to meet Most Rev Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry, at his residence to discuss the importance of the Media Ministry. As we were talking about the pandemic and the crisis for families and church in particular, the long spell of lockdown and keeping the church doors closed for a long period affecting the families, made him and other leaders of the church reflect on the consequences and how to overcome this kind of situation. It made them realise that until now the church and its activities were fully focused on direct church services. However, now the bishops and leaders acknowledge the need of reaching out to families bringing more family-oriented programs and services tailored to our homes. He acknowledged the importance of the involvement of laity in church activities. I am sure that the diocese family will acknowledge with me of his great initiatives for the diocese specially to interact with our youth and young generation. I came out from his residence with a great feeling of new Pentecost for the diocese as well for the church in Ireland. We need faith filled and evangelised members to join leaders of the church to rekindle the families in strong faith and hope to lead a life pleasing to Lord Jesus

Let us entrust our family with families all over the world, to the Holy Family of Nazareth, in particular to St Joseph, the devoted spouse and father. A year dedicated to St Joseph, which began on December 8th 2020, will conclude on December 8th 2021, is truly a blessing and gift from Holy Father Pope Francis. For families in Ireland and in particular for people in Donegal and Derry, a yearlong celebration of the life and legacy of St Columba is a great opportunity to learn and know more about his life. As Bishop McKeown mentioned in his homily, Columba was a man who grappled with the realities of life. Let us seek the help of St Columba to help us sail through this difficult time and ask St Joseph to protect our families.

This pandemic situation caused lot of harm to families and people around the world, however let's not forget that it helped us to understand the importance of love and mutual respect within the family and bring back the family prayer space in the house, which was for some extend lost in the influx of social media and secular media's negative propaganda on churches and faith.

"Let us hold fast the confession of our HOPE without wavering, for he who promised is faithful."
Hebrews 10:23.

Once again wishing all the readers and staff of Net News a blessed 2021. God Bless.

PITHRUVEDI

Pithruvedi is a pious association of Syromalabar Catholic Church Ireland (SMCCI) to unify all married catholic men and the membership is open to all married men in the church. St Joseph, the most Holy Spouse, is the patron for Pithruvedi. True to the characteristics of its patron saint, Pithruvedhi strives to inculcate the importance of being selfless, family centric and leading the family in life of prayer and worship. Pithruvedi is an integral part of Family Apostolate of SMCC Ireland which was formally inaugurated by Bishop Rev. Dr. Stephen Chirapanath (Apostolic Visitor Europe) during May 2018 at Knock Basilica, Ireland.

At National level, Pithruvedi works under the newly formed Family Apostolate of SMCCI. Pithruvedi operates under the pastoral guidance of Rev. Fr. Mathew Chandrankunnel at National Level and formulating bylaws and conceptualizing plans to reach every mass centre in Ireland. A draft Bylaw is ready to undergo a review process.

Pithruvedi has outlined an action plan to strengthen existing unit and to form new units in mass centres where the unit is not in existence. Currently Pithruvedi is formulating a council at National level with presidents from the existing Pithruvedi units in Ireland and nominated members from other Mass centres where Pithruvedi is not established. This Council will provide Guidance & supervision in setting up Pithruvedi units in all mass centres. Pithruvedi will initiate two days of dedication every year - March 19th St. Joseph Day and the 1st May (the feast of St. Joseph the worker). The main goal of Pithruvedi is to establish and empower pithruvedi units at the Mass centre level, thus reaching out its activities to every parishes in Ireland.



FAITH HUB - Bringing Faith, Frank and Factual.

The Youth Apostolate of Europe, earlier in the year introduced a debut online questions and answer (Q&A) programme that aims to bring faith to SMYM members in a frank and factual way. Youth members from across the European countries participate actively in the programme and also follow-up with discussions in their local parishes/mass centers.

Faith Hub serves as a platform for youth in various European countries to seek clarifications for their faith related questions. The programme is conducted on zoom online platform on the fourth Saturday of every month. A topic is pre-decided and shared among the youth members who then post their questions on a google form. A subject matter expert is invited who leads the particular episode. During the programme, the shortlisted questions from youth are discussed and the expert shares authentic answers on the subject. The expert also provides references to the Bible, Catechism of the Catholic Church, apostolic exhortations, and various authentic sources that the youth can follow for their further studies.

Youth members are delighted to participate in Faith Hub sessions and look forward to the episodes. The frank and factual way of presenting information is what draws the youth closer to the programme. The last few sessions witnessed participation of over 700 youth members from around 23 European countries.

After each FAITH HUB session, the recording and the transcript is shared with the members who then have follow-up discussions in their respective units under the guidance of the Youth Animators. They then present their cognizance in the form of a video. Videos of Faith Hub sessions are available on the SMYM EUROPE Youtube Channel.

CONNECT - National Senate Meeting

CONNECT, the first ever SMYM National Senate meeting took place on April 30th at 8:30 PM via Zoom. Executives from every unit took part and it began with a prayer followed by welcome by Fr. Rajesh Mechirakath, the National Director of SMYM. Every participant got the opportunity to introduce themselves unit-wise. Following an ice breaker session, the future programme plans were presented by Siljo Thomas, Youth Coordinator. The election was conducted soon after and the Oath-taking Ceremony was led by Fr. Jose Bharanikulangara, the Chaplain and SMYM Director of Galway. Felicitation was delivered by Fr. Paul Morely, the Syro Malabar Chaplain and SMYM Director of Belfast and the Sabhayogam General Secretary. The vote of thanks was delivered by the newly elected National President and the final blessing was given by Fr. Siby Arackal, the SMYM Chaplain and Director of Cork.



SMYM Cork

Syro-Malabar Youth Movement (SMYM) Cork unit, Inaugurated on 12th November 2020

The initiation of the Cork unit of SMYM took place on Thursday, November 12th 2020.

The meeting held through ZOOM was inaugurated by Bishop Stephen Chirappanath, Syro-Malabar Apostolic Visitor of Europe. SMYM Europe Director Fr. Binoj Mulavarickal was the keynote speaker. Ireland National Coordinator of the Syro-Malabar Church, Fr. Clement Padathiparambil, SMYM National Coordinator Fr. Rajesh Mechirakath & Cork Syro-Malabar Chaplain Fr. Siby Arackal addressed the gathering. Jiss James got elected as president and Jacob James as secretary of the Cork SMYM unit. Sania Babu, Melvin Mathew and Allen Joseph have been appointed as Vice President, Joint Secretary and Treasurer respectively. Tessy Mathew and Siby Thomas are serving as animators.

Bible Quiz – A challenge to know, study, and apply the word of God to our lives.

A group bible quiz was held on 13th March 2021, to boost friendships, fellowship, discipleship, and accountability among the members. Even though the cash prizes were awarded to the first and second place team, the focus was to build the faith and prepare them for Christian life through Bible study.

Committee Members' holiday trip to explore the Christian faith together.

The SMYM core team went on a day trip to Clonakilty, once after COVID 19 restrictions were lifted, so that the committee could get to know each other more. The trip consisted of going to a beach and sites of natural beauty that reveals God's glory, power, wisdom, presence, creativity and most of all, His loving care. SMYM Cork spiritual leader, Fr. Siby Arackal warmly welcomed the leaders at his residence in Clonakilty with good food and time.

Faith hub discussions illuminates in the pathway of faith in times of darkness

Faith hub discussions held during the prayer meetings continue to help the members. Topics that resulted in the most engagement were the church and the big bang theory, The theory of evolution, Galileo and the church and why do we need the church.

SMYM Derry youth share pandemic reflections through YouTube video

The youth group in Derry launched a video reflecting on their experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic. In the video, youth members reflected on how they updated their methods of interaction and prayer gatherings. Inspired by the words of Holy Father Pope Francis, they explained how they made this period, of being away from friends and family, an opportunity to grow closer to God, through personal prayer, prayer meetings on Zoom, fellowship gathering online etc. The video focused on explaining Holy Father's message about the effects of Covid and many other pandemics that pose a challenge in the modern world, like war, poverty, and hunger.

Bishop Donal McKeown DD, the Bishop of Derry launched the video following the celebration of Mass in St. Columba's Church, in the Waterside. Commending the video, Bp Donal described the Syro-Malabar community as being "an enormous blessing on the Irish Catholic Church ever since it came to our shores, not just in terms of the wonderful work that some of them are doing in the healthcare sector and in other areas of life, but because of the wonderful sense of community and faith that they have brought to the Church". He added, "They have inspired people to marvel at their commitment to one another and at their journeying in faith together." Bp Donal went on to recall his experience of the 2018 Synod of Bishops regarding young people and faith: "The emphasis was very clearly there of the Church being renewed by young people. It will be renewed not by old folk like me, but by us making sure that our young people, full of grace and full of the Holy Spirit, are able to be the evangelisers in this new millennium". Lauding the spirituality behind the video and the wonderful contributions of the young people, he said, "I marvel at what you as a community have to offer, what the young people have to offer, and our job is to ensure that, like St Eugene and St Columba here in Derry, they will be the new apostles of the new time of flourishing in the Church."

The Syro-Malabar youth video can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/d-P3Q8uI3DY>

The video was initiated by Rev. Dr Joseph Varghese, edited by Dr Josy Augustine, and scripted by Mr Jomon Joseph. The youth appearing in this short film were John Joseph, Megha Saji, Jermy Jomon, Ashly Sojan, Josh John and Jainy Jomon. Their Excellencies Donal McKeown and Mar Stephen Chirappanath gave their blessings to our youth community.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM SMYM DUBLIN

LEAD 3, SMYM Dublin Senate Meeting

The senate meeting for SMYM Dublin was conducted on the 28th of February 2021. All the unit executive members of SMYM participated in the annual meeting. Mar Stephen Chirappanath inaugurated the senate, followed by various input sessions. The new Zonal Executive SMYM Committee which was elected a day before took oath of their office.

അമ്മക്കൊടുമ്മ (Ammakorumma), Mother's Day Celebration

A virtual Mother's Day celebration called "അമ്മക്കൊടുമ്മ" was an enjoyable evening for all mothers. The evening was filled with fun games and dedications to all mothers by SMYM as well as songs and skits from Prithruvedi. Over 200 participants attended the event. A video dedicated to all mothers was made by SMYM and released at the programme.

Dignified, the Easter online youth retreat

The Easter youth retreat, Dignified, took place virtually on the 28th of March 2021. Youth from all over Ireland participated. Rev. Fr. Binoj Mulavarickal and Rev. Fr. Silan Francis led the input sessions. The music ministry led praise and worship sessions as well as mass.

Blessing, leaving certificate students exam preparation night

Blessing was an evening of prayer, games, and discussions for leaving certificate students. Over 55 students from around Ireland took part in the programme. SMYM members and Rev. Fr. Rajesh Mechirakath shared tips and advice for exam preparation and studying. Fr. Rajesh led prayers and adoration. Students found the evening very helpful in their exam preparations.

St Patrick's day celebration

The day was celebrated with mass, prayers, and songs. A special St Patrick's day message was delivered by Rev. Fr. Pat Kinley. The celebrations were conducted virtually keeping in mind the Covid restrictions.

Easter poster competition

An Easter poster competition was organised by SMYM Swords during the Lenten season. Youth and children from all over Dublin participated and over 200 responses were received.

Mother Mary singing competition

SMYM Beaumont organised a Mother Mary singing competition for youth in Dublin during the month of May. Over 50 responses were received.



SAINTS OF THE SYRO MALABAR CHURCH

St. Thomas, the apostle

St. Euphrasia Elavathunkel (1877-1952)

Born - 17 October 1877 Died - 29 August 1952 (aged 74)
 Beatified - 3 December 2006 by Varkey Vithayathil
 Canonized - 23 November 2014, Saint Peter's Square, Vatican City by Pope Francis
 Feast 30 August

St. Alphonsa Muttathupadathu (1910-1946)

Born - 19 August 1910 Died - 28 July 1946 (aged 35)
 Beatified - 8 February 1986, Kottayam by Pope John Paul II
 Canonized - 12 October 2008, Vatican City by Pope Benedict XVI
 Major shrine St. Mary's Syro-Malabar Church, Bharananganam, Kerala, India
 Feast 28 July (Syro-Malabar)

St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara(1805-1871)

Born - 10 February 1805 Died - 3 January 1871 (aged 65)
 Beatified - 8 February 1986, Kottayam by Pope John Paul II
 Canonized - 23 November 2014, Rome by Pope Francis
 Major shrine - St. Joseph's Church, Mannanam, St.Philomena's Forane Church, Koonammavu
 Feast 18 February (Roman Latin Catholic Church) 3 January (Syro-Malabar Church)

St. Mariam Thresia Chiramel (1876-1926)

Born - 26 April 1876 Died - 8 June 1926 (aged 50)
 Beatified - 9 April 2000, Saint Peter's Square, Vatican City by Pope John Paul II
 Canonized - 13 October 2019, Saint Peter's Square, Vatican City by Pope Francis
 Major shrine, Puthenchira, India
 Feast 8 June



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