

Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly  
(Ernakulam-Angamaly Major Archeparchy)

01.01.2026

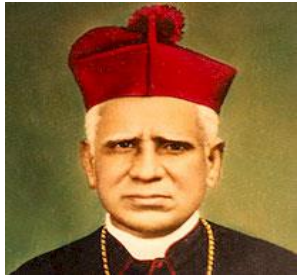
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1. Brief Description of the Archdiocese


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| 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 Bullettine 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 |

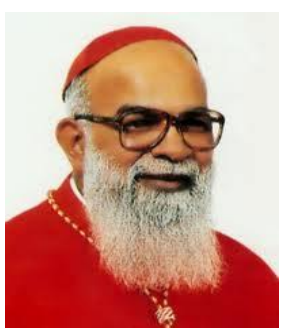
### 2 Mar Augustine Kandathil

|                                                                                   |                              |            |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
|  | 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 Changanachery | 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 |

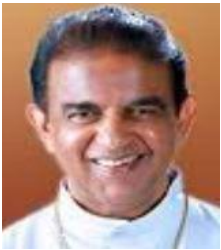
### 5 Cardinal Varkey Vithayathil C.Ss.R, Major Archbishop

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
|  | 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 Changanacherry |
|                                                                                     | 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 |

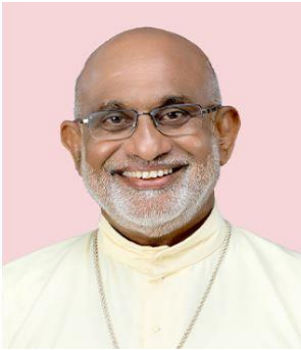
**Cyril Vasil - Pontifical Delegate**

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | 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**

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
|  | 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                    | Thannirmukkom, 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 Adayanthrath


|                                                                                     |                                 |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
|  | 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 Puthenveetil


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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|
|  | 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 Parusel 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, Newzeeland 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**

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|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|
|  | 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   |

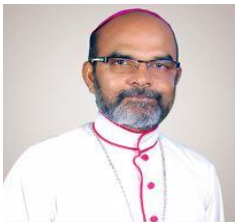
**13 Mar Jose Chittooparambil CMI (Bishop of Rajkot)**

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
|  | 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 Adayanthrath (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 Puthenveetil (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

|                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Udayamperoor</b> where the famous synod convoked by Dom Menezes, Archbishop of Goa took place in 1599.                                                                       |
| <b>Chennamangalam</b> where the ancient Vaipincotta Seminary of Jesuits existed.                                                                                                |
| <b>Puthenpally</b> where the Spanish Carmelites conducted a seminary for the Syro-Malabar Clergy.                                                                               |
| <b>Kottekavu</b> (N. Parur) and <b>Kokkamangalam</b> (Cherthala) where St. Thomas established churches in the first century.                                                    |
| <b>Malayattoor</b> where St. Thomas used to frequency for meditation and prayer.                                                                                                |
| <b>Angamaly</b> 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. |
| <b>Aluva</b> 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               |
|     | <b>Total</b>         |                      | <b>221</b> | <b>111</b>      |

Population - 51 lakhs, Catholics - 5 Lakhs