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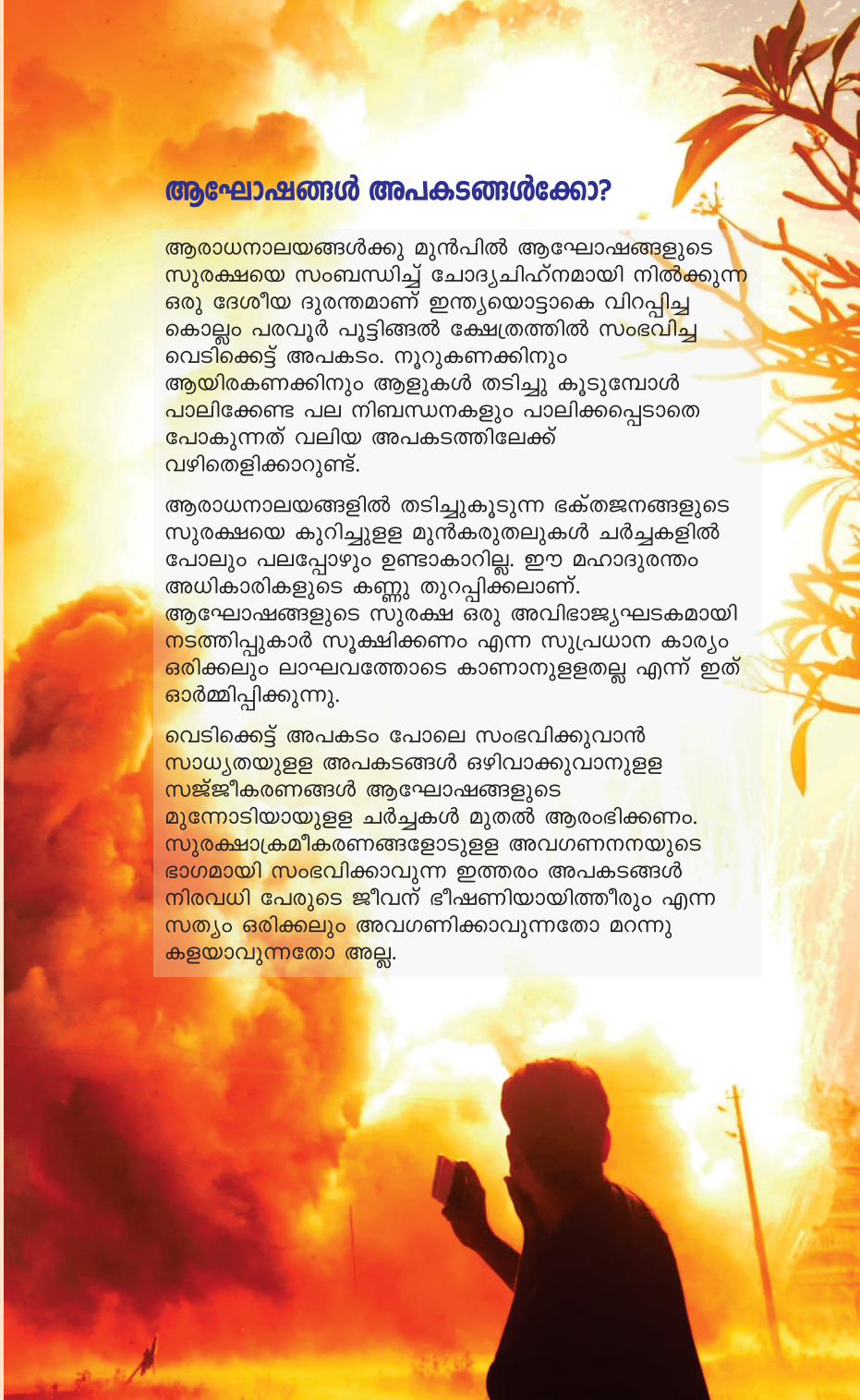
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## ആഘോഷങ്ങൾ അപകടങ്ങൾക്കോ?

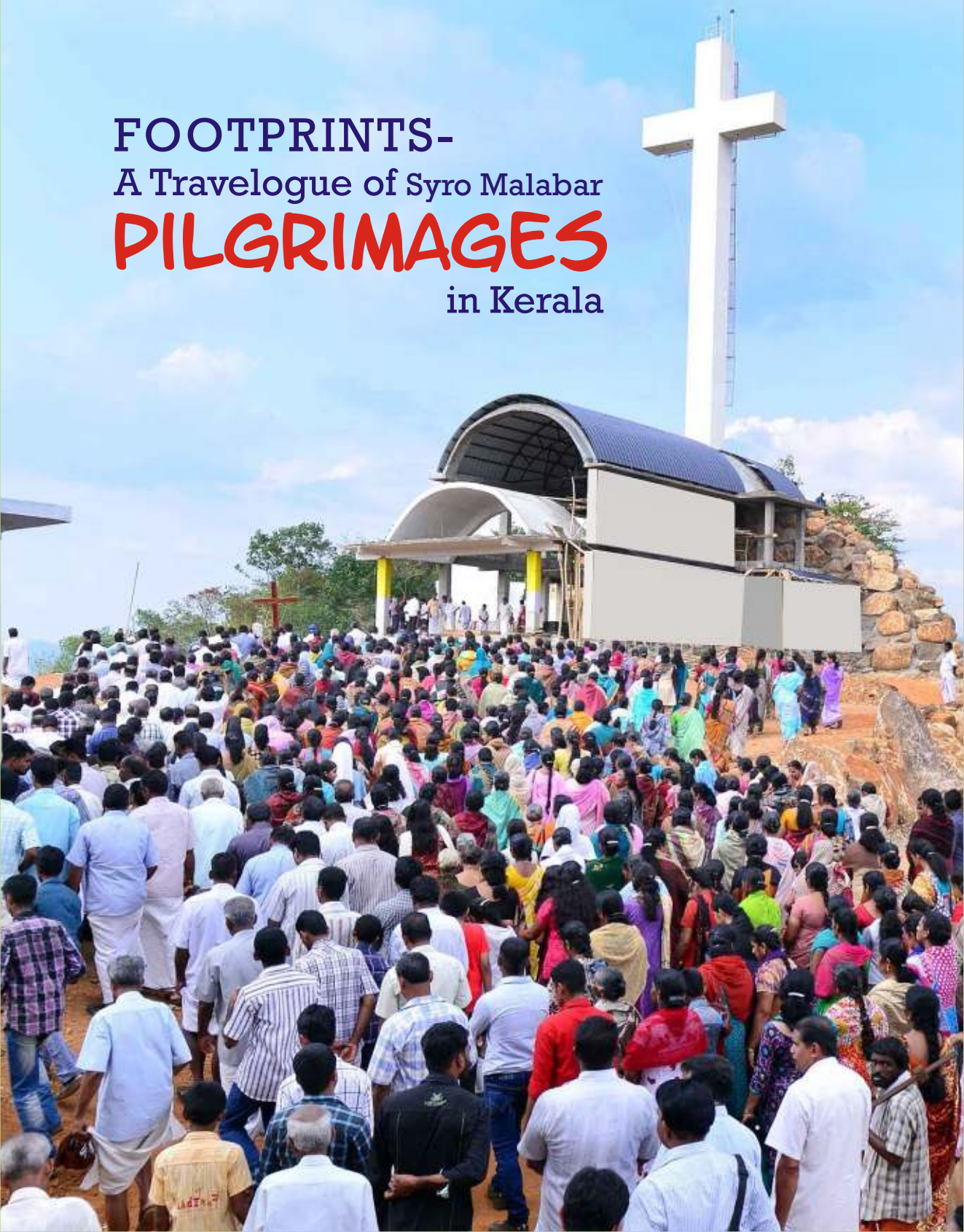
ആരാധനാലയങ്ങൾക്കു മുൻപിൽ ആഘോഷങ്ങളുടെ സുരക്ഷയെ സംബന്ധിച്ച് ചോദ്യചിഹ്നമായി നിൽക്കുന്ന ഒരു ദേശീയ ദുരന്തമാണ് ഇന്ത്യയൊട്ടാകെ വിറപ്പിച്ച കൊല്ലം പരവൂർ പൂട്ടിങ്ങൽ ക്ഷേത്രത്തിൽ സംഭവിച്ച വെടിക്ക് അപകടം. നൂറുകണക്കിനും ആയിരക്കണക്കിനും ആളുകൾ തടിച്ചു കൂടുമ്പോൾ പാലിക്കേണ്ട പല നിബന്ധനകളും പാലിക്കപ്പെടാതെ പോകുന്നത് വലിയ അപകടത്തിലേക്ക് വഴിതെളിക്കാറുണ്ട്.

ആരാധനാലയങ്ങളിൽ തടിച്ചുകൂടുന്ന ഭക്തജനങ്ങളുടെ സുരക്ഷയെ കുറിച്ചുള്ള മുൻകരുതലുകൾ ചർച്ചകളിൽ പോലും പലപ്പോഴും ഉണ്ടാകാറില്ല. ഈ മഹാദുരന്തം അധികാരികളുടെ കണ്ണു തുറപ്പിക്കലാണ്. ആഘോഷങ്ങളുടെ സുരക്ഷ ഒരു അവിഭാജ്യഘടകമായി നടത്തിപ്പുകാർ സൂക്ഷിക്കണം എന്ന സുപ്രധാന കാര്യം ഒരിക്കലും ലാഘവത്തോടെ കാണാനുള്ളതല്ല എന്ന് ഇത് ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നു.

വെടിക്ക് അപകടം പോലെ സംഭവിക്കുവാൻ സാധ്യതയുള്ള അപകടങ്ങൾ ഒഴിവാക്കുവാനുള്ള സജ്ജീകരണങ്ങൾ ആഘോഷങ്ങളുടെ മുന്നോടിയായുള്ള ചർച്ചകൾ മുതൽ ആരംഭിക്കണം. സുരക്ഷാക്രമീകരണങ്ങളോടുള്ള അവഗണനയുടെ ഭാഗമായി സംഭവിക്കാവുന്ന ഇത്തരം അപകടങ്ങൾ നിരവധി പേരുടെ ജീവൻ ഭീഷണിയായിത്തീരും എന്ന സത്യം ഒരിക്കലും അവഗണിക്കാവുന്നതോ മറന്നു കളയാവുന്നതോ അല്ല.



# FOOTPRINTS- A Travelogue of Syro Malabar **PILGRIMAGES** in Kerala





Pilgrimage is a common element in all religions. Every religion emboldens pilgrimage with its authentic cause of renewing oneself. Like any other religion, Christianity also appreciates the spiritual dimension of undertaking pilgrimages. The Holy Bible tells the stories of pilgrimages made by several people in search of God. As a midpoint, we meet a Pilgrim Jesus Christ who came in search of human beings. We often compare our life to a pilgrimage. Every pilgrimage has a noble intention and a meaningful destination. Hence the distance has nothing to do with the pilgrimage. For instance, if one goes to attend Holy Mass with an utmost desire, then it can well be considered a pilgrimage where one meets the Lord and that encounter gives an invitation to

renew oneself. It does not relegate the significance of pilgrimage to the birth places and tombs of saints. They have been our models for pilgrimage and they are also places where God wishes to encounter us. Let us not misunderstand that spiritual experience is possible only in a few pilgrim centers. The antiquity, distance and the popularity have nothing to do with the spiritual experience in a pilgrimage. A pilgrimage becomes an experience when a pilgrim makes it with a conscious effort to renew oneself through prayer and penance. Our SyroMalabar Church has several pilgrim centers. Our tradition and beliefs are not different in this regard. In this regard, let us know more about the pilgrim centers of our church via this month's issue.







**Infant Jesus Church, Cheekkad**

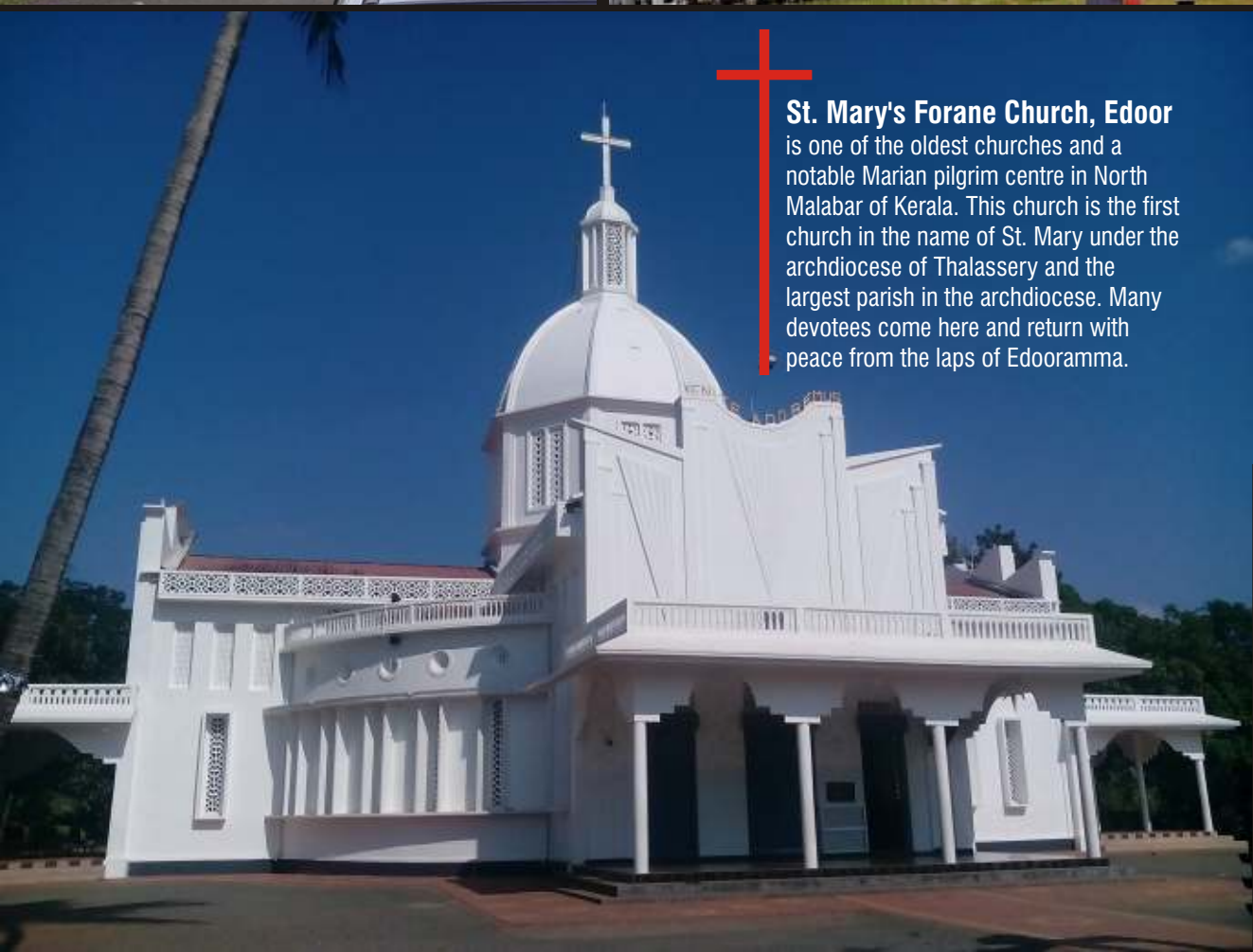


**St. Josephs Cathedral Church, Tellicherry**



**St. Mary's Forane Church, Edoor**

is one of the oldest churches and a notable Marian pilgrim centre in North Malabar of Kerala. This church is the first church in the name of St. Mary under the archdiocese of Thalassery and the largest parish in the archdiocese. Many devotees come here and return with peace from the laps of Edooramma.



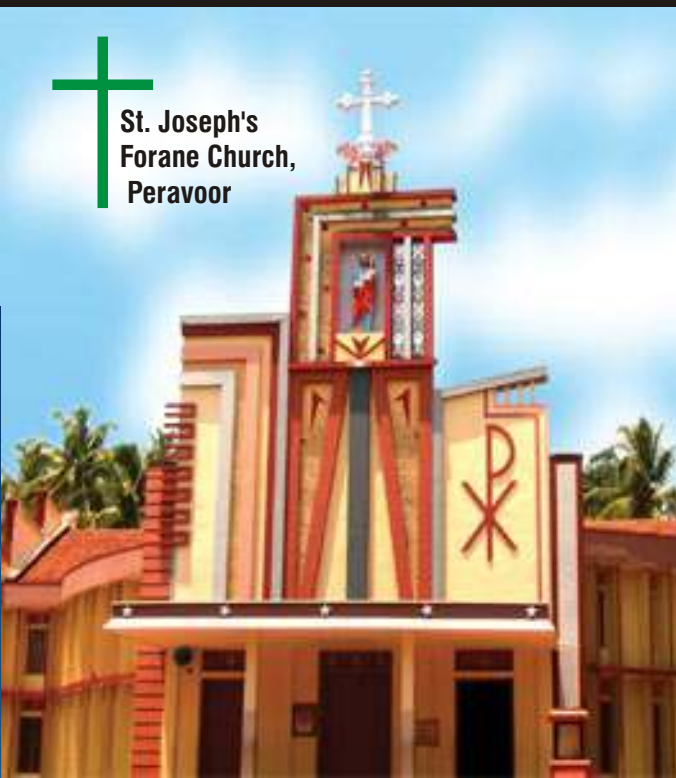




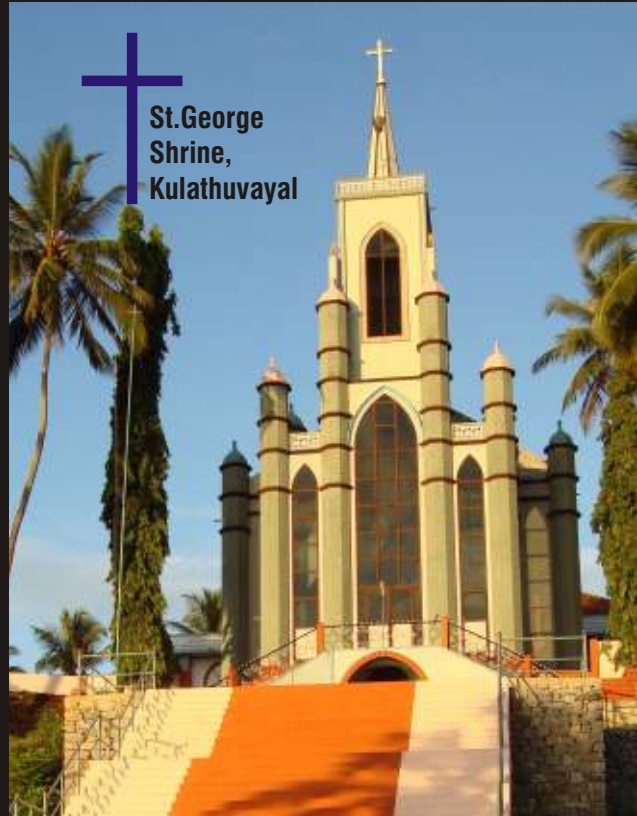
**St. Jude  
Church,  
Mavullal**



**Holy Cross Forane  
Church, Nadavayal**



**St. Joseph's  
Forane Church,  
Peravoor**



**St. George  
Shrine,  
Kulathuvayal**

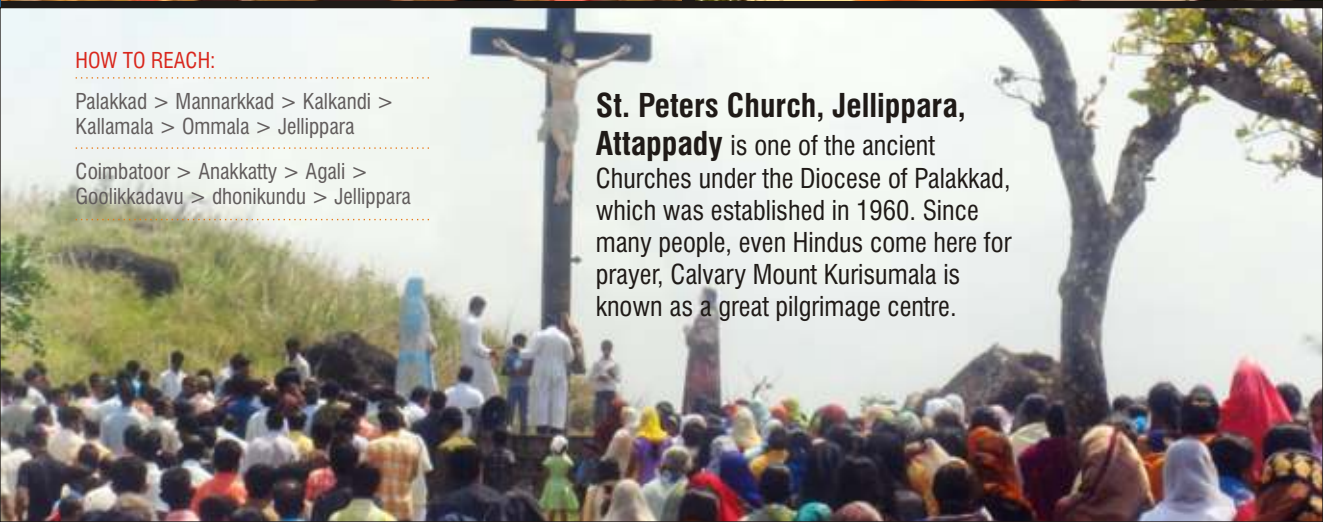
#### HOW TO REACH:

Palakkad > Mannarkkad > Kalkandi >  
Kallamala > Ommala > Jellippara

Coimbatore > Anakkatty > Agali >  
Goolikkadavu > dhonikundu > Jellippara

#### **St. Peters Church, Jellippara,**

**Attappady** is one of the ancient Churches under the Diocese of Palakkad, which was established in 1960. Since many people, even Hindus come here for prayer, Calvary Mount Kurisumala is known as a great pilgrimage centre.





**Basilica of Our Lady of Dolours (Puthan Pally)** is claimed to be the biggest and tallest church in Asia, situated in the heart of the city of Thrissur. Famous for its Gothic style architecture, its 260 feet high Bible tower at the rear of the church is a notable feature. Blessed in 2004, this tower depicts the whole life of Jesus and is the first Christian art gallery in Kerala.

### **Our Lady of Lourdes Metropolitan Cathedral,**

is situated in the heart of Thrissur. The centenary of this church was celebrated during the historic visit of Pope John Paul II to Thrissur in 1986. The underground chapel of the cathedral is a major attraction.

**St. Joseph's Shrine, Pavaratty** is famous for the feast of its patron Saint. The Holy statue of St Joseph was brought from the ever-known codar co., Cochin by a parishioner, Olakkengil Maani and was placed in the Main altar of the first permanent church that was completed in 1880. Since then the statue has been blessing all with miracles by way of granting of wishes to the devotees. One of the chief features of the Grand Feast is the famous Bangle procession (Vala Ezhunnallippu).

### **St Thomas Forane church, Palayur,**

established in 52 AD, is the oldest (Romo-Syrian) Church in India. This church depicts the life and work of St. Thomas. There are about fourteen granite idols in the church that portray the life and work of the Apostle at different stages. Muppittu Njayar (newborn babies are bought then for baptizing), Thukharana Thirunal and Tharpana Thirunal are other important events conducted at the Palayur Church.





### The Holy Cross Church, Mapranam,

**Thrissur** is one of the few churches in Asia which has received the relic of the Holy Cross, part of the Holy blood of Jesus Christ and the bloodstained Holy Cloth used by Veronica to wipe the face of Jesus Christ.

### St. Anthony's Forane Church and Shrine

of St. Raphael the Archangel, Ollur, Thrissur District has been called Chinna Roma or Little Rome for the past two centuries. The festival of St. Raphael the Archangel is the most important festival. The church is famous for its large number of exquisitely carved sacred images in wood and a more than 30ft tall wooden rostrum of Pushpakoodu. It has a large number of frescoes and murals, both in Kerala and Western style.

### St Joseph church, Veluppadam

The church hosts a picture of St Joseph coming back with the tools after a hard day's work, holding the hands of his stepson which enchanted the labourers of the area who used to come back exhausted after their work.

### St Mary's Forane Church, Chalakudy

It is believed that those who pray at the 'Swayamvara altar' with complete self-surrender would surely receive special blessings. There is a Marian Grotto in the church, similar to the one in Lourdes.

### St Marys Forane Church – Koratty

The most revered and renowned Marian Pilgrim Centre after Velankanni, is the Holy Shrine of Koratty Muthy also known as Koratty Thampuratty. The annual feast falls on the Saturday and Sunday following the 10th of October. An important offering here is the poovankula (bunch of plantain).



### St Antony's Church, Kanakamala



It is a place of pilgrimage during the holy week, particularly on Good Friday. Many pilgrims used to climb the hill as an act of prayer and offering.



### St. Mary's Convent, Ollur

**St. Euphrasia's Tomb** is the cause for the pilgrimage to this convent chapel. People from different parts of the world, especially from different parts of Kerala come and pray to St. Euphrasia to the praying mother. It has become a great tourist and pilgrimage attraction after the Canonisation this saint.



**The Malayattoor church** dedicated to St. Thomas is one of the most important Christian pilgrim centres in Kerala. The Church has a life-size statue of St. Thomas and the imprint of the feet of the Apostle on a rock. This shrine has now been accorded an international pilgrimage station. Malayattoor Kurisumudy is an international pilgrim centre of St. Thomas the Apostle located 1269 'Ft. above sea level.

### **St. Marys Forane church, Kanjoor**

This church is portrayed as the symbol of strong Christian faith and spiritual renaissance of Kanjoor. The unique paintings on the main altar exhibit the Blessed Virgin Mother. The epitaph in ancient round script (vattezuthu), the ancient and invaluable documents written on the palm leaves (thaliyola) and many other antique properties chart the greatness of the church.

### **Marth Mariyam Forane Church, Arakuzha**

In this church, the Sunday after Easter (Thomas Sunday) is the day of feast. There is also the eighth day celebration or ettamidam the next week. Devotees do the Way of the Cross during the Holy week and "Puthu Njazarazhacha" and "ettaamidam" feast first and second Sundays after Easter. Every stations of the way of the cross are beautifully depicted on the way

### **Divine Mercy Shrine of Holy Mary, Thodupuzha**

"Divine Mercy Shrine of Holy Mary is a Marian Pilgrim centre dedicated to the Mother of Divine Mercy under the Diocese of Kothamangalam. In March 1999, Heavenly Mother had appeared to an eight year old girl called Chippy, daughter of the couple John and Regi of Puthiyidam family at Thodupuzha and gave messages regarding the sanctification of life and the salvation of souls. On the basis of these apparitions and messages, she sanctified herself through intense prayer and sufferings of life. Without much delay, as instructed by the Holy Virgin, the house and property where Chippy lived as well as the chapel built in the property were handed over to the diocese of Kothamangalam.

### **St. Mary's Church, Nagapuzha**

St. Mary's Church Nagapuzha has got an ancient history. It was founded in AD 900. Nagapuzha church is famous for its Marian devotion.



### St. George Church, Muthalakudam

It is believed that St. George Forane Church at Muthalakodam started its functioning in AD 1312. This Church owes its origin to the catholic church of Mylakomb which was started in AD 52. Now this church is a world famous pilgrim centre of Kothamangalam Diocese, where lots of people gather interceding to St. George.

### Mar Thoma church, Kottakavu

Kottakavu Church situated in the heart of Paravur town in Kerala is a significant place of religious importance as one of the seven churches or Christian settlements established by St. Thomas. A Persian Cross is preserved in the chapel in front of the church.



St. George Cathedral, Vazhathoppu, Idukki

### Devamatha Church, Rajakumari

Devamatha Church, Rajakumari is an important Marian pilgrim centre in the diocese of Idukki. The feast of the nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is an important feast in this church.



### Kuzhikkattussery Pilgrim Centre, Mala

It is one of the popular tourist and pilgrim centres among Roman Catholics where the two tombs have been placed in the Holy Family Convent Church. Mother Mariam Thresia is the foundress of the Congregation of the Holy Family.

### St. George Forane Church, Edappally

St. George Syro-Malabar Catholic Forane Church, popularly known as Edappally Mar Geevarghese Sahada Palli or Edappally Palli is situated in Edappally. This is one of the oldest churches in India, built in 594 AD. This new church, which was consecrated in April 2015, has a combination of European and Keralite architectural features and is one of the largest in India with a built up area of over 88000 square feet.



## St Thomas Mount pilgrimage centre, Ezhukumvayal

The holy devotion here is carried out by the people or followers in a spirit of self-punishment for forgiveness of sins. The pilgrims making their way to the station of the cross come and visit the holy place in apologize for the sins they have committed.



## Kaduthuruthy Valiapally

Kaduthuruthy Valiapally of Knanaya Community is a historic church located in Kaduthuruthy. The historic monolithic Cross in the Kaduthuruthy Valiapally is 50 feet in height and is the highest open air cross in Asia, made out from a single block. The west side of the church building has a huge bell tower which accommodates the ancient bell of Kaduthuruthy Vallyapalli. The bell tower has become the important landmark of the Vallyapalli as it is visible from any extreme peak point anywhere in Kaduthuruthy.

## St. Mary's Church Bharananganam

The thousand year old St. Mary's Church here is one of the famous pilgrim centres of Christians in Kerala. It is the place holding the mortal remains of **St. Alphonsa**.

Bharananganam is known as 'Lisieur' of India. Saint Alphonsa is the first person to be conferred sainthood from Kerala church and the second Indian to get that status after St. Gonsalo Garcia. Devotees irrespective of caste and position, from far and wide visits the tomb and rooms at Bharananganam.







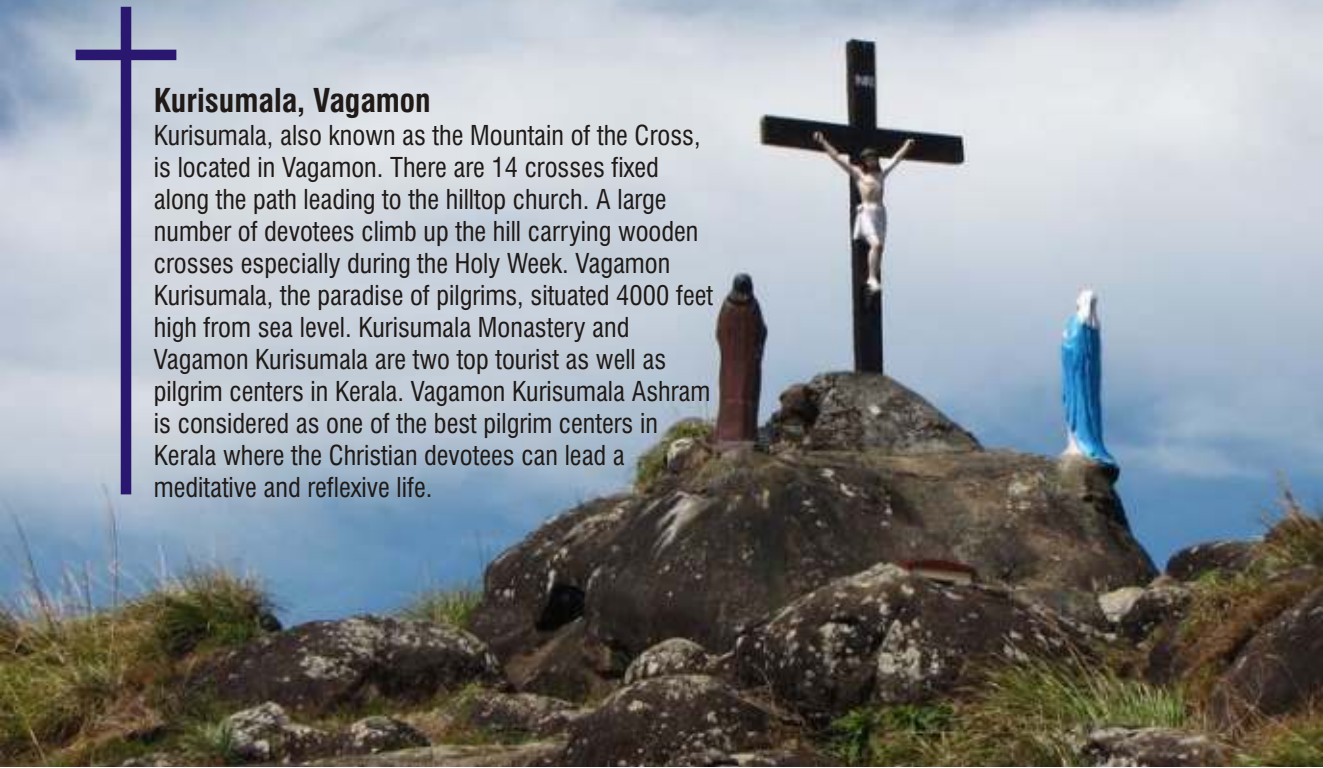
### St. Mary's Church Kuruvilangadu

Kuruvilangadu is known as the 'Vatican' of India and after known as 'Kizhakkinte Lourds'. It is believed, Mother Mary's first appearance in the world was in Kuravilangadu. Our lady appeared to few children at Kuravilangad in 335 AD. The church was constructed in 345 AD. The church is noted for its old bell which contain inscription belonging to some unknown script. Another significant artifact is a model of a 40 feet wooden ship. The parish feast is an enormous event where 'Kappalottam' is celebrated.



### Kurisumala, Vagamon

Kurisumala, also known as the Mountain of the Cross, is located in Vagamon. There are 14 crosses fixed along the path leading to the hilltop church. A large number of devotees climb up the hill carrying wooden crosses especially during the Holy Week. Vagamon Kurisumala, the paradise of pilgrims, situated 4000 feet high from sea level. Kurisumala Monastery and Vagamon Kurisumala are two top tourist as well as pilgrim centers in Kerala. Vagamon Kurisumala Ashram is considered as one of the best pilgrim centers in Kerala where the Christian devotees can lead a meditative and reflexive life.





### St. Joseph's Monastery, Mannanam

St. Joseph's Monastery at Mannanam in Kottayam dist. was built by St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara. It is the mother house of CMI congregation. He founded CMI and CMC congregations. His mortal remains, transferred from Koonammavu where he died, were piously kept in the chapel of St. Joseph Monastery.

### Alphonsa Bhavan, Kudamaloor

The Mattathupadathu Pazhooparambil house where St. Alphonsa was born a bright by Franciscan clarist congregation on 5th August 1973 and named it Alphonsa Bhavan. Birthday celebration of St. Alphonsa on 19th August is a great feast where thousands joins in prayers, procession and celebrations. 'Alphonseum' is a museum in which that natal home and bed of St. Alphonsa are preserved and important events in her life are pictured.



### Chavara Bhavan, Kainakari

Chavara Bhavan is the birth place of St. Kuriakose Elias Chavara, situated at Kainakary, backwaters of Kerala.

### St. George Church, Edathua

It is an important destination for the Christian and non christian pilgrims. Established in 1810 the Edathua Church is dedicated to St. George. It is believed that prayers and offerings at this church help to heal mental disorders and other ailments.

### St. Augustine's Church Ramapuram

The Centuries old twin Churches of Ramapuram near Pala is one of the old churches existing in Kerala. Blessed Kunjachan was a priest who dedicated himself to the spiritual and temporal welfare of a marginalized set of people who were poor and exploited for generations. He is considered as the apostle of 'Delits'. Inside the small church, in front of the altar, is situated Blessed Kunjachans Tomb.





### St. Mary's Church, Kanjirappally

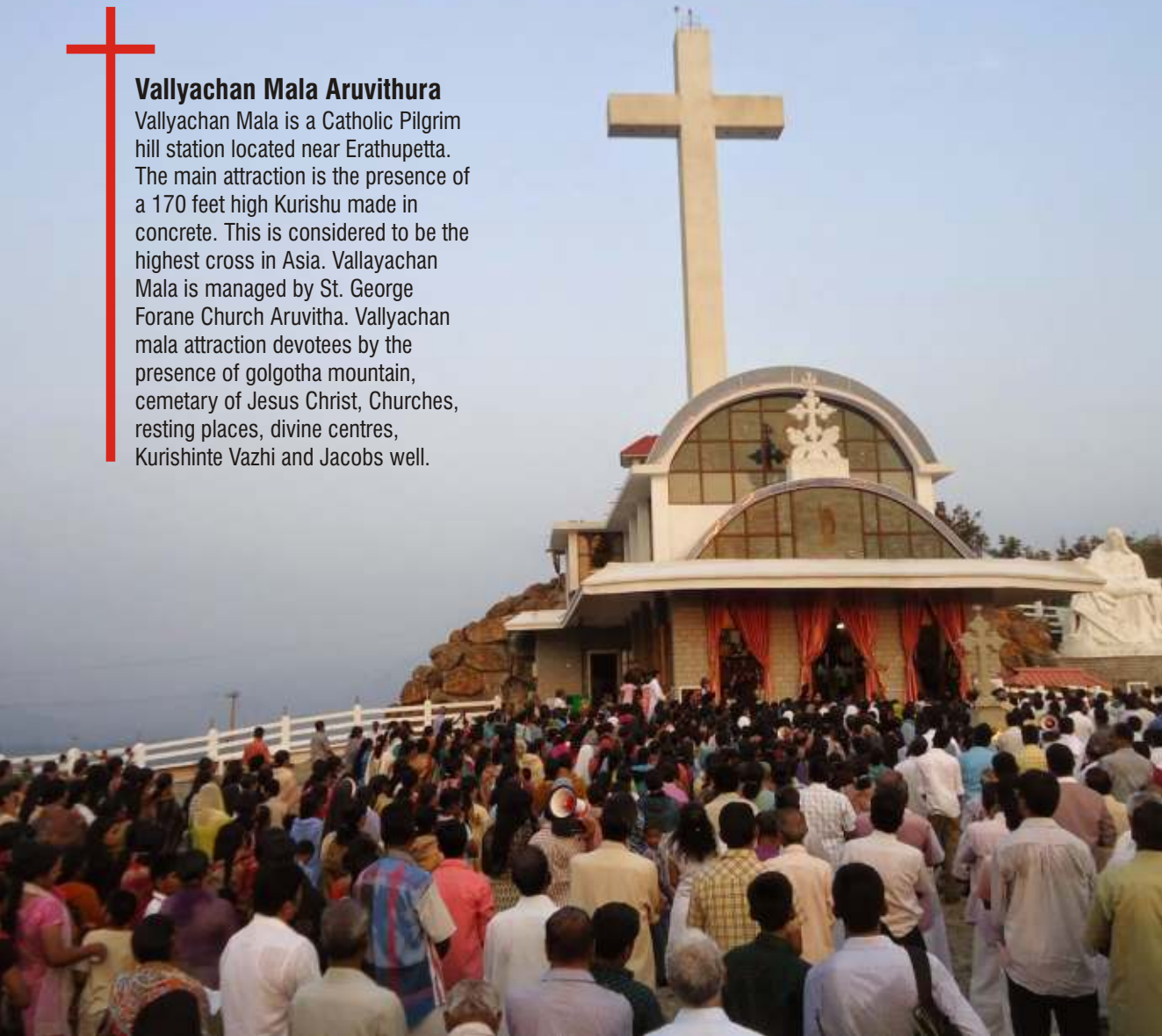
Akkrappally is famous for its festal celebrations of Mother Mary and St. Sebastian. People in large numbers, from all walks of life and all religions come for prayers and offering

### Kadalikkattil Mathayi Achan, Vazhemadam

Fr. Mathew Kadalikkattil was a fervant devotee of sacred Heart of Jesus and a man of compassionate heart whose love for God found expression in the concern for the poor. To spread the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus he founded a religious congregation for women. Thus Sacred Heart Congregation came into being. The Sacred Heart provincial House Chapel in which the tomb of the servant of God Mathew Kadalikkattil situates is around one Kilometer away from main bridge along the Palai Ponkunnam route in Kottayam district.

### Vallyachan Mala Aruvithura

Vallyachan Mala is a Catholic Pilgrim hill station located near Erathupetta. The main attraction is the presence of a 170 feet high Kurishu made in concrete. This is considered to be the highest cross in Asia. Vallyachan Mala is managed by St. George Forane Church Aruvitha. Vallyachan mala attraction devotees by the presence of golgotha mountain, cemetary of Jesus Christ, Churches, resting places, divine centres, Kurishinte Vazhi and Jacobs well.





## അനാഫൊറയുടെ ഉത്ഭവം

## The Origin of Anaphora

### കർത്താവ് കൃതജ്ഞതയർപ്പിച്ചു

അനാഫൊറ എന്ന് വിളിക്കുന്ന കൃതജ്ഞതാസ്തോത്ര പ്രാർത്ഥനകളുടെ ഉത്ഭവത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് ആദ്യമായി ചിന്തിക്കാം. വി. കുർബ്ബാനയുടെ സിമാപനത്തെക്കുറിച്ച് സുവിശേഷത്തിൽ വിവരിക്കുന്നിടത്ത്, അന്ത്യത്താഴ്വേളയിൽ കർത്താവ് അപ്പമെടുത്ത് ആശീർവ്വദിച്ചുവെന്നും പാനപാത്രമെടുത്ത് കൃതജ്ഞതാസ്തോത്രം ചെയ്തു (മത്തായി 26:26-27) എന്നും നമ്മൾ വായിക്കുന്നു. അപ്പസ്തോലന്മാരും ആദിമക്രൈസ്തവസമൂഹവും അപ്പം മുറിക്കൽ ശുശ്രൂഷയിൽ പങ്കെടുത്തപ്പോഴെല്ലാം (നട.2:42) കർത്താവിന്റെ മാതൃകയെ അനുകരിച്ച്, രക്ഷാകർമ്മത്തെ ഓർത്ത് ദൈവത്തിന് കൃതജ്ഞതയർപ്പിച്ചിരുന്നു എന്ന് നമുക്ക് മനസ്സിലാക്കാം. ഈ കൃതജ്ഞതാപ്രകാശനം കർത്താവിന്റെ കല്പനാനുസ്മരണമായ അപ്പം മുറിക്കൽ ശുശ്രൂഷയിൽ പ്രധാനഘടകമായി പരിഗണിച്ചിരുന്നു. അതുകൊണ്ട് ഈ അനുസ്മരണാശുശ്രൂഷക്ക് മുഴുവനായി 'അപ്പം മുറിക്കൽ' എന്നതിനു പകരം "കൃതജ്ഞതാപ്രകാശനം" എന്ന അർത്ഥമുള്ള "യൂക്കരിസ്റ്റ്" എന്ന പേര് ആദിമനുറ്റാണ്ടിൽത്തന്നെ നല്കി.

### വി. ഗ്രന്ഥ, യഹൂദ പാരമ്പര്യങ്ങൾ

സങ്കീർത്തനങ്ങൾ പ്രധാനമായും ദൈവസ്തുതിയുടെ കീർത്തനങ്ങളാണ്. കൂടാതെ പഴയ നിയമത്തിൽ ദൈവത്തിനു കൃതജ്ഞതയർപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ടുള്ള പ്രാർത്ഥനയുടെ ഉദാഹരണങ്ങൾ കാണാം. (പുറ. 18:10; നെഹ. 9:5, 2 മക്ക. 1:23-29) യഹൂദരുടെ പെസഹാ ആചരണവും ദൈവത്തിനു നന്ദി പറയാനുള്ള

അവസരമായിരുന്നു. (പുറ. 12:14) യഹൂദപ്രാർത്ഥനകളിൽ ദൈവസ്തുതിയായിരുന്നു പ്രധാനഭാഗം.

ആദിമ ക്രൈസ്തവ സമൂഹം ഒരുമിച്ചുകൂടി, ക്രിസ്തുവിലൂടെ ലഭിച്ച രക്ഷാകർമ്മത്തെയോർത്ത് ദൈവത്തിനു നന്ദി പറഞ്ഞപ്പോൾ അവർ പഴയ നിയമ, യഹൂദ പാരമ്പര്യങ്ങളിലെ പ്രാർത്ഥനാരൂപങ്ങളും പുതിയ നിയമ പാരമ്പര്യത്തിലെ കൃതജ്ഞതാപ്രാർത്ഥനകളും ഉപയോഗിച്ചിരിക്കണം. അതിനുള്ള വ്യക്തമായ ഉദാഹരണമാണ് അദ്ദായി മാറി ശ്ലീഹന്മാരുടെ പേരിലുള്ള നമ്മുടെ അനാഫൊറ.

### ദൈവസ്തുതി പുതിയ നിയമത്തിൽ

പുതിയ നിയമത്തിലും ദൈവസ്തുതിയുടേയും കൃതജ്ഞതയുടേയും പ്രാർത്ഥനകൾക്ക് ധാരാളം ഉദാഹരണങ്ങൾ കാണാം. (ലൂക്കാ 1:46-55, 68-79; റോമ 16:27, എഫേ. 1:13-14, കൊളോ. 1:11-20, വെളി. 1:5-7, 4:2-11, 5:8-14). കർത്താവിന്റെ അത്ഭുതപ്രവൃത്തികൾ കണ്ടവരെല്ലാം ദൈവത്തെ സ്തുതിച്ചു. (ലൂക്ക 18:43;49:37). സ്വർഗ്ഗാരോഹണത്തിനുശേഷമുള്ള ശ്ലീഹന്മാരുടെ നടപടികളെപ്പറ്റി വി. ലൂക്ക പ്രസ്താവിക്കുന്നു. "അവർ ദൈവത്തെ സ്തുതിച്ചുകൊണ്ട് സദാസമയവും ദൈവാലയത്തിൽ കഴിഞ്ഞുകൂടി" (24:53) നമ്മുടെ അനാഫൊറയുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനകളിൽ വി. ഗ്രന്ഥത്തിൽക്കാണുന്ന സ്തുതികളുടെ പ്രാർത്ഥനാരൂപങ്ങളിൽ ചിലതെല്ലാം അതു പോലെ തന്നെ സ്വീകരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

### മാലാഖമാരോടൊത്ത്

(സ്തുതിയുടെ ഉത്ഭവവും മാതൃകയും സ്വർഗ്ഗത്തിലാണ്, അവിടെ മാലാഖമാർ ദൈവസ്തുതിയിൽ മുഴുകിയിരിക്കുന്നു (വെളി. 4:8; 5:11-12;7:12). സ്വർഗ്ഗത്തിലെ മാലാഖമാരോടൊത്ത്



ഭൂവാസികളായ നമ്മളും ദൈവത്തെ സ്തുതിക്കുന്നു എന്ന കാഴ്ചപ്പാടിയാണ് ആരംഭം മുതൽ അവസാനം വരെയുള്ള പ്രാർത്ഥനകൾ നമ്മുടെ അനാഫോറയിൽ രൂപപ്പെടുത്തിയിരിക്കുന്നത്.

പ. ആത്മാവിനാൽ, കർത്താവിന്റെ നാമത്തിൽ ഒരുമിച്ചു കൂട്ടപ്പെട്ട ദൈവജനമാകുന്ന സഭ കർത്താവിലൂടെ ലഭിച്ച രക്ഷാകർമ്മത്തെയോർത്ത് പിതാവായ ദൈവത്തിന് സ്തുതിയും കൃതജ്ഞതയും അർപ്പിക്കുന്ന പ്രാർത്ഥനയാണ് അനാഫോറ അഥവാ കൃതജ്ഞതാസ്തോത്രപ്രാർത്ഥന എന്നു കാണാം.

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### Jesus gave thanks

Let us think about the origin of anaphora or Eucharistic prayer. In the narration of the institution of the Eucharist in the New Testament, we see that Jesus during the Last Supper took the bread and the cup and gave thanks to God (Mt. 26:26-27). Whenever the apostles and the early Christian Community were together for the 'breaking of the Bread' (Acts. 2:42) after the example of Christ they used to give thanks to God for the salvific actions of God. This act of thanksgiving was considered as the important part in the rite of breaking the Bread in the Lord's Supper and hence, instead of 'breaking of the bread' this celebration of the Lord's Supper began to be called 'Eucharist', which means 'thanksgiving'.

### Biblical and Jewish Tradition

Psalms are primarily hymns of praise to God. Besides, in Old Testament we see several examples of prayers of praise to God (Ex. 18:10; Neb. 9:5; 2 Mac 1: 23-29). The Passover celebration was primarily an occasion to thank God (Ex. 12:14). The praise of God was the important part in the Jewish prayers.

When the early Christian Community gathered together to give thanks to God for the redemption in Christ, they might have made use of the prayer forms taken from Jewish tradition and the prayers of thanksgiving in the Old and New Testaments. The prayers of the anaphora of Addai and Mari are

often proofs of its relationship to Biblical and Jewish traditions.

### Thanksgiving in the New Testament

We see several examples of prayers of praise and thanksgiving to God in the New Testament (Lk. 1:46-55, 68-79; Rom. 16:27; Ep. 1:13-14; Col. 1:11-20; Rev. 1:5-7; 4:2-11; 5:8-14). All those who were witnesses of the miracles performed by Jesus began to praise God (Lk. 18:43; 19:37). As we read in St. Luke's Gospel, the apostles after the ascension of Christ "spent all their time in the Temple giving thanks to God" (24:53). We see that some of the prayers of thanksgiving given in the New Testament are well reflected in the prayers of our anaphora.



### Together with the heavenly Choir

In our anaphora, all the prayers from the beginning till the end are formulated in such way as to show that in our Liturgy the earthly community is joining the heavenly community in praising and thanking God. The heaven where the angels are constantly engaged in praise of God is the source and model of our worship of God (Rev. 4:8; 5:11-12; 7:12).

So we see that in the Eucharistic prayer which is also called anaphora, the Church as the people of God, called together in the name of Christ by the Holy Spirit, renders prayers of praise and thanks to God the Father, for the redemption in Christ.

**മാർ തോമസ് ഇലവനാൽ**

..... കല്യാൺ രൂപതയുടെ മെത്രാൻ

**Pope Francis –  
“Martyrs of today”  
who  
“gave their blood  
for the Church”**

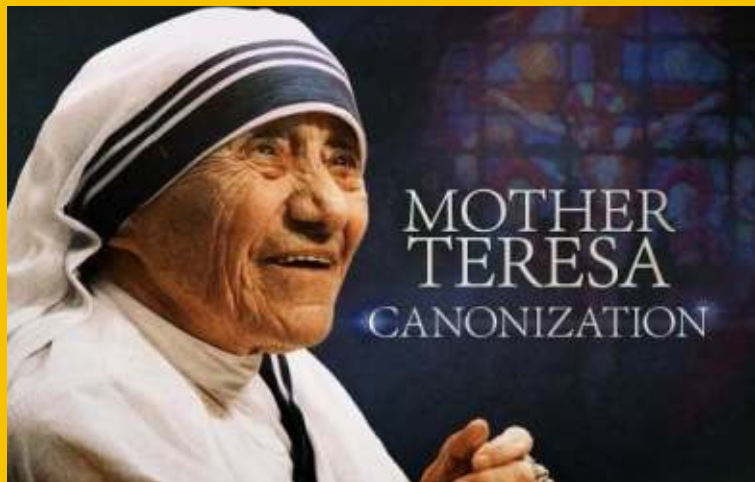


**Sr. Anselm**  
India

**Sr. Reginette**  
Rwanda

**Sr. Judith**  
Kenya

**Sr. Marguerite**  
Rwanda



### **Canonisation of Blessed Mother Teresa**

(Holy See Press Office)

Pope Francis decreed the dates of five canonizations during the March consistory in the Apostolic Palace. One among them is Bl. Mother Teresa of Calcutta to be canonised in Rome on September 4, this year. Pope Francis cleared the path to Mother Teresa's sainthood, when he approved a second miracle attributed to her last year.

### **In China, 20,000 baptized on Easter**

(Asia News)

An estimated 20,000 people were baptized on Easter in China. Despite the disapproval of the Communist regime, converts continue to enter the Church at a surprising rate. Baptisms also take place at Christmas, Pentecost, and the feast of the Assumption, raising the overall number of adult baptisms toward 100,000 each year. The Beijing regime views the rapid growth of Christianity with mounting alarm. Some estimates put the number of Christians at around 100 million, more than the number of members of the Chinese Communist Party, estimated to be around 85 million.





## Pope washed feet of Christians, Muslims and Hindu (L'Osservatore Romano)

During the Mass of the Lord's Supper at a refugee centre in Castelnuovo di Porto, Pope Francis washed the feet of 12 persons from eight nations. The 12, included Mohamed Alhalabi, 22, a pastry chef from Syria; Luchia Mesfun, 26, who fled Eritrea and suffered in a Libyan prison; Lucia Yrgalem and Kbra Tesfamicael, also from Eritrea; Khurram Shahzad, from Pakistan; Kunal Sharma, from India; Osma Bole, Endurance Okosum, Shadrach Osahon, and Miminu Bright Osumah, from Nigeria; Sira Madigata, from Mali; and Angela Ferri, the Italian woman who operates the centre. Of the 12, five were Catholic, three were Coptic Christians, three were Muslims, and one was a Hindu.



## Indian Sister awarded the 'Nari Shakti Puraskar'

(Times of India)



Through her organisation – called 'Mahar', established in 1997, Sr. Lucy Kurien assists destitute women and children. "The focus is always on the street, especially the women who are mentally challenged and those suffering from HIV" said Sr. Kurien. Currently 'Mahar' has 28 short and long stay homes in Jharkand, Maharashtra and Kerala. In total, they house 860 street children and more than 320 destitute women. In recognition of her services, the Indian President, Pranab Mukherjee, awarded Sr. Lucy Kurien, with the Nari Shakti Award, instituted by the Women and Child Development Ministry, on March 8, at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

## 32nd Plenary Assembly of CBCI elects office-bearers (CBCI News)



The Church in India should avoid clericalism, reject extravagance by adopting a life of simplicity and promote a love of nature, Catholic Bishops said at the end of a weeklong biennial meeting which was held in Bangalore. His Eminence Cardinal Baselios Cleemis, the Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church, has been re-elected as the President, Most Rev. Andrews Thazhath, Archbishop of Trichur and Most Rev. Filipe Neri Ferrão, Archbishop of Goa, were also re-elected as CBCI Vice-President I and Vice-President II, respectively. Most Rev. Theodore Mascarenhas, Auxiliary of the Archdiocese of Ranchi, was elected as the Secretary General.

## 90 year-old Spanish Priest finally granted Indian citizenship (ucan india)

28 years after his first application, Fr. Gussi Fedrick Sopena was finally granted Indian citizenship. Fr. Sopena was 22 years when he arrived, during the year India got independence. He spent his entire life working for NGO's and missionaries in tribal and rural areas of Thane, Nashik and Raigad. His application in 1978 and 1986 was rejected. Finally in 2012 he applied for a third time, but the Bandra collector's office lost his file. After valiant efforts the file was recovered. He took the oath in October 2015 and finally in March 2016, he received the approval from the Ministry of Home Affairs.



# Travelogue: Malayattoor Church

Sailing in an Arab merchant vessel, St. Thomas is believed to have landed at Kodungalloor port in Kerala, in AD 52. In his journey through the length and breadth of the land, St. Thomas founded churches in Kodungalloor, Kollam, Niranam, Nilakkal, Kokkamangalam, Kottakavu and Palayoor. It is believed that St. Thomas took the initiative for establishing a Christian community at Malayattoor.

Situated about 47 km from Kochi, Malayattoor is famous for the St Thomas Catholic Church, located on top of the Malayattoor hill, at a height of 609m. Here, the big and auspicious occasion is the feast of St. Thomas (Malayattoor Perunnal), which is observed on the first Sunday after Easter (Puthu Njayar or New Sunday or St Thomas Sunday), when thousands throng the shrine for his blessings. Nowadays, the hill shrine at Malayattoor has emerged as the largest pilgrim centre in the name of St. Thomas in India.

Those interested in the architecture of the church would find it highly interesting. It has a combination of Greco-Roman architecture with the altar designed in traditional Greek style, and the front portion of the church following the traditional Roman Catholic Church architecture. Behind the central altar, there are carvings, designs and paintings, which include the five joyful mysteries of Jesus Christ. The ancient baptismal pond and the traditional pulpit are of historical relevance.

Blessed by natural bounties Malayattoor offers ideal environs for those seeking spiritual happiness. From the hill side, the soothing sight of the smooth flowing Periyar River would make the minds of pilgrims calm and serene. The church provides facilities for bathing in the river. According to a custom observed here, pilgrims shave their hair and beard before bathing in the river.

Devotees arriving at the shrine make several types of offerings. Some climb the hill carrying cross in their shoulders; women folk would carry long brooms with them with prayers for prosperity. Some pilgrims carry stones on their heads, an offering that is meant to remove burdens from their lives. Other special religious rituals include Adima, Vedi Litany, etc.

With its recent recognition by Vatican as an international pilgrim centre, this famous shrine at Malayattoor dedicated to St. Thomas would be extending its healing touch and spiritual bliss to the pilgrims.

## Places to visit at St. Thomas Mount, Malayattoor

### Marthoma Mandapam

A very elegant and attractive building with a blend of Greco-Indian architecture, it is here that the precious relics of St. Thomas are preserved. Located at the peak of the mount, the building is erected in such a way that the relic is placed 20 steps above the ground, symbolically representing the 20 years of St Thomas' missionary work in southern India.

### Sannidhi

Among the structures on top of Malayattoor hill, this one has modern architectural touch, and is situated at the northernmost part of the mount. Here, the main attraction is the Piyatha sculpture moulded at the top of the chapel. The Sannidhi is the most spacious place for worship on the mount.

### Golden Cross

The Golden Cross, believed to have formed when St. Thomas knelt on a rock and signed a cross with his finger, can be found at Kurishumudi. He remained there praying for a long time, and ultimately a golden cross appeared on the spot.

### Footprints of St Thomas

One of the most curious sights at the mountain is the permanent footprint and the marks of knees of St. Thomas imprinted on the rock.

### The ancient chapel struck by the elephants

An ancient chapel at Kurishumudi, it was attacked by tuskers in the past when it used to be surrounded by thick jungle. Deep tusk marks can still be found on the back wall of the chapel.

### The miraculous water spring

A well, situated near the ancient chapel at the top of the mount is believed to be the spot from where St. Thomas quenched his thirst during his time of prayer. Feeling thirsty, he struck the rock from which fresh water started flowing. Pilgrims consider the water in the well to possess divine power to heal ailments.



**Name the 7 churches shown on the Kerala map as P, K1, K2, K3, N1, N2 and K4, established by St Thomas**



Mail your answers along with your name, catechism section and parish to [lanternkidsroom@gmail.com](mailto:lanternkidsroom@gmail.com) before 15th May, 2016. Names of selected winners will be published in the next issue of the Lantern.

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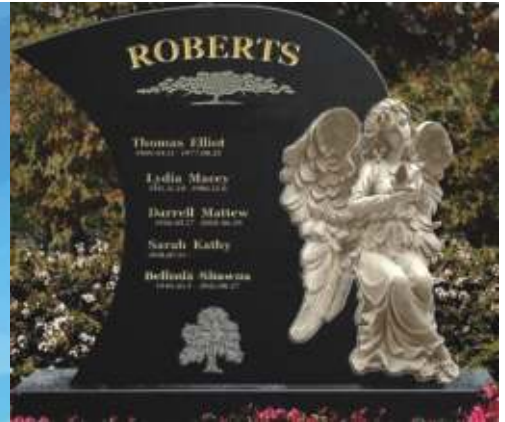
## **WINNERS of Acrostic Poem Writing Competition (March 2016)**

1. Deljin Jaison (Colaba)
2. Austin Mathew (Wanowrie)
2. Melviya Sunny (Bhayander)
3. Linetta Stanly (Mankhurd)
4. Teena Saji (Nallasopara)
4. Vilina Philip (Kalewadi)
5. Christina Thomas (Kandivali)
5. Denisa Tony (Vartak Nagar)

## **GRANDPARENTS 1st Prize: Deljin Jaison**

Good days are always made grand,  
Rich in knowledge and a helping hand,  
Adorable king from heavenly mould,  
Never said no to nurture even though old,  
Devotion to god says to be their strength.  
Prodigious heart always looked bright,  
Aiming our minds to be always right,  
Realistic stories are said at night,  
Exhibiting how to live life of fight,  
Now these things should not be dreams,  
Teaching how to select perfect means,  
Sincerely these should be always green.

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6	Josmin Thomas, Dombivli	9	Rachel Joseph Chittilapilly, Vikhroli
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6	Maria Edassery, Vasai - East	9	Joslin Kurian, Nallasopara
7	Jinsa John, Dombivli	10	Palliparambil Susan Sunny, Mankhurd
7	Changel Rose Antu, Marouli	10	Jijo Jose, Kalyan (East)
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2	Ria Biju, Mahim	9	Joshua Varghese, Vasai (West)
3	Angelina Babu, Vasai (West)	9	Tiah Tity Thomas, Vasai (West)
4	Celiya Sunil Valayathil, Dapodi	9	Cicy Saji, Pavan Nagar
5	Adna Peius Kidangan, Mulund	9	Esther Paulson, Powai
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5	Anaga Thomas, Pavan Nagar	10	Deign Devis, Mahatma Nagar
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7	Tania C. Ambrose, Boisar	10	Kevin Tom, Kalewadi
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9	Angelina Sabu Kanjooparambil, Nerul	10	Jesna Jose Konnoor, Dapodi
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4	Niya Shaju, Panvel	9	James Lijo, Dombivli
5	Milan Subin Manikombil, Dapodi	9	Isabelle Antony Thepanath, Nerul
6	Angel Joy Chamakala, Mulund	9	Edwin Pious, Tikujiniwadi
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6	Amala George, Dighi	9	Noyal John Shaji, Panvel
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**മുതിർന്ന പൗരൻമാരുടെ സംഗമം**

പിതൃവേദിയുടെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ കല്ലാൺ രൂപതയിലെ എല്ലാ ഇടവകകളിലെയും 60 വയസ്സിന് മുകളിൽ പ്രായമുള്ള മുതിർന്ന പൗരന്മാരുടെ സ്നേഹസംഗമം മൂന്ന് സ്ഥലങ്ങളിലായി നടത്തുന്നതാണ്.

**വെസ്റ്റേൺ റീജീണൽ :** ഏപ്രിൽ 10ന് വസായ് വെസ്റ്റ്, സെന്റ് അൽഫോൻസാ ഫെറോന പള്ളിയിൽ രാവിലെ 9 മണിക്ക്. കോ-ഓർഡിനേറ്റർ അജിത് ഫിലിപ്പ് 9820181055

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**ഹാർബർ റീജീണൽ :** ഏപ്രിൽ 24ന് വാഗി സെന്റ് തോമസ് കത്തോലിക്കാ പള്ളിയിൽ രാവിലെ 10.30ന് വി. കുർബ്ബാനയോടുകൂടി സ്നേഹസംഗമം ആരംഭിക്കും. കോ-ഓർഡിനേറ്റർ അഡ്വ. വി. എ. മാത്യു. 9619237309

എല്ലാ മുതിർന്ന പൗരന്മാരും ഈ സംഗമത്തിൽ പങ്കെടുക്കുവാൻ ക്ഷണിക്കുന്നു.

**ബാഡ്മിൻ്റ് മത്സരം**

കല്ലാൺ രൂപത പിതൃവേദിയുടെ ആഭിമുഖ്യത്തിൽ മെയ് 1ന് ഞായറാഴ്ച രാവിലെ 10.00 മണി മുതൽ രമേഷ് താക്കൂർ ഇൻ്റർ നാഷണൽ സ്പോർട്സ് കോംപ്ലക്സ്, സെക്ടർ 16 A, ഉൽവെ, നവീമുംബൈയിൽ വച്ച് ബാഡ്മിൻ്റ് മത്സരം നടത്തപ്പെടുന്നു. മത്സരത്തിൽ പങ്കെടുക്കുന്നവർ പിതൃവേദിയുടെ അംഗങ്ങൾ ആയിരിക്കണം. 40 വയസ്സിന് താഴെയുള്ളവർക്കും, 40 വയസ്സിനു മുകളിലും 54 വയസ്സിനു താഴെയുള്ളവർക്കും, 55 വയസിന് മുകളിലുള്ളവർക്കും എന്ന് മൂന്ന് വിഭാഗമായി തിരിച്ചായിരിക്കും മത്സരം നടത്തപ്പെടുക. ഏപ്രിൽ 24ന് മുമ്പായി ഇടവക വികാരിയുടെ സാക്ഷ്യപത്രത്തോടുകൂടി പേർ രജിസ്റ്റർ ചെയ്യേണ്ടതാണ്. രജിസ്ട്രേഷൻ ഫീസ് 500 രൂപ ആയിരിക്കും.

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# EPARCHIAL ASSEMBLY

## Statements continued ...

93. The working youth are to be exhorted and encouraged to contribute to the church and the practice of tithing are to be propagated among them.
94. Catholic teaching on the obligation of the spouses to openness to life is to be taught and professed unambiguously and firmly. There should be effective steps to combat the modern social media misrepresentation and misinterpretation on the teachings of the church on sexuality and procreation.
95. Testimonies of the families who have been successfully practicing responsible abstinence of the Christian spouses through Natural Family Planning (NFP) methods should be reached to the spouses through the medium of the Movement of Spouses for Christ, which will have as one its Charism pro-life and healthy relationship between couples.
96. Pro-life movement should be strengthened and organized in order to promote the culture of life in the families and make the couples aware of the physical and psychological dangers caused by use of contraceptives.
97. The developing trend of "living together" has to be studied and our children and youth are to be prepared to combat this evil.
98. The availability of the parish priest at the parish offices are very important both for administrative and pastoral needs of the parishioners. Parishioners can request his availability by prior appointment over phone.
99. It is recommended to avoid the parish priests of bigger parishes from other responsibilities in the eparchy, so that they get sufficient time for the parishioners.
100. Parish priest can delegate some of his responsibilities to capable office bearers so that he can make himself more available for his pastoral responsibilities.
101. Parish priest normally leads the family prayer meetings (കുടുംബ കുട്ടായ്മ). In case if he cannot make himself available, he may delegate this responsibility to respected sisters or designated lay leaders, who may use kudumbakootaiyma (കുടുംബ കുട്ടായ്മ) manual provided by family apostolate to conduct the meetings.
102. Home missions by the parish priests and the qualified team shall be encouraged in our parishes to get know the families and take them closer to the church. It is important to have follow-up programmes and special assistance to those families required of pastoral and spiritual interventions.
103. It's advisable for the parish priest to make use of the family visits to know the members and issues of the family better by spending quality time with the family, taking part in family prayer and joining the family meal. It is highly recommended to have all family members present at the occasion of this family visit.
104. Parish priest shall use the occasion of the family visit to rectify any short-comings in the family altars and can help the family to maintain a proper family altar and prayer space in the family.
105. The parish priest shall make use of the annual family visits to know the spiritual conditions (Confessions, involvement in family prayer meetings, attendance in Qurbana, involvement in church activities etc.) of the family members.
106. Respected sisters or designated lay leaders can take up this responsibility of the parish priest and visit families, subjected to the directives from the parish priest. If they identify any issues with the family members, the team may ask for the intervention of the parish priests.
107. In case of larger parishes, where frequent family visits to all families are not viable, the parish priest can make use of the family prayer meetings as additional platform for interacting with individual parishioners and families.
108. Parish priest shall visit the homes of the sick and the bed ridden at least once in a month at their request preferably on first Fridays. He has to pay special attention to their sacramental requirements.
109. It is highly recommended that every parish prepare

and publish annual parish planner incorporating all the activities of the ADAMs and general parish activities. The year planner of the previous year shall be kept with the submission of the annual report.

110. Parishes while preparing their annual planner shall give preference to the eparchial programmes that people get opportunity to participate in the eparchial programmes.
111. There shall be consultative and collaborative efforts from the parish to avoid the flurry of programmes that the families get sufficient time together. Forane Vicars and forane coordinators of ADAMs shall take care to avoid any duplication of activities that are to be conducted in the parish and eparchial level programmes.
112. It is recommended to have proper coordination between parish priests and executives of ADAMs to achieve the goals and for smoother operations of ADAMs.
113. Since the meetings of ADAMs on Sunday takes away quality time of parish priest for the faithful, it is recommended to have the meetings of the executives on other convenient days.
114. ADAMs shall take care to conduct more of formative programmes and shall reduce the number of cultural events.
115. Homily should be contextualized to the needs of the

parishioners, that they relate the word of God to their lives.

116. It is recommended to have the gist of the homily to be explained additionally in English to make it understandable to those who do not follow Malayalam.
117. Priests are exhorted to prepare for Sunday homily well in advance that the word of God is effectively communicated to the faithful. Homily must reflect the official stand of the Church in various religious, social, environmental, political or other general matters.
118. It is recommended to limit the homily to around 7 minutes. Priests may entertain personal feedback to improve the quality of homily.
119. On weekdays, a short message about the gospel passage before the gospel reading is appreciated.
120. Meanings of signs and symbols of holy Qurbana may be explained to various groups at appropriate forums to understand the Qurbana and thus increase its meaningful participation.

Participants of the Kalyan Eparchial Assembly II  
24 October 2015

**N.B.: The publication of the policies and the action plan will continue in the future issue of Kalyan Lantern**

## BISHOP'S DIARY

APRIL - 2016

1st	Qurbana	16th	Ordinations and Vestition - Borivli
2nd	S.S.S. Governing body Meet	17th	Com. & Confirmation - Vasai East
3rd	Com. & Confirmation - Dombivli		Marriage Blessing - Wagle Estate
	Com. & Confirmation - Sakinaka	18th	Major Seminarians Gathering - Panvel
6th	Curia Meeting - Bishop's House	19th-22nd	CLC Kakkanad
8th	MPC - Panvel	23rd	Classmates Gathering - Marudonkara
9th	Com. & Confirmation - Kalyan (West)	27th	Curia Meeting - Bishop's House
10th	Qurbana - Naigaon		Karunya Board Meeting - Bishop's House
12th	Priests recollection, Presbiterium - Bishop's House	28th	Com. & Confirmation - Akurdi
13th	Curia Meeting - Bishop's House	29th	S.S.C. Camp - Panvel

## BISHOP'S DIARY

MAY - 2016

1st	Com. & Confirmation - Bhandup	14th	Qurbana - Powai
	Com. & Confirmation - Chakkala	15th	Qurbana - Cathedral
4th	Curia Meeting - Bishop's House		SSC General Body - Powai
7th	Qurbana - Pen	18th	Curia Meeting - Bishop's House
8th	Qurbana JNF Day - Girgaon	20th	MPC - Panvel
10th	Priests recollection & presbyterium	21st	Kudumbayogam - C. Nada
11th	Curia Meeting - Bishop's House	23rd	Marriage Blessing - Alappuzha
12th	ACRCI Meeting - Goa	25th	Curia Meeting - Bishop's House



വന്ദ്യസഹോദരരേ, പ്രിയ മക്കളേ,

കാരുണ്യത്തിന്റെ അസാധാരണ ജൂബിലി വർഷത്തിലൂടെ നാം കടന്നുപോകുകയാണ്. കരുണയുടെ വർഷാചരണഭാഗമായി ഇടവകകളിൽ ധാരാളം ജീവകാരുണ്യ പ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾ നടക്കുന്നുവെന്നതിൽ നമുക്ക് സന്തോഷിക്കാം. ദൈവകാരുണ്യത്തിന്റെ മുഖം ലോകത്തിന് കാണിച്ചു കൊടുക്കുന്ന ഇത്തരം കാരുണ്യപ്രവർത്തനങ്ങൾക്ക് നേതൃത്വം കൊടുക്കുന്ന നിങ്ങളോരോരുത്തരേയും ഈശോയുടെ നാമത്തിൽ അഭിനന്ദിക്കുകയും അവയുടെ വിജയത്തിനായി പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുകയും ചെയ്യുന്നു.

ജീവിതത്തിന്റെ വഴിത്താരയിൽ സ്വന്തം സഹോദരങ്ങളുടെ കണ്ണുകളിലേക്ക് ആത്മാർത്ഥതയോടെ നോക്കുന്ന ഏതൊരു വ്യക്തിയുടേയും ഹൃദയത്തിൽ ലിഖിതമായ മൗലിക നിയമമാണ് കാരുണ്യം എന്ന് ഫ്രാൻസിസ് മാർപാപ്പ നമ്മെ ഓർമ്മിപ്പിക്കുന്നു. ഒഴികഴിവില്ലാത്ത വിധം ദൈവാനുജീവിതത്തിൽ കാരുണ്യത്തിന്റെ ഈ ഭാവം ജീവിതത്തിന്റെ എല്ലാ തുറകളിലും എത്തിക്കുവാൻ ക്രൈസ്തവരായ നമ്മെ ഈശോ ഉപകരണങ്ങളാക്കട്ടെ എന്നു പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

കാരുണ്യവർഷാചരണം കൂടുതൽ അർത്ഥവത്താക്കുന്നതിനും, ഈ വർഷത്തിന്റെ ഒരു സ്മരണികയെന്ന നിലയിലും നമ്മുടെ രൂപതയിൽ 'സുവിദ്യ' എന്ന പേരിൽ ഒരു ഉന്നത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസസഹായ പദ്ധതിക്ക് രൂപം കൊടുത്തിട്ടുള്ള കാര്യം നിങ്ങളെ സന്തോഷിപ്പിക്കട്ടെ. സാമ്പത്തിക പരിമിതി മുഖം പഠനം വഴിമുട്ടുന്ന വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ ഉന്നത വിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിന് സഹായിക്കുകയാണ് ഈ പദ്ധതിയുടെ ലക്ഷ്യം. ഒരു വിദ്യാർത്ഥിയെ സഹായിക്കുമ്പോൾ ഒരു തലമുറയെ തന്നെ നാം വർത്തിക്കുകയാണ്, അതിലൂടെ സഭയേയും രാഷ്ട്രത്തേയും കെട്ടിപ്പടുക്കുകയാണ് എന്നു നമുക്കോർക്കാം. രൂപതയുടെ സാമൂഹ്യസേവനം വിഭാഗം - കാരുണ്യടസ്റ്റിലൂടെയാണ് ഈ പദ്ധതി നടപ്പിലാക്കുന്നത്. ഉന്നതവിദ്യാഭ്യാസത്തിനു വേണ്ടിവരുന്ന ഭാരിച്ച ചിലവുകളെ കുറിച്ച് നിങ്ങൾക്കറിവുള്ളതാണല്ലോ. അതിനാൽ ഈ വിദ്യാഭ്യാസസഹായ പദ്ധതിയുടെ വിജയത്തിന് വലിയൊരു തുക നമുക്ക് സമാഹരിക്കേണ്ടതുണ്ട്. ഈ പദ്ധതിയുടെ ധനശേഖരണത്തിനായി നൽകപ്പെടുന്ന കവറുകളിൽ നിങ്ങളാലാകുംവിധം അകമഴിഞ്ഞ സംഭാവന നൽകുവാൻ അഭ്യർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു.

കാരുണ്യവർഷത്തിലെ അത്മീകവും ശാരീരികവുമായ എല്ലാ കാരുണ്യപ്രവൃത്തികൾക്കും ദൈവം നിങ്ങളെ ആയിരം മടങ്ങ് പ്രതിഫലം നൽകി അനുഗ്രഹിക്കട്ടെയെന്ന് പ്രാർത്ഥിക്കുന്നു. സ്വർഗ്ഗപിതാവിന്റെ കരുണയുടെ മുഖമായ യേശു നൽകുന്ന സമാധാനം നിങ്ങൾക്കു ലഭിക്കട്ടെ. സമാഗതമാകുന്ന ഉയിർപ്പുതിരുനാളിന്റെ മംഗളങ്ങൾ നിങ്ങൾക്കേ വർക്കും ആശംസിക്കുന്നു.

We are in the extraordinary Jubilee Year of

Mercy. It is a matter of great joy that parishes are organising many activities of mercy during this year. Through them, we are presenting to the world, the face of mercy of the Father in heaven. I congratulate all who are involved in the acts of mercy and pray for the success of such programmes.

Pope Francis exhorts us to enter more deeply into the heart of the Gospel where the poor have a special experience of God's mercy. He also warns that Jesus introduces us to these works of mercy in his preaching so that we can know whether or not we are living as his disciples.

As part of the Year Mercy and as its Souvenir, the Eparchy intends to establish Higher Education Financial Fund- "SUVIDHYA". The project aims at helping those bright students who are unable to pursue their dreams in higher studies, due to financial limitations. Let us remember that when we help one student, we are forming a generation and through it, building the Church and the nation. SUVIDHYA is under Karunya Trust of the Social Action Department of our Eparchy. You are aware that financial requirements for higher studies are very high and the success of this project vastly depends of the large sum of amount that we gather from your substantial contributions. So I earnestly request you to generously contribute to this project.

I pray that God bless and reward you for all your acts of mercy and wish you the peace of our Lord who is the face of mercy of Father. I wish you all a Blessed Easter.

പവായ്

1/03/2016

**മാർ തോമസ് ഇലവനാൽ**

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# 1st Death Anniversary

A light from our house is gone,  
a place is vacant in our home,  
A voice we loved is stilled,  
which never can be filled.

## **A loving tribute from:**

Wife : Mariamma  
Children  
Grand Children and  
Great Grand Children.

## **Joseph Puttumannil**

Called to rest on :  
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# Celebrating 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday in Heaven...

In loving memory  
of our pappa...

He didn't tell us how to live,  
He lived and let us watch him do it...

A tribute of love from,  
Mrs. Seena Dominic (Wife)  
John & Jerry (Children)




**C.T.DOMINIC**

STARTED PILGRIMAGE : 9-12-1958

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*Remembering you Dad*  
*On your 1st Death Anniversary*  
**16th April, 2016**

We miss your presence each and every day.  
 Memories of you still keep you near.  
 Even if you dwell amongst the angels up there,  
 Within our hearts is where you'll always stay.

**Fondly Remembered by**  
**Wife:** Elicy,  
**Daughters & Son-in-laws:**  
 Viju & Sweety, Robin & Dolly,  
**Grandchildren:** Abey & Bryan

**A.V. Anthony**



*First Death Anniversary*  
**On 3rd May 2016**

Your Presence we miss  
 Your memories we treasure  
 Loving you always  
 Now and Forever.

**Fondly remembered by:**  
**Wife** : Lucy  
**Children** : Joby, Bindu, Litty  
**Daughter in law** : Prema  
**Sons in law** : Shibu, Johnny  
**Grand Children** : Rebecca, Saniya,  
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*41st day of demise:*  
**April 3, 2016**

“For, if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.”  
 – Romans 14:8:

*Deeply missed by:*  
 George Mathew & Sheena, Nerul.  
 Joseph & Dr Sneha Roshni,  
 Biju & Gini Cheeyedan,  
 Thomas & Dr Siby Pallipattu,  
 Mini & Cyriac Nirappel

**M.J. ANNAM** (Moothedan)  
 Wife of late Prof VA Mathew, Vattakunnel, Nakapuzha, Kerala  
 (Retd Headmistress, Kothamangalam Diocese schools).  
**Born:** 18-07-1932. **Died:** 22-02-2016



*1st Death anniversary*

“Those we love can never be more than a thought away.....  
 For as long as there's a memory they live in our hearts to stay”

**Fondly remembered, revered, cherished and greatly missed by**

**Wife** : Mrs. Lilly Anthony  
**Daughters** : Seena & Simmy  
**Grandchildren** : Agastya, Ananya & Shlok  
**Sons-in-Law** : Vishwanath & Manish

**Mr. K.P. ANTHONY**  
 15th January 1940 - 19th April 2015

## Kalyan Eparchy Youth

### MAHATHEERTHADANAM 2016:

Mahatheerthadanam-2016 was conducted by the Kalyan Eparchy Youth on 18th March, 2016. It was truly a penitential walk for around 1000 pilgrims, majorly comprising of the youth. The Holy Qurbana by His excellency Mar Thomas Elavanal followed by adoration added renewed vigor in the participants before the walk. The 35 km walk which began from Mother of Victory Church, Tikujiniwadi was completed with the help of countless rosaries and prayers recited by the participants. It ended with Novenas at the St. Thomas Cathedral Church, Kalyan (W). Confession opportunities were available at both the churches and during the walk through a novel concept called "Mercy on Wheels". For pilgrims, the highlight of their journey was culminating the pilgrimage by walking through the Door of Mercy and gaining indulgence.



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Koinonia-2016, the annual camp will be conducted for the SSC students from 1st to 3rd April (Batch 1) and 28th to 30th April (Batch 2) and for HSC students from 22nd to 24th May at ARC, Panvel. Camps will start at 3.00 pm on the first day and end at 4.00 pm on the last day.
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