



KORATTY MUTHY THIRUNAL

KORATTY MUTHY CHURCH



LOCATION

Panchayath/
Municipality/
Corporation

Koratty Panchayat

District

Thrissur



ACCESSIBILITY

Nearest Town/
Landmark/ Junction

Koratty – 550 m

Nearest Bus station

Koratty Junction Bus Stop – 450 m

Nearest Railway
station

Irinjalakuda Railway Station – 13.8 km

Nearest Airport

Cochin International Airport – 17 km



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TIME

DATES

October

FREQUENCY

Annually

DURATION

19 days



ABOUT THE FESTIVAL (Legend/History/Myth)

The church has many popular beliefs woven around it. Six centuries back Kerala was divided into numerous provinces ruled by kings and landlords. Two of such neighbouring landlords were Koratty Kaimal and Kodassery Kartha. The descendents of these two feudal lords live in Koratty even now, and this adds on to the authenticity of this belief about the origin of the Koratty Church. Under the feudal lord, Koratty Kaimal, many Christians served in the army. In a battle between Kaimal and Kartha many were killed. Sri Kavalakkadan Kochu Vareed, the commander of the Kaimal army was one among the dead. At the time the Catholics had only one church in that area - at Ambazhakkad. Kaimal made all arrangements for the funeral of Sri. Kochu Vareed to be held in full military honours and religious rituals at the Ambazhakkad church. But his rival, Kodassery Kartha interfered and the burial could not take place there. The funeral procession had to return. In between, the pall-bearers had to rest and they placed the coffin down. When they tried to lift the coffin again they found to their astonishment, that it was firmly stuck to the ground and they could not lift. Knowing this, Koratty Kaimal made all arrangements for the burial there itself and gave instruction to build a church for the welfare of his Christian subjects. Today at that spot stands a granite stone cross. Kaimal gave away lots of land, free from tax, to sustain the rituals in the church. This church gradually was known as the Marian Pilgrim Centre of Koratty Muthy.



RELEVANCE-
(Local / National / International)

National



NO. OF PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

10 to 15 lakhs of people

EVENTS/PROGRAMS

DESCRIPTION *(How festival is celebrated)*

Thulabharam

Bhajana

Dedication of children

Every year Annual Feast is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday following 10th of October, and Octave on next Saturday and Sunday. From 1st October onwards the faithful gather in the church and chapels and pray the Holy Rosary most devoutly for the success of the feast and to get blessings of *Koratty Muthy*. In between the feast and the Octave a candle procession is taken out around the church praying Rosary. The feast of *Koratty Muthy* is a Local Festival for all the people irrespective of caste and creed. The procession with band, drum beats and adorned umbrella attract people during the festival. It is a moving scene when the devotees crawl on their knees, pay respect to Holy Mother, *Koratty Muthy*. Every day during the feast days there is the blessings of vehicles. And everyday Novena is conducted for special intentions.

