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3rd SUNDAY OF ANNUNCIATION



SUNDAY READINGS

21.12.25 - 4th Sunday of Annunciation
Ex 34:1-9 | Zech 2:7-13 | Rev 21:1-7 | Mt 1:18-24
28.12.25 - 1st Sunday of Nativity
Gen 18:1-8 | Isa 11:1-12 | Rom 15:7-13 | Mt 2:1-12
04.01.26 - 2nd Sunday of Nativity
Ex 3:1-12 | Is 44:28-45:4 | 2 Tim 3:10-15 | Lk 4:16-22
11.01.26 - 3rd Sunday of Nativity
Ex 3:1-12 | Is 44:28-45:4 | 2 Tim 3:10-15 | Lk 4:16-22

READING & CHURCH CLEANING

21.12.25 - St Mary's
28.12.25 - Infant Jesus
04.01.26 - Holy Trinity
11.01.26 - Year 9 Catechism Students

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

15.12.25 - Sacred Heart | Tessy Joseph's House | 6:30 pm

20.12.25 - St Rita | Dasan & Tessy's House | After Carol

21.12.25 - St Sebastian |Abhilash & Laila's House |After Carol

SEASON OF ANNUNCIATION

Santa Claus is a timeless symbol of joy, generosity, and holiday magic, embodying centuries of folklore, tradition, and imagination that have blended into the familiar figure we celebrate today. Rooted in the real-life kindness of St. Nicholas, a 4th-century bishop known for helping those in need, Santa gradually transformed through stories, poems, and art into the cheerful, bearded man in a red suit who delivers gifts to children on Christmas Eve. According to tradition, he lives at the North Pole in a bustling workshop where elves craft toys, Mrs. Claus oversees preparations, and reindeer—each with their own personality—train to pull his sleigh through winter skies. As Christmas approaches, Santa checks his famous "naughty or nice" list, preparing to journey across the globe, slipping down chimneys, leaving presents, and spreading warmth to homes everywhere. Beyond the fun and fantasy, Santa represents the spirit of giving, reminding people to be kind, to believe in wonder, and to cherish the joy that comes from sharing happiness with others during the holiday season.

Santa Claus has become much more than just a holiday character—he is a cultural icon whose story has grown richer and more magical with every generation. Over time, traditions from many countries blended to shape the Santa we know today: the Dutch brought the name "Sinterklaas," the British contributed elements of Father Christmas, and American poets and illustrators added details like the sleigh, flying reindeer, and his now-classic appearance. In countless stories, Santa is portrayed as tirelessly preparing for Christmas all year long, reading letters from children, tracking who has been well-behaved, and making sure every gift is crafted with care.

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 | 15.12.25	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
TUE | 16.12.25	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
WED | 17.12.25	06:45 am 07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual* Succour Novena, Adoration
THU | 18.12.25	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
FRI | 19.12.25	06:45 am 07:00 pm 07:30 pm	Holy Qurbana Rosary, Confession Holy Qurbana, Adoration till 10 pm
SAT | 20.12.25	10:00 am	Latin Mass
SUN | 21.12.25	07:30 am 09:30 am 09:30 am 10:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass Catechism in school Confession Holy Qurbana

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

07.12.2025 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £19.91
11:00 am - £199.57
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

21.12.25 | SUNDAY - Carol Singing Competition
24.12.25 | WEDNESDAY - 8:30 pm Celebrations & Christmas Mass
25.12.25 | THURSDAY - 10:30am Syro Malabar Mass
27.12.25 | SATURDAY - SMYM Christmas Gathering
31.12.25 | WEDNESDAY - 11:00pm Adoration, Holy Qurbana
16.02.26 | MONDAY - 4 days Fatima Pilgrimage starts
20.02.26 | FRIDAY - 3 days Annual Retreat starts

NEWS & UPDATES

BUILD A HOUSE 2025: Kindly donate this year's build a house project through the church bank details. A/c name: C S M E G B, A/c no: 74493736 Sort Code: 01-67-14 in the Ref: BH25 <SPACE> YOUR CHURCH REG NO <SPACE> YOUR NAME. Please note that this is a business account under registered charity no. 1173537

CAROL SINGING COMPETITION: Gather 'round and sing the songs that warm the heart of Christmas. Sing. Shine. Celebrate Christmas! The Carol Singing Competition will be held on Sunday, December 21, 2025, after the 11:00 AM Holy Qurbana. Further updates will follow.

CONFESSION: Two priests will be available on Sunday 14th December from 10:30 am onwards. All children also need to make use of it.

CHRISTMAS MASS: Joy to the world! Experience the peace and promise of Christmas at Mass. Celebrations and Christmas Mass will be held on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, at 8:30 PM. Further updates will follow.

NEW YEAR MASS: Welcoming the New Year with faith starts with adoration, year-end prayer, Holy Qurbana, and New Year prayer at 11:00pm on 31st December, 2025.

CATECHISM: The school gate will be open from 9.20 am to 9.30 am. Kindly follow the instructions by volunteers. Catechism will start at 9:30 am and 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. Parents are kindly requested to regularly check for any updates regarding catechism in the SBM Parents Teachers WhatsApp group as well. Also, please contact Head Teacher **Jini Baiju at 07576 840 870** to join this WhatsApp group. Catechism Calendar 2025 - 2026.

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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BUILD A HOUSE 2025

KINDLY DONATE

Church A/c details

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Carol Singing COMPETITION

SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER, 2025

at St Benedict Mission, 141 Parkfield Road, Saltley, B8 3BB

Experience the peace and promise of Christmas at Mass.

CELEBRATIONS & CHRISTMAS MASS

WEDNESDAY 24TH DECEMBER, 2025

8:30 PM ONWARDS

St Benedict Mission, 141 Parkfield Road, Saltley, B8 3BB

SMYM SALTLEY

MAVURBA 2025

SMYM Saltley Christmas Youth Gathering
A day filled with Fun, Fellowship and Good Food!

£5 Entry Fee

DECEMBER
SATURDAY 27 AT 10.00 AM

ST STEPHEN'S INDIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH
427 BRAYS ROAD
BIRMINGHAM
B26 2RR

11 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS



ST BENEDICT MISSION, SALTLEY

Christmas Carol Singing COMPETITION

21 December SUNDAY 2025

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- All participants must be registered members of St Benedict Mission.
- The Carol selection must be a Christian song, performed in either Malayalam or English.
- Karaoke tracks without a recorded chorus are permitted; however, live instruments are not allowed.
- Each performance must not exceed 9 minutes including - setup time (2 minutes), performance (6 minutes) and clearing out (1 minute)
- Exceeding the given time limits will result in negative marking.
- Each group must consist of a minimum of five members.
- Evaluation will be based on song selection, overall presentation and, most importantly, vocal performance.
- The judges' decision will be final and binding.
- First, second and third place winners will get ever-rolling trophies.

DEADLINE
REGISTRATION: 7TH DECEMBER
KARAOKE SUBMISSION: 14TH DECEMBER

KINDLY SEND MP3 KARAOKE BY UNIT LEADERS TO: 07578040827

Merry Christmas 2025

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CHRISTMAS DRAW

Grand Prizes
4 Christmas Hampers

Tickets £1.00

The draw will be held after the Christmas Qurbana on 24th Dec 2025.
Promotor: St Benedict Mission Catechism Department.

25.12.2025 | THURSDAY | 10:30 AM
SYRO MALABAR MASS

ANNUAL RETREAT

20.02.2026 FRIDAY
21.02.2026 SATURDAY
22.02.2026 SUNDAY

31.12.2025 | WEDNESDAY | 11:00 pm
ADORATION, YEAR END PRAYER
HOLY QURBANA, NEW YEAR PRAYER

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