

The Irish Syro Malabar Catholic

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BELFAST REGION

Belfast	St. Pauls, 125 Falls Road, Belfast, BT12 6AB		
Antrim	St Joseph Church, 56 Greystone Road, Antrim BT411JZ	07759998317	Fr. Paul Morely
Bangor	St.Comgall's Church, 27 Brunswick Road, Bangor, BT20 3DS	07587714422	Fr. Jain Mathew
Lisburn	St Patrick's Church, Lisburn	07587714422	Fr. Joe (George)
Ballyhackamore	St. Colmcille's Church, 191a Up. Newtownards Rd, BT4 3JB		
Portadown	St Patrck's Church, William Street, Portadown	07823519247	Fr. Jain (Pro-tempore)
Derry	St Columb's Church, 32 Chapel Road Derry BT474LN	07404632539	Fr. Joshy

CORK REGION

Cork	St. Joseph's Church SMA Wilton, Cork	0892729066	Fr. Jilson
Waterford	St.Joseph and St .Benildus church, Newtown Rd, Waterford	0892257528	Fr. Jomon
Wexford	Franciscan Friary Church, Francis St, Wexford	0894488991	Fr. Aquino
Kilkenny	St Canice's Church , Kilkenny	0876248170	Fr. Martin

DUBLIN REGION

Beaumont	St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 95 Ardlea Rd, Beaumont	0894590705	Fr. Roy George
Blanchardstown	Church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Clonsilla	0894590705	Fr. Roy George
Bray	St. Fergal's Catholic Church, Bray,Co. Wicklow	0894927755	Fr. Clement/Fr.Roy
Inchicore	Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Fatima, Rialto	0894927755	Rev. Dr. Clement
Lucan	Divine Mercy Church, Balgaddy Rd & Our Lady of Nativity, Old Hill, Leixlip	0894927755	Rev. Dr. Clement
Phibsborough	St. Peter's Church, Phibsborough, D 7 & St. Canices Church, Finglas	0894927755	Rev. Dr. Clement
St.Joseph's	The Church of the Guardian Angels, Blackrock	0894927755	Fr. Clement/Fr.Roy
Swords	St Finian's Parish Rivervalley, Swords & St. Peter & Paul's Church, Balbrigan	0894590705	Fr. Roy George
Tallaght	Church of the Incarnation, Fettercairn, Kilcarrig Ave	0894590705	Fr. Clement/Fr.Roy
Navan	Church of the Nativity, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath	0894590705	Fr. Roy George
Dundalk	St Joseph's Church, Fatima, Castletown Road, Dundalk	0894160788	Fr. Mathew
Drogheda	Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda	0894590705	Fr. Roy George
Athy	St. Michael's Church, Lower Saint Joseph's Terrace, Athy	0894927755	Rev. Dr. Clement
Mullingar	St. Paul's Church, Delvin Rd, Bellview, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath	0894927755	Rev. Dr. Clement

GALWAY REGION

Galway	The Holy Family Church, Mervue, Galway	0899741568	Fr. Jose
Limerick	St. Mary's Syro Malabar Church, St. Paul's, Dooradoyle, Limerick	0894333124	Fr. Robin Thomas
Sligo	St. Joseph's Church Ballytivnan House, Ballytivnan Rd, Sligo	0899741568	Fr. Jose
Tullamore	Church of the Assumption, Tullamore, Co. Offaly	0872614656	Fr. Jaison
Cavan	The Cathedral of St. Patrick & St. Felim, 45 Farnham Street, Kinnypottle	0892011086	Fr. Reji Kurian
Longford	The Presbytery, St Mel's Cathedral, Longford	0892011086	Fr. Reji Kurian
Castlebar	Church of The Holy Rosary, Castlebar, Co.Mayo	0899741568	Fr. Jose
Letterkenny	Church of the Irish Martyrs, Gortlee Rd, Ballyraine, Letterkenny	07404632539	Fr. Joshy(Pro-tempore)

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The Catholic Church holds in high esteem the institutions, liturgical rites, ecclesiastical traditions and the established standards of the Christian life of the Eastern Churches. There are 24 autonomous churches in the one Holy catholic and apostolic Church viz., one Latin Church and twenty-three Eastern Catholic Churches, a distinction by now more historical than geographical.

Pope John Paul II has spoken of the necessity of mutual understanding and love between Catholics of the Latin tradition and Christians, Catholics and Orthodox, belonging to the various communities of the Christian East.

The Catholic Church in India has its origins in the preaching of the Apostle Thomas. It developed through contact with the Churches of Chaldean and Antiochian traditions and through the efforts of Latin missionaries. The history of Christianity in this great country thus led to three distinct sui iuris Churches, corresponding to ecclesial expressions of the same faith celebrated in different rites according to the three liturgical, spiritual, theological, and disciplinary traditions. The Second Vatican Council embraced this vision of the Church and reminded the faithful of the need to protect and preserve the treasure of the particular traditions of each Church.

Bishop Stephen Chirappanath



On 28 July 2016, Pope Francis nominated Stephen Chirappanath, Titular Bishop of Slebte and Apostolic Visitor for the Syro Malabar faithful in Europe.

Presently there are 101 Parishes/ Holy Qurbana Centres/ Missions in Europe of which 33 are in Ireland and 9 are in Dublin. 33 Priests are working in 14 countries (Austria, Belgium, France Germany, Holland, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Spain, Scandinavian Countries viz., Norway, Finland and Sweden; and Switzerland) of Europe.

Syro Malabar Catholic Church



The Syro-Malabar Catholic Church is one of the 23 Eastern (Oriental) Catholic Churches in full communion with Rome. It is the second largest Eastern Catholic Church after the Ukrainian Church and the largest of the Saint Thomas Christian (Nazrani) denominations with 5.3 million believers. It is a sui iuris Church governed by the Synod of Bishops headed by the Major Archbishop. The Syro-Malabar Church, with its deep-rooted spirituality and high rate of vocations to priesthood and religious life, can be considered as the most vibrant Catholic community in the world.

Syro-Malabar is a prefix coined from the words Syriac as the church employs the East Syriac Rite liturgy, and Malabar which is the historical name for modern Kerala, south west state of India. The Nasrani Qurbana used to be sung in the Suryani (Syriac) language. Until 1970s most of the churches followed Syriac liturgy. Syriac is a form of Aramaic language, which Jesus spoke.

The Syro Malabar Catholic Church in Ireland



Pope Francis



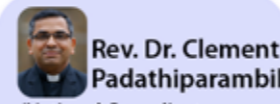
Mar George Alencherry
(Major Archbishop of Syro Malabar Church)



Archbishop Eamon Martin
(Primate of All Ireland & Archdiocese of Armagh)



Mar Stephen Chirappanath
(Apostolic Visitor of Syro Malabar Catholic faithful in Europe)



Rev. Dr. Clement Padathiparambil
(National Co-ordinator, SMCC Ireland)

2000 - 2005: Initial stage of Migration of Syro Malabarians to Ireland : During the period 2000-2005 the spiritual needs of the Syro Malabar faithful in Ireland were met by the Catholic priests who came from Kerala to study.

2006 - Appointment of Chaplains - Acknowledging the religious needs of the Syro- Malabar faithful, Archbishop Most Rev. Diarmuid Martin of the Archdiocese of Dublin appointed two chaplains for the pastoral care of the Syro-Malabar faithful. That was the beginning of the Syro- Malabar Mission in Ireland.

2013 - National Coordinator for the Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland: Considering the sizeable number of Syro-Malabar faithful communities residing in the Island of Ireland (Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland), the Syro-Malabar Bishops' Synod proposed to have a National Coordinator for the Syro-Malabar faithful in Ireland. Accordingly, the President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of Ireland, appointed a National Coordinator for the Syro - Malabar Faithful in Ireland on 17th December 2013.

Msgr. Antony Perumayan : 2013- 2020
Rev. Dr. Clement Padathiparambil: 2020 -



Archbishop Diarmuid Martin's appreciation and vision regarding the Syro Malabar Church is well mentioned in his Reflections given at the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome on 9 October 2019. "The Syro Malabar community in Ireland finds itself therefore as a community with strong religious roots and practice living in a different culture. The presence of the Syro Malabar Church is marked by intense pastoral and catechetical activity. In addition to regular Sunday catechesis, there are various ecclesial movements and family units. The presence of the Syro Malabar community in Dublin is clearly an enrichment of the life of the Church. The efforts of regular catechesis of children, the dedication of the priests who reach out to their faithful, the dignity of the liturgies are all things that challenge the Latin Rite Church in Dublin to become a more effective witness to the person and the teaching of Jesus Christ in our contemporary Society."

St. Thomas Pastoral Centre, Rialto, Dublin : Irish headquarters of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church .Address: 19 St Anthony's Rd, Rialto, Dublin 8, D08 E8P3.

Coordination Councils: The National Coordination Council (Sabhayogham), The Regional Coordination Councils, The Holy Qurbana Centres' Committees, all collaborate together for the effective outcome of the pastoral ministry.

Departments: There are different departments for strengthening the faith formation and social upbringing of the families and fellowships. - Liturgy, Catechism, Bible Apostolate & Evangelization, Family Apostolate, Family Units, Children & Youth Ministry, Communications & Media.

Qurbana centres: Presently we have 33 Holy Qurbana centres in whole Ireland. Regular Holy Masses (Holy Qurbana), Sunday Catechism, Family units, Pious Associations, etc.- promote for the spiritual growth of the faithful.

Common Pastoral Ministry: Knock Shrine-2nd Saturday Services - Confession: 12pm, Adoration/Rosary:1pm, Holy Qurbana :1.30pm

Family Units: The formation of grouping of families (between 25 to 30) for prayer and fellowship within each Parish/Mass centre in yet another means of expression of our faith and charity (Act 2:42). Regular monthly prayer meetings which include Rosary, Sharing of the Word of God, Reflections about Saints..etc , are spiritually inspiring the families of each locality.

Ministries & Pious Associations: Syro Malabar Youth Movement, Mathruvedi, Pithruvedi, Pro-Life, SMILE, Thirubalaskhyam, Mission League and different ministries of the church put their hands together for the integral growth of this Apostolic community.

The Catechism - Formal and Systematic faith formation takes place at the parish level. The Catechesis classes are conducted mostly on Sundays so that the faith is received in the context of the celebration of the Day of the Lord the Sunday Holy Eucharist. There are 350 & 2250 students in Ireland and annual exams are conducted national level in 2022. 1819 students appeared for catechism examinations.

Parish Management System PMS : The Syromalabar Catholic Church Ireland is introducing an online 'Athmastithi Kanakku' for all members of the Syromalabar Church in Ireland.

Structure: In Civil Law, The Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland is a Charitable Trust, governed by a Trust Deed.

A need of integration of Indian and Irish Cultures: We belong to a catholic tradition founded by St. Thomas the Apostle of Jesus. We came to this land of St. Patrick with a lot of dreams and desires. Our response to the Irish nation:

1. Being a loving presence in the place we live
2. Respecting the laws and regulations of this land and the church
3. Sharing our traditional Christian cultural artistic expressions with the Irish community of our vicinities
4. Standing together in the fight for Christian values
5. Actively involving in the common events of the Diocese and parishes in Ireland
6. Working together as one community based on faith and charity.

Erection of parishes and other adequate ecclesial structures: As we see in Great Britain, Chicago, Melbourne and Mississauga, the Syro Malabar Church is flourishing in an incredible momentum at all levels despite the pandemic. Let us pray for the better future of our church in Ireland with the intervention of the concerned authorities for the adequate provision of the ecclesial structures.

KNOCK SHRINE

Ireland's International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine, Knock, Claremorris, Co. Mayo, F12 Y226, Ireland
2nd Saturday Services :
Confession:12noon, Adoration/Rosary:1pm
Syro Malabar Mass (Holy Qurbana):1.30pm



FR. CLEMENT PADATHIPARAMBIL
(DUBLIN)



FR. ROY VATTAKKATT
(DUBLIN)



FR. MATHEW CHANDRANKUNNIL
(DUNDALK)



FR. PAUL MORELY
(BELFAST)



FR. JAIN MATHEW MANNATHUKARAN
(BELFAST)



FR. JOE (GEORGE) PAZHEPARAMBIL
(BELFAST)



FR. JOSHY PAROKKARAN
(DERRY)



FR. JILSON KOKKANDATHIL
(CORK)



FR. JOMON KAKKANATTU
(WATERFORD)



FR. AQUINO MALIAKKAL
(WEXFORD)



FR. MARTIN PAROKKARAN
(KILKENNEY)



FR. PAUL THETTAYIL
(CLONMELL)



FR. JOSE BHARANIKULANGARA
(GALWAY)



FR. ROBIN THOMAS KOORUMULLIL
(LIMERICK)



FR. REJI CHERUVANKALAYIL
(LONGFORD & CAVAN)



FR. JAISON KUTHANAPPILLY
(TULLAMORE)

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SYRO MALABAR CHURCH AT A GLANCE

Archeparchies/Eparchies	- 35
Apostolic Visitations	- 1
Number of faithful	- 5265576
Parishes	- 2740
Semi Parishes	- 1246
Number of families	- 901739
Eparchial Priests	- 5061
Religious Priests	- 5162
Consecrated Men in Brotherhood	- 141
Consecrated Women	- 35444
Major Seminarians (Eparchial)	- 1396
Major Seminarians (Religious)	- 1829
Minor Seminarians (Eparchial)	- 892
Minor Seminarians (Religious)	- 989
Candidates under formation (Women congregations)	- 2340
Educational Institutions	- 4518
Charitable Institutions	- 2434

COMMON ENDEAVOURS:

- Regular Sunday Catechism classes.
- Knock Shrine -2nd Saturday Services
Confession: 12pm, Adoration/Rosary:1pm, Holy Qurbana :1.30pm
- Holy Qurbana in English for Children.
- Special classes to children of class II for the preparation of Holy Communion.
- Formation of Children's choir for Qurbana.
- SMILE- Monthly online/offline meetings of the special needs family members.
- Pro-Life- We work to save lives from abortion, infanticide and euthanasia through peaceful direct-action and educational projects.
- All Ireland Catechism Teachers' Convention.
- 'The Irish Syro Malabar Catholic', the official newsletter of the Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland
- Gloria - Elocution for children during Christmas.
- 'Biblia' - Bible Quiz competition.
- Bible Fest - a meeting of talents for Christian cultural expressions.
- Catechism Teachers' special training program class wise.
- Hagios - Audio visual program for children introducing saints.
- Alpha Theology Course and classes on Catechism of the Catholic Church for teachers (Sapientia)
- Shubaho (Christmas Carol)- An ecumenical endeavour of the gathering of the christians of various denominations from Kerala during Christmas.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AWAKE Ireland
All Ireland **SMYM** Gatering
JULY 6 : 9.30AM - 5.00PM
Age: 16 and Above Venue: UCD, Ireland

Grand AWAKE 2022
SMYM EUROPE CONFERENCE
JULY 6 : 9.30AM - 2.00PM
Age: 18 and Above Venue: UCD, Ireland

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