



WHEN WOULD THIS HAPPEN?

This is not something that would happen soon. We want to take a period of reflection, consultation and decision making as a parish to decide if we were to go ahead with this. We have longstanding tenants in the presbytery and would want to make sure that they were happy with the idea and had somewhere else to move to, if we were going to have a priest in the presbytery again.



We want to hear
your thoughts
about the proposal

Please join one of
our discussions or
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A SHARED FUTURE FOR ST TERESA'S?

A consultation on sharing our Church
with the Syro-Malabar community





ST TERESA'S AND THE SYRO-MALABAR RITE

Some parishioners have asked us to consider whether St Teresa's could be the future location for the Syro-Malabar Parish in Taunton and we are now beginning a consultation on this.

THE SYRO-MALABAR RITE

The Syro-Malabar Rite is one of the oldest in the Catholic Church, dating back to St Thomas the Apostle and his bringing of Christianity to India. Here in Taunton there are nearly two hundred families belonging to the Syro-Malabar Rite. They were recently declared a mission and are now looking to become a parish, by having their own church and presbytery.



WHAT WOULD IT MEAN?

A Syro-Malabar Rite Priest would move into the Presbytery at St Teresa's and the Church would be used for Syro-Malabar Rite celebrations. For the existing parishioners at St Teresa's, there would continue to be a Latin-rite Mass at St Teresa's at 11am on Sundays and 10am on Fridays. The idea is that it would enrich the existing parish community without taking anything away from it. The most visible change would be the introduction of extra statues and Syro-Malabar Rite liturgical items on the sanctuary.

