



ANNUAL FESTIVAL

OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION FORANE CHURCH, VLATHANKARA



LOCATION

**Panchayat/
Municipality/
Corporation**

Chenkal Panchayat

District

Thiruvananthapuram



ACCESSIBILITY

**Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction**

Vlathankara Post Office – 5m

Nearest Bus Station

Vlathankara Bus Stop – 500 m

**Nearest Railway
Station**

Neyyattinkara Railway Station – 7.2 km

Nearest Airport

Trivandrum International Airport –35.9km



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TIME

DATES

August 6th to 15

FREQUENCY

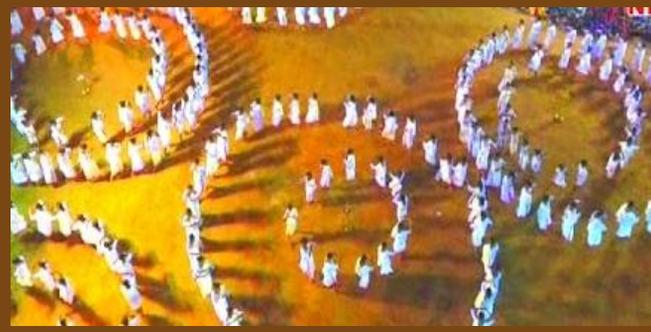
Annual

DURATION

10 Days

ABOUT THE FESTIVAL
(Legend/History/Myth)

Our Lady of Assumption Forane Church is a Latin Christian church at Vlathankara, near Neyattinkara, traces its history to the 18th century. Till 1940, the prayers were recited in Tamil and the Holy Mass in Latin. The Assumption of Mary into Heaven, often shortened to the Assumption and also known as the Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Jesus Christ and the Falling Asleep of the Blessed, according to the beliefs, is the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. This feast celebrates the assumption of Mary into heaven.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

Local



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

About 10,000



EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Special Prayers
Flag hoisting
Dhanam
Qurbana
Novena
Margam Kali

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

The flag hoisting ceremony marks the beginning of the feast. Special prayers, bible convention, religious discourses, *Dhyanam* and holy mass are held. '*Margam Kali*,' which has close ties to the early Christian traditions of Kerala, is performed during this time. Big attraction of this year's festivities is an exhibition of about 30,000 rosaries from 64 countries.

