St Benedict Voice



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1st SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST



SUNDAY READINGS

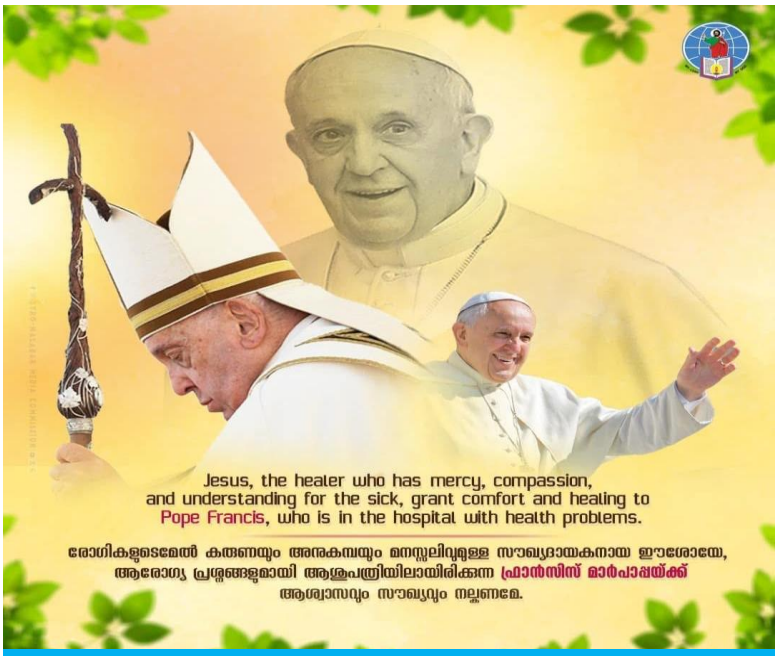
09/03/25 - 2nd Sunday of Great Fast	
Gen 5: 19 - 31, Josh 4: 15 - 24, Rom 6: 15 - 23, Mt 7: 21 – 27	
16/03/25 - 3rd Sunday of Great Fast	
Gen 7: 6 - 24, Josh 5: 13 - 6:5, Rom 7: 14 - 25, Mt 20: 17 – 28	
23/03/25 - 4th Sunday of Great Fast	
Gen 12: 1 - 9, Josh 7: 10 - 15, Rom 8: 12 - 17, Mt 21: 33 – 44	
30/03/25 - 5th Sunday of Great Fast	
Gen 16:6-16, Josh 9:16-27, Rom 12:1-11, Jn 7:37-39, 8:12-20	

READINGS AND CHURCH CLEANING

09/03/25 - Ave Maria Unit
16/03/25 - Holy Family Unit
23/03/25 - St. Mother Theresa Unit
30/03/25 - The Immaculate Conception Unit

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

04/03/25 - TUE: Ave Maria Unit at 6 PM
04/03/25 - TUE: Holy Family Unit at 7 PM
04/03/25 - TUE: Mother Theresa Unit at 7:30 PM
06/03/25 - THU: St. Joseph Unit at 7 PM
15/03/25 - SAT: Infant Jesus Unit at 5:30 PM



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:
Please use the links for the respective forms.

SMYM

SMYM gathering will be on every **FOURTH SATURDAY** of the month. Next gathering will be on **SATURDAY, 22ND MARCH** after the Holy Mass at 10 am. Welcoming all the children from Year 11 onwards to participate.

CML & SAVIO FRIENDS

CML & SAVIO Friends next gathering will be on **SATURDAY, 29TH MARCH** after the Holy Mass at 10 am. Welcoming all children from **Year 3 to Year 10**. All parents please encourage your children and take effort to send them regularly to participate in all children's activities.

MASS SCHEDULE

MON- 03/03/25 **ASH MONDAY**	09:30 am **10:00 am** **07:00 pm**	Latin Mass **Holy Qurbana** **Holy Qurbana** } Ash Distribution **DAY OF FASTING**
TUE - 04/03/25	**06:45 am** 10:00 am	**Holy Qurbana** Latin Mass
WED - 05/03/25	**07:00 pm**	**Holy Qurbana, Perpetual Succour Novena, Adoration**
THU - 06/03/25	**06:45 am** 10:00 am	**Holy Qurbana** Latin Mass
FRI - 07/03/25 **FIRST FRIDAY**	**06:00 pm to 09:30 pm**	**ANNUAL RETREAT DAY 1** **WAY OF THE CROSS** *lead by Sacred Heart & The Immaculate Conception Units*
SAT - 08/03/25	**03:00 pm to 09:00 pm**	**ANNUAL RETREAT DAY 2** **CHILDREN RETREAT** *in School* *refreshments will be provided*
SUN - 09/03/25 **2ND SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST**	**11:00 am**	**HOLY QURBANA** **ANNUAL RETREAT DAY 3** ***till 4 PM*** **CHILDREN RETREAT** *in School* *refreshments will be provided*

Offertory Collections:
Sunday, 23/02/25 - £ 87.00

Many thanks to all your generous contribution...

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

Dates for Diary

March 3RD – MONDAY	ASH MONDAY
MARCH 7,8,9 – FRI,SAT,SUN	ANNUAL RETREAT 2025
MARCH 19TH - WEDNESDAY	FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH
APRIL 13TH - SUNDAY	PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 17TH - THURSDAY	MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 18TH - FRIDAY	GOOD FRIDAY
APRIL 20TH – SUNDAY	EASTER SUNDAY
MAY 11TH - SUNDAY	POTHU YOGAM
MAY 24TH - SATURDAY	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
MAY 31ST - SATURDAY	AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE
JULY 4,5,6 – FRI,SAT,SUN	PARISH FEAST

CATECHISM

No Catechism classes next Sunday, due to **Children's retreat** at school **after the Holy Qurbana, attendance will be taken**.

Next regular catechism classes will be on **16th March**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION of children in our Mission will be on **24th May 2025**. Preparation classes will be on usual Sundays after the Holy Qurbana.

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.**

Slot for Units to lead Kurishinte Vazhi 2025
(Fridays at 7:00pm)

Sacred Heart unit & The Immaculate Conception unit	07/03/2025
Holy Family unit, Holy Trinity unit & St. Alphonsa unit	14/03/2025
Infant Jesus unit, St Rita unit & St Joseph Unit	21/03/2025
Holy Rosary unit, St Mary's unit & St Mother Theresa unit	28/03/2025
Ave Maria unit & St Sebastian unit	04/04/2025
Padre Pio unit, St Theresa unit & St Thomas unit	11/04/2025

NEWS & UPDATES

ASH MONDAY : Monday, 3rd March. Holy Qurbana and Blessing of Ash & Distribution at **10:00 am and 07:00 pm**. Reminding all it's a **DAY OF FASTING.**

KURISHINTE VAZHI : There will be Kurishinte Vazhi lead by family units on every **Friday in the Church at 7 pm**. Requesting all family units to take initiative **to lead the Kurishinte Vazhi** on their allocated date.

ANNUAL RETREAT 2025: Our annual retreat for this year will be on **7th, 8th and 9th MARCH(FRIDAY (6 PM – 9:30 PM), SATURDAY (3 PM – 9 PM) AND SUNDAY (11 AM – 4 PM))**. There will be separate session for children on **SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ONLY**.

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.

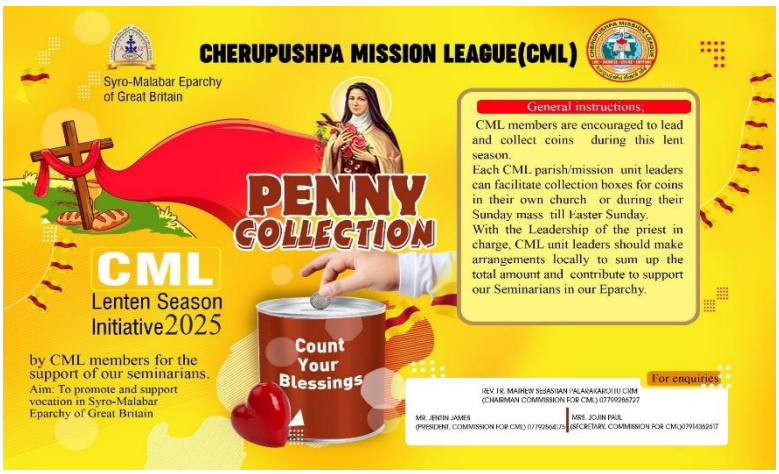
WOMEN'S FORUM: Celebrating **Women's Day and Nurses Day on April 5th, 2025**. Holy Qurbana will be celebrated by **His Excellency Mar Joseph Srampickal** and **Rev. Fr. Tom Olikkarottu** will be the guest speaker. Sneha Virunnu and cultural activities will be organised for the day. Encourage all women of our mission to participate.

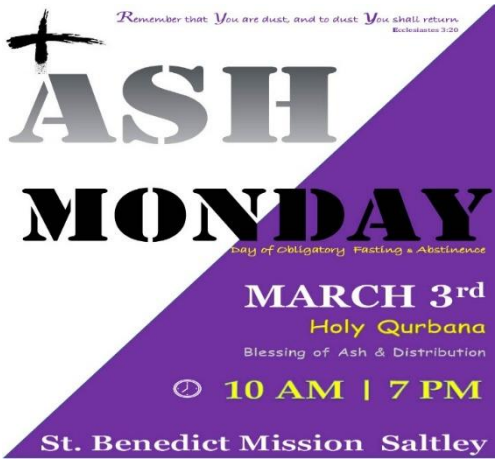
LENT SEASON: There will be Extra Holy Qurbana during the lent season at **6:45 AM** on weekdays except Wednesdays and Fridays. Priest will be available for confession after every Holy Mass. Try your best to utilise the facility to attend Holy Qurbana every day during the Lent. Children who are attending Holy Mass on every day during the Lent will be recognised and awarded on Easter Vigil Qurbana.

WORD OF GOD CHALLENGE: As Lent is here, encourage all children and families to take part in the Word of God Challenge. A challenge to memorise one word of God and learn to put into practice. **Fr. Fanzwa** will post a bible verse both in Malayalam and English every day during these 50 days of Lent. Let us take it as a challenge and at end of Lent there will be test and prizes will be given out.

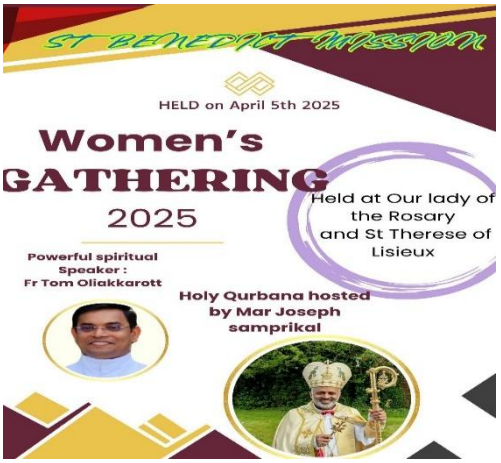
CML PENNY COLLECTION: During the Lent season, CML Commission is organizing a Penny Collection(coin collection) to support our Diocese's Seminarians. Please find the flyer below for additional details. Requesting your prayers and full participation in this noble cause.











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