

Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St Thomas the Apostle Melbourne Prepares for the Episcopal Ordination of Fr John Panamathottathil CMI

The Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle in Melbourne has commenced the final preparations for the episcopal ordination of Rev. Fr. John Panamathottathil CMI. This event marks a significant milestone, including the installation of the second bishop and a farewell function for the retiring Bishop Bosco Puthur.

The Episcopal ordination and installation ceremony are scheduled for Wednesday, May 31, 2023, and will begin with a liturgical procession at 4:45 pm at Our Lady Guardian of Plants Chaldean Catholic Church in Campbellfield (93-99 Somerset Rd, Campbellfield, VIC 3061).

Fr. John Panamthottathil will be consecrated and installed by His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry, Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church. The Apostolic Nuncio to Australia, Archbishop Charles Balvo, bishops from Australia and India, and many other dignitaries will attend. The Syro-Malabar faithful from across Australia and Oceania will also join the event to witness this historic occasion.

Following the consecration, installation and the Holy Qurbana, a farewell meeting will honour the outgoing Eparch, Bishop Bosco Puthur, and express the Eparchy's gratitude for his significant contributions. The ACBC president, Archbishop Timothy Costelloe, will officiate the release of a souvenir booklet commemorating Bishop Bosco's service to the Eparchy.

Pope Francis appointed Rev. Fr. John Panamthottathil CMI in January 2023 to succeed Bishop Bosco Puthur as the bishop of the Syro-Malabar Eparchy of St. Thomas the Apostle in Melbourne.

Fr. John Panamthottathil, originally from Peravoor, Kerala, has an extensive pastoral experience, including services in the Latin Diocese of Nashville, USA, and the Archdiocese of Brisbane, Australia. At the time of his appointment as Bishop, Fr John was serving as the prior of St. Elias Ashram, Niravilpuzha Kerala, and the Parish Priest of St. Elias Parish Niravilpuzha in the Eparchy of Mananthavady Kerala. Additionally, he held a lecturer role at the Benedictine Ashram Makkiyad, Kerala, India.

The entire ceremony will be live-streamed on Shalom TV and the Eparchy's social media networks for those unable to attend in person.

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