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# Taybutha Times

Sharing God's Grace

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THE SYRO MALANKARA CATHOLIC MAJOR ARCHIEPISCOPAL CHURCH  
ST MARY'S COMMUNITY, DUBAI, UAE



# MESSAGE



My beloved children in Christ,

I rejoice with you as you launch your monthly newsletter, "TAYBUTHA" — a beautiful name that truly captures the heart of our faith: Sharing God's Grace.

In a vibrant city like Dubai, where cultures meet and many seek, you are called to be messengers of this divine grace. Every article you write, every testimony you share, and every page you turn becomes a small lantern lighting the way for others to encounter God's love.

Remember, Taybutha is not just a name — it is a mission. As you write, ask yourselves: "How can I be an instrument of grace today?" Let your newsletter be a space where faith becomes a conversation, doubts find gentle answers, and young hearts inspire one another to walk closer to Christ.

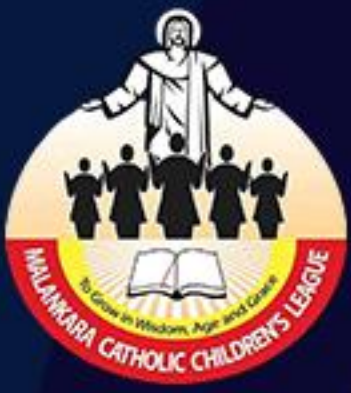
May the Lord bless your creativity, your dedication, and your desire to share His grace with every reader. St. Paul, who himself spread God's grace across nations, intercede for you.

With my prayers and blessings,

John Thundiyath Cor Episcopo  
Director, MCCL  
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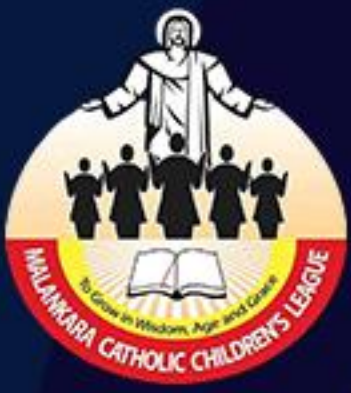
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## ≡ Understanding The Sacraments ≡

- Sacraments are visible and special signs created by Jesus to connect with him deeply.
- Jesus made sacraments in order to give us grace through his love and life while encountering him spiritually.
- It helps us to grow in faith, be kind to others around us and guide us through difficult times.
- Sacraments can be initiated through actions such as praying for others, sharing, helping each other out etc.





# Sacraments Of Initiation

They are the foundational sacraments that welcome us into a relationship with God.

## Baptism

When we're born, we all have something called original sin. It was the one first committed by Adam and Eve. When baptized, we are washed of that sin and of all those committed before receiving it. We're made sons and daughters of God and we officially become a part of the Church.



**Galatians 3:27-**  
**"For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ."**

**John 6:35** "Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever, and whoever, will believes in me never thirst.'"

## Holy Eucharist

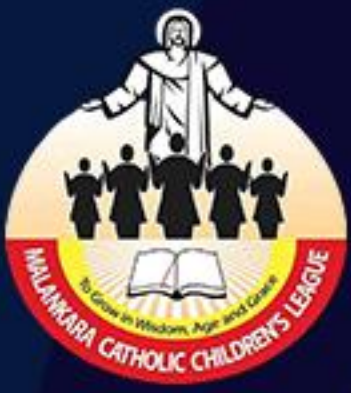
Jesus turns bread and wine into His Body and Blood during the Holy Mass. This way we can eat and receive Him in our soul. Jesus instituted this Sacrament during the Last Supper with the twelve apostles. It forgives venial sins and fortifies us against committing mortal ones in the future. It's Jesus Himself who is within us

## Confirmation

Confirmation is as simple as the Holy Spirit, who is God, increasing our faith so that we have the certainty that He's with us until we arrive in Heaven, for which He also gives us hope. During this Sacrament, the Holy Spirit strengthens our ability to love Him and others more deeply

Living Out The Sacraments

Year of Liturgy



# Sacraments Of Healing

They are the sacraments which bring God's healing to the sick through Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit

## PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

This Sacrament is a great gift from God! God forgives every action and sin of ours that has offended Him when we go to Confession and ask for His mercy and forgiveness

**2 Corinthians 5:18** "All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation."



## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

God loves the sick. When someone is very sick or very old, they need God's help for that moment.

Anointing by a priest helps bring strength and encouragement. Part of this sacrament is forgiving all the sins of the sick person and preparing him or

**James 5:14** "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."



Year of Liturgy



## Sacraments Of Service



Sacraments that intend for us to live a life of service towards others.

### Holy Orders

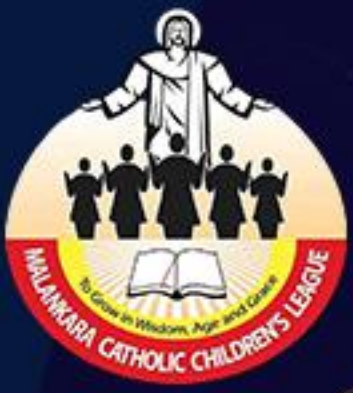
Holy Orders are only received by those called to be priests... Holy Orders give a special effusion of the Holy Spirit as he who receives this sacrament will be a priest forever, his soul permanently marked and called apart by God

**Romans 15:16-**“To be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

### Matrimony

This sacrament is the union between a man and a woman forever. When they marry within the Church, it is God who unites their bodies and souls. Those who get married shall not break their marriage bond.

**“What God has joined together let no one separate” (Mark 10:9).**



## Quiz

Check Your Understanding

1. What are the seven sacraments?

A) Baptism, confirmation, eucharist, reconciliation, anointing of the sick, holy orders and matrimony

B) Baptism, divorce, reconciliation, healing, holy orders, holy communion and confirmation

C) Eucharist, marriage, prayer, reconciliation, anointing of the sick, confirmation and holy orders

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2. When are children allowed to have bread and wine at a Catholic Christian ceremony for the first time?

A) Confirmation

B) Baptism

C) First Holy Communion





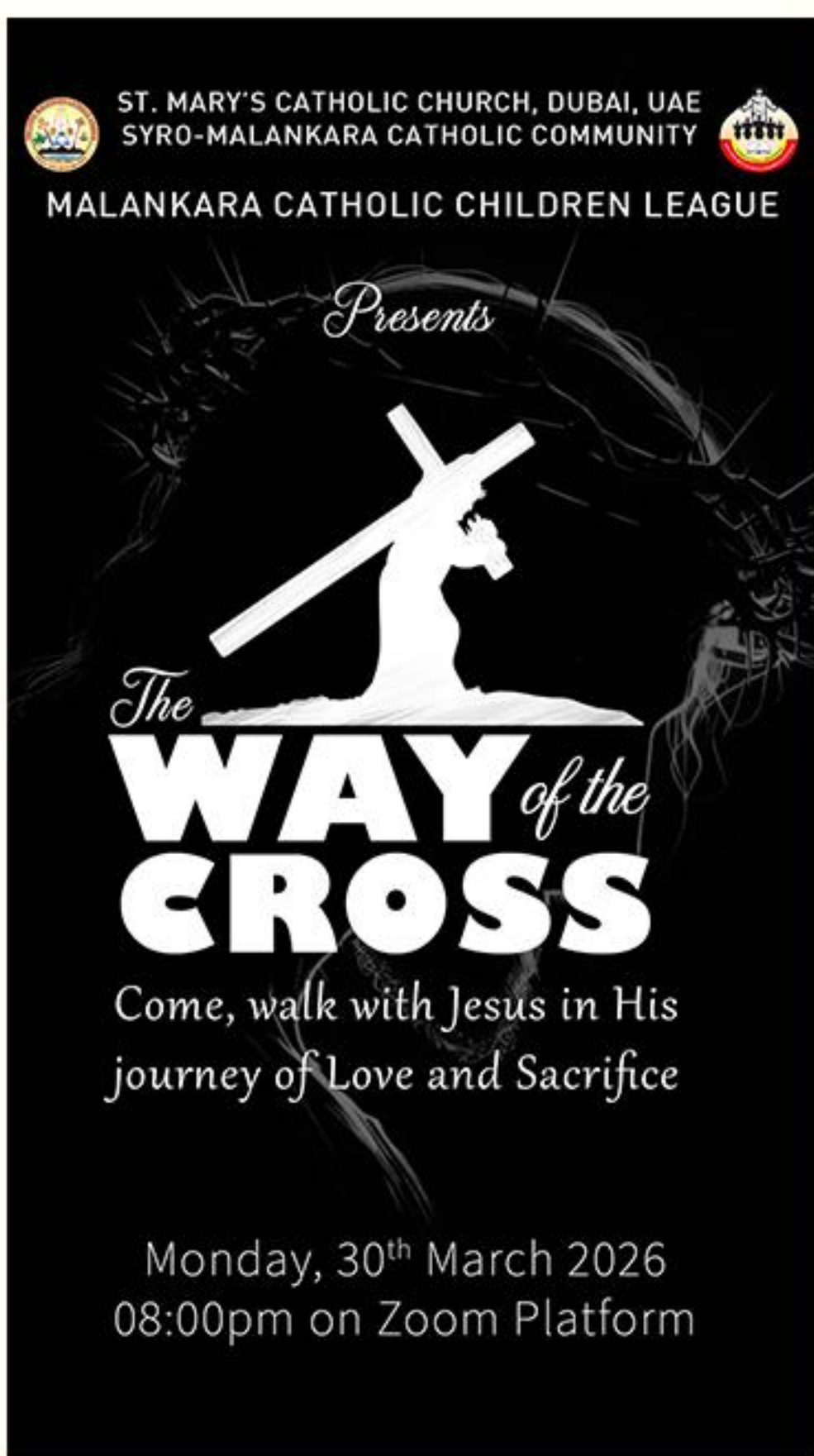
# Palm Sunday



# Maundy Thursday

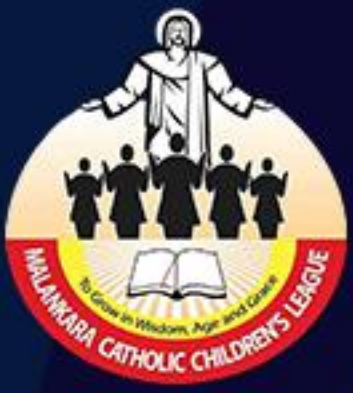


# The Way of the Cross



The Way of the Cross organized by the new MCCL leaders was a deeply moving occasion that brought everyone together in a spirit of faith.

This initiative reflected the dedication and vision of the new leaders in nurturing a more united and faith-filled community.



# Know About Sister Faustina



## Saint Faustina Kowalska

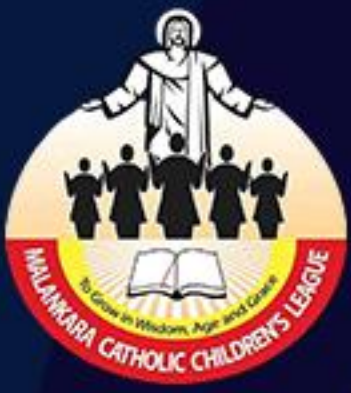
was a Polish nun chosen by Jesus to spread the message of Divine Mercy. In her diary "Divine Mercy in My Soul" she recorded her visions emphasizing trust in God, repentance and acts of mercy toward others.

Canonized by Pope John Paul II in 2000, she inspired the celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday held on the Sunday after Easter. Her simple yet powerful message

**"Jesus I trust in You"**

continues to inspire millions around the world.

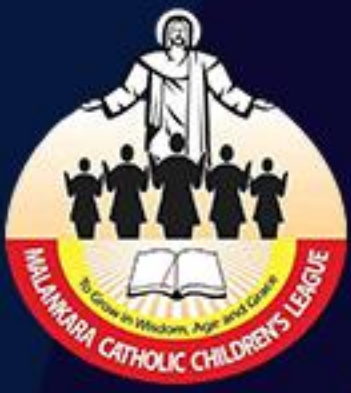
# Divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer



A Divine Mercy Chaplet prayer was conducted on April 12 at 3:00 PM, this was initiated by the new MCCL leaders. It was a truly meaningful opportunity for everyone to come together in unity and faith.

Through prayer, reflection, and shared devotion, the event fostered a spirit of compassion, renewal, and deeper understanding of Divine Mercy.

# Talmide Z'ore - Little Disciples



“Happy are those who find wisdom,  
and those who get understanding.”  
Proverbs 3:13

With hearts full of joy,  
we mark the beginning  
of a beautiful journey...  
Our little disciples take  
their first steps walking  
with Jesus.

Inauguration of  
KG1 Catechism Classes



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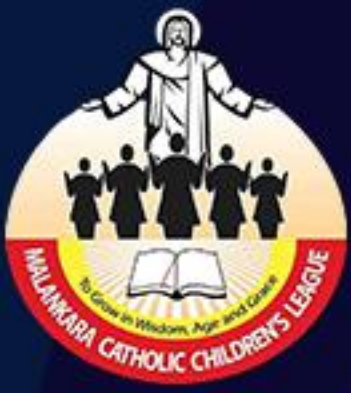
## LITTLE STEPS With Jesus Talmide Z'ore

Opening Ceremony of  
**Beginners Catechism School**

25<sup>th</sup> April 2026

“Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God  
Mark 10:14.

# Hair Donation - Jessica Mariam Jacob

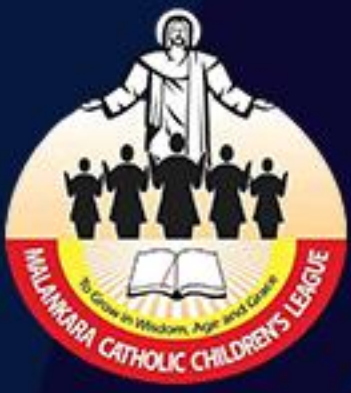


**Jessica Maria Jacob** donated her hair through Protect Your Mom Asia, a meaningful initiative that transforms donated hair into wigs for cancer patients.

By donating her hair Jessica contributed to bringing hope and a smile to someone battling cancer

May God shower her with abundant blessings

*"A generous person will be enriched, and one who gives water will get water." Proverbs 11:25*



# Birthdays - March & April



*"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice."  
Philippians 4:4*



# HAPPY *Birthday*

TO OUR BELOVED ACHAN

Rt. Rev.  
**John Thundiyath**  
Cor Episcopo

*Thank you, Achan,  
for your faithful ministry,  
your loving guidance,  
and your prayerful presence  
in our lives.*

*May God continue to bless you  
with good health, wisdom,  
peace and joy.*

“ The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,  
and give you peace. ”

– Numbers 6:24-26

WITH LOVE, PRAYERS AND GRATITUDE,

**MCCL DUBAI**

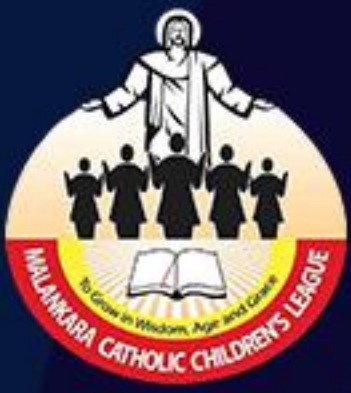
You are a blessing to so many  
and an inspiration to all.

*May God's abundant blessings  
be with you always!*

*May the Lord guide you, strengthen you  
and fill your life with His grace always.*

**Rt. Rev. John Thundiyath Corepiscopo**

Happy Birthday Dear Acha.....



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# Congratulations

*to our dear 10<sup>th</sup> Grade (CBSE) children on this achievement!*

*May the Lord guide you always and bless you with wisdom, strength, and grace.*



Alanna Angel Biju



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Athul Sumod



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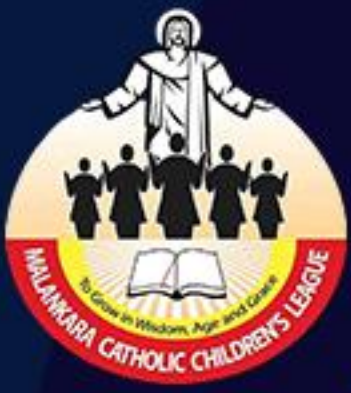
Neha Sajan



*“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and  
He will establish your plans.”*

Proverbs 16:3

Congratulations.....



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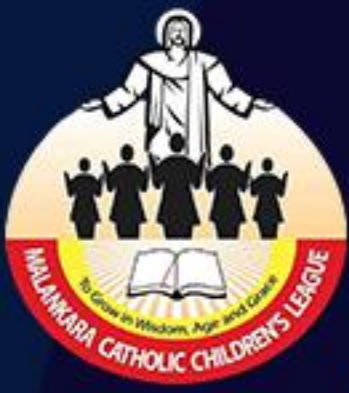
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Meet Our Leaders

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Proverbs 3:13



"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me"  
Philippians 4:13

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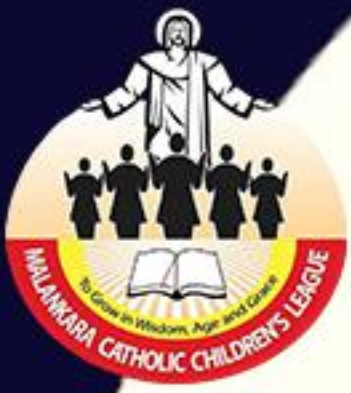
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"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13



# Did you know?

1

Did you know Christmas isn't just one day?

It's actually a whole season of 12 days—from December 25 to the Feast of the Epiphany!

2

Did you know Sundays are never counted in fasting days?

Even during Lent, Sundays are always days of joy—so the 40 days are counted without them!

3

Did you know bells and decorations are reduced during Lent?

This creates a quieter, more reflective atmosphere to help us focus on prayer and change.

4

Did you know the Feast of Pentecost is called the “birthday of the Church”?

That's when the Holy Spirit came to the apostles!

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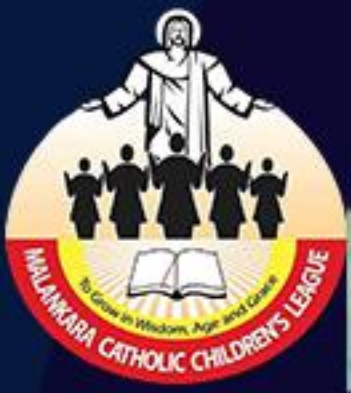
Did you know Good Friday is the only day Mass is not celebrated worldwide?

On this day during Holy Week, the Church remains in deep silence and reflection.

6

Did you know the word “Triduum” means “three days”?

It refers to the most powerful 3 days—from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday—considered one continuous celebration.



# SHARE YOUR CREATIVITY

## We Invite You!

Do you enjoy drawing, writing,  
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Here's your chance to shine! ✨

We warmly invite all students to submit:




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Drawings



 Stories &  
Write-ups



 Short Study  
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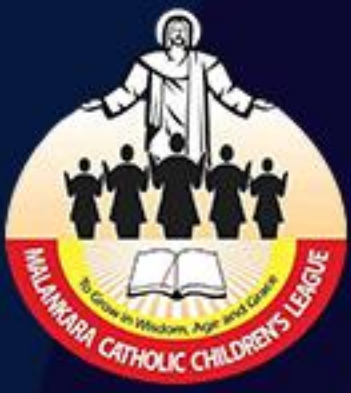


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