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Inauguration of the *Kudumbakoottayma* Year on 29th November 2020

We enter the fourth phase of our five year pastoral plan 'Living Stones', as we inaugurate the *Kudumbakoottayma* Year on 29th November 2020. This year we aim at the renewal and strengthening of the Family Units in our Parishes/Missions/Proposed Missions so that the ecclesial communion and Christian life may be fostered and spread among our faithful across Great Britain. Let our family units and the gatherings be occasions to experience the fervent faith of the early Christian community.

I am happy to announce that the *Kudumbakoottayma* year will be formally inaugurated at 06.00 pm on Sunday, 29th November 2020 in online ceremony, hosted by Mar Sleeva Mission, Canterbury and it will be streamed in our CSMEGB youtube channel, Syro-Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain facebook page and other media. On this auspicious occasion, I invite all the priests, religious and faithful to join me, lighting the candle in your parishes/missions/proposed missions as well as in the houses. If the circumstances do not permit you to join me to light the candle during the ceremony, kindly do it at a convenient time. The special prayer for the *Kudumbakoottayma* year will be available to you so that it shall be recited after the celebration of each Holy Qurbana, in each *Kudumbakoottayma* prayer gathering and everyday during the family prayer from 29th November 2020 to 27th November 2021.

It is my ardent desire and prayer to visit all the family units of our Eparchy in the *Kudumbakoottayma* year. As the Coronavirus pandemic does not permit us to have physical gatherings, I request all the priests and *Kudumbakoottayma* leaders to organize online *Kudumbakoottayma* monthly prayer gatherings and I will be participating the *Kudumbakoottayma* prayer gatherings as scheduled by the Commission for

Kudumbakoottayam under the leadership of Very Rev Mgr George Chelackal, *Syncellus* in charge of the *Kudumbakoottayma* Year, Rev Fr Hans Puthiakulangara MST, the Chairman, Mr Shaji Thomas, the Co-ordinator and Reny Siju, the Secretary.

Let us pray that the celebration of the *Kudumbakoottayma* year be an occasion to foster our family ties, ecclesial communion and Christian life through the intercession of Virgin Mary, the Mother of God and of the Church, St. Joseph the Patron of the Catholic Church, St. Thomas the Apostle, the father of our faith, St. Alphonsa of the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of our Eparchy, St. Mariam Thresia, Blessed Kunjachan and all the Saints

With the assurance of my prayers and good wishes,

Yours in Lord and our God,
+ *Joseph Srampickal*

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NB: This circular must be reached to all the faithful of our Eparchy on or before 28th November 2020.

