



Circular No. 13/2018

22 September 2018

Conclusion of the 'Year of Children'

Dear Reverend Fathers, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Following on from the circular I sent on the 4th August 2018, regarding the programme 'Conclusion of the 'Year of Children' which will be conducted on 1st December 2018, I am happy to update you with more details.

Firstly, as you have already been informed the venue for this great event is Bethel convention centre, Kelwin way, Birmingham, B70 7JW. It is an All-day event designed to cater to the needs and interests of our children.

Attractions of the Day

- The chief guest of the day is the Major Archbishop of the Syro Malabar Church, His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry, who will inaugurate the event and celebrate the Holy Qurbana. His Beatitude will grace us with his presence all day.
- Two outstanding and renowned speakers of the day, David Wells and Ola Stayne, will give an inspirational presentation in English for the children.
- Distinguished prize-winning performers of the Eparchial Bible Kalotsavam will showcase their talents.
- Eparchial children's choir will assist the Holy Qurbana.
- Inauguration of the 'Year of Youth' will take place on the same stage.

1. Registration

All the children from Year 7 onwards (age 12 and above) from all Parishes/ Missions/ Mass centres are expected to attend the event. The children should be led under the full responsibility of their Priest-in-charge, the Sunday School Head teacher and teachers. Registration should be made in advance by the 11th November 2018 through their Head teachers. This must include:

- The Names of the children
- A consent form signed by the parent/ guardian
- The number of children attending from each class
- The total number of students attending from the Sunday School.

The Eparchial Organizing Committee will send you a Registration Form and Parent Consent Form in due course. Please note that there will be NO REGISTRATION FEE.

2. Food

It is the responsibility of each community to arrange food for teachers and children. There will be a full-fledged English cafeteria run by the authorities of Bethel convention centre which you are more than welcome to use. Please bear in mind that the Eparchial Organizing Committee will not be serving any food.

3. Safety & Security of the Children

The safety & security of the children is totally the responsibility of the Priest- in charge and Headteacher of each Sunday school. Please make sure you have enough teachers accompanying the children to take care of them until they return home. The Organizing Committee suggests to have a teacher per 10 students to give enough protection to our children.

4. 'Day off' for Sunday School

Sunday School could be closed including classes from Year 1 to Year 6 for that day. This is in order to facilitate enough teachers to accompany the participants and ensure they are well looked after.

5. The Children's Choir of the Eparchy

We are looking forward to develop a children's Choir of the Eparchy to perform for the event on the 1st December 2018 and for future events of the Eparchy. We are planning to have a Choir of a hundred and one children. They will be trained under the leadership of Fr Sebastian Chamakala, Chairman of the Commission for Church Choir, at a suitable venue with prior notice. Please send the names of your Sunday School children who have singing or the instrumental talents to the following WhatsApp number of Fr. Sebastian Chamakala +44 7429 307307 by the 15th October 2018.

6. Schedule of 1st December 2018

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| 10:00 am | Praise and Worship |
| 10:30 am | Inauguration |
| 11:00 am | Testimony: Ola Stayne |
| 11:30 am | Holy Qurbana
Main Celebrant: His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry
(Major Archbishop of the Syro-Malabar Church) |
| 1:00 pm | Lunch Break |
| 2:00 pm | Praise and Worship |
| 2:30 pm | Key Note address: David Wells
(Internationally Acclaimed Preacher and Catechist) |
| 3:15 pm | Syro-Malabar Church at a glance (<i>Presentation</i>) |
| 4:00 pm | Testimonies and feedback from the Children |
| 4:30 pm | Conclusion of the 'Year of Children' and inauguration of the 'Year of Youth' by His Beatitude Mar George Cardinal Alencherry |
| 5:00 pm | Final Blessing and Departure |

I also inform you that the children attending this event will be given Grace marks in their forth coming Sunday School Annual Examinations and will be awarded a certificate signed by the Major Archbishop of the Syro Malabar Church and the Bishop of the Syro Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain.

For any further clarification and query please contact Very Rev Fr. Sajimon Malayilputhenpurayil, the Chairman of the Eparchial Organizing Committee (Mob: 07913653154, email: frsajim@yahoo.co.uk).

Yours in our Lord and our God,

+ Joseph Srampickal

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NB: Please ensure to announce the content of this circular in all the Parishes/ Missions/ Qurbana Centres of our Eparchy during the Celebration of the Holy Qurbana before the 22nd October 2018.

