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2nd SUNDAY OF ANNUNCIATION



SUNDAY READINGS

14.12.25 - 3rd Sunday of Annunciation
Gen 21:1-12 | Isa 40:1-11 | 1 Cor 1:26-31 | Lk 1:57-66
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

READING & CHURCH CLEANING

14.12.25 - Year 10 Catechism Students
21.12.25 - St Mary's
28.12.25 - Infant Jesus
04.01.26 - Holy Trinity

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

11.12.25 - St Rita | Dasan & Tessy's House | after Carol

13.12.25 - Infant Jesus | Saju & Asha's House | 5:30 pm

SEASON OF ANNUNCIATION

The **Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady**, celebrated on December 8, is a profound and joyful solemnity in the Catholic Church that commemorates the moment when Mary, by a unique and extraordinary grace from God, was preserved from original sin from the very first instant of her existence in the womb of her mother, St. Anne. This teaching, rooted in centuries of theological reflection, liturgical tradition, and devotion, emphasizes that Mary's immaculate state was not something she achieved on her own, but a pure gift from God, given in anticipation of the saving work of Jesus Christ. By being conceived without sin, Mary became the perfectly prepared and wholly receptive vessel for the Incarnation, demonstrating God's intention to begin His plan of salvation in a place of complete spiritual purity. Declared an official dogma of the Church by Pope Pius IX in 1854 through the apostolic constitution Ineffabilis Deus, the doctrine highlights Mary's singular role in salvation history, her total openness to God's will, and her vocation as the New Eve whose "yes" opened the way for Christ to enter the world. The feast also reflects the Church's belief in God's power to sanctify and restore humanity, offering Mary as a sign of hope, renewal, and the ultimate victory of grace over sin. Throughout the world, the faithful honor this day with solemn Masses, Eucharistic adoration, Marian hymns, rosaries, processions, and other devotions that express love for Mary and gratitude for God's merciful plan. Beyond its theological depth, the feast encourages believers to imitate Mary's humility, purity of heart, and unwavering trust in God, reminding them that the same divine grace that preserved her from sin is available to all who seek to follow Christ with sincerity and faith.

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 | 08.12.25 Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
TUE | 09.12.25	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
WED | 10.12.25	06:45 am 07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual Succour Novena, Adoration*
THU | 11.12.25	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
FRI | 12.12.25	06:45 am 07:00 pm 07:30 pm	Holy Qurbana Rosary, Confession Holy Qurbana, Adoration till 10 pm
SAT | 13.12.25	10:00 am	Latin Mass
SUN | 14.12.25 Feast of Saint John of the Cross	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

30.11.2025 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £40.10
11:00 am - £133.33
Digital collection plate: £25.00

Many thanks for all your generous contributions.

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

DATES FOR DIARY

03.12.25 | WEDNESDAY - House to house Carol starts
08.12.25 | MONDAY - Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady
13.12.25 | SATURDAY - Women's Forum Annual Gathering
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.

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.



NEWS & UPDATES



Ulahannan Chacko Maliyekkal (96)

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Johnson, Celin & Family (St Joseph Prayer Unit) on the passing of Johnson's beloved father Mr. Ulahannan Chacko Maliyekkal, on the 30th of November, 2025. Our thoughts and prayers are with Johnson's family during this difficult time. May his soul rest in eternal peace, and may God surround the family with strength, comfort, and peace.







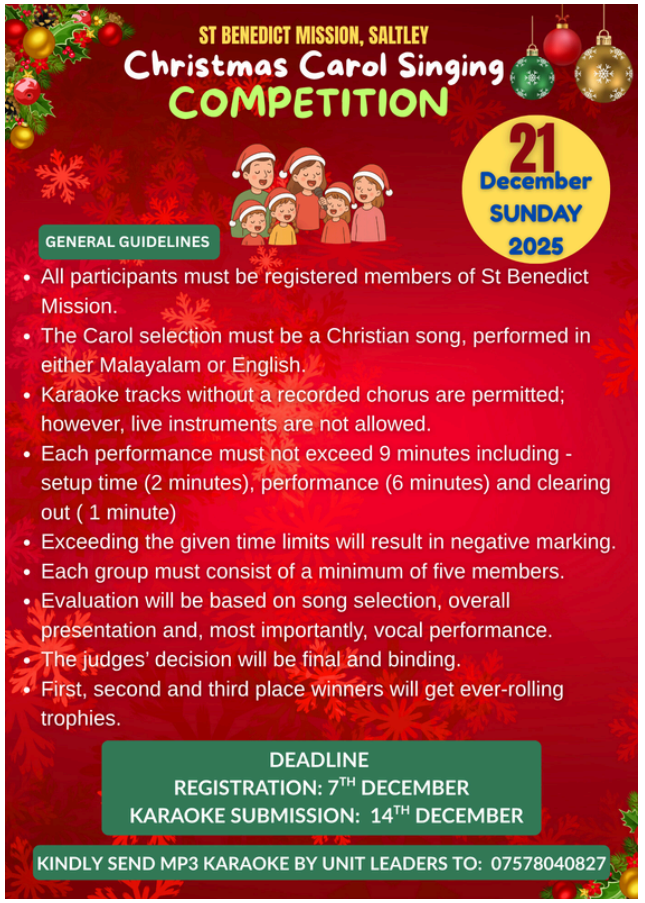
18 days until Christmas







25.12.2025 | THURSDAY | 10:30 AM
SYRO MALABAR MASS





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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