



# THUMPOLY PALLI PERUNNAL

## ST. THOMAS CHURCH, THUMPOLY



### LOCATION

**Panchayat/  
Municipality/  
Corporation**

Alappuzha Panchayat

**District**

Alappuzha

**Nearest Town/  
Landmark/ Junction**

Vikasanam junction – 400 m

**Nearest Bus station**

Thumpoly Bus Stop – 60 m

**Nearest Railway  
station**

Thumpoly Railway Station - 1.7 Km

**Nearest Airport**

Cochin International Airport – 81 Km



### ACCESSIBILITY



### CONTACT

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Thumpoly Post  
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**TIME**

**DATES**

November/ December

**FREQUENCY**

Annual

**DURATION**

11 Days

**ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)**

It is believed that the name 'Thumpoly' came from 'Thoma Pally' which means Church of St. Thomas. During the period of Portuguese, the place was also called 'Thompolis' which means 'The town of St. Thomas'. The parish of Thumpoly is renowned for its beautifully constructed church, called after St. Thomas. The landmark of the place is a 500 year old church called St. Thomas Church, and also dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary which was built by Portuguese.



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

Local



**NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED**

Approximately 1,00,000

## EVENTS/PROGRAMS

Flag Hoisting  
Samoohabali  
Dhyanam  
Special Prayers  
Seminars  
Novena  
Divyabali  
Spiritual discourses  
Procession

## DESCRIPTION (How festival is celebrated)

The feast in honor of our lady at the Thumpoly church lasts for 11 days held every year during the November/December which attracts thousands of devotees irrespective of their faith and religion. And comes to a festive close on December 8 (*Thirunal dinam*). The statue of 'Our Lady' of Immaculate Conception in the church is lovingly called 'Kappal Karathi Amma' or the mother who came by ship.

The festivities here begin with the hoisting of the festival flag-mast, ten days prior to the festival. Church is beautifully decorated with colorful lights and illuminations that time. Religious discourses and special prayers were takes place during the festive days. The dazzling display of fireworks in connection with the festival is a colorful visual treat. The procession is a spiritual ablu for the devotees. Band set including school bands, flags, gold-brass-silver wooden crosses, allavattom, venchamaram, Thazahakkuda, theevetti and beaded ornate umbrellas etc make the procession very gorgeous and regal.

