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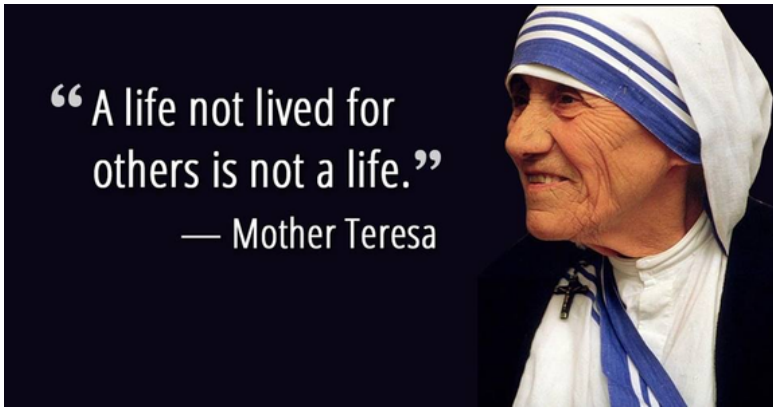
1ST SUNDAY OF ELIJAH



SUNDAY READINGS

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	
20.09.26 - 1st Sunday of Cross	
Num 21:1-9 | Zech 10:8-12 | Gal 6:11-18 | Mt 10:34-42	
27.09.26 - 2nd Sunday of Cross	
Gen 9:8-17 | Dan 7:9-14 | 1Cor 1:18-25 | Mt 24:29-36	

READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

06.09.26 - St Alphonsa
13.09.26 - The Immaculate Conception
20.09.26 - St Mary's
27.09.26 - Rosa Mystica

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

30.08.26 - Rosa Mystica | Mon Thomas & Preethy's House | 5:00 pm
30.08.26 - St Mary's | Amal & Family's House | 5:00 pm
01.09.26 - Ave Maria | Bibin Chirackal & Bincy's House | 5:30 pm
04.09.26 - Mother Theresa | Amal & Lidiya's House | 7:00 pm
05.09.26 - Immaculate Conception | Roy & Shyla's House | 6:30 pm
05.09.26 - St Joseph | Binoy & Bindu's House | 7:00 pm
06.09.26 - Rosa Mystica | Delvin & Rosemary's House | 5:00 pm
06.09.26 - Holy Family | Sinto & Jinu's House | 6:00 pm

SEASONS OF ELIJAH-CROSS-MOSES

The season of Elijah-Cross-Moses indicates the victory of the Cross and the second coming of the Lord. The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrated on the 14th of September is the focal point of this season. The first ecclesial community believed that before the second coming of Christ, Elijah would come (Mal 4:5) and will argue with the son of destruction and convince the world about his fault. This belief was grown because of the reality that Elijah was present with the Lord at the time of transfiguration. The Lord's transfiguration is the symbol of Lord's second coming. At the time of transfiguration, Moses also was with the Lord; that might be the reason that this liturgical season developed centring around the Cross. The Sunday after 14th September is considered as first Sunday of Sleeva. Till then the readings of the season of Elijah is continued. When the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross falls on a Sunday, that will be the first Sunday of Sleeva.

There was the belief in the first ecclesial community, what Jesus told about the sign that would appear in the sky before the second coming of Christ (Mt. 24:30), is the Cross. The prayers and hymns of this season include the apparition of Cross to the emperor Constantine, consequent victory and the finding of the Cross by the queen Helena, the mother of Constantine. Like Moses who showed the way to the Israelites, extending his staff on the Red sea, Christ saved the humanity by showing the way to the paradise through the Cross. During this season the Church invites us to prepare for the second coming of the Lord by assimilating the prophets of the true God and the commands and messages given through them by God, and by producing the fruits of repentance and conversion.

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 | 31.08.26	----------	**No Mass Today**
TUE | 01.09.26	**10:00 am**	**Latin Mass**
WED | 02.09.26	**07:00 pm**	**Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual* Succour Novena, Adoration**
THU | 03.09.26	----------	**No Mass Today**
FRI | 04.09.26	**12:00 pm** **07:00 pm** **07:30 pm**	**Holy Qurbana, 24 Hrs Adoration Starts** **Rosary, Confession** **Holy Qurbana, 24 Hrs- Adoration continues...**
SAT | 05.09.26 Feast of St Theresa of Calcutta	**12:00 pm**	**24 Hrs Adoration continiues** **Holy Qurbana, 24 Hrs Adoration Ends**
SUN | 06.09.26	**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

23.08.2026 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £9.00

11:00 am - £80.93

11:00 am - €40.00

Digital collection plate: £0.00

Many thanks for all your generous contributions.

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

DATES FOR DIARY

04.09.26 | FRIDAY - 24 Hrs Adoration Starts @12 noon
05.09.26 | SATURDAY- 24 Hrs Adoration Ends @12 noon
08.09.26 | TUESDAY - Solemn Holy Qurbana at 7:00 pm
13.09.26 | SUNDAY - The New Catechism Year Starts
13.09.26 | SUNDAY - Pradhinidhi Yogam
19.09.26 | SATURDAY - Women's Forum Day Trip
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

24 HRS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: In a spirit of prayer and reverence, we warmly invite everyone to take part in our uninterrupted Vigil before the Blessed Sacrament. Adoration will begin at 12:00 noon on Friday, 4 September 2026, and continue without interruption until 12:00 noon on Saturday, 5 September 2026.

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: **Catechism classes starts 13 September 2026.**
Gate open: 9:20–9:30 am | Catechism: 9:30 am | Holy Qurbana: 11:00 am.
Please check the SBM Parents Teachers WhatsApp group regularly for updates. To join the group, contact **Head Teacher Jini Baiju: 07576 840 870.**

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.



NEWS & UPDATES





Mrs Annamma Philip(92)

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Thomas Philip (Jobichen) (Sacred Heart Prayer Unit) on the passing of his beloved mother, Mrs. Annamma Philip.

During this time of grief, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May her soul be at peace in eternal light, and may God provide the family with strength, solace, and serenity during this difficult time. Amen.



Veronica Xavier (85)

With deep sorrow, we share the sad news of the passing of Mrs Veronica Xavier (85), beloved mother of Rajesh Xavier (St Thomas Prayer Unit), today. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May her soul find everlasting rest in God's loving embrace. May He bless you with courage, surround you with comfort, and fill your hearts with peace in the days to come. Amen.

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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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