



CHURCH

Holy Cross Church (Coonan Kurisu Palli), Mattancherry

An old stone cross hung with rosaries and pilgrims' candles.

ADDRESS Bazaar Road, Mattancherry

ABOUT

Holy Cross Church, also called Coonan Kurisu Palli, stands on Bazaar Road in Mattancherry, beside Our Lady of Life Church. Its centre is an old cross that has stood here since 1550, when Portuguese missionaries built a chapel to the Holy Cross. Locals call the cross Kuriyachan, which means Father Cross. Friday is the pilgrimage day here, when pilgrims come to the cross. Each first Friday of the month, a veneration of the Holy Cross takes place at 7:30 pm.

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