

# Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106671

## Details

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Known as	The bank account was opened in the name of Syro Malabar Catholic Church Down and Connor
Status	Received
Company number	<a href="#">645327</a>
Registered	2017-06-22
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The charity's objects are specifically restricted to the following: The advancement of Catholic Faith and Christian belief for the benefit of the public in accordance with the beliefs of the Roman Catholic Church and Syro Malabar Catholic Church in particular by 1) The organisation of the celebration of sacraments and religious services , faith formation, prayer meetings, missions and similar events; 2)The training of individuals and groups and production and distribution of literature and broadcasting of information using all forms of media to enlighten others about the catholic faith; 3) The acquisition and maintenance of land and buildings to be used primarily for the above purposes, and also to be available for hire by other community groups; 4)Any other related activities that support the promotion of Christian beliefs in Ireland or any part of the world, including donations to individuals or organisations engaged in the promotion of the Christian Faith; 5)The advancement of any charitable purpose supported by the Roman Catholic Church throughout the world or in any part of the world. Nothing in the articles will authorise an application of the property of the charity for purposes, which are not charitable in accordance with section 3 of the Charities Act 2009. For the avoidance of doubt, the system of law governing the articles of association of the charity is the law of Northern Ireland.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** General charitable purposes, Religious activities, Volunteer development, Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Children (5-13 year olds), General public, Homelessness, Men, Parents, Volunteers, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£197,866	£164,558	£0	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Shajimon Varughese		
Mr. Ananth Panachikkunnel Joseph		
Mr. Anish Antony		
Mrs. Sheeba Raju Meppilly		
Rev Anish Mathew		
Rev Jose Bharanikulangara Thomas		

**Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106671

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# Accounts

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## **Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland**

Legal and Administrative Information

### **Trustees**

Rev. Jose Bharanikulangara Thomas

Rev Anish Mathew

Mr. Shajimon Varughese

Mr. Anish Antony

Mr. Ananth Panachikkunnel Joseph

Mrs. Sheeba Raju Meppilly

Registered Company number: NI645327

Registered Charity number : 106671

Independent Examiner : Mr. Jose Augustine

The Trustees of Syro Malabar Church present their report for the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

Structure, Objects, Governance and Management this Church is as a part of the Universal Catholic Church, the Supreme head being His Holiness Pope Leo. Syro Malabar Church is a sui juris Church with Major Archbishop, His Beatitude Raphael Thattil, as its immediate head. This Church is a registered charity under Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Objects: To maintain and foster the traditions and doctrines of the Syro –Malabar Church and to perform all the religious services and administer sacraments for all the Syro – Malabar Faithful in Northern Ireland at Lisburn, Antrim, Derry and Belfast communities/mass centres, in accordance with the ancient Syro – Malabar traditions, as followed by the Syro – Malabar Church in India.

### **Public Benefit**

The Trustees of Syro Malabar Catholic Church have fully complied with the public benefit requirements as set out in the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory guidance on public benefit.

Finance: The Church generates funds through charitable activities, members contributions and donations from well-wishers. The generated fund is used to provide the spiritual and social wellbeing of the community, financial assistance to the sick and the poor who require medical treatment, hospitalisation, and financial assistance to those who cannot afford education and building houses of their own and helping those who are affected by landslide and flood.

Activities: Our Liturgical and social services are conducted in 7 different Mass centres – Antrim (Ballymena), Londonderry, Belfast (Bangor and Downpatrick) and Lisburn. In every centre we have Sunday and weekday masses. Sunday catechism classes, retreats, parish feasts and anniversaries, Solemn celebration of Holy communion for children, and other social and spiritual activities, Altar servers and church choir. The activities are implemented by elected members and volunteers under the leadership of Chaplains. The Church/community celebrates Holy Eucharist (Qurbana), administer sacraments and other services according to the faith, traditions, customs and rites of the Syro – Malabar Church. And organises and conducts Sunday School studies/ faith formation for 1 to 12 classes, prayer meetings, retreats and activities of community development and youth empowerment programmes, sports competitions and arts competitions

Belfast Region: The trust and region council are responsible for regional level programmes comprising all mass centres. 1. Catechism teachers training programmes. 2. Bible based arts and literary competitions. 3. Bible quiz competitions. 4. Foot ball tournament for fathers; teens and youth. Training for the parish council members and pilgrimage to knock shrine. We are in planning this year youth residential programmes and mothers meet.

Antrim Syro Malabar Mass Centre: The activities include

Every Sunday people gather for mass and for one mass in Ballymena (sub centre) on last Sunday. Sunday Catechism classes - first and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and on a fifth Sunday. Bible Fests and bible quiz conducted in parish level. Youth activities- conducted a gathering 'awake' in 24.11.24

Mathruvedi (Mothers forum) and Pithruvedi (Fathers forum) doing many voluntary helps for community/church and they gather for their wellbeing activities

Charity payments. Given to missionaries of charity (£400) and for funeral expenses of our member departed (Binoy £500). Charity on death of Sibi in Limavady £1000

First holy communion training and communion for children done. Stations of cross and Good Friday rituals in Ballymena Slemish Mountain. Community joined Knock pilgrimage. Parish feast celebration in month of September 2024

Observed 10 days of rosary in October 24 followed by mission Sunday collections and auction. All Northern Ireland Christmas carol competition conducted in December Feast of St. Sebastian celebrated on last 3 Sundays of January. Holy week ceremonies and retreats conducted.

Belfast Syro Malabar Mass Centre: The mass centre has Holy Eucharist on every Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Saint Bernadette's Church Belfast BT6 0LL. We conduct first Friday services at Clonard Monastery and First Saturday services St Bernadette Church. After every Sunday mass members of the church gather for socializing and tea and snacks together at parish centre. On every second Saturday mass at Bangor and second Sunday at Downpatrick (Sub centres).

Sunday School: We have Sunday Catechism classes starting in the month of September each year. 450 students attend catechism in 1 to 12 classes, and 65

trained teachers to help them by turn. We conduct seminar for the Sunday school teachers to equip themselves to be efficient Sunday school teachers. This training is conducted in region/ parish level together they are trained the child safeguarding policies.

Solemn Holy Communion was celebrated on 14th April 2024 for 21 Children

3 days Bible Convention conducted on August 23, 24 & 25, 2024 Led by Fr. Binoy Karimaruthinkal, Children Retreat Led by Sehion Team UK

Feast of the Nativity of our lady, feasts of St. Thomas and St. Alphonsa on 6th, 7th and 8th September 2024

First Friday service and advent preparation - December 6th – Led by Fr. Shaju Naduvathaniyil.

Regional Bible Quiz :1st Feb 2025, Bible Fest: Rosetta Mass center 18th and 25th February 2025, Regional bible fest: 1st march and 8th March

Youth Football Tournament on 26 August 2024

SMYM Waves of Grace – We conduct Monthly prayer to empower youth and teens

Spiritual and empowering sessions organized on Sunday 9th March led by Elaine Kelly and Martina Purdy. Youth meet Led by NET Ministries Ireland on 26/01/2025

Take a break with Jesus- Children (Classes 1 to 12) Lenten Retreat led by NET Ministries Ireland on 30th March 2024

Trainings are conducted for Altar servers and church choir (youth and seniors) Youth seminars are conducted for those who have completed the catechism classes, and they are trained to be part of Syro Malabar Youth Movement. Those who are below 16 the boys and girls are admitted to the pious association by name CML cherupushpa Mission League the aim is to create awareness to do charities and to take care those who are very weak and poor. Retreats, Parish feast and Pilgrimages: Retreats are conducted with an intention to make faithful spiritually enriched. We had Advent retreat during the month of December, Lenten retreat during the month of April and Bible Convention during the month of August. As usual, we organised retreats thrice for youth, teens and kids separately. We also arranged youth and women empowerment programmes during the year. We had pilgrimages to Knock and Lough Derg.

Derry Syro-Malabar Mass Centre.

One, Holy Qurbana is celebrated on every Sundays at 3.00 pm. Community joins the parish church for Friday Eucharistic adoration from 1.00 pm till 7.30 pm. Sunday Catechism classes are conducted twice in month on Sundays from 1.45 pm till 3.00 pm

Bible Fest was conducted. Lenten retreat for the community was organized.

Youth Activities: Youth seminar "Ignite", and retreat for youth were conducted. Eucharistic Adoration and Altar service on the first Sunday of every month were organized under the leadership of youth.

Mathruvedi (Mothers Forum) Activities: Vanakkamasam Kalamkudal (Special devotion to Mother Mary) in May, Etunonmbachranam (preparation for the feast of Nativity of Mother Mary) in September, Rosary both in zoom platform and family wise in October were organized by Mathruvedi. One day outing for mothers was conducted.

Pithruvedi (Fathers Forum) Activities: St. Joseph's novena in the month of March through zoom platform was conducted.

Charity payments: Cherupushpa Mission League Association helped the mission diocese Shamshabad, India.

Holy Week was observed in March and Easter Eve was organized on the following Friday. Community participated in the national Knock Marian pilgrimage in May. Parish feast was celebrated in May. Father's Day was celebrated in June. Community members participated in the pilgrimage to Italy, visiting Assisi, Padua, Venice, Florence, Pisa, and Rome in August. For the Cherupushpa Mission League children "Blossom - 2024" was conducted in August. Parish community one day outing was conducted in August. Jesus Youth prayer service "Elohim Vibe" was conducted in September. Cherupushpa Mission League Day was organized in October. The community members visited the cemetery on soul's day in November and prayed at the office for the departed souls. Christmas Holy Qurbana was celebrated, and Christmas Eve was organized on the following Tuesday.

Lisburn Syro Malabar Mass centre

Sunday masses & Sunday Schools - 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month.

Bible Fests- conducted in mass center on January 26th, Parish feast celebrated in January 17,18,19, 2025. Sunday school Anniversary held in October 26, Saturday,2024

Advent Retreat was arranged for parishioners in December 15 &16, 2024

Youth activities- Ignite - Youth gathering and sharing every 3rd Sunday, and Youth Mass Day observed in September 1,2024, Youth one day outing - September 21, 2024.

Mathruvedi activities- Mother's Day - October 5,2024 Sunday.

Pithruvedi activities- Father's Day - May 5th, 2024, Sunday

Charity payments supported Wayanad, Kerala India as flood relief -£800, charity fund collected by children for helping the people in need-£1451.49

Conclusion

The community is growing and connected by various activities and gatherings and every mass centre has many things in common and few activities in particular to the needs and circumstances of the area.

Family Prayer units: Each of the 5 mass centres is divided into Family Units comprising of 10-25 families. Every month the families come together for conduct prayers, Bible

studies and programmes, socialization, sessions for children and youth which will end with some refreshment or dinner. This too adds to the closeness of our community.

Parish Feasts: It is our tradition to celebrate feasts of saints. Solemn celebration of Mas procession, cultural programmes. Accordingly, we celebrated the feast of St Thomas St. Alphonsa and St. Mary in September in Belfast and Mother Theresa in Antrim in August and St Sebastian at Lisburn St. Marys' and St. Sebastian at Derry. Food and refreshments were served to all after all the festal celebrations. Bible fest and bible quiz conducted for all mass centres to learn and meditate bible more deeply.

Holy Week: After due preparation, we celebrate every year, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. It is our usual practice to make the Stations of the Cross at the mount 'Saul' on Good Friday. And stations of the cross indifferent areas. As usual we made our annual pilgrimage to Knock in second Saturday of month of May.

Church Choir: Church Choir is very active in making the Holy Services live and musical. Even children are encouraged to develop their abilities to sing. As a result, we have different Junior Choirs in different Mass centres.

Charity: Our Church is thoughtful of the poor, downtrodden and the less fortunate brothers and sisters. Pithruvedi and Matruvedi in all mass centres organise Charity night and succeeded in collecting fund. Majority of our members are making yearly contribution to Church. CML, association of Catechism students organize auction on mission Sunday for mission support.

Christmas Service: Christmas service was celebrated on 24th December. Carol Song and crib Competitions and conducted and prizes were distributed. 31st December we had Christmas and New Year celebrations with stage programmes. Our Mathrujyothi (Association for women), Youth, Sunday School Teachers and the Committee Members are very active in organizing all our major Church events.

We have claimed back Gift Aid of £26240.43 from HMRC for the year 2024-25

Future Developments: With the support from the members and well-wishers, we hope to find permanent place of our own for worship and other activities.

Approval: The trustees' meeting held on 25 October 2025 approved the annual report and account for the year ended 31st March 2025.



Rev. Fr. Jose Bharanikualangara Thomas

Chairman

## Trustees Report and Financial Report for the year Ended 31st March 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Total funds	Prior year funds
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	197,866		197,866	151,614
<b>Total</b>	<u>197,866</u>		<u>197,866</u>	<u>151,614</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Raising funds	164,558		164,558	115,924
<b>Total</b>	<u>164,558</u>		<u>164,558</u>	<u>115,924</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u>33,308</u>		<u>33,308</u>	<u>35,690</u>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	33,308		33,308	35,690
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>				
Total funds brought forward	<u>146,387</u>		<u>146,387</u>	<u>110,697</u>
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	<u>179,695</u>		<u>179,695</u>	<u>146,387</u>

Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland

Charity No NIC 106671

Company No NI 645327

Annual accounts for the period

1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

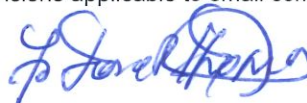
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	31/03/25 Total fund £	31/03/24 Total fund £
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	3,956			3,956	2,135
<i>Total fixed assets</i>	3,956			3,956	2,135
<b>Current assets</b>					
Cash at bank and in hand (Note 24)	175,262			175,262	144,252
<i>Total current assets</i>	175,262			175,262	144,252
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
<i>Net current assets</i>	175,262			175,262	144,252
<i>Total assets less current liabilities</i>	179,218			179,218	146,387
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after one year</b>					
<i>Total net assets or liabilities</i>	179,218			179,218	146,387
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
<i>Total funds</i>	179,218			179,218	146,387

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under s477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act with respect to

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.



Rev Fr. Jose Bharanikulangara  
Chairman

Date of approval  
25/10/2025



Shajimon Varughese  
Trustee

Date 25/10/2025

**Cost or valuation :office Equipments**

	<b>Computer Equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
At the beginning of the year	2,135	2,135
Additions	4,446	4,446
At end of the year	6,581	6,581

**Depreciation and impairments**

<b>**Basis</b>	RB	
<b>** Rate</b>	40%	
Depreciation	1,892	1,892
Impairment		
Transfers*		
At end of the year	1,892	1,892

**Net book value**

Net book value at the beginning of the year	2,135	2,135
Net book value at the end of the year	4,689	4,689

Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland

**Raising cost**

Church Services Cost	56404
Sunday school service cost	49676
Bible Conventions	10039
Youth seminars and Conventions	6356
Pilgrimage	9555
Crisis Relief Payments	13800
Mission Payments	10134
Travel	1195
Christmas & New year Expenses	5191
Bank Charges	316
<b>Total</b>	<b>162666</b>

**Donations and Legacies**

Donations	171606
Gift Aid claimed	26260
<b>Total</b>	<b>197866</b>

### 1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- and with\* the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
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- and with the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.\*

### 1.2 Going concern

*If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:*

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern; Yes

Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful; N/A

Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.

### 1.3 Change of accounting policy

The accounts present a true and fair view and no changes have been made to the accounting policies adopted

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland

I report on the accounts of the for the year ended 31/03/2025

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act

The Charity has kept proper books of Accounts and claimed Gift aid of £ 26260.43 from HMRC during the year.


Basis of examiner's statement

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept as required by section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Name: Jose Augustine

23 Iris Close

Belfast

25/10/2025

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# Accounts

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## Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland

### Statement of Income and Expenses

NIC 106671

Charity Number

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

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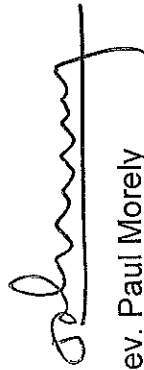
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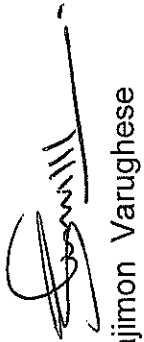
Incoming Resources		
Voluntary Income	1	85572
Income from Operating activities	2	66042
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>151614</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
Diocesan Payments	3	20161
Church Management And Administration	4	95135
Other expense	5	628
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>115924</b>
Net incoming / outgoing resources		35690
<b>Net Balance carried forwarded to General fund</b>		<b>35690</b>

# Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland

## Balance Sheet As at 31st March 2024

	2023	2024
<b>Fixed Asset</b>		
Fixed Tangible assets	2699	2135
Current Assets		
Sundry Debtors		
Cash in hand and at Bank	108748	144252
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Amount falling due in one year	0	0
Bank over draft		
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>£111,447</b>	<b>£146,387</b>

  
 Rev. Paul Morely  
 Chairman

  
 Shajimon Varughese  
 Secretary

Notes	Note 1 Voluntary Income	
Donation from members		£70,995
Bible Convention Donations		£14,577
		<b>£85,572</b>
<b>Income from operating activities (2)</b>		
Giftaid received		£20,919
Sunday School Contributions		£6,030
1st Holy Communion Donations		£1,545
Pilgrimage Donations		£2,840
FeastThirunal/ Christmas Donations		£3,558
Offertory services/Small donations		£31,150
		<b>£66,042</b>

**Diocesan Payments 3**

Payment to diocese mission	£6,910.00
Payment to D&C (Light Heat)	£13,251
	<b>£20,161</b>

**Church Management and Administration 4**

Sunday school Expenses	£5,096
Cristmas & New Year Expenses	£7,919
Sweets and stationery and books	£7,654
Charitable activities	£7,623
Youth Development Expenses	£5,678
Church services	£14,728
Feasts/ Refreshments	£28,032
1st Holycommunion Expenses	£34
Travelling exepnses/Pilgrimage	£3,298
Bible Conventions	£12,662
Bible Fest Expenses	£1,111
R/M , Musicsystem	£1,300
	<b>£95,135</b>

**Other Expenses 5**

Internet Fees and Charges	£64
Depreciation	£564
<b>Total</b>	<b>£628</b>

Mike system		Depreciation/reserve	£7,122
Purchased original cost (6635.58+486)		£5,063	
Charged to current year at 20%		£484	
Balance		£5,547.00	£1,575

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Office Equipment		Depreciation/reserve	£500
Purchased original cost (500)		£100	
Charged to current year at 20%		£80	
Balance		£180.00	£320

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# Annual report

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# Syro-Malabar Catholic Church Ireland

Charity NONIC106671  
Company No. NI645327

## Trustees' Report

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## Activities

Our Holy services are conducted in 5 different Mass centres – Antrim, Londonderry, Belfast, Lisburn and Bangor. The 1<sup>st</sup> three centres have Holy Eucharist on every Sundays and Sunday School twice in a month, Lisburn Centre has Holy Eucharist on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays and Sunday School twice a month and Bangor Centre has Holy Eucharist on every last Saturdays. We have Holy Eucharist on every Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays at Saint Bernadette's Church Belfast BT6 0LL every Sunday.

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**Sunday School:** We reopened Sunday School on 3rd September 2023. On 18th November we had a seminar for the Sunday school teachers to equip themselves to be effective Sunday school teachers.

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Majority of our members are making yearly contribution to Church.

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women), Youth, Sunday School Teachers and the Committee Members are very active in organizing all our major Church events.

We have claimed back £ 20919.32 Gift Aid from HMRC for the year 2022-2023.

Future Developments: With the support from the members and well-wishers, we hope to find permanent place of our own for worship and other activities.

**Approval:** The trustees' meeting held on 29/09/2024 approved the annual report and account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

## Administrative Information

Chair Person            1 Rev. Fr Paul Morely

**Trustees**                2 Shaji Varughese

3 Prince Dominic

4 Jyothis Cherian

4 Anish Antony

**Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106671

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# Annual return

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## **Independent Examiner's report to the Charity trustees of Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland**

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31.03.2024

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**Independent Examiner's statement.**

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# Accounts

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## Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland

### Statement of Income and Expenses

1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

NIC 106671

Charity Number

N I645327

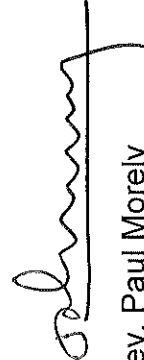
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Incoming Resources		
Voluntary Income	1	58653
Income from Operating activities	2	53272
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<b>111925</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>		
Diocesan Payments	3	12403
Church Management And Administration	4	69825
Other expense	5	212
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>82440</b>
Net incoming / outgoing resources		29485
Net Balance carried forwarded to General fund		29485

# Syro Malabar Catholic Church Ireland

## Balance Sheet As at 31st March 2023

	2022	2023
<b>Fixed Asset</b>		
Fixed Tangible assets	2662	2699
Current Assets		
Sundry Debtors		
Cash in hand and at Bank	79762	108748
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Amount falling due in one year		
Bank over draft	0	0
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>£82,424</b>	<b>£111,447</b>

  
 Rev. Paul Morely  
 Chairman

  
 Shajimon Varughese  
 Secretary

<b>Notes</b>	
Note 1 Voluntary Income	
Donation from members	£38,891
Bible Convention Donations	£19,762
	<b>£58,653</b>
<b>Income from operating activities (2)</b>	
Giftaid received	£10,304
Mathrujyothi Donations	£500
1St Holy Communion Donations	£1,805
Pilgrimage Donations	£2,860
Sunday School Contributions	£4,724
Offertory services/Small donations	£28,869
Youth Conventions	£725
FeastThirunal/ Christmas Donations	£2,727
	£758
	<b>£53,272</b>

**Diocesan Payments 3**

Payment to diocese mission	£2,600.00
Payment to D&C (Light Heat)	£9,803
	<b>£12,402.62</b>

**Church Management and Administration 4**

Sunday school Expenses	£2,884
Cristmas & New Year Expenses	£2,960
Sweets and stationery and books	£7,395
Charitable activities	£2,165
Youth Development Expenses	£5,663
Church services	£7,330
Feasts/ Refreshments	£9,354
Family unit activities	£1,612
1st Holycommunion Expenses	£1,589
Travelling exepnses/Pilgrimage	£4,024
Bible Conventions	£21,200
Holyweek Celebrations	£2,134
R/M , Musicsystem	£1,517
	<b>£69,825</b>

Other Expenses 5

Internet Fees and Charges	£212
Depreciation	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£212</b>

<b>Mike system</b>		
Purchased original cost (6635.58+486)	£4,700	£7,122
Charged to current year at 20%	£363	
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£5,063.00</b>	<b>£2,059</b>

Nilavilakku	£240.00
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**Office Equipment**

Purchased original cost (500)

Charged to current year at 20%

Depreciation/reserve

£500

£100

£500

Balance

£400

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Report for the year April 2022 to March 2023

The Syro Malabar Catholic Church in the Diocese of Down & Connor had diverse activities in the year April 2022 to March 2023. It is with the commitment of so many dedicated people that the Syro Malabar community had a flourishing year.

There was Lenten retreat preached by Sr. Ann Maria on 1st, 2nd and 3rd April 2022 at All Saints College, Beechmount. Syro Malabar community celebrated Palm Sunday on 10th April at Clonard. Holy week was celebrated and well attended by Syro Malabar Community. On 24th April community celebrated 'Puthunjayar Thirunal' at Holy Spirit church, Glen Road. On 30th April 2022 fourteen of our children received First Holy communion and Bishop Stephen Chirappanath was main celebrant.

12th May as International Nurses day our community conducted a Zoom meeting in honour of all nurses in the community. Knock pilgrimage was on 21st May and good number people of Diocese of Down & Connor attended this pilgrimage.

July 3rd was celebrated together at Clonard from all mass centres of Down & Connor. On 13th July church conducted a bachelor's meet, a seminar for unmarried youngsters upto 35 years.

This year's Bible convention was on 21st, 22nd and 23rd August and preached by Rev Fr. Daniel Poovannathil.

28th August 2022 is a memorable day for the Syro Malabar faithful in the diocese of Down & Connor. The amalgamation of three mass centres Bangor, Ballyhackamore and Belfast took place on that day and we started first Mass @ St. Bernadette's Church Rosetta Road and we received the name St. Thomas Syro Malabar Rosetta Mass Centre. We remember with gratitude most Rev. Noel Treanor, the former Bishop of Down & Connor for allowing the community to use St Bernadette's church for the liturgical and social celebrations. We can't forget our former Chaplain Msgr. Antony Perumayan for his hard work to avail this church for the community.

Catechism classes for 2022 started on 4th September Sunday in St Bernard's School.

On 26th September 2022, Down & Connor welcomed one more Syro Malabar priest Fr. Renson Thekkinethu.

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Christmas retreat was preached by Sr. Ann Maria on 9th and 10th December at St Bernard's church. On 24th night there were Carol song and crib competition in unit level and Christmas midnight was well attended by community.

The new Mass centre committee was formed in the month of January and they took charge on 15th January. Bible Kalolsavam for Northern Ireland Mass centres was conducted on 18th and 25th Saturdays of February. There was Syro Malabar Holy Mass every day during the Lenten season. Lenten Retreat was held on 17th – 19th February and was preached by Fr Samson Mannoor.

Pithruvedhi – Belfast

Pithruvedhi conducted a charity collection for families in need. Food items were collected from mass centres and handed over to Rev. Fr. Tony Devlin to be managed by St Vincent de Paul at St Paul's Church, Belfast.

On 19/6/22 Pithruvedhi celebrated Father's day. On 24/09/22 Pithruvedhi conducted a One day trip

The First Pithruvedhi meeting of 2023 was conducted on Sunday, 19th of February. This meeting was organised to plan the activities for the coming year.

Mathruvedhi- Belfast

Mathruvedhi activities are going well in Belfast. At present there are 98 active members in this group. Under Fr Paul Morely's leadership there are many activities being held. Many programs were organised recently under this faith group like 'Mariya Samarpanam', a pilgrimage to Medjugorje, honouring of all the fathers on Father's Day etc.

In 2022 during the COVID pandemic the meetings had taken place in different houses hosted by some of the Mathruvedhi members.

In March 2022 there was a special celebration of Mother's Day in the parish church with special liturgical celebration lead by the members followed by the distribution of Payasam organised by fathers. This news was later published in British Malayali.com.

During the month of September 2022, a meeting was held at Mrs Sheena Aby's house, in which there was a prayer session followed by a group discussion. A decision was made to organise a pilgrimage to Medjugorje lead by Mrs Biji Jose in March 2023.

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In October 2022 a coffee morning was organised and all the members who were able to attend participated in it.

In November 2022 the meeting was held in Mrs Shiji Tomy's house and during the discussion a decision was made to organise a secret Santa for the members interested and instead of exchanging gifts to each other all agreed to pray for each other, and a collection was made to help a family in India.

In December 2022 a meeting was held at Mrs Bincy Joby's house and arrangements were made to handover Rs50000 to a family following the collection made through secret Santa.

In January 2023 a meeting was held at Dr Sagitha Sanil's house. After the prayer session the members discussed the challenges faced by parents in Migrant families like ours.

In February 2023 a meeting was held at Mrs Anju Job's house and following the prayer session a discussion was held based on the topic of Spirituality in Motherhood. There was a decision made to gather in the church on the 4th Sunday of every month after the Holy Mass considering eased COVID restrictions. On 26/02/2023 new office bearers were elected during the meeting in the presence of Fr Paul Morely and Fr Renson Thekkinezath. The office bearers are Biji Jose (president), Sheeba Raju (Vice President), Sheena Aby (Secretary), Meetu Devasia (Joint Secretary), Ligi Dellish (PRO), Shiji Tomy (Treasurer), Sheena Sunny (Intercessory Leader). Committee members are Jancy Mones, Reena Thomas, Swapna Francis, Biji Sunny, Bincy Joby, and Lisha Rajeev.

Following the selection of the new office bearers, all the new members joined the group were introduced and welcomed to the faith group.

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## SMYM and SM Teens

Waves of Grace monthly programme conducted for the SM Teens in the months of June, July, August, September, October. SMYM Belfast organised a football tournament on 26th August 2022.

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