St Benedict Voice

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5th SUNDAY OF DENHA



SUNDAY READINGS

08.02.26 - 6th Sunday of Denha
Ex 20:1-17 | Ezek 11:14-21 | Col 3:5-14 | Mt 5:17-26
15.02.26 - 1st Sunday of the Great Fast
Ex 24:12-18 | Sir 2:1-11 | Heb 2:10-18 | Lk 4:1-13
22.02.26 - 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast
Gen 13:1-13 | Sir 31:1-11 | 1 Tim 6:3-10 | Lk 19:1-10
01.03.26 - 3rd Sunday of the Great Fast
Deut 15:7-15 | Tob 12:6-15 | 2 Cor 8:9-15 | Mt 6:1-8;16-18

READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

08.02.26 - Yr 8 Catechism Students
15.02.26 - St Rita
22.02.26 - St Padre Pio
01.03.26 - Sacred Heart

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

There will be no Family Unit Prayer Meeting this week

SEASON OF EPIPHANY (DENHA)

The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple, also known as the Purification of Our Lady and traditionally celebrated as Candlemas, recalls the moment when Mary and Joseph brought the forty-day-old Child Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem in faithful obedience to the Law of Moses, which required the purification of a mother after childbirth and the presentation of every firstborn son to the Lord. Although the Blessed Virgin Mary was conceived without sin and therefore had no need of purification, and although Christ Himself is the Author and Fulfillment of the Law, they humbly submitted to these prescriptions, offering the sacrifice of the poor and giving a powerful witness of humility, trust, and obedience to God's will. In the Temple, Jesus is received by the righteous Simeon, who had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before beholding the Messiah; taking the Child into his arms, Simeon proclaims Him to be the salvation prepared for all peoples, "a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for Israel," while also foretelling that Christ would be a sign of contradiction and that a sword would pierce Mary's soul, foreshadowing the suffering of the Cross. The prophetess Anna likewise recognizes the Child and gives thanks to God, speaking of Him to all who were awaiting the redemption of Jerusalem. This feast celebrates Christ as the true Light of the world, a truth expressed in the Church's ancient custom of blessing candles, and invites the faithful to contemplate the mystery of Christ's self-offering, Mary's quiet participation in her Son's saving mission, and our own call to recognize Christ with faith, to embrace obedience to God's will, and to carry the light of Christ into a world still longing for redemption.

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 | 02.02.26 The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple	06:45 am 10:00 am 07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass Holy Qurbana
TUE | 03.02.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
WED | 04.02.26 Feast of Saint John Britto	06:45 am 07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual* Succour Novena, Adoration
THU | 05.02.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
FRI | 06.02.26	06:45 am 07:00 pm 07:30 pm	Holy Qurbana Rosary, Confession Holy Qurbana, Adoration till 10 pm
SAT | 07.02.26	10:00 am	Latin Mass
SUN | 08.02.26	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

25.01.2026 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £18.60

11:00 am - £191.09

Digital collection plate: £0.00

St Stbastian Nercha - £201.00

Many thanks for all your generous contributions.

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

DATES FOR DIARY

08.02.26 | SUNDAY - CML Snack Sale

20.02.26 | FRIDAY - 3 days Annual Retreat - DAY 1

21.02.26 | SATURDAY - 3 days Annual Retreat - DAY 2

22.02.26 | SUNDAY - 3 days Annual Retreat - LAST DAY

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 the next year, 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.

ANNUAL RETREAT: Welcome to the Annual Retreat led by Rev Fr Pozhaliparamban VC.

20/02/2026 - 6:00 pm to 9:30 pm

21/02/2026 - 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm

22/02/2026 - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm (11 am Holy Qurbana)

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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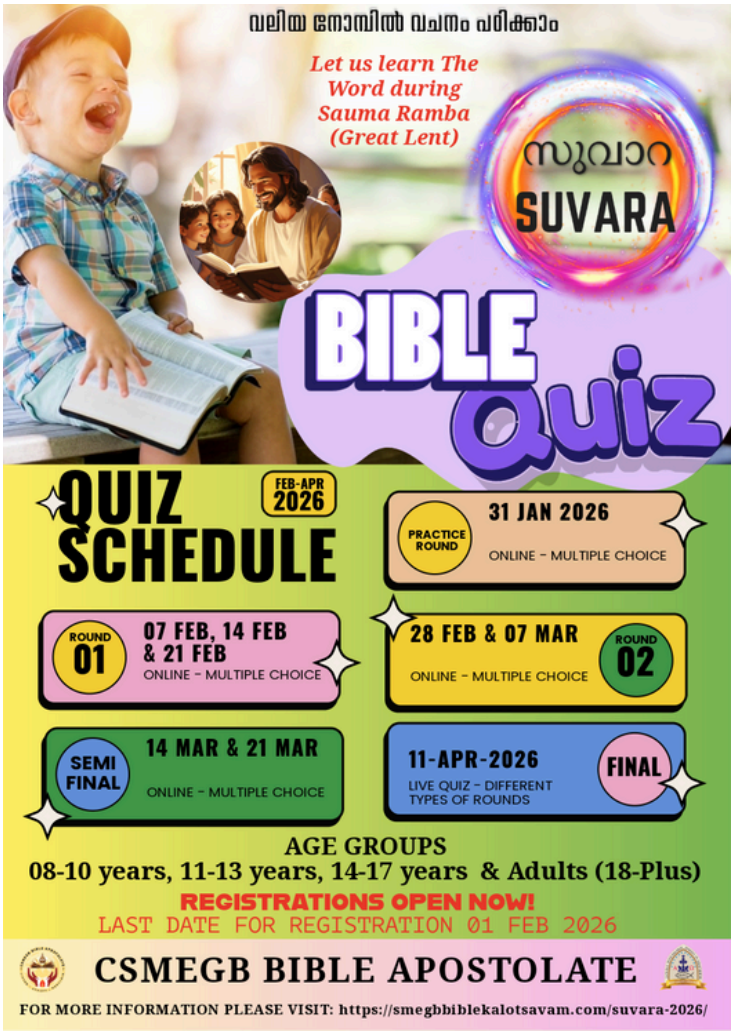



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