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5th SUNDAY OF DENHA



SUNDAY READINGS

09/02/25 - 6th Sunday of Denha
Deut 24: 14 - 22, Is 63: 7 - 16, Heb 8: 1 - 6, Jn 3: 22 – 31
16/02/25 - 7th Sunday of Denha
Deut 14: 22 - 15:4, Is 42: 5 - 9, 1 Tim 6: 17 - 21, Mt 8: 5 - 13
23/02/25 - 8th Sunday of Denha
Ex 15: 22 - 26, Is 44: 23 - 28, Eph 1: 15 - 23, Mk 1: 7 - 11
02/03/25 - 1st Sunday of Great Fast
Ex 34: 27-35, Is 58: 1-10, Eph 4: 17-24, Mt 4: 1-11

READINGS AND CHURCH CLEANING

09/02/25 - St. Padre Pio Unit
16/02/25 - Sacred Heart Unit
23/02/25 - Holy Rosary Unit
02/03/25 - St. Joseph Unit

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

04/02/25 - TUE: Ave Maria Unit at 6 PM
04/02/25 - TUE: Holy Family Unit at 7 PM
04/02/25 - TUE: Mother Theresa Unit at 7:30 PM
06/02/25 - THU: St. Joseph Unit at 7 PM
08/02/25 - SAT: Infant Jesus Unit at 5:30 PM
08/02/25 - SAT: St. Thomas Unit at 7 PM

SEASON OF DENHA

The Syriac word denaha has several meanings like dawn, manifestation, epiphany and revelation. ***In the season of epiphany we commemorate, the manifestation that began during the Baptism of Jesus at river Jordan.*** Jesus reveals Himself to the world, and the Father and the Holy Spirit give witness to it. "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Mt. 3:17). The Mystery of Holy Trinity is revealed at the baptism of Jesus Christ. The Lord's Epiphany that is celebrated on 6th January, is called "feast of pindikuthi" in the northern region of Kerala and "feast of rakkuli" in the southern region. The expression, "the feast of pindikuthi" is derived from the practice of lighting wicks around the stem of plantain tree, by making procession around it shouting el payya (God is Light), to honour and praise Christ who is 'the Light of the world'. The other name, 'rakkuli' is derived from the practice of taking bath (ritual bath) in the nearby river or pond, on the eve of this feast, by our ancestors as reminder of the Baptism of Jesus Christ at river Jordan. It was completely a religious rite. All the readings of this season of Epiphany that commemorate the public life of Christ, lead us to the personality of Christ. The election of the apostles, as an important event of the public life, is also a subject matter of meditation of the season of Epiphany. During this season the Church teaches us that Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin, has come to find the sinners and, the salvation and the forgiveness of sin are through Christ, the Son of God. Through the readings of this season, we receive the knowledge and experience that Jesus is the Fulfilment of the law, the Bread of life and the Merciful and Good shepherd who send the apostles to the sheep who have no shepherds. ***On the Fridays of this season, the Church commemorates the saints who have witnessed Jesus Christ and His redemptive Mysteries through their lives.*** On the first Friday of this season, the Church commemorates St. John the Baptist, who experienced the glory of Jesus, even when he was in the maternal womb and who received the testimony of the glory of revelation from heaven at the Baptism of Jesus. On the following Fridays, the Church remembers the saints who bore great witness to the life of Jesus Christ: Saint Peter and Saint Paul, the Evangelists, Saint Stephan, the Greek and the Syriac Fathers of the Church, the Patron saint of the parish. ***The last Friday of the season of Epiphany is the Day of remembrance of All the Departed Souls who are in the hope of Resurrection.*** Since there should be seven weeks for the season of Great Fast before the Feast of Easter, the number of the weeks in the season of Epiphany may be differed. Another particularity of this season is the observance of the **Three Days Fast**, the Rogation of Ninivites; the Three Days Fast start eighteen days before the beginning of Great Fast which is filled with the grace of repentance. Together with the commemoration of Baptism of Jesus, this season reminds each Christian to think deeply about his or her reception of Baptism that made him/her the 'son/daughter of God' and the responsibilities taken up through it. Thus, ***the season of Epiphany is the time to make attempt to love Jesus passionately by knowing Him, by living in Him and by bearing witness to Him.***

MISSION MEMBER REGISTRATION

New Families or Persons who wish to Register in this mission, please approach **Fr.Fanzwa** and introduce yourself.

St. Benedict Mission Member Registration Form:

Are you a UK taxpayer? UK taxpayers can sign up to Gift Aid and we can collect 25% more from your offerings! Please see Fr. Fanzwa for details.

Gift Aid Declaration Form, Standing Order Form:

MASS SCHEDULE

MON- 03/02/25	10:00 am	Latin Mass
TUE - 04/02/25 **Saint John Britto**	10:00 am	Latin Mass
WED - 05/02/25	**07:00 pm**	**Holy Qurbana, Perpetual Succour Novena, Adoration**
THU - 06/02/25	10:00 am	Latin Mass
FRI - 07/02/25 **FIRST FRIDAY** **Greek Fathers**	**07:00 pm**	**Rosary, Holy Qurbana & Adoration**
SAT - 08/02/25	10:00 am	Latin Mass
SUN - 09/02/25 **6th SUNDAY OF DENHA**	09:30 am **09:30 am** **11:00 am**	Latin Holy Mass **Catechism** *in School* **Holy Qurbana**

Offertory Collections:
Sunday, 26/01/25 - £ 176.69

Many thanks to all your generous contribution...

Refreshments after Qurbana. All are Welcome .
NO Drinks or Refreshments allowed inside the Church.

Dates for Diary

FEBRUARY 16 - SUNDAY	PRATHINIDHI YOGAM
FEBRUARY 22 - SATURDAY	SMYM GATHERING
MARCH 7,8,9 – FRI,SAT,SUN	ANNUAL RETREAT 2025

CATECHISM

Next Catechism class will be on **9th February 2025**. The school gate will be open from **9.20 am to 9.30 am.** Catechism will finish with Holy Qurbana at 11:00 am. All children should participate in Qurbana. Children are not allowed to leave the church premises until and unless parents get permission from the Class teacher or Head teacher in advance.

After the Holy Qurbana, parents are requested to come forward to collect their Children in Year 1 to Year 6 please.

Please note, from this Academic Year, **Youth classes** will be arranged on different topics during catechism hours for children from Y12 and Youth until 25 years**.**

MUST NOT Park or Stop on Yellow lines.

Please don't drop your children in front of the church for catechism. Please use the Parkfield road or Car park in B8 1EP. Kindly follow the instructions by volunteers.

All new families who wish to send their children for catechism should **register** their details. For Registration, please contact Head Teacher **JINI – 07576840870.**

CAR PARKING ON SUNDAYS

NO Car Parking in Church premises on Sunday's due to health and safety concerns. Please use the Parkfield road or Car park in B8 1EP. Car Park which is next to the Mosque will be open on **Sundays**.

Please note:
There is separate **Entry** and **Exit for** the Car Park**.** Car Park Post Code **: B8 1EP.**

NEWS & UPDATES

PRATHINIDHI YOGAM: will be on **Sunday**, **16th February** after the Holy Qurbana at Mariam House. All members are requested to attend the meeting.

HOUSE BLESSING AND VISIT : *Fr. Fanzwa Pathil* will like to visit all families in our mission in coming months. Father can only be available on Fridays, due to busy schedules for the very reasons you are aware of. Your Unit leaders will contact you in future to arrange this visit. Unit leaders are requested to select the convenient dates and do the necessary arrangements.

CSMEGB 5th SUVARA 2025 ONLINE BIBLE QUIZ COMPETITION: Registration is open from **15th December 2024**. The competition for different age groups will take place in two rounds initially, then two semi-finals are scheduled for 29th March and 5th April 2025, while the final competition will be held on 3rd May 2025. Children must use the NRSV Bible for preparation, while the competitions for adults will be based on the Malayalam POC Bible. Encouraging maximum participation in '**Suvara 2025'** from both children and adults. For further details and Registration forms, topics, rules and guidelines please visit the web site by clicking the link https://smegbbiblekalotsavam.com/?page_id=1692.

ANNUAL RETREAT 2025: Our annual retreat for this year will be on **7th, 8th and 9th March (FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY)**. There will be separate session for children on **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ONLY**. *More details will follow*.

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