

Canonization of Blessed Alphonsa



**Public Meeting and
Thanksgiving Eucharistic Celebration**

**Sunday, 09 November 2008
Alphonsa Nagar, Bharananganam**

*Festivities begin on 12 October
and end on 09 November*



Dearly Beloved,

As you all know Blessed Alphonsa is to be canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on 12 October 2008 in a solemn ceremony at St Peters Basilica, Rome. This is a joyous and glorious occasion for all of us who are blessed with her caring presence and nearness. It is providential that Sister Alphonsa is declared a Saint within a century after her birth. In order to thank God for this wonderful gift, we have arranged a Solemn Eucharistic Concelebration, following a Public Meeting on 09 November 2008 in the afternoon.

We welcome you all to Bharananganam, where the Canonization of Blessed Alphonsa is being celebrated with a host of edifying programmes.

Mar Joseph Kallarangatt
(Bishop, Diocese of Palai)

Mar Joseph Pallikaparampil
(Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Palai)

Very Rev.Fr. George Choorakatt
(Proto Syncellus, Diocese of Palai & General Convener, Celebration Committee)

Very Rev.Dr. Joseph Kuzhinjalil
(Pastoral Co-Ordinator, Diocese of Palai & General Convener, Celebration Committee)

Very Rev. Fr. Francis Vadakkel
(Vice - Postulator)

Rev. Mother Ceelia FCC
(Superior General)

Very Rev. Fr. Sebastian Mundumoozhikara
(Vicar)



October 12, Sunday - Alphonsa Chapel

5.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. - Holy Qurbana every hour

11.00 a.m. - Finale of the round Tour by Mission League members bearing the statue of Sister Alphonsa.

11.30 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana (in Malankara rite), Message
H.E. Geevargheese Mar Divannasios
(Bishop, Diocese of Bathery)

12.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. -

Live Telecast of the Canonization Ceremony
(on Digital Screen)

4.30 p.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message
Very Rev. Fr. George Choorakatt
(Proto Syncellus, Diocese of Palai)

6.00 p.m. - Procession around the town carrying the Statue of the new Saint, Litany, Message
Rev. Dr. Mani Puthiyidom
(Vicar, Forane Church Athirampuzha)

October 31, Friday - Alphonsa Chapel

8.00 a.m. - Hoisting of the Papal Flag marking the beginning of weeklong celebrations

8.15 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Very Rev. Fr. Sebastian Mundumoozhikara
(Vicar, Forane Church Bharananganam)

11.00 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Rev. Fr. Joseph Illimoottil
(Asst. Vicar, Forane Church Bharananganam)

4.15 p.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana (in Syriac), Message, Intercessory Prayer
Narivelil Rev. Mathai Kathanar
(Vicar, Forane Church Ramapuram)



November 1, Saturday - Alphonsa Chapel

- 8.15 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Very Rev. Dr. Joseph Kuzhinjalil
(Pastoral Co-Ordinator, Diocese of Palai)
- 11.00 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Very Rev. Fr. Joseph Pampara
(Vicar, Forane Church Aruvithura)
- 4.15 p.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Very Rev. Dr. Joseph Maleparampil
(Vicar, Forane Church Kuravilangad)

November 2, Sunday - Alphonsa Chapel

- 8.15 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Very Rev. Fr. Enas Ottathengumkal
(Vicar General, Diocese of Palai)
- 11.00 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Rev. Fr. Joseph Mundackal
(Special Officer for Canonization Celebrations)
- 4.15 p.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Rev. Fr. John Kannanthanam
(H.S.S Bharananganam)

November 3, Monday - Alphonsa Chapel

- 8.15 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
H.E. Mar Joseph Pandarassery
(Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Kottayam)
- 11.00 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Rev. Fr. Mathew Mathilakath
(Vicar, St. Antony's Church Paduva)
- 4.15 p.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Very Rev. Fr. Mathew Cheeramkuzhy C.M.I.
(Prior, St. Vincent Monastery, Palai)



November 4, Tuesday - Alphonsa Chapel

- 8.15 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
H.E. Mar Thomas Chakiath
(Auxiliary Bishop, Archdiocese of Ernakulam-Angamaly)
- 11.00 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Very Rev. Fr. Alexander Kozhikott
(Vicar, St. Thomas Cathedral, Palai)
- 4.15 p.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Very Rev. Fr. George Koodathil
(Vicar, Forane Church Kudamaloor)

November 5, Wednesday - Alphonsa Chapel

- 6.00 a.m. - Holy Qurbana followed by 13 Hour Adoration
(in the Parish Church)
- 8.15 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Rev. Dr. Dominic Vechoor
(Chancellor, Diocese of Palai)
- 11.00 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Rev. Fr. Mathew Arackaparampil
(Asst. Vice - Postulator)
- 3.00 p.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer,
Eucharistic Procession, End of Adoration
(in the Parish Church)
H.E. Mar Joseph Pallikaparampil
(Bishop Emeritus, Diocese of Palai)

November 6, Thursday - Alphonsa Chapel

- 8.15 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Very Rev. Fr. Jose Vallompurayidom
(Procurator, Diocese of Palai)
- 11.00 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Rev. Fr. Scaria Vekathanam
(Vicar, St. Mary's Church Adivaram)
- 4.15 p.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Rev. Fr. Jose Anchanickal
(Principal, H.S.S., Bharananganam)



2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. - **Half Day Seminar for the Laity**

(St.Mary's Parish Hall, Bharananganam)

➤ **St Alphonsa: A Life Sanctified through the Word of God**

Rev. Fr. Alex Tharamangalam (Professor, Vadavathoor Seminary)

➤ **St Alphonsa as a model to the Secular World**

Dr. Cyriac Thomas (Former Vice Chancellor, M.G. University)

➤ **Family as the Source of Vocations to Religious Life**

Rev. Fr. Mathew Chandrankunnel

(Vicar, St.Mary's Church Lalam, Palai)

6.00 p.m. - Musical : **'Passionflower'**

(St.Mary's Parish Hall, Bharananganam)

Staged by : Sacred Heart Girls High School & A.R.S. Bharananganam

November 7, Friday - Alphonsa Chapel

8.15 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Very Rev. Fr. Philip Njaralakatt

(Vicar General, Diocese of Palai)

11.00 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Rev. Fr. George Puthupampil

(Amal Jyothi College of Engineering, Kanjirapally)

4.15 p.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Rev. Fr. Jose Vettikatt O.F.M. Cap.

(Superior, Assissi Ashram, Bharananganam)

9.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. - **One Day Seminar for the Religious**

(St.Mary's Parish Hall, Bharananganam)

➤ **The Life of St Alphonsa as a Model for the Religious**

Very Rev. Fr. Mathew Kakkattupilly

(Rector, Vincentian Seminary, Chethimattam)



➤ **The Spiritual Message of St Alphonsa to the Universal Church**

Rev. Dr. Sophy Rose C.M.C.

(Asst. Provincial, Changanacherry)

➤ **The Religious and their role in the Sanctification of the Families**

Rev. Fr. Mathew Chandrankunnel

(Vicar, St.Mary's Church Lalam, Palai)

➤ **St Alphonsa: A Passionflower that Bloomed in the Franciscan Clarist Congregation**

Rev. Fr. Boby Jose Kattikad O.F.M. Cap.

(Director, Sandio Capuchin Retreat House, Chavara)

6.00 p.m. - Drama : **'Alphonsamma'**
(St.Mary's Parish Hall, Bharananganam)
Staged by : Palai Communications

November 8, Saturday - Alphonsa Chapel

8.15 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Very Rev. Dr. James Athikalam MST
(Director General)

11.00 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message, Intercessory Prayer
Rev. Fr. Mathew Kuttiyanickal
(H.S.S. Cherpunkal)

2.00 p.m. - *Vestition and First Profession of 101 Franciscan Clarist Novices*
(Alphonsa Nagar)

6.00 p.m. - **Solemn Ramsa** (in the Parish Church)
Rev. Fr. George Plathottam
(Director, Mar Aprem Priests' Home, Palai)

6.45 p.m. - Candle procession, Litany, Message
Rev. Fr. George Karintholil MCBS
(Superior, Karimani Ashram)

November 9, Sunday - Alphonsa Chapel

8.15 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message
Very Rev. Fr. Francis Vadakkal (Vice-Postulator)

11.00 a.m. - Solemn Holy Qurbana, Message
Very Rev. Fr. Thomas Olickal
(Vicar, Forane Church Thudanganad)

Public Meeting

- 2.00 p.m. Reception to the Special Invitees
2.30 p.m. Dignitaries to the Dais
2.32 p.m. Prayer
2.34 p.m. Welcome - **His Beatitude Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil**
(President CBCI & Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church)
2.42 p.m. **Presidential Address -**
His Eminence Leonardo Cardinal Sandri
(Prefect, Congregation for the Oriental Churches, Rome)
2.52 p.m. **Message - His Grace Pedro Lopez Quintana**
(Papal Nuntio to India)
2.59 p.m. **Felicitations -**
His Eminence Telesphore Cardinal Toppo (Archbishop of Ranchi)
His Eminence Oswald Cardinal Gracias (Archbishop of Mumbai)
His Grace Most Rev. Dr. Daniel Acharuparampil
(President KCBC & Archbishop of Verapoly)
His Grace Mar Joseph Perumthottam
(Archbishop of Changanacherry)
His Grace Mar Joseph Powathil
(Archbishop Emeritus of Changanacherry)
His Excellency Mar Joseph Pallikaparampil
(Bishop Emeritus of Palai)
Rev. Sr. Ceelia FCC (Superior General, Franciscan Clarist Congregation)
Very Rev. Fr. Francis Vadakkal
(Vice Postulator, Cause for the Canonization of Bl.Alphonsa)
Very Rev. Fr. Sebastian Mundumoozhikara
(Vicar, St.Mary's Forane Church,Bharananganam)
Dr. A T Devasia (Chairman, Pastoral Council, Eparchy of Palai)
3.29 p.m. **Inaugural Address -**
His Excellency Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
(Former President of India)
3.49 p.m. Vote of Thanks- **His Excellency Mar Joseph Kallarangatt**
(Bishop of Palai)
3.54 p.m. Papal Anthem & National Anthem
4.15 p.m. **Solemn Holy Qurbana**
Main Celebrant : His Beatitude Varkey Cardinal Vithayathil
Message : His Beatitude Moran Mor Baselios Cleemis Catholicos
(Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malankara Church)

N. B 1) The usual Holy Qurbanas in the Parish Church will remain the same as before.
(Mon-Fri:6.00 a.m,7.30 a.m,Sat: 6.45 a.m,8.00a.m,Sun:5.30a.m,6.45a.m, 9.45 a.m)

2) Lodging is available for pilgrims who come to participate in the celebrations.

Parking facility will also be provided.

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