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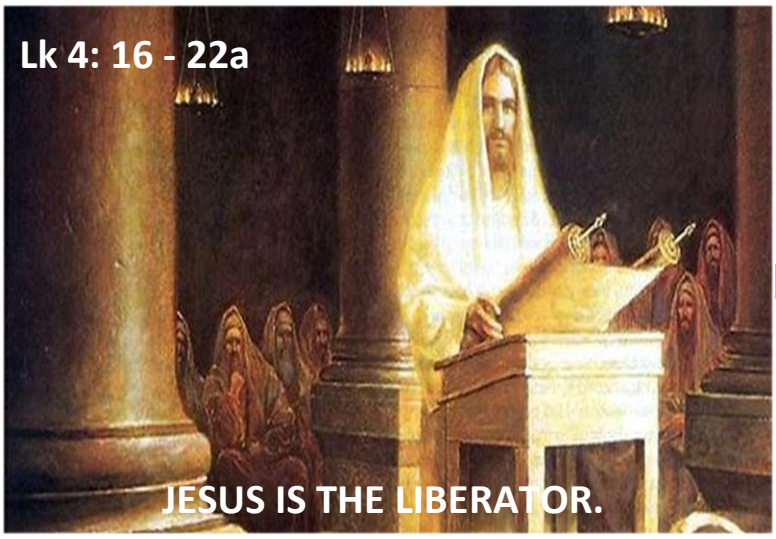
1st SUNDAY OF DENHA



SUNDAY READINGS

12/01/25 - 2nd Sunday of Denha
Num 10: 29 - 36, Is 45: 11 - 17, Heb 3: 1 - 6, Jn 1: 14 – 18
19/01/25 - 3rd Sunday of Denha
Num 11: 11 - 20, Is 45: 18 - 46:4, Heb 4: 1 - 10, Jn 1: 29 - 34
26/01/25 - 4th Sunday of Denha
Num 11: 23 - 35, Is 46: 5 -1 3, Heb 7: 23 - 28, Jn 2: 1 – 11
02/02/25 - 5th Sunday of Denha
Lev 12: 1-8, Is 42: 1-7, Rom 9: 30-10:4, Lk 2: 22-38

READINGS AND CHURCH CLEANING

12/01/25 - Holy Trinity Unit
19/01/25 - St. Thomas Unit
26/01/25 - St. Theresa Unit
02/02/25 - St. Rita Unit

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

07/01/25 - TUE: Ave Maria Unit at 6 PM
07/01/25 - TUE: Holy Family Unit at 7 PM
07/01/25 - TUE: St. Mother Theresa Unit at 7:30 PM
09/01/25 - THU: Sacred Heart Unit at 7 PM
11/01/25 - SAT: Infant Jesus Unit at 5:30 PM
11/01/25 - SAT: St. Thomas Unit at 5:30 PM

JUBILEE 2025 : PILGRIMS OF HOPE





JUBILEE 2025 & YEAR OF SPRITUALITY INAGURATION AT SALTLEY

The Jubilee Year which began on Christmas Eve with Pope Francis opening the 'Holy Door' in St. Peter's Basilica, offering the world's 1.3 billion Catholic's the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence and a year of special graces. The jubilee of Hope will end on the Feast of the Epiphany in January 2026.

The Jubilee year 2025 has the theme of '**Pilgrims of Hope'**. A year of hope for

- a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic, climate crisis.
- a time of conversion and an invitation to grace, mercy and forgiveness of sins.
- It's a sacred time to re-align our hearts with God's love to deepen our faith and be renewed in our mission to serve others.
- it's an invitation to the renewal for the whole church.
- we are also called to renew our commitment to the sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

Look out for parish activities and events for this Jubilee Year.

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.* 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.

MASS SCHEDULE

MON - 06/01/25 **The Feast of Epiphany**	07:00 pm	**HOLY QURBANA** **DAY OF OBLIGATION**
TUE - 07/01/25	10:00 am	Latin Holy Mass
WED - 08/01/25	**07:00 pm**	**Holy Qurbana, Perpetual Succour Novena**
THU - 09/01/25	**11:00 am**	**Funeral Mass**
FRI – 10/01/25 **St. John the Baptist**	**07:00 pm**	**Holy Qurbana, Rosary, Adoration**
SAT - 11/04/25	**11:00 am**	**Holy Qurbana, Baptism**
SUN - 12/01/25 2nd SUNDAY OF DENHA	09:30 am **09:30 am** **11:00 am**	Latin Holy Mass **Catechism** *in School* **Holy Qurbana**

Offertory Collections:
Sunday, 29/12/24 - £ 84.39

Standing Order for December : £ 4139.00

Many thanks to all your generous contribution...

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

MISSION MEMBER REGISTRATION

New Families or Persons who wish to Register in this mission, please approach **Fr.Terin** 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. Terin for details.

Gift Aid Declaration Form, Standing Order Form:
Please use the links for the respective forms.

Dates for Diary

JANUARY 6 - MONDAY	DENHA THIRUNAL
JANUARY 26 - SUNDAY	CATECHISM -1/2 YEAR EXAM
MARCH 7,8,9 – FRI,SAT,SUN	ANNUAL RETREAT 2025

CATECHISM

Next Catechism class will be on **12th January 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

FATHER TERIN IS LEAVING: The time has come to say goodbye and farewell to Rev. Fr.Terin, who was the first Mission Director in St. Benedict mission since 2018. As Father leaves our mission, to take up his new appointment in Kerala, let's pray for Fr.Terin, express our gratitude with a thankful heart and celebrate the time father had served in our mission. **Mark 1:38 "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose, have I come."** Fr.Terin will celebrate His last Qurbana as Mission Director on **Sunday, 12TH January 2025.** Fr.Fanzwa Pathil, (Vice Chancellor) will take charge of our mission on 19th January 2025.

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. For adults, questions will be available in both English and Malayalam. 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.



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