

## **Statement regarding misinformation about St. Elizabeth's Church and Primary School**

We are aware of misinformation currently circulating on social media concerning St. Elizabeth's Church and St. Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School in Litherland.

We would like to clarify the following:

- **St. Elizabeth's Church is being used by the Knanaya Catholic community**, which is part of the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church, and is in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. Members of the community have been working hard to clean up the church grounds, which had become overgrown with weeds. During this work, they discovered the grotto and statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The statue was broken beyond repair and was missing its head. In response, the Knanaya community has taken the initiative to restore the area by preparing the grounds for a new grotto, which will feature a replacement statue.
- **St Elizabeth's Primary School continues to flourish** and serve the local community.

Regrettably, this misinformation has led to acts of vandalism at the church. The archdiocese strongly condemns such behaviour. Vandalism is a criminal offence, and anyone found engaging in such acts will be reported to the police.

We urge everyone to verify information through official channels and to respect the integrity of our religious and educational institutions.

The Knanaya Catholic community continues to enrich our archdiocese. We are incredibly proud that our parish hosts the first Knanaya base in the country.

Thank you for your understanding and support.