

# FEAST OF OUR LADY OF SNOW

## MANJUMATHA BASILICA, PALLIPURAM



### LOCATION

**Panchayat/  
Municipality/  
Corporation**

Vypin Block Panchayat

**District**

Ernakulam

**Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction**

Pallipuram Fort – 290 m

**Nearest Bus  
Station**

Government Hospital Junction Bus Stop – 400 m

**Nearest Railway  
Station**

Aluva Railway Station – 24.1 Km

**Nearest Airport**

Cochin International Airport – 27.5 Km



### ACCESSIBILITY



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**TIME**

**DATES**

July - August

**FREQUENCY**

Annual

**DURATION**

8 Days

**ABOUT THE FESTIVAL**

(Legend/History/Myth)

In 52 AD, St. Thomas, the apostle landed in India at Maliankara near the port of Muziris which was one of the oldest and busiest port on the West Coast of India. The Portuguese built a church for the believers of the surrounding area and dedicated it to Our Lady. Christians in the area gathered together for worship at this church. During the Mysorean invasion of Kerala in the 18th century, Tipu Sultan (the ruler of Mysore was camped near River Chalakkudy in order to attack parts of Travancore. He destroyed most of the Christian and Hindu places of worship. The local people gathered together in the Church and prayed to Our Lady for their help. At that time, there was a mist (snow) spread around the church and Tipu and his military could not see the church and the surrounding areas. They thought it was part of the Arabian Sea. And there was also a huge flood in River Periyar and Tipu lost a large part of his military and hence was forced to return to Mysore. It was this miracle that turned Our Lady's name to Manjumatha (Our Lady of Snow). The feast is conducted annually in remembrance of the event.



**RELEVANCE-**  
(Local / National / International)

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED**

Around 5,000



## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Flag Hoisting  
Divyabali  
Special Prayers  
Spiritual discourses  
Novena  
Vanchi Nercha  
Procession

## DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The festival starts with flag hoisting ceremony marking the beginning of the festival. The church is beautifully decorated with colourful lights and illuminated during the festival. Religious discourses and special prayers are conducted during the festival days. A grand procession is organized on the final day of the festival and is accompanied by decorated floats and percussion music.

