



Syro Malabar Community

in the Archdiocese of Vienna
Ordinariat for the Faithful of the Eastern Catholic Churches in Austria
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Concept and Structure of the Syro Malabar Community Vienna

A. Priestly Guidance:

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Address of the SM Community Centre:

Pfarre Maria Lourdes, Tivoligasse 20, Vienna -1120, AUSTRIA (Main Centre & SMC Office)

Filial Station of the SMC: Pfarre Auferstehung Christi, Saikogasse – 8, 1220 Vienna.

Total Number of Syro Malabar Members within the boundary of the Archdiocese of Vienna: **2250**

Total Number of Syro Malabar Families: **613**

Total Number of SMC Members above 18 years of age: **1920**

Total Number of SMC Members below 18 years of age: **330**

Number of Syro Malabar Priests in Austria: **46**

B. Resource Persons: 1. Parish Committee Members

a). SMC Pastoral Council –Pastoralkirchen Rat

1. P. Thomas Thandappilly CST, SMC Chaplain: President/ Vorsitzender
2. P. Wilson Mecheril MCBS, SMC Assistant Chaplain (Ex-officio member)
3. Joshi Abraham Mullankuzhi: Pastoral Convener (stellver. Vorsitzender)
4. Anton Tom Athithara: Pastoral Secretary (Schriftsteller)
5. Daisy Alany: Coordinating Convener of SMC Catechism
6. Jincy Maliyampurackal : Convener of the Team for Liturgy in Maria Lourdes
7. Boby Kanjirathumoottil: Convener of the Team for Liturgy in Auf.Christi, Saikogasse 8
8. Roy Jacob Vellukunnel: Convener of SMC Pastoral & Spiritual Services (Verkündigung)
9. Greshma Pallikunnel: Coordinating Convener of SMC Youth Services
10. Philomina Ayiramala : Coordinating Convener of SMC Pithru & Mathru Vedhi.

b). SMC Financial Council –Wirtschaftskirchen Rat

1. P. Thomas Thandappilly CST, SMC Chaplain: President/ Vorsitzender
2. Boby Kanjirathumoottil: Financial Convener (stell. Vorsitzender)
3. Veliath Shoji: Financial Secretary (Schriftsteller)
4. Adackamukkil Mathew Abraham
5. Ayiramala Philomina
6. Kalapurackal Boban
7. Olimalayil Joseph

SMC Auditors: 1). Vettickal Paulose 2). Kayyalaparambil James Philip

2. SMC Services for the next Five Years

1. Master of Ceremony at Solemn Liturgical Events in Maria Lourdes: Winson Kallikadan
2. Custodian of SMC Data Information: Steephon Chevookaran
3. Conveners of SMC Family Registration: Joseph Olimalayil in Maria Lourdes
: Steephon Chevookaran in Saikogasse 8
4. Convener of SMC Catechism in Unit of Maria Lourdes: Boban Kalapurackal
5. Convener of the Team of Altar Boys/Girls in Maria Lourdes: Christi Kalapurackal
6. Convener of the Team of Altar Boys/Girls in Auferstehung Christi: Rosemarie Vilangattusseril
7. Convener of the SMC School Kairaly Nikethan: Ebby Kurian
8. SMC Team of Choir: Cyriac Cherukad, Manoj Chevookaran, Bobby Kanjirathumoottil,
Neena Kalayanthanam, Ria Malienpurackal.
9. SMC Mesnerdienst in Maria Lourdes: Cherian Maliyampurackal
10. SMC Mesnerdienst in AUF Christi in Saikogasse: Thomas Padinjarekalayil (Custodian of the
Keys)/ Bobby Edattu/ Alex Vilangattusseril.
11. SMC Unit of Pithruvedi in Maria Lourdes: Mathew Adackamukkil(convener), Binoy
Kunnumpuram, Vincent Payyappilly.
12. SMC Unit of Pithruvedi in AUF Chrisiti Saikogasse: Roy Iykerattu(convener), Johny
Kappany, Antony Madhavappillil
13. SMC Unit of Mathruvedi in Maria Lourdes: Jincy Maliyampurackal (convener), Jancy
Kuruthukulangara, Shyni Karimpukalayil
14. SMC Unit of Mathruvedi in AUF Christi Saikogasse: Tania Arumantharayil(convener),
Teena Simi Padua, Nerin Elsa George
15. SMC Unit of Junior Youth Forum in Maria Lourdes: Roshan George, Sandra
Mullappilly, (Boban Kalapurackal –Convener).
16. SMC Unit of Junior Youth Forum in AUF Christi Saikogasse: Arav Jeevan John, Nikita
Joby Jose (Daisy Alany – Convener)
17. SMC Senior Youth, Coordinating Convener: Greshma Pallikunnel
18. SMC Convener of Charity Services: P C Convener, Joshi Abraham Mullankuzhi
19. Person for SMC Vigilance and Care of the Minors: Daisy Alany
20. SMC Webmaster: Jens Kurien Cherukad
21. Contact Person between SMC and Austrian Community in Maria Lourdes: Joseph Olimalayil

3. Catechism Teachers: Unit Maria Lourdes

1. Boban Kalapurackal (Convener), 2. Mathew Cheriyanikalayil. 3. Jose Olimalayil.
4. Jancy Kuruthukulangara. 5. Stanly Kokkat. 6. Bincy Vadakkumcherry .
7. Daisy Vattakunnumpurathu. 8. Lillykutty Perumpral. 9. Josekutty Perumpral.
10. Alice Elavumoodu. 11. Jesinda Olimalayil. 12. Christi Kalapurackal
- Auxiliary Teachers:** 13. Fijo Kuruthukulangara. 14. Jenny James. 15. Jismy Fischer
16. Jiss Mullankuzhy.

SMC Catechism: Unit AUF CHRISTI Saikogasse

1. Daisy Alany (Convener). 2. Rosemarie Vilangattusseril. 3. Christy Iykerott.
4. Nerin Kudiyirickal. 5. Almi Vilangattusseril. 6. Ruby Meledeth 7. Schainy Thomas.
8. Alex Vilangattusseril. 9. Lilly Puthuppally. 10. Philomina Ayiramala.
11. Bobby Kanjirathumoottil, **Auxiliary Teachers:** 12. Sonia Joby, 13. Bindu Palacheril.

4. Parish Committee Secretaries: Pastoral Council: Anton Athitharayil
Financial Council: Shoji Veliyath

5. Liturgy Team : a). Unit Maria Lourdes

1. Jincy Malienpurackal (Convener), 2. James Kayyalaparambil, 3. Shoji Veliyath,
4. Babu Kudiyirickal, 5. Mathew Abraham Adackamukkil, 6. Soji Kavalam Puthuparambil,
7. Winson Kallikadan, 8. Joseph Kuruthukulangara,
9. Mini Cheriankalayil, 10. Tiji Kinattukara, 11. Shyni Varghese

b). Liturgy Team : Unit AUF CHRISTI Saikogasse 8

1. Bobby Kanjirathumootil (Convener), 2. Alex Vilangattuseril, 3. Daly Manjaly,
4. Lilly Puthuppally, 5. Lorenz Meledath, 6. Tom Arathil, 7. Thomas Padinjarekalayil

C. Community Life:

1). **Liturgy:** Syro Malabar Qurbana in Maria Lourdes on Saturday at 8.00am, Sunday at 11.30am and whenever needed by Syro Malabar Faithful.

Syro Malabar Qurbana in Auferstehung Christi Saikogasse on Saturday at 8.00am and Sunday at 5.00pm and whenever needed by Syro Malabar Faithful.

Holy Qurbana in Syro Malabar Rite is also celebrated in the SMC Prayer Units and in any local Parish Church or Chapel of the Archdiocese of Vienna. On Sundays, Syro Malabar Qurbana is allowed only in the given Centers of the SM Community, either in Maria Lourdes or in AC Saikogasse 8. Only at the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage in Syro Malabar Rite on Sunday, a Holy Qurbana in Syro Malabar Rite may be celebrated at other centers.

2). **Catechism:** in Maria Lourdes and in Saikogasse : from 1st Standard to 12th Standard, one hour each before the Holy Qurbana: Prayer and Welcome and afterwards Regular Classes for 45 minutes.

3). **Spiritual Renewal:** a). Annual Retreat arranged usually in the week before the Holy Week, in Parish Hall or in the local Church or Chapel available in the diocesan boundary of Vienna.

b). One Day/Half Day Recollections: two or three times in a year or when a Preacher visits Vienna.

c). One Day/Half Day/Event oriented Pilgrimage with Prayer and Holy Mass, as many as needed.

d). Main Events of Parish Pilgrimages: arranged for different groups or units of the SMC Liturgical Parish Vienna, like Pilgrimage to Mudjugorie, to Lourdes, to Fatima or to Holy Shrines or Venerable Centers in Austria or Outside.

e). Special Devotion to Maria Holy Mother of God: visiting Maria Centers and offering the Holy Qurbana, like Mariazell, Maria Gugging etc.

f). Saturday Novena to Holy Mother Mary of Perpetual Help: every Saturday after the Malayalam Qurbana at both SMC Centers.

4). **Youth Formation:** Spiritual, Liturgical and Social Events are arranged either directly by the Syro Malabar Community or organized by the initiatives of the SMC Youth Forum Core Group at least 4 times per year and on special occasions combined with Jesus Youth, Lazaretto Group, Charismatic Initiatives (Shalom TV), Diocesan Youth Organizations, Music Bands etc. The SMC Youth Vienna is also ever ready to cooperate and to cowork with other Malayalee Catholic Youth Units in Europe, especially in German speaking Regions.

5). **Family and Prayer Units:** 8 prayer units, 3 Night Vigil Units, 12 family units and about 10 informal family gathering initiatives were functioning in the Syro Malabar Community before the Corona Restrictions. Now, better motivation is given for reviving the existing or new such initiatives in Vienna.

6). **Marriage Preparation Course** (approved by the Syro Malabar Hierarchy). This course is offered three times per year and whenever a group of Candidates requests for it. This is done in Malayalam, English and German. Most of the Candidates are Malayalee Youth, who were born in Europe, who find it difficult to follow the Course in Malayalam or English. Now, more than thousand Malayalee Catholic and a few non-Catholic Christian Youth have attended this Course in Vienna.

7). Finance: The Archdiocese of Vienna gives the Syro Malabar Community about 25% of the yearly expenditure of the Syro Malabar Community and the rest of the expenses are met by the Offertory Collections at Syro Malabar Qurbana and Contribution of Euro 30,- per year from each Syro Malabar Family in Vienna. Yearly Expenses for the SMC are mainly the rent to be given for the use of Maria Lourdes, Auferstehung Christi Saikogasse for Liturgy, Catechism and social gatherings and a share of the total rent to be given for the use of class rooms in the Kairaly Nikethan School. Expenses for Events of the SMC, for the telephone and travel expenses of the Priests for the purpose of the Syro Malabar Community. Expenses for the Social and Charitable Events arranged both in Maria Lourdes and in Saikogasse. Expenses for the Annual Retreat, Ecumenical Carol Singing Programme, Parish Festival with public procession, Catechism and Youth Training and Awareness Events etc.

D. Cultural Life and Ecclesial Identity:

1). **Kairaly Nikethan School:** The Syro Malabar Community Vienna organizes a training and education center for the Children and Youth of the Malayalee Community in Austria. The purpose of this cultural center is the formation of the Pravasi Malayalee generations in the Language of Malayalam, and to develop their talents in art and culture, mainly to learn different forms of Indian classical, folk and cinematic dances, painting, sports and skills of personality development. The Coordinating Convener of the Kairaly Nikethan School is the official representative of the Syro Malabar Community Vienna, who is approved by the Syro Malabar Pastoral and Financial Councils and appointed by the Chaplain of the Syro Malabar Community Vienna. The Center of the SMC Kairaly Nikethan School is at: Bundesgymnasium, Franklinstraße 26, 1210 Vienna.

2). **Social Integration:** A survey study on the Malayalee Catholics, mainly on Syro Malabar Liturgical Community in the Archdiocese of Vienna gives the nature of the Catholic spirit and witness of the immigrant Malayalee Catholics in Vienna: 100% of the women of this Community are practicing Catholics, who attend regularly Sunday Holy Mass; that is done by 95% of men; 98% of the Children and Youth below 18 years of age; 93% of the elderly Youth; they attend liturgical services in at 20 local Parish Churches/Chapels or in their own Rite and language centers. Many of the local Austrian Communities even exist due to the participation and support of the Malayalee Catholics here. This is a praiseworthy witnessing of the Syro Malabar Catholics in promoting the Catholic Faith and supporting the local Catholic Church in their crisis of Faith and Tradition.

3). **Ecclesial Identity:** For the last 40 years, the Syro Malabar Faithful in Vienna were given facilities to live and to promote their parental heritages of their own Syro Malabar sui juris Church. The Archdiocese of Vienna has always helped to support its liturgical identity in Vienna and to get integrated in the social and linguistic culture of Austria. That was essentially needed, because 70% of the present members of the Syro Malabar Community in Vienna are members, who were born and brought up in Austria and their first language of communication is Austrian German. For this generation, the Syro Malabar Community has started the Holy Mass of Syro Malabar Rite in German Language. For the 30% of the Malayalee Catholics who were born and brought up in Kerala, there is regular Liturgy in Malayalam in its centers: in Maria Lourdes in 12th district and in Auferstehung Christi Saikogasse in 22th district of Vienna.

This year 2022, the Syro Malabar Liturgical Community in Vienna celebrates its 40th Ruby Jubilee of its Installation in the Archdiocese of Vienna in October, 1982. From this glorious day onwards, the Syro Malabar Faithful in Vienna are blessed to celebrate its own Liturgy and Sacraments in the Syro Malabar Rite and to be guided by Priests of the Syro Malabar Rite. The Leadership of the Archdiocese of Vienna, especially His Eminence Franz Cardinal König and His Eminence Christoph Cardinal Schönborn, the Rektorat of the ARGE Afro-Asian Communities as well as a host of supporters and benefactors have actively contributed to the growth and dynamism of the Syro Malabar Community in the Archdiocese of Vienna. Praise the Lord!

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