St Benedict Voice

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2nd SUNDAY OF NATIVITY



SUNDAY READINGS

11.01.26 - 2nd Sunday of Denha
Ex 3:9-16 | Sir 18:1-14 | Rev 1:4-8 | Jn 8:21-30
18.01.26 - 3rd Sunday of Denha
Deut 31:1-8 | Isa 41:8-16 | Phil 3:4-16 | Mk 3:7-19
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

READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

11.01.26 - Year 9 Catechism Students
18.01.26 - St Thomas
25.01.26 - St Sebastian
01.02.26 - St Theresa

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

There will be no Family Unit Prayer Meeting this week.

SEASON OF EPIPHANY (DENHA)

The Syriac word **Denha** has several meanings like dawn, manifestation, epiphany and revelation. In the season of epiphany we commemorate, the manifestation that began during the Baptism of Jesus at river Jordan. Jesus reveals Himself to the world, and the Father and the Holy Spirit give witness to it. “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased” (Mt. 3:17).

The Mystery of Holy Trinity is revealed at the baptism of Jesus Christ. The Lord’s Epiphany that is celebrated on 6th January, is called “feast of pindikuthi” in the northern region of Kerala and “feast of rakkuli” in the southern region. The expression, “the feast of pindikuthi” is derived from the practice of lighting wicks around the stem of plantain tree, by making procession around it shouting el payya (God is Light), to honour and praise Christ who is ‘the Light of the world’. All the readings of this season of Epiphany that commemorate the public life of Christ, lead us to the personality of Christ. The election of the apostles, as an important event of the public life, is also a 17 subject matter of meditation of the season of Epiphany. During this season the Church teaches us that Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin, has come to find the sinners and, the salvation and the forgiveness of sin are through Christ, the Son of God.

Through the readings of this season, we receive the knowledge and experience that Jesus is the Fulfilment of the law, the Bread of life and the Merciful and Good shepherd who send the apostles to the sheep who have no shepherds. The liturgy of Denha invites the faithful to renew their baptismal commitment, grow in faith, and prepare spiritually for the journey toward Lent. White vestments are used, symbolizing light, joy, and divine revelation.

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 | 05.01.26	10:00 am	Latin Mass
TUE | 06.01.26	10:00 am	Latin Mass
WED | 07.01.26	06:45 am 07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual* Succour Novena, Adoration
THU | 08.01.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
FRI | 09.01.26	----------	No Mass today
SAT | 10.01.26	----------	No Mass today
SUN | 11.01.26	---------- 09:30 am 09:30 am 10:30 am 11:00 am	No Holy Qurbana at 7:30 am Latin Mass Catechism Confession Holy Qurbana

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

28.12.2025 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £13.75
11:00 am - £146.92
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
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

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: 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.

BIBLE READING: As a new year resolution, we are starting the Bible reading for our catechism children from Monday 5/1/25 from 8.30 pm for 15 minutes. Aim is to finish Bible reading in the next year, and it is an encouragement for the children for Bible reading. Year 12 will be leading in the first week. Please encourage all children to join in this prayerful time. Please visit catechism WhatsApp groups for updates.

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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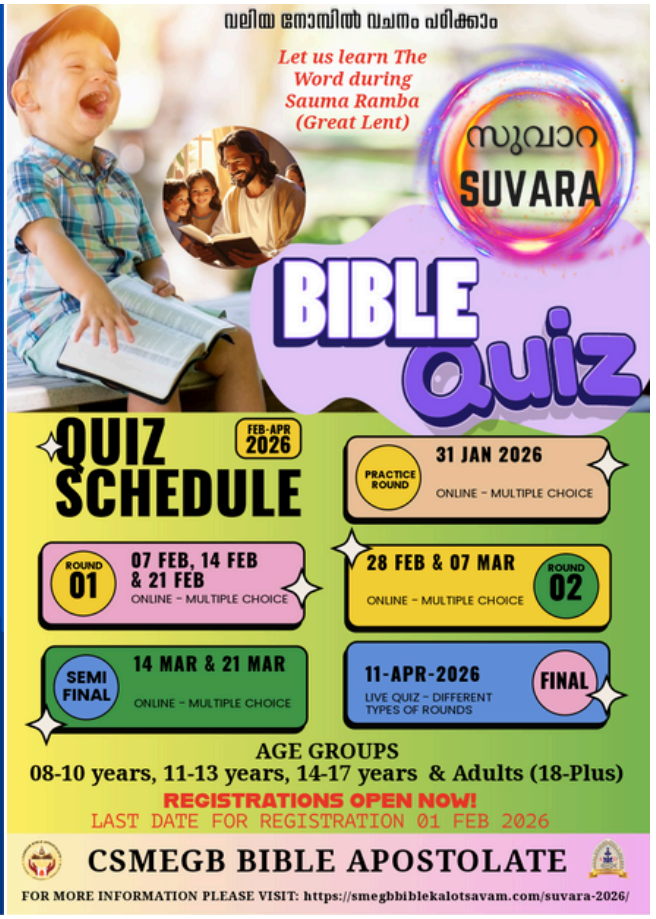



ANNUAL RETREAT

20.02.2026 FRIDAY
21.02.2026 SATURDAY
22.02.2026 SUNDAY

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.

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