# St Benedict Voice

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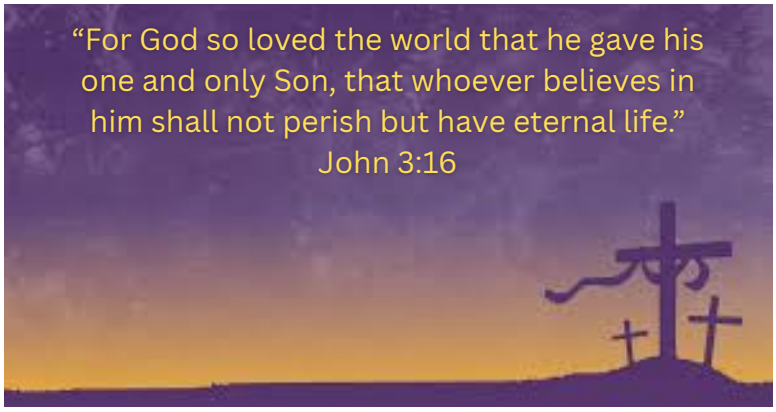
## 2nd SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST




## SUNDAY READINGS

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| **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** |
| **08.03.26 - 4th Sunday of the Great Fast** |
| **Gen 19:1-7,10-11 \| 2 Sam 12:1-7,13-17 \| 2 Tim 2:22-26 \| Mt 5:27-32** |
| **15.03.26 - 5th Sunday of the Great Fast** |
| **Gen 13:1-13 \| Sir 31:1-11 \| 1 Tim 6:3-10 \| Lk 19:1-10** |
| **22.03.26 - 6th Sunday of the Great Fast** |
| **Deut 8:1-10 \| 2 Macc 6:18-31 \| 1 Pet 4:12-19 \| Mk 8:31-9:1** |

## READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

**01.03.26 - Sacred Heart**
**08.03.26 - Year 12 Catechism Students**
**15.03.26 - Holy Rosary**
**22.03.26 - St Joseph**

## FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

**28.02.26 - St Alphonsa | Bony & Neethu's House | 7:00 pm**

## SEASON OF THE GREAT FAST

**Lent** is an important and meaningful season in the life of the Church that gives us time to slow down, reflect, and renew our faith as we prepare for the celebration of Easter. It lasts forty days and reminds us of Jesus spending forty days in the desert praying and fasting, trusting completely in God. During Lent, we are invited to look honestly at our lives and think about how we can grow closer to God in simple and practical ways.

The Church encourages us to focus on prayer by spending more time with God, whether through personal prayer, reading Scripture, or joining in church services. Fasting during Lent helps us learn self-control and reminds us that we do not live by material things alone, but by our relationship with God. Almsgiving invites us to care for others by sharing our time, talents, and resources, especially with those who are in need. Lent is also a time for forgiveness and healing, when we are called to say sorry for our sins, seek reconciliation, and begin again with a clean heart. It is not meant to be a season of sadness, but a season of hope, growth, and renewal, where small sacrifices lead to big changes in our hearts.

As a church community, Lent brings us together to support one another, to grow in kindness and patience, and to live our faith through loving actions at home, at work, and in our neighborhoods. Through this shared journey, Lent helps prepare our hearts to fully experience the joy, peace, and new life that come with the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter, reminding us that God is always calling us to deeper faith, stronger love, and a closer relationship with Him.

Celebrating Lent as a family and church community helps children feel supported and connected, strengthening their sense of belonging in the 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

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| **MON \| 23.02.26**<br>Feast of Saint Polycarp | 06:45 am<br>10:00 am | Holy Qurbana<br>Latin Mass |
| **TUE \| 24.02.26**<br>Feast of Blessed Martyr Rani Maria | 06:45 am<br>10:00 am | Holy Qurbana<br>Latin Mass |
| **WED \| 25.02.26** | 06:45 am<br>07:00 pm | Holy Qurbana<br>Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual* Succour Novena, Adoration |
| **THU \| 26.02.26** | 06:45 am<br>10:00 am | Holy Qurbana<br>Latin Mass |
| **FRI \| 27.02.26** | 06:45 am<br>07:00 pm<br>07:30 pm | Holy Qurbana<br>Rosary, Confession<br>Holy Qurbana, Adoration till 10 pm |
| **SAT \| 28.02.26** | 10:00 am | Latin Mass |
| **SUN \| 01.03.26** | 07:30 am<br>09:30 am<br>09:30 am<br>10:30 am<br>11:00 am | Holy Qurbana<br>Latin Mass<br>Catechism in school<br>Confession<br>Holy Qurbana |

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

**15.02.2026 | SUNDAY**

**07:30 am - £14.00**
**11:00 am - £57.24**
**Digital collection plate: £0.00**
**Ash Monday 2 masses: £73.39**

Many thanks for all your generous contributions.

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

## DATES FOR DIARY

**23.02.26 | MONDAY - Women's Forum Gathering**
**01.03.26 | SUNDAY - Pradhinidhi Yogam**
**29.03.26 | SUNDAY - Palm Sunday**
**02.04.26 | THURSDAY - Maundy Thursday**
**03.04.26 | FRIDAY - Good Friday**
**04.04.26 | SATURDAY - Holy Saturday**
**05.04.26 | SUNDAY - Easter**
**12.04.26 | SUNDAY - Puthu Njayar, Devine Mercy**
**30.05.26 | SATURDAY - Men's Forum Annual Picnic**

## NEWS & UPDATES

**ANNUAL RETREAT:** Thank you Rev. Fr. Joseph Pozhaliparamban VC for leading our annual retreat. Your inspiring talks and spiritual guidance helped us grow closer to God. We are deeply grateful for your time and dedication. Thank you.



**WOMEN'S FORUM:** St. Benedict Mission, Saltley Women's Forum first gathering on Monday, 23rd February 2026, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Join us for Mass, talk, fun games and activities, and refreshments. Welcome!

**LIVING STONE MINISTRY:** Due to the increasing interest from many to join our International Youth Group, we are prayerfully planning to welcome newly wedded couples into the group as well. This has been in our thoughts for some time, and we are happy that we are now able to take this forward. If anyone wishes to join the Youth Group and be part of the Living Stone Ministry, kindly inform the coordinators at your earliest convenience. 🤝✨

Please contact: Mr. Bijo Tom – 07883 022 502, Mr. Jimmy Moolamkunnam – 07588 953 457, Mrs. Jemy Punnuse – 07904 644 854

Let us grow together in faith, friendship, and fellowship.

**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



**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.**




