



# THE SYRO-MALANKARA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### Loving greetings to the Malankara Catholic Faithful in the United Kingdom!

In God's loving providence and by the generosity of the Catholic Diocese of Brentwood, we are starting today, with official ecclesiastical approval, a Malankara Catholic Community in the United Kingdom. This is an important day for the Malankara Catholic Church worldwide and for the Malankara Catholic Faithful in England. Let us thank the Lord for the miraculous ways in which He guides us and protects us.

In this wonderful country which has a very ancient and rich cultural history, we, as Malankara Catholic Faithful are called to bear witness to an equally ancient and rich cultural and ecclesial patrimony. We are to be sustained in our faith by this patrimony. A beautiful combination of our Syrian ecclesial heritage and our Indian cultural heritage with the great culture of this country would be our specific contribution to humanity. As we receive today a specific ecclesiastical identity in the United Kingdom, let us at the same time be deeply convinced of our specific mission as Malankara Catholics, a mission that was so providentially initiated by Archbishop Mar Ivanios, the Servant of God and sustained by so many of our Bishops, priests, religious and the lay faithful. As an ecclesial community, having a very distinctive heritage and vocation, let us dedicate ourselves fervently to the service of our Church and the society.

I am happy to inform you that in consultation with His Excellency Most Rev. Thomas McMahon, the Bishop of Brentwood, with the Holy Synod of the Malankara Catholic Major Archiepiscopal Church and with His Excellency the Most Rev. Joseph Mar Thomas, Apostolic Visitor to the Malankara Catholic Faithful in North America and Europe, Rev. Fr. Daniel Kulangara from the Major Archdiocese of Trivandrum is appointed your chaplain in the UK. Kindly extend to him your generous support and assistance in the exercise of his ecclesial ministry. I am very happy that His Excellency the Most Rev. Joseph Mar Thomas is personally present in England to officiate this inaugural ceremony. I wish Rev. Fr. Daniel Kulangara and all the Malankara Catholic Faithful in the United Kingdom God's abundant blessings.

Yours lovingly in Our Lord,

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Major Archbishop of the Malankara Catholic Church and of Trivandrum.

