



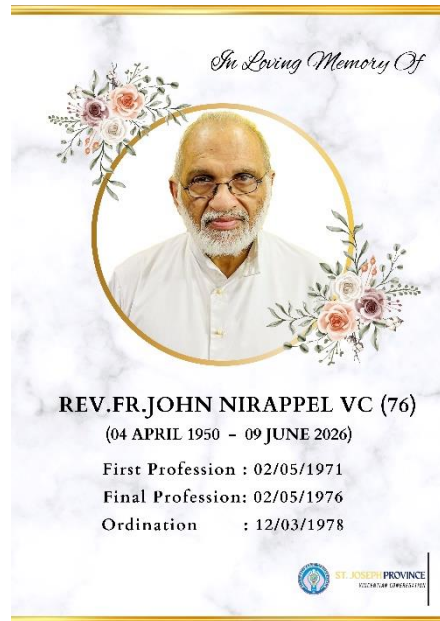
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Fr. Sebastian Thundathikunnel VC
Provincial Superior

09 June 2026



R.I.P.
Rev. Fr. John Nirappel VC

Your Excellency,

Prayerful greetings from Vincentian Provincial House, Kottayam!

With deep sorrow and heartfelt grief, I write to inform you of the passing of **Rev. Fr. John Nirappel VC (76)**, who was called to eternal rest on 09th June 2026 at 06.46 AM.

The funeral details are as follows:
Wednesday, 10 June 2026
02:00 PM – Requiem Mass and Funeral Service
@ Parithrana Retreat Centre, Adichira

The mortal remains will be brought to the Parithrana Retreat Centre, Adichira, at 9:30AM on the same day for public homage.

Rev. Fr. John Nirappel VC was born on 4 April 1950 at Parapuzha in the Diocese of Kothamangalam, as the beloved son of late Aype Ouseph and late Thresia. He began his priestly formation in the Vincentian Congregation and made his First Profession on 02 May 1971 at Balesugiri and his Final Profession on 02 May 1976 at Alwaye. He was ordained a priest on 12 March 1978 at Alwaye by Bishop Mar Sebastian Mankuzhikary.

Fr. John pursued his academic and spiritual formation with great dedication. He obtained a B.A. in History and a B.Ed., and later completed higher studies in Spirituality and Theology at Linz, Austria. He also earned a Diploma in Personal Counselling from St. Xavier's College, Mumbai, and a Diploma in Self-Renewal and Church Renewal from NBCLC, Bangalore.

Throughout his priestly life, Fr. John served the Church and the Congregation in various capacities with dedication and commitment. His principal assignments were:

- Vice-Rector and Teacher, Minor Seminary, Angamaly (1978–1979)
- Vocation Promoter and Spiritual Father, Trikkakkara Minor Seminary (1979–1983)
- Pastoral Ministry, St. George's Syro-Malabar Church, Edappally (1983–1985)
- Vocation Promoter and Spiritual Father, Trikkakkara Minor Seminary (1985–1987)
- Educational Ministry, De Paul High School, Nazareth Hill (1987–1988)
- Vocation Promoter and Spiritual Father, Thodupuzha Minor Seminary (1989–1992)
- Vocation Promoter and Spiritual Father, Pala Minor Seminary (1992–1993)
- Chaplain to the Asian, African, and Indian Catholic Communities, Archdiocese of Vienna, Austria (1993–1998)
- Pastoral Ministry, Parish of Steyregg, Diocese of Linz, Austria (1998–2000)
- Pastoral Ministry, Diocese of Regensburg, Germany (2000–2021)
- Confessor, Vincentian Novitiate House, Padamugham (2021–2023)
- Member, Vincentian House, Adichira (2023–2026)

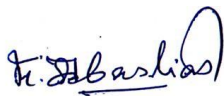
A significant part of Fr. John's priestly ministry was spent in Europe, where he rendered devoted pastoral service to migrant communities and local faithful alike. His years of ministry in Austria and Germany were marked by pastoral zeal, simplicity, and faithful dedication to the people entrusted to his care.

After returning to India, he continued to serve the Congregation through his ministry as confessor and spiritual guide to the novices. In his final years, despite suffering from Parkinson's disease and other health complications, he bore his illness with patience, serenity, and deep faith.

Fr. John will be remembered for his extraordinary simplicity and contentment. He never sought comforts, privileges, or material possessions for himself and was always satisfied with the little he had. He lived a humble and unassuming life, placing his trust entirely in God's providence. Whatever remained beyond his personal needs was generously and faithfully entrusted to the Congregation. His life was a beautiful testimony to simplicity, detachment, and wholehearted dedication to the mission of the Church and the Vincentian Congregation.

Let us thank God for his long years of priestly service and commend his soul to the loving mercy of the Lord.

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,



Fr. Sebastian Thundathikunnel VC
Provincial Superior