



ST. ALPHONSA SYRO-MALABAR CATHOLIC CHURCH

# PARISH BULLETIN

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*He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay  
Matthew 28:6*



## Pastor's Message

My dear parishioners,

### HE IS RISEN!

Happy Easter to you and your loved ones. May the resurrected Jesus Christ stay with us forever, and we shall be blessed with the joy and peace of this new life.

We have already entered into 'The season of resurrection from Easter Sunday. This season lasts for 50 days.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, WISHES & PRAYERS:-

This year we have 9 children who are receiving their first holy communion.

Please keep them in your prayers.

"May this special day bring you very closer to God's love and always feel the presence of Jesus in your life and be blessed with peace, love, and happiness.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

I acknowledge the time and efforts taken by their parents and teachers in training them. "It is not what is poured into the student but what is planted that counts." God bless!

### CHITHRAVARNAM:-

You may already know about this fundraising event, which is mainly held to meet the operating cost of our mission house. I strongly encourage every established family to purchase tickets for this show, also please encourage your friends to support this event. I highly appreciate your understanding and generosity.

### Thank you note:-

My sincere thanks to Rev Sr Ann Maria, for the inspiring sermons. Many were deeply touched by the powerful and life-changing messages in spiritual sharing. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen her as she continues to live out His word.

### Thank you for a Magnificent Holy Week and Easter!

There is a big group who deserves thanks for the outstanding Holy Week and Easter. Especially I highlight dear trustees, parish council members, coordinators, and each one of you for the great cooperation and support to make the Holy Week and the Lenten retreat very blessed.

The spring season reawakens us, it is all about new beginnings and transformations...Enjoy... May God bless you and keep you all safe!!

With deepest gratitude.

**Fr Thomas Venmanthara**

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# Welcome, Fr. Gijo!

# Pothuyogam



We warmly welcome **Fr. Gijo George Panthackal**, who will be joining us from April 9th while Fr. Thomas is on vacation.

The Annual General Body meeting took place on March 10, 2024, immediately following the Holy Qurbana. Parishioners gathered to review the events and progress of the past year, as well as receive updates on financial matters.

## Annual Retreat

The annual Lenten retreat at the parish, led by Rev. Sister Ann Maria S.H., took place from March 15th to 17th. Throughout the week, Sister Ann Maria also led one on one spiritual discussions with parishioners. Additionally, separate sessions were held for youth, catechism students, and teachers.



We express our sincere gratitude to **Pious Association** and all the volunteers for arranging dedicated sessions for children.

## Carmel Hill Pilgrimage

A pilgrimage was organized to the Carmel Hill Little Flower Monastery (Deroce, BC) on March 9th where participants embarked on the Way of the Cross trail, marking a spiritual journey of reflection and devotion.



## HOLY QURBANA

**St. Bernadette Parish**  
**Sunday**

Holy Mass in Malayalam at 5 PM

**Mission House**

**Tue, Wed, Thu**

7 PM

**Fri**

6 PM

**First Friday of the month**

6 PM, followed by Adoration till 9PM

**Sat**

9 AM



## BIBLE READINGS

**April 7 2024**

Second Sunday of Resurrection

Lev 26:1-13

Isa 44:1-8

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:24-31

**April 14 2024**

Third Sunday of Resurrection

Ex 3:1-12

Ezek 34:20-26

Eph 4:7-16

Jn 21:15-19

**April 21 2024**

Fourth Sunday of Resurrection

Josh 1:1-9

2 Chr 15:1-7

2 Cor 13:5-10

Mt 28:16-20

**April 28 2024**

Fifth Sunday of Resurrection

Ex 4:27-31

Tob 5:1-10, 16-21

Acts 12:24-13:3

Lk 10:1-12

# Catechism Updates



## Upcoming Catechetical Activities:

- **April 7:** Regular class
- **April 13:** First Solemn Communion & Confirmation
- **April 14:** Regular Class
- **April 21:** Regular Class, English Qurbana & Pious Association activities
- **April 28:** Regular Class

## Donations to church



*Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” - 2 Corinthians 9:7*

A big thanks to all donors to our church. May God bless you for your generosity! You may e-transfer your donations and regular tithe to our church email or direct deposit to the church account.

## Holy Week Celebrations

### Palm Sunday

The Catechism department led the Way of the Cross. The Palm Sunday service commenced with the ceremonial blessing of palm branches, followed by a lively procession and Holy Qurbana. “Kozhukatta” was served by Mathruvedhi after the mass.



Our church email id and account details:  
[parish@stalphonsabc.org](mailto:parish@stalphonsabc.org)  
 TD Bank account (Branch 0275):  
 Account Number - 7888-5251473

## Institution of priesthood

Fr. Thomas was felicitated on Holy Thursday celebrating the institution of priesthood



## CATECHETICAL DEPT.

Beena Parappilly (Principal)  
 Georgey Varghese (Vice Principal)

## PIOUS ASSOCIATIONS

Ninu Joseph

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Jobin Jacob

## MATHRUVEDHI

Sanitha

## NEWCOMER'S HELPDESK

Biju Ukken, Renji Jose

## Qurbana Booking

We extend an invitation to every family to participate in the daily masses at Mission House. Each family is encouraged to sign up for significant occasions such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries, death anniversaries, or any other special intentions.

### Qurbana signup calendar:

<https://stalphonsabc.org/qurbana-booking/>

On your booked date, we kindly request that your family join us at Mission House to attend the Qurbana together.

## Sign up for PAD

We encourage our parish members to join the Pre-authorized Debit (PAD) system for Sunday collections.

For PAD Agreement Forms, please contact:

John Sebastian (604 360 2843)

Vincy Williams (604 366 4068)

## *Holy Thursday*

On Holy Thursday, there was Holy Qurbana including the ritual of washing of feet, echoing Jesus' act of humility and service to his disciples. Mass was followed by the cherished tradition of appam murikkal.



## *Good Friday*



## *Good Friday @ Carmel Hill, Deroche*



## *Holy Saturday*



## *Abbotsford*

## *Easter*

