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5TH SUNDAY OF KAITHA



SUNDAY READINGS

16.08.26 - 6th Sunday of Kaitha

Gen 8:1-11 | Song 6:1-4 | Rev 21:9-14 | Jn 6:16-24

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

READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

16.08.26 - Ave Maria
23.08.26 - Holy Family
30.08.26 - St Mother Theresa
06.09.26 - St Alphonsa

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

09.08.26 - Infant Jesus | Bijo & Yamuna's House | 5:00 pm

SEASON OF KAITHA

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the greatest feasts in the life of the Church, inviting us to rejoice in God's wonderful plan of salvation and to contemplate the unique place of Mary in that plan. Celebrated each year on 15 August, the Assumption proclaims our faith that, at the end of her earthly life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. This sacred mystery reminds us that the one who humbly accepted God's invitation with her joyful "Yes" at the Annunciation, who faithfully accompanied Jesus from His birth to the Cross, and who remained with the disciples in prayer at Pentecost, now shares fully in the glory of her Son's Resurrection. Mary's Assumption is not simply a privilege granted to her alone; it is a powerful sign of hope for all Christians. In Mary, we see the destiny that God desires for each of us—a life transformed by grace, victory over sin and death, and eternal communion with Him. She stands before us as the first and most perfect disciple, showing that holiness is achieved not through worldly success or power, but through humility, trust, obedience, and unwavering faith. Throughout her life, Mary remained open to God's will even when it required sacrifice, uncertainty, and suffering. She teaches us to listen attentively to God's voice, to place our confidence in His providence, and to respond generously to His call in our daily lives. As members of our parish family celebrate this beautiful feast, we are invited to renew our devotion to Our Blessed Mother by praying the Rosary, reflecting on the Scriptures, participating faithfully in the Holy Eucharist, and imitating her virtues of compassion, purity, patience, and loving service. Mary's Assumption also reminds us that our earthly journey is not our final destination.

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 | 10.08.26	----------	**No Mass Today**
TUE | 11.08.26	----------	**No Mass Today**
WED | 12.08.26	**07:00 pm**	**Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual Succour* Novena, Adoration**
THU | 13.08.26	**06:45 am** **10:00 am**	**Holy Qurbana** **Latin Mass**
FRI | 14.08.26 Feast of St Maxmillian Kolbe	**07:00 pm** **07:30 pm**	**Rosary, Confession** **Holy Qurbana, Adoration till 10 pm**
SAT | 15.08.26 Assumption of Our Lady	**10:00 am** **07:00 pm**	**Latin Mass** **Solemn Holy Qurbana**
SUN | 16.08.26	**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

02.08.2026 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £38.48

11:00 am - £45.98

Digital collection plate: £55.00

Many thanks for all your generous contributions.

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

DATES FOR DIARY

15.08.26 | SATURDAY - Assumption of Our Lady - Holy Qurbana at 7pm
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 16th 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 CLICK HERE

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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





Varghese (78)

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Dasan Nettikkadan (St Rita Prayer Unit) on the passing of his beloved father, Mr. Varghese.

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



