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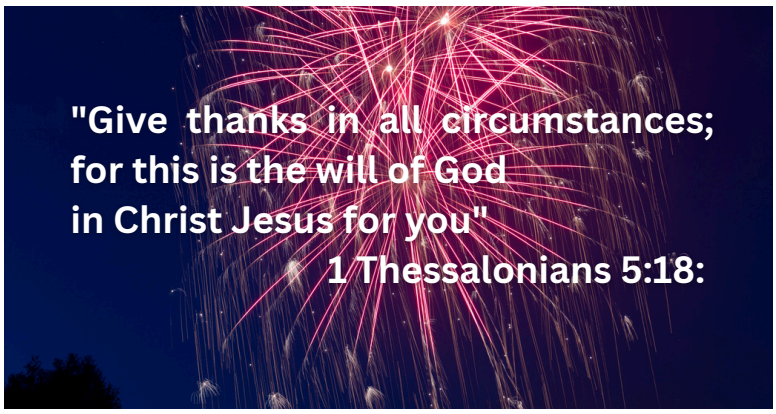
1st SUNDAY OF NATIVITY



SUNDAY READINGS

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
25.01.26 - 4th Sunday of Deneha
Gen 29:1-14 | 2 Kgs 17:24-28 | Heb 6:1-12 | Jn 4:1-26

READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

04.01.26 - Holy Trinity
11.01.26 - Year 9 Catechism Students
18.01.26 - St Thomas
25.01.26 - St Sebastian

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

03.01.26 - St Joseph|Dr Mathew &Dr Shincy's House|6:30pm

03.01.26 - St Alphonsa | St Brigid's Church Hall | 7:00pm

03.01.26 - Infant Jesus |St Rose of Lima Church Hall | 5:00pm

SEASON OF NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

The events surrounding the escape to Egypt and the massacre of the infants reveal both the challenges faced by the Holy Family and the protective care of God throughout salvation history. After the birth of Jesus, King Herod, alarmed by the prophecy of a newborn "King of the Jews," became determined to eliminate any threat to his throne. In his fear and cruelty, he ordered the massacre of all male children in Bethlehem who were two years old and under, an event now remembered as the Massacre of the Innocents. Amid this tragedy, Joseph received a divine warning in a dream, instructing him to take Mary and the infant Jesus and flee to Egypt. Obedient to God's guidance, Joseph led his family into a foreign land, where they found refuge until it was safe to return.

This journey, often fraught with uncertainty and danger, highlights the courage, faith, and resilience of the Holy Family, who relied entirely on God's protection and providence. It also reminds us of the profound contrast between the cruelty of human power and the gentle yet steadfast care of God. The escape to Egypt not only fulfilled the prophecy that God's people would be called out of Egypt but also serves as a timeless example of trust in God's plan, even in moments of fear and upheaval. As we reflect on these events, we are invited to trust that, like Joseph, Mary, and Jesus, God watches over us in times of difficulty, guiding us safely through life's trials and ensuring that His purpose will always prevail, even in the face of human injustice and suffering.

This episode not only highlights the trials faced by the Holy Family but also demonstrates God's faithfulness in safeguarding His plans for salvation.

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 | 29.12.25	10:00 am	Latin Mass
TUE | 30.12.25	10:00 am	Latin Mass
WED | 31.12.25 End of the year	11:00 pm 12:00 am	Adoration, Year End Prayer Holy Qurbana, New Year Prayer
THU | 01.01.26	09:00 am	Latin Mass
FRI | 02.01.26	----------	No Mass today
SAT | 03.01.26 Feast of St Kuriakose Elias	----------	No Mass today
SUN | 04.01.26	---------- 09:30 am 09:30 am 11:00 am	No Holy Qurbana at 7:30 am Latin Mass No catechism today Holy Qurbana

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

21.12.2025 | SUNDAY
07:30 am - £18.10
11:00 am - £142.70
Digital collection plate: £0.00
24.12.2025 | WEDNESDAY
Christmas Eve Holy Qurbana: £802.80
Nercha: £142.95
25.12.2025 | THURSDAY
10:30 am - £140.10
Many thanks for all your generous contributions.

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

DATES FOR DIARY

31.12.25 | WEDNESDAY - 11:00pm Adoration, Holy Qurbana
25.01.26 | SUNDAY - Feast of St Sebastian
25.01.26 | SUNDAY - Catechism Half Yearly Exam
01.02.26 | SUNDAY - Pradhinidhi Yogam
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

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

FEAST OF ST SEBASTIAN: The Feast of St. Sebastian will be celebrated on Sunday, 25th January at 11:00 AM. **Ambu can be collected** on a family-unit basis on Sunday, 18th January, after the 11:00 AM Holy Qurbana only, and it must be returned on Sunday, 25th January.

CATECHISM: There will not be catechism on the 4th of January, 2026.

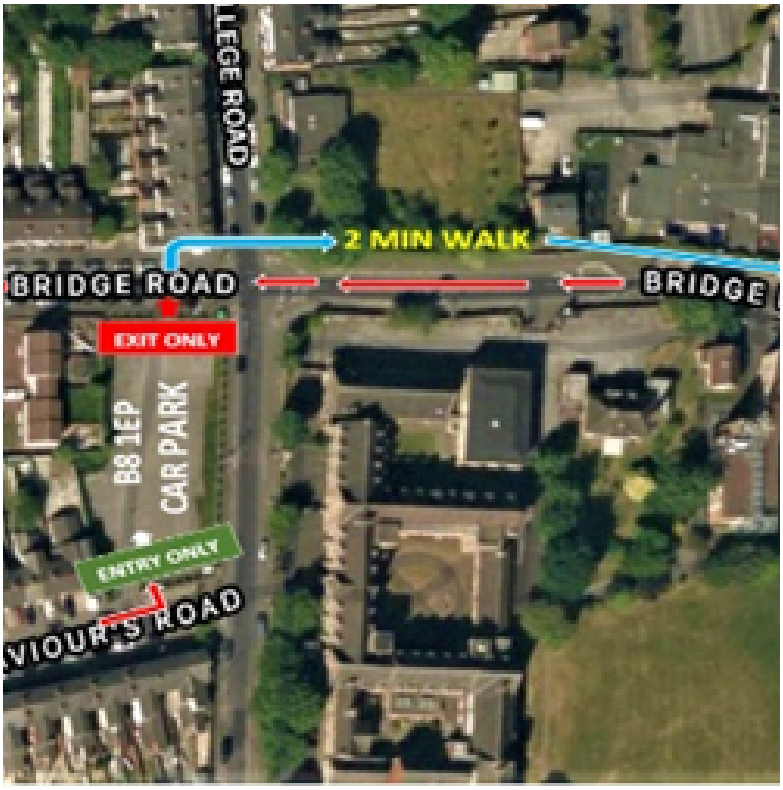
Parents are kindly requested to regularly check for any updates regarding catechism in the SBM Parents Teachers WhatsApp group as well.

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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Mrs Mary Augustine (89)

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Saju Augustine (Infant Jesus) on the passing of his beloved mother, Mrs. Mary Augustine (89), on 28 December 2025 (today). Our thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved family during this difficult time. May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may God grant the family strength, comfort, and peace.



QUIZ SCHEDULE

FEB-APR 2026

- PRACTICE ROUND — 31 JAN 2026 — ONLINE - MULTIPLE CHOICE
- ROUND 01 — 07 FEB, 14 FEB & 21 FEB — ONLINE - MULTIPLE CHOICE
- ROUND 02 — 28 FEB & 07 MAR — ONLINE - MULTIPLE CHOICE
- SEMI FINAL — 14 MAR & 21 MAR — ONLINE - MULTIPLE CHOICE
- FINAL — 11-APR-2026 — LIVE QUIZ - DIFFERENT TYPES OF ROUNDS

AGE GROUPS
08-10 years, 11-13 years, 14-17 years & Adults (18-Plus)

REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW!
LAST DATE FOR REGISTRATION 01 FEB 2026

CSMEGB BIBLE APOSTOLATE

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT: https://smegbbiblekalotsavam.com/suvara-2026/

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)

Happy New Year

31.12.2025 | WEDNESDAY

11:00 pm - ADORATION, YEAR END PRAYER
12:00 am - HOLY QURBANA, NEW YEAR PRAYER



ANNUAL RETREAT

20.02.2026 FRIDAY
21.02.2026 SATURDAY
22.02.2026 SUNDAY

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