

Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly

(Ernakulam-Angamaly Major Archeparchy)

01.01.2026

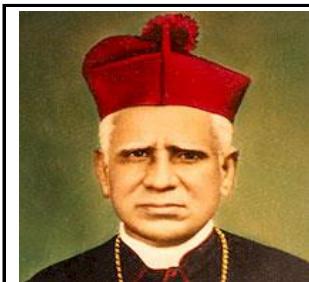
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1. Brief Description of the Archdiocese

Patron of the Archdiocese of Ernakulam: Sacred Heart of Jesus
Establishment of Ernakulam Vicariate : on 28th July 1896 by the Bull "Quae Rei Sacrae" by Pope Leo XIII
First Vicar Apostolic of Ernakulam Vicariate : Mar Aloysius (Louis) Pazheparambil
Establishment of Ernakulam Archdiocese: on 21st December 1923 by Pope Pius XI.
First Archbishop of Ernakulam Archdiocese : Mar Augustine Kandathil
Bifurcation of the Archdiocese and erection of Kothamangalam Diocese : 29th July 1956
The Archbishop who participated Vatican II Synod : Mar Joseph Parekattil, 1962-1965
The first Cardinal of Kerala: Joseph Cardinal Parekattil, 1969
Cathedral of Ernakulam Archdiocese : St. Mary's Basilica
First Basilica in Kerala : St. Mary's Basilica Ernakulam
Official Bulletttine of the Archdiocese : Ernakulam Missom
Rename of Ernakulam Archdiocese as Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese : on 16th December 1992, by Pope John Paul II

2. Archbishops / Bishops / Apostolic Administrators of the Archdiocese (Present & Past)

1 Mar Aloysius (Louis) Pazheparambil



Native place	Pulinkunnu
Date of Birth	25.03.1847
Priestly Ordination	04.12.1870
Titular Bishop of Tiumand	11.08.1896
Bishop of Kandy	25.10.1896
Bishop of Ernakulam Vicariat	05.11.1896
Died on	09.12.1919

2 Mar Augustine Kandathil



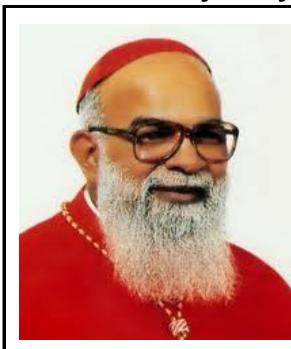
Native place	Chempu
Date of Birth	25.08.1874
Priestly Ordination	21.12.1901
Titular Bishop of Arad	29.08.1911
Bishop of Ernakulam Vicariat	18.12.1919
Archbishop	21.12.1923
Died on	10.01.1956

3 Cardinal Joseph Parecattil



Native place	Kidangoor, Angamaly
Date of Birth	01.04.1912
Priestly Ordination	24.08.1939
Bishop	30.11.1953
Arch bishop-Nominated	20.07.1953
Arch bishop-Took charge	09.01.1957
Cardinal	28.04.1969
Date of Retirement	01.04.1984
Died on	20.02.1987

4 Cardinal Antony Padiyara, Major Archbishop



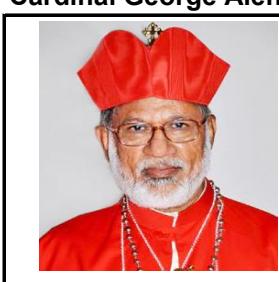
Native place	Manimala
Date of Birth	11.02.1921
Priestly Ordination	19.12.1945
Bishop in Ooty	16.10.1955
Arch bishop in Changanacherry	15.08.1970
Arch bishop in Ernakulam	03.07.1985
Cardinal	28.06.1988
Major Arch bishop	16.12.1992
Date of Retirement	18.12.1996
Died on	23.03.2000

5 Cardinal Varkey Vithayathil C.Ss.R, Major Archbishop



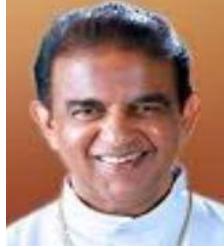
Native place	North Parur
Date of Birth	29.05.1927
Priestly Ordination	12.06.1954
Arch bishop	18.01.1997
Major Arch bishop	23.12.1999
Cardinal (consistory)	21.02.2001
Died on	01.04.2011

6 Cardinal George Alencherry, Major Archbishop



Native parish	Thuruthy in the Archdiocese of Changancherry
Date of Birth	19.04.1945
Priestly Ordination	18.12.1972
Bishop (in Thuckalay)	02.02.1997
Major Archbishop (Elected)	24.05.2011
Major Archbishop (Enthroned)	29.05.2011 to 07.12.2023
Cardinal (Consistory)	18.02.2012

7 Mar Antony Kariyil CMI, Archiepiscopal Vicar

	Native place	Chalil, Cherthala
	Date of Birth	26.03.1950
	Priestly Ordination	27.12.1977
	Bishop of Mandya	18.10.2015
	Archiepiscopal Vicar of Ernakulam-Angamaly and Titular Archbishop of Macriana Maior	30.08.2019 to 30.07.2022

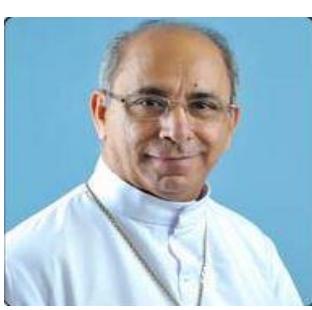
8 Mar Andrews Thazhath, Apostolic Administrator

	Native place	Puthukkad, Trichur
	Date of Birth	13.12.1951
	Priestly Ordination	12.03.1977
	Auxiliary Bishop (in Trichur)	18.03.2004
	Metropolitan Archbishop of Trichur	22.01.2007
	Apostolic administrator of Ernakulam-Angamaly	30.07.2022 to 07.12.2023

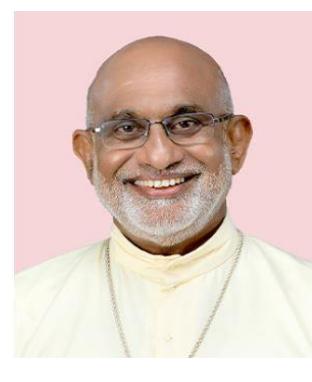
Cyril Vasil - Pontifical Delegate

	Native place	Puthukkad, Trichur
	Date of Birth	10.04.1965
	Priestly Ordination	14.06.1987
	Archbishop & Secretary of the Congregation for the Oriental Churches	07.09.2009
	Apostolic Administrator of Slovakia	20.01.2020
	Pontifical Delegate to the Major Archeparchy of Ekm.- Angamaly	31.07.2023 to 07.07.2025

9 Mar Bosco Puthur**Apostolic Administrator**

	Native place	Parappur, Trichur
	Date of Birth	28.05.1946
	Priestly Ordination	27.03.1971
	Curia Bishop of Syro Malabar	13.02.2010
	Bishop of Saint Thomas the Apostle of Melbourne (Syro-Malabar), Australia	11.01.2014 to 14.01.2023
	Apostolic administrator of Ernakulam-Angamaly	07.12.2023 to 10.01.2025

10 Mar Raphael Thattil**Major Archbishop**

	Native place	Thrissur
	Date of Birth	21.04.1956
	Priestly Ordination	21.12.1980
	Auxiliary bishop of Trichur and Titular Bishop of Bruni	10.04.2010
	Apostolic visitor for the Syro-Malabar faithful residing outside the territorium proprium	2014
	First Bishop of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Eparchy of Shamshabad	07.01.2018
	Major Archbishop of Ernakulam-Angamaly	10.01.2024

11 Mar Joseph Pamplany**Major Archbishop**

	Native place	Kannur
	Date of Birth	11.12.1969
	Priestly Ordination	30.12.1997
	Auxiliary bishop of Tellicherry	08.11.2017
	Metropolitan Archbishop of Thalasserry	20.04.2022
	Vicar of Major Archbishop for the Archeparchy of Ernakulam-Angamaly	11.01.2025

3. Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese (Present and Past)

1 Mar Sebastian Mankuzhikary

	Native place	Thannirmukkam, near Cherthala
	Date of Birth	02.03.1929
	Priestly Ordination	12.03.1955
	Auxiliary Bishop (Nomination)	15.11.1969
	Auxiliary Bishop (Consecration)	06.01.1970
	Administrator of Archdiocese	01.04.1984
	Bishop of Thamarassery	03.07.1986
	Died on	11.06.1994

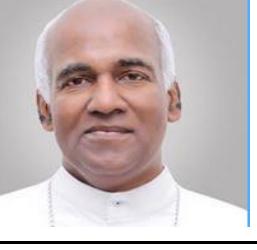
2 Mar Jacob Manthodath

	Native place	Kodamthuruth
	Date of Birth	22.02.1947
	Priestly Ordination	04.11.1972
	Auxiliary Bishop (Nomination)	06.09.1992
	Auxiliary Bishop (Consecration)	28.11.1992
	Bishop of Palakkad	from 01.02.1997
	Apostolic Administrator in Ernakulam-Angamaly AD	22.06.2018 to 29.08.2019

3 Mar Thomas Chakiath

	Native place	Moonnamparambu, Karukutty
	Date of Birth	10.09.1937
	Priestly Ordination	30.11.1964
	Auxiliary Bishop (Nomination)	17.02.1998
	Auxiliary Bishop (Consecration)	14.04.1998
	Date of Retirement	10.09.2012

4 Mar Sebastian Adayantrath

	Native place	Vaikom
	Date of Birth	23.11.1957
	Priestly Ordination	18.12.1983
	Auxiliary Bishop (Nomination)	04.02.2002
	Auxiliary Bishop (Consecration)	20.04.2002
	Bishop of Mandya	30.09.2019

5 Mar Jose Puthenveettil

	Native place	Edappally
	Date of Birth	04.04.1961
	Priestly Ordination	26.12.1987
	Auxiliary Bishop (Nomination)	23.08.2013
	Auxiliary Bishop (Consecration)	21.09.2013
	Auxiliary Bishop-Faridabad	30.09.2019

4. Prelates from the of Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese

1 Mar Joseph Kariattil

	Native place	Alangad
	Date of Birth	05.05.1742
	Priestly Ordination	25.02.1766
He was consecrated bishop at Lisbon on 17 February 1783 and was appointed Archbishop of Cranganore. On his way back to his own flock, he unfortunately met with an unexpected death at Goa on 10 September 1786. He was given a royal burial there. His mortal remains were transferred to Alangad on 11 April 1961. The Second Centenary of his death was celebrated at Alangad on 9 September 1986.		

2 Mar John Menachery

	Native place	Narakal
	Date of Birth	02.07.1857
He was ordained priest in 1893 and was elected Bishop of Parluse and nominated Vicar Apostolic of the Vicariate of Trissur on 11 August 1896. Dr Menachery was consecrated bishop at Kandy on 25 October 1896 by Most Dr Zalesky, the Delegate Apostolic. On 4 November he assumed his office at Trissur. After a glorious period of episcopal ministry Dr Menachery passed away to his eternal reward on 19 December 1919. His mortal remains were interred in the Lourdes Cathedral, Trissur.		

3 Mar Jonas Thaliath CMI

	Native place	Puthenpally
	Date of Birth	21.12.1919
	First bishop of Rajkot (in Gujarat)	11.05.1977
	Died on	07.11.1981

4 Mar Sebastian Mankuzhikary (Former Bishop of Thamarassery): For details please refer the list of Auxiliary Bishops

5 Mar Januarius Palathuruthy C.M.I.

	Native place	Konthuruthy
	Date of Birth	20.03.1913
	Priestly Ordination	1942
	Bishop of Chanda	03.05.1977
	Died on	28.03.1995

6 Mar Abraham Kattumana

	Native place	Thottakam near Vaikom
	Date of Birth	21.01.1944
	Priestly Ordination	03.05.1969
<p>Mar Abraham Kattumana entered the Diplomatic Service of the Holy See on 15 April 1973. He served in the Nunciatures in Indonesia, Uruguay, Iraq, Newzealand and Great Britain. He was appointed counsellor of the Nunciature in 1986. He was nominated Apostolic Pronuncio to Ghana, Benin and Togo on 8 May 1991 and was consecrated Archbishop by His Emce. Antony Cardinal Padiyara on 3 August 1991 in St Mary's Basilica, Ernakulam. He is the first Apostolic Pronuncio from Syro-Malabar Church. He was appointed Pontifical Delegate to the Major Archiepiscopal Church of Ernakulam- Angamaly on 16 December 1992. He convened the Synod, finalized its statutes, codified the particular laws and established other canonical structures. While on a visit to Rome he died due to cardiac arrest on 4 April 1995. His body was brought to Ernakulam and buried in the Cathedral Basilica on 7 April 1995.</p>		

7 Mar Gratian Mundadan CMI

	Native place	Alangad
	Date of Birth	15.05.1933
	Priestly Ordination	17.05.1964
	Bishop of Bijnor	06.11.1977
	Date of Retirement	14.08.2009
At present he is working as Apostolic Visitor at Delhi.		

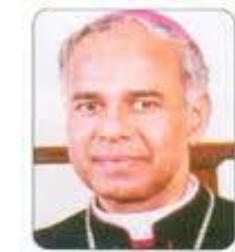
8 Mar Dominic Kokkat CST

	Native place	Vaikom
	Date of Birth	23.02.1932
	Priestly Ordination	04.10.1960
	Bishop of Gorakpur	04.10.1984
	Date of Retirement	15.07.2006
	Founder of the Congregation of the Little Sisters of St. Therese (LST) in 1988.	

9 Mar Jacob Manathodath - For details please refer the list of Auxiliary Bishops**10 Mar Paul Maipan**

	Native place	Manickamangalam, Kalady
	Date of Birth	04.02.1944
	Priestly Ordination	09.01.1971
	Bishop of Khammam (AP)	22.08.1997

11 Mar Joseph Chennoth

	Native place	Kokkamangalam
	Date of Birth	13.10.1943
	Priestly Ordination	04.05.1969
	Titular Archbishop of the Milevi	30.10.1999
	Apostolic Nuncio to Tanzania (Africa)	15.06.2005
	Nuncio to Japan	Sept. 2011

12 Archbishop Mar Kuriakose Bharanikulangara (Archbishop of Faridabad)

	Native place	Karippassery
	Date of Birth	01.02.1959
	Priestly Ordination	18.12.1983
	Diplomatic services of the Holy See in Thailand (1995), Cameroon (1996), Iraq (1999), Venezuela (2001), Congo, Gabon (2004), U.N. Headquarters in New York (2008) and Germany.	
	Bishop of Faridabad	27.05.2012

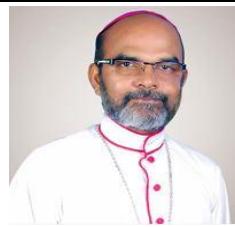
13 Mar Jose Chittooparambil CMI (Bishop of Rajkot)

	Native place	Neeleeswaram
	Date of Birth	10.12.1954
	Priestly Ordination	08.05.1985
	Bishop of Rajkot	11.09.2010

14 Bishop Paul Mattekatt (Bishop of Diphu)

	Native place	North Thuravoor
	Date of Birth	01.06.1961
	Priestly Ordination	31.12.1988
	Bishop of Diphu	06.10.2013

15 Bishop Varghese Thottamkara CM (Bishop of Nekemte)

	Native place	Thottuva
	Date of Birth	23.05.1960
	Priestly Ordination	06.01.1987
	Coadjutor Bishop of the Apostolic Vicariate of Nekemte in Ethiopia (East Africa)	13.08.2013

16 Mar Ephrem Narikulam (Bishop of Chanda)

	Native place	Nayarambalam
	Date of Birth	10.12.1960
	Priestly Ordination	27.12.1986
	Bishop of Chanda	24.10.2014

17 Mar Sebastian Adayanthurath (Bishop of Mandya)

	Native place	Vaikom
	Date of Birth	23.11.1957
	Priestly Ordination	18.12.1983
	Auxiliary Bishop of Ernakulam	20.04.2002
	Bishop of Mandya	30.09.2019

18 Mar Jose Puthenveettil (Auxiliary Bishop of Faridabad)

	Native place	Edappally
	Date of Birth	04.04.1961
	Priestly Ordination	26.12.1987
	Auxiliary Bishop of Ernakulam	21.09.2013
	Auxiliary Bishop-Faridabad	30.09.2019

19 Mar Jose Chirackal D.D. (Auxiliary Bishop of Tura)

	Native place	Karukutty
	Date of Birth	14.07.1960
	Priestly Ordination	29.12.1987
	Auxiliary Bishop of Tura	04.07.2020

5. Historical Important places in the Archdiocese

Udayamperoor where the famous synod convoked by Dom Menezes, Archbishop of Goa took place in 1599.

Chennamangalam where the ancient Vaipincotta Seminary of Jesuits existed.

Puthenpally where the Spanish Carmelites conducted a seminary for the Syro-Malabar Clergy.

Kottekavu (N. Parur) and **Kokkamangalam** (Cherthala) where St. Thomas established churches in the first century.

Malayattoor where St. Thomas used to frequent for meditation and prayer.

Angamaly which is the residence of Mar Abraham, the first Archbishop of Angamaly Archdiocese. It is the first Archdiocese established for Mar Thomma christians in 1565.

Aluva where exist the biggest pontifical seminary of the world.

6. Forane and number of Parishes in the Archdiocese

as on 01.01.2026

No.	Forane	Patron / Saint	Parishes	Filial Churches
1	Angamaly	St. George	13	2
2	Cherthala	St. Mary	15	7
3	Edappally	St. George	16	10
4	Ernakulam (Basilica)	St. Mary	14	8
5	Kanjoor	St. Mary	19	7
6	Karukutty	St. Francis Xavier	8	3
7	Kizhakkambalam	St. Antony	11	11
8	Koratty	St. Mary	17	8
9	Manjapra	Holy Cross	10	11
10	Mookkannoor	St. Mary	9	2
11	Moozhikulam	St. Mary	14	2
12	Pallipuram	St. Mary	7	8
13	Parur-Kottakavu	St. Thomas	20	9
14	Tripunithura	St. Mary	18	10
15	Vaikom	St. Joseph	18	8
16	Vallam	St. Theresa of Avila	12	5
Total			221	111

Population - 51 lakhs, Catholics - 5 Lakhs