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4th SUNDAY OF ANNUNCIATION



"On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh" Matthew 2:11

SUNDAY READINGS

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 34:28-35 | 1 Sam 3:1-10 | Rom 11:33-12:2 | Lk 2:22-24;41-52
11.01.26 - 2nd Sunday of Deneha
Ex 3:9-16 | Sir 18:1-14 | Rev 1:4-8 | Jn 8:21-30
18.01.26 - 3rd Sunday of Deneha
Deut 31:1-8 | Isa 41:8-16 | Phil 3:4-16 | Mk 3:7-19

READING & CHURCH CLEANING

28.12.25 - Infant Jesus
04.01.26 - Holy Trinity
11.01.26 - Year 9 Catechism Students
18.01.26 - St Sebastian

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

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

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23.12.25 - St Thomas | Rajesh & Anila's House | After Carol

SEASON OF ANNUNCIATION

The **Season of the Annunciation** is a deeply reverent and hope-filled time in the life of the Church, calling the faithful to contemplate the moment when heaven touched earth and God's promise of salvation began to unfold in a new and profound way. Through the angel Gabriel's message and Mary's humble and courageous response, we witness the power of faith rooted in trust and obedience. Mary's "Let it be done to me according to your word" reminds us that God often asks us to step forward without knowing the full path ahead, relying instead on grace and love to guide us. During this season, the Church is invited into a posture of listening—making space in prayer, worship, and daily life to discern God's will and respond generously. The Annunciation also calls us to reflect on God's choice to enter the world not with grandeur, but through humility and human vulnerability, affirming the sacredness of every life. As we journey through this season, we are encouraged to renew our commitment to faithful discipleship, trusting that when we offer our willing hearts to God, even the smallest acts of obedience can become part of His greater work of redemption and hope for the world.

Sharing the story of the angel Gabriel and Mary in child-friendly language helps children understand how Mary listened to God and bravely said yes. Crafts such as making angels, hearts, or lilies, along with short prayers and songs, allow children to engage creatively while learning that God speaks in loving ways. By connecting Mary's yes to everyday acts of kindness, obedience, and helping others, children come to see that they too can respond to God in small but meaningful ways. This season invites children to grow in faith by learning to listen, pray, and joyfully say yes to God in their daily lives.

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 | 22.12.25	06:45 am	Holy Qurbana, confessions till 08:30 am
TUE | 23.12.25	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass, confessions till 12:00 pm
WED | 24.12.25 ★	10:00 am 06:00 pm 08:00 pm 08:30 pm	Confessions till 12:00 pm Latin Mass Nativity Play Holy Qurbana
THU | 25.12.25 Christmas – The Nativity of our Lord	09:30 am 10:30 am	Latin Mass Holy Qurbana 
FRI | 26.12.25 Feast of Saint Stephen	07:00 pm 07:30 pm	Rosary, Confession Holy Qurbana, Adoration till 10 pm
SAT | 27.12.25 Feast of Saint John, the Apostle	10:00 am	Latin Mass
SUN | 28.12.25 Holy Childhood Day (The Infants' Day)	07:30 am 09:30 am 09:30 am 10:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass No catechism today Confession Holy Qurbana

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

14.12.2025 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £0.00
11:00 am - £89.96
Digital collection plate: £4.00

Many thanks for all your generous contributions.

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

DATES FOR DIARY

23.12.25 |TUESDAY - Christmas Crib Competition
24.12.25 | WEDNESDAY - 8:00 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

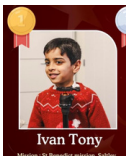
NEWS & UPDATES

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

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 8:00 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.

SAVIO FRIENDS:



Congratulations Ivan Tony. 1st place for solo carol singing competition, Savio Friends, Catholic Syro Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain.

CAROL SINGING COMPETITION: Thank you, everyone, for your dedication, commitment, hard work, and unwavering support for the Carol Singing Competition 2025. Your efforts truly made it special.

CATECHISM: There will not be catechism on the 28th of December, 2025.

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.



NEWS & UPDATES

St. Benedict Mission, Birmingham

Proudly Presents:

Fatima – Lisbon

TRAVEL ITINERARY

16TH TO 19TH FEBRUARY 2026



DAY 1 - LONDON - NAZARE – SANTAREM

AFTERNOON - NAZARE

- **Departure:** Bus from Birmingham to London
- **Nazare:** Enjoy lunch in this charming coastal town known for its traditional Portuguese beach and the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Nazareth. Free time to explore the beach and savor fresh seafood.
- **Fatima:** Arrive in Fatima in the evening.
- **Rosary Procession:** Conclude the day with the International Rosary Procession at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima.



DAY 2 - FATIMA

MORNING :

- **Morning:** After breakfast, participate in a guided tour of the Sanctuary of Fatima. The program includes:
  - Holy Qurbana, Visits to the Basilica, including the tombs of Francisco, Lucia, and Jacinta., The Museum of Light and Peace.

AFTERNOON :

- **Afternoon:**
  - Visit Aljustrel, the village of the three shepherd children. Also, Hungarian Calvary, Houses of Francisco, Jacinta and Lucia, Angel's apparition site).
  - Free time for personal devotions, confession, and shopping.



DAY 3 - LISBON

MORNING - SANTAREM

- After breakfast,
- **Santarem:** Visit the Church of St. Stephen, the site of the Eucharistic Miracle.
- visit **Lisbon Cathedral,** a stunning Romanesque landmark, and the **Church of St. Anthony**, built on the saint's birthplace.

LISBON

- **Day 4: Return to Birmingham**
- Departure: Late afternoon transfer to the airport for the return flight.
- **Bus transfer** from London Gatwick to Birmingham.

FOR DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT MR. JOY (07578 040827)

NEWS & UPDATES



Mrs. Thresiamma Joseph (75)

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the families of Jinu Joseph (Holy Rosary) and Jyothi Logi (Infant Jesus) on the passing of their beloved mother, Mrs. Thresiamma Joseph (75), on 18 December 2025.
Our thoughts and prayers are with the families during this difficult time. May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may God grant the families strength, comfort, and peace.



25.12.2025 | THURSDAY | 10:30 AM
SYRO MALABAR MASS





LIVE SNACKS SALE ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT 24/12/2025 BY MEN'S FORUM SALTLEY
PLEASE SUPPORT

4 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS







31.12.2025 | WEDNESDAY | 11:00 pm

ADORATION
YEAR END PRAYER
HOLY QURBANA
NEW YEAR PRAYER

ANNUAL RETREAT

20.02.2026 FRIDAY
21.02.2026 SATURDAY
22.02.2026 SUNDAY

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