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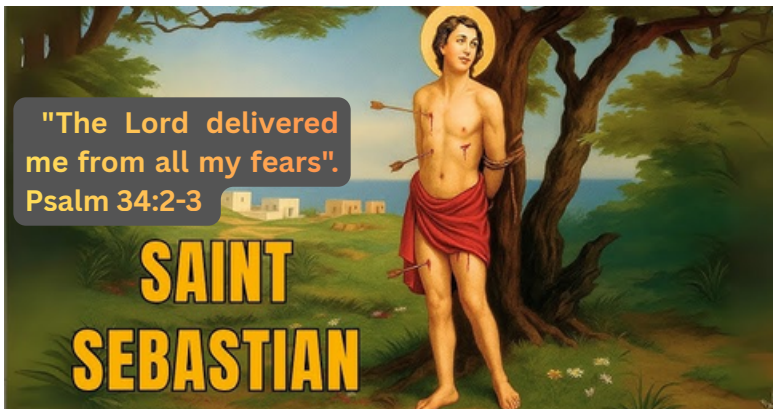
3RD SUNDAY OF DENHA



SUNDAY READINGS

25.01.26 - 4th Sunday of Denha
Gen 29:1-14 | 2 Kgs 17:24-28 | Heb 6:1-12 | Jn 4:1-26
01.02.26 - 5th Sunday of Denha
Lev 4:13-21 | Dan 9:1-9 | Col 1:12-19 | Mk 2:1-12
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

READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

25.01.26 - St Sebastian
01.02.26 - St Theresa
08.02.26 - Yr 8 Catechism Students
15.02.26 - St Rita

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

There will be no Family Unit Prayer Meeting this week.

SEASON OF EPIPHANY (DENHA)

St. Sebastian: A Testament of Courage, Faith, and Service

St. Sebastian is one of the most inspiring saints in Christian history, remembered not only for his extraordinary courage but also for his deep compassion, unwavering faith, and tireless dedication to the Christian community. Born in the 3rd century, during a time when Christians faced persecution under the Roman Empire, Sebastian grew up in a world where faith required extraordinary courage. He rose to prominence as a captain of the Praetorian Guard, the elite unit tasked with protecting the Roman emperors.

Despite his high-ranking position and the privileges it afforded, Sebastian's heart and spirit were devoted to Christ. Secretly, he became a steadfast supporter of fellow Christians, offering encouragement, guidance, and protection to those suffering for their faith. His acts of courage were not without risk, for aiding Christians in those days could cost him his life.

When his secret ministry was discovered, Sebastian was sentenced to death. He was tied to a tree and pierced with arrows, a moment immortalized in countless works of art. Miraculously, he survived this brutal execution, and instead of retreating, he continued to care for and guide the Christian faithful.

His courage and dedication, even after surviving a near-death ordeal, stand as a timeless testament to the power of faith and the resilience of the human spirit when anchored in God's love. Ultimately, Sebastian faced martyrdom once again, enduring a final execution by clubbing, yet his legacy had already inspired generations of believers.

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 | 19.01.26	----------	No Mass today
TUE | 20.01.26 Feast of St. Sebastian	----------	No Mass today
WED | 21.01.26	----------	No Mass today
THU | 22.01.26	----------	No Mass today
FRI | 23.01.26	----------	No Mass today
SAT | 24.01.26 Feast of St. Francis de Sales	10:00 am	Latin Mass
SUN | 25.01.26	07:30 am 09:30 am 09:30 am 10:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass Catechism Half Yearly Exam Confession Holy Qurbana

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

11.01.2026 | SUNDAY

11:00 am - £5.50
Digital collection plate: £0.00

Many thanks for all your generous contributions.

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

DATES FOR DIARY

25.01.26 | SUNDAY - Feast of St Sebastian
25.01.26 | SUNDAY - Catechism Half Yearly Exam
01.02.26 | SUNDAY - Pradhinidhi Yogam
01.02.26 | SUNDAY - CML Snack Sale
20.02.26 | FRIDAY - 3 days Annual Retreat starts

NEWS & UPDATES

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 to church on Sunday, 25th January. Click here: 'Prayer to be recited with ambu in homes'

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.

CATECHISM: The school gate will be open from 9.20 am to 9.30 am. Kindly follow the instructions by volunteers. All children should participate in 11 am Holy 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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"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you." Isaiah 60:1

ANNUAL RETREAT



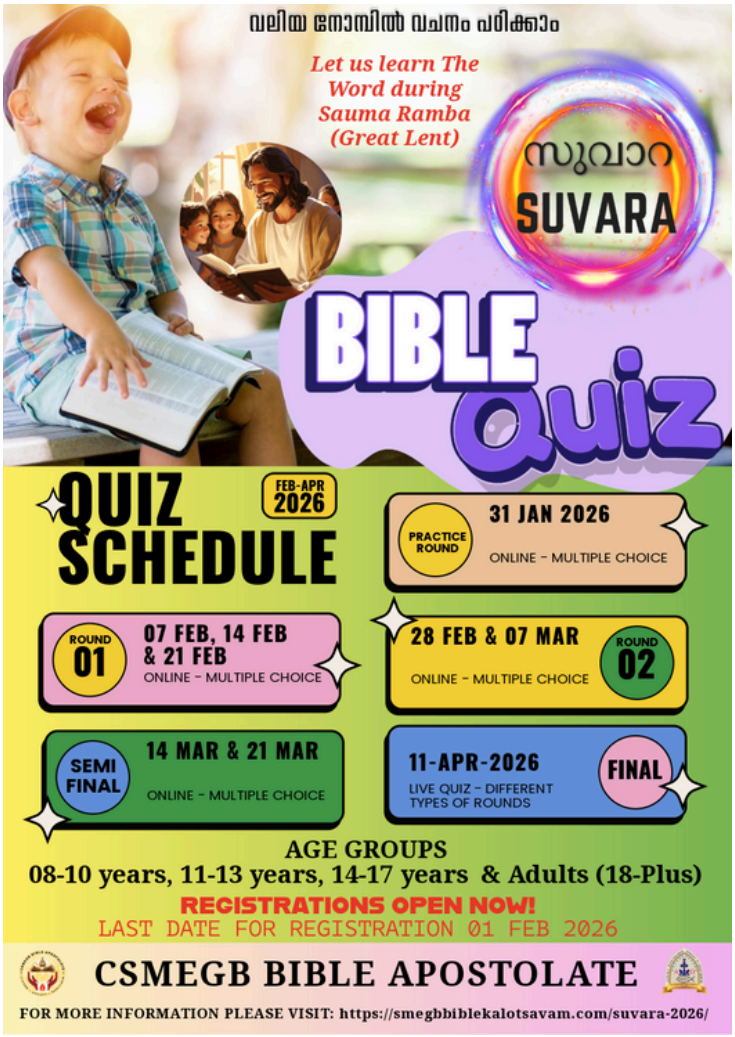
2026 FEBRUARY 20, 21 & 22
FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Feb 20th Friday
6:00 pm to 9:30 pm - Annual Retreat DAY 1

Feb 21st Saturday
3:00 pm to 9:00 pm - Annual Retreat DAY 2
Children's retreat at school
Refreshments will be provided

Feb 22nd Sunday
11:00 am - Holy Qurbana
12:00 pm to 4:00 pm - Annual Retreat DAY 3
Children's retreat at school
Refreshments will be provided







Mariyakutty Mathew (87)

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Mathew Kaithakal (Appachen) and Laisamma (Catechism Teacher) from St Sebastian prayer unit on the passing of his beloved mother, Mrs. Mariyakutty Mathew Kaithakal.
Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the bereaved family in this time of grief. May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may God bless the family with strength, comfort, and consolation. Amen.



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