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6TH SUNDAY OF KAITHA



SUNDAY READINGS

23.08.26 - 7th Sunday of Kaitha	
Gen 6:13-22 | Jer 32:36-41 | Jac 4:1-10 | Mt 6:19-24	
30.08.26 - 1st Sunday of Elijah	
Ex 34:28-35 | 2Chr 5:11-14 | 1Cor 15:35-50 | Mk 9:2-13	
06.09.26 - 2nd Sunday of Elijah	
Deut 18:14-22 | Sir 48:1-11 | Heb 11:23-29 | Mt 17:9-13	
13.09.26 - 3rd Sunday of Elijah	
Num 24:15-24 | Zech 14:1-9 | 1Cor 7:29-35 | Mt 24:32-44	

READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

23.08.26 - Holy Family
30.08.26 - St Mother Theresa
06.09.26 - St Alphonsa
13.09.26 - The Immaculate Conception

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

16.08.26 - Holy Rosary | Siby & Sally's House | 7:00 pm
22.08.26 - Immaculate Conception | Josbin & Betsy's House | 6:30 pm
22.08.26 - St Theresa | Martin & Jophy's House | 6:30 pm
22.08.26 - St Rita | Joseph & Maria's House | 6:30 pm
22.08.26 - Holy Trinity | Geo & Princy's House | 6:30 pm
22.08.26 - St Alphonsa | Emil & Tincy's House | 7:00 pm
23.08.26 - St Thomas | Binu & Tintu's House | 6:30 pm

SEASON OF KAITHA

The Ark of Noah has always been understood by Christians as a powerful image and foreshadowing of the Church. In the midst of a world overwhelmed by sin, confusion, violence, and destruction, God provided the ark as a place of refuge, protection, and salvation for Noah, his family, and the living creatures entrusted to his care. In the same way, the Church stands in the midst of a troubled and uncertain world as the vessel through which God continues to gather His people, preserve them in faith, and lead them safely toward the new creation promised in Christ. The ark was not merely a boat built by human wisdom; it was constructed according to God's command and sustained by His providence. Likewise, the Church is not simply a human organization or social institution, but the Body of Christ, founded by the Lord, guided by the Holy Spirit, and called to carry men and women of every nation, language, and background toward eternal life. Just as the ark had one door through which Noah and his household entered, Christ Himself declares that He is the door through whom all are invited into communion with God. Within the ark there was shelter from the floodwaters of judgment, and within the Church we receive the shelter of God's grace through the Word, the Sacraments, prayer, fellowship, and the continual proclamation of the Gospel. The waters of the flood, which brought both judgment and renewal, have long been associated with the waters of Baptism, through which the old life of sin is washed away and a new life in Christ begins. As the ark carried its passengers through the storm until they reached dry land and a renewed world, so the Church accompanies believers through the storms of life—through suffering, temptation, fear, and uncertainty—until we reach the everlasting kingdom of God.

MISSION MEMBER REGISTRATION

New families or persons who wish to register in this mission, please complete St. Benedict Mission Member Registration Form and approach Rev Fr. Fanzwa and introduce yourself.

Are you a UK taxpayer? UK taxpayers can sign up for Gift Aid, and we can collect 25% more from your offerings!

Please see Rev Fr. Fanzwa, for details.

Gift Aid Declaration Form, Standing Order Form

Please use the links for the respective forms.

MASS SCHEDULE

MON | 17.08.26	----------	**No Mass Today**
TUE | 18.08.26	----------	**No Mass Today**
WED | 19.08.26	**07:00 pm**	**Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual* Succour Novena, Adoration**
THU | 20.08.26	**06:45 am** **10:00 am**	**Holy Qurbana** **Latin Mass**
FRI | 21.08.26 Feast of St Pius X	**07:00 pm** **07:30 pm**	**Rosary, Confession** **Holy Qurbana, Adoration till 10 pm**
SAT | 22.08.26	----------	**No Mass Today**
SUN | 23.08.26	**07:30 am** **09:30 am** **10:30 am** **11:00 am**	**Holy Qurbana** **Latin Mass** **Confession for children- and adults** **Holy Qurbana**

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

09.08.2026 | SUNDAY
07:30 am - £63.05
11:00 am - £67.23
Digital collection plate: £86.00

Many thanks for all your generous contributions.

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

DATES FOR DIARY

17.08.26 | MONDAY - CML/Catechism Pilgrimage to Preston
06.09.26 | SUNDAY - The new catechism year starts
26.09.26 | SATURDAY - Handhoosa
24.10.26 | SATURDAY - Regional Bible Kalotsavam
31.10.26 | SATURDAY - Parish Day
21.11.26 | SATURDAY - National Bible Kalotsavam
12.12.26 | SATURDAY - Thaiboosa

NEWS & UPDATES

BIBLE READING: As a new year's resolution, we started the Bible reading for our catechism children on Monday, 5/1/25, from 8:30 pm for 15 minutes. The aim is to finish Bible reading in 2027, and it is an encouragement for the children for Bible reading. Please encourage all children to join in this prayerful time. Please visit catechism WhatsApp groups for updates.

ALTER SERVERS: There will be monthly meetings and practice sessions for altar servers at Saltley Church on the second Saturday of every month from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. All new and current altar servers are need to be attended. For more information please contact Mr. Rejo Antony, Coordinator at 07581 383 168.

LIVING STONE MINISTRY: Due to the increasing interest from many to join our International Youth Group, we are prayerfully planning to welcome newly wedded couples into the group as well. If anyone wishes to join the Youth Group and be part of the Living Stone Ministry, kindly inform the coordinators at your earliest convenience. Please contact: Mr. Bijo Tom – 07883 022 502, Mr. Jimmy Moolamkunnam – 07588 953 457, Mrs. Jemy Punnuse – 07904 644 854

CATECHISM: Please note that there will be no Catechism classes on 23rd August, 2026. Parents are kindly requested to regularly check for any updates regarding catechism in the SBM Parents Teachers WhatsApp group.

Also, please contact Catechism Head Teacher Jini Baiju at 07576 840 870 to join this WhatsApp group.

Parents of children who will be starting Year 1 next month, as well as those wishing to enrol their children in catechism at any other class level, are kindly requested to register their child's name with the Head Teacher by 31st August. Thank you.

NO Car Parking in Church premises on **Sundays** due to health and safety concerns. Please use the Parkfield Road or car park in B8 1EP. Please **do not** park/stop/drop on yellow lines.

CAR PARK POST CODE: B8 1EP, St Saviours Road

There is separate Entry and Exit for this Car Park, which is next to the Mosque will be open on **Sundays** and two minutes walking distance to the church.



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BIRMINGHAM REGION
BIBLE KALOTSAVAM
2026
RULES AND REGULATIONS
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CLICK HERE to Join Zoom Meeting at 8.30 pm

Topic: Bible Reading
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Meeting ID: 879 4371 8668
Passcode: 340174





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