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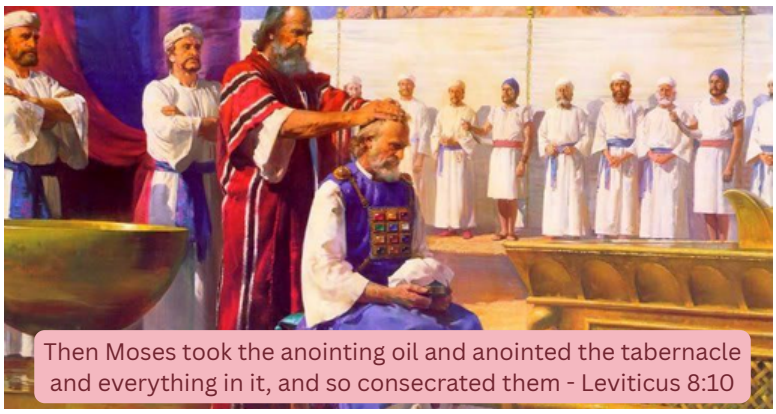
6TH SUNDAY OF APOSTLES



Then Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and everything in it, and so consecrated them - Leviticus 8:10

SUNDAY READINGS

05.07.26 - 7th Sunday of Apostles
Num11:16-18,24-30 | 1Sam 16:14-23 | Gal 5:16-26 | Jn 14:15-20,25-26
12.07.26 - 1st Sunday of Kaitha
Gen 35:23-29 | Josh 4:1-9 | Rev 21:9-21 | Mt 10:1-15
19.07.26 - 2nd Sunday of Kaitha
Deut 28:1-14 | Sir 10:19-25 | Rom 11:17-24 | Jn 15:1-8
26.07.26 - 3rd Sunday of Kaitha
Ruth 1:6-18 | Sir 33:7-13 | Rom 12:3-8 | Lk 10:38-42

READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

05.07.26 - Parish Feast
12.07.26 - St Padre Pio
19.07.26 - St Thomas
26.07.26 - Sacred Heart

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

28.06.26 - St Thomas | Jenny & Deepa (St Thomas More Church - Hall | 6:00 pm

SEASON OF THE APOSTLES

St. Thomas the Apostle holds a unique and important place in the life of the Church. Often remembered for his initial doubt concerning the Resurrection of Jesus, Thomas is far more than the disciple who questioned. He is a powerful witness to the journey of faith, demonstrating that sincere questions, when brought before God, can lead to profound belief and commitment. After hearing the news of Christ's Resurrection from the other disciples, Thomas found it difficult to accept what seemed impossible. He declared that he would not believe unless he could see and touch the wounds of the Lord. Eight days later, Jesus appeared and lovingly invited Thomas to do exactly that. In response, Thomas made one of the greatest professions of faith recorded in the Scriptures: “My Lord and my God!” These words continue to echo through the centuries as a testimony to the divinity of Christ and the transformation that occurs when a person encounters the living Lord.

The life of St. Thomas encourages all Christians who may struggle with questions, uncertainties, or moments of spiritual dryness. His story reminds us that God does not reject those who seek understanding. Instead, Christ met Thomas where he was, offering both reassurance and an invitation to deeper faith. In our own lives, we may experience periods when God's presence seems distant or when life's challenges cause us to question. St. Thomas teaches us that faith is not a blind acceptance of every circumstance but a trusting relationship with God that grows stronger through prayer, reflection, and perseverance.

According to ancient Christian tradition, St. Thomas carried the Gospel far beyond the boundaries of the Roman Empire.

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 | 29.06.26 St Peter and Paul, the Apostles	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
TUE | 30.06.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
WED | 01.07.26	07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual* Succour Novena, Adoration
THU | 02.07.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
FRI | 03.07.26 THIRUNAL DAY 1 Duhkrana of St Thomas, the Apostle	07:00 pm	Prasudenthi Vazcha, Thiruswarupa Prathishtta, Kodiyettu, followed by Latin Holy Mass, Novena, Ladeeenju, Pachor Nercha
SAT | 04.07.26 THIRUNAL DAY 2	---------- 06:30 pm	No Morning Mass Holy Qurbono - Syro - Malankara Rite, Novena, Ladeenju, Nercha
SUN | 05.07.26 THIRUNAL DAY 3	---------- 11:00 am	No Morning Mass Solemn Holy Raza, Solemn Thirunal Procession, Novena Ladeenju, Final Blessing, Nercha, Melasangamam by Melappolima, Sneha-Virunnu, Kodiyirakkam.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

21.06.2026 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £16.00

11:00 am - £143.50

Digital collection plate: £50.00

Many thanks for all your generous contributions.

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

DATES FOR DIARY

03.07.26 | FRIDAY - Parish Feast - Day 1 at 7:00 pm
04.07.26 | SATURDAY - Parish Feast - Day 2 at 6:30 pm
05.07.26 | SUNDAY - Parish Feast - Day 3 at 11: 00 am
06.07.26 | MONDAY - Holy Qurbana at 7pm
18.07.26 | SATURDAY - Walsingham Pilgrimage
24.10.26 | SATURDAY - Regional Bible Kalotsavam
31.10.26 | SATURDAY - Parish Day
21.11.26 | SATURDAY - National Bible Kalotsavam

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.

PRESUDENTHIS: Those who wish to serve as Presudenthis for our Parish Feast are kindly requested to submit their names to their Unit Leaders or Trustees by 1st July, 2026. Thank you for your generosity and support.

ALTER SERVERS: There will be monthly meetings and practice sessions for altar servers at Saltley Church on the second Saturday of every month from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. All new and existing altar servers are expected to attend. For more information please contact Mr. Rejo Antony, Coordinator at 07581 383 168.

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. 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

CATECHISM: Please note that there will be no Catechism classes on 5th July 2026. Parents are kindly requested to regularly check for any updates regarding catechism in the SBM Parents Teachers WhatsApp group.

Also, please contact Head Teacher Jini Baiju at 07576 840 870 to join this WhatsApp group.

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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CLICK HERE to Join Zoom Meeting at 8.30 pm

Topic: Bible Reading
Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Meeting ID: 879 4371 8668
Passcode: 340174



ST BENEDICT MISSION SALTLEY

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141 Parkfield Road, Saltley, Birmingham, B8 3BB





July 3, 4 & 5 - FRI SAT SUN
2026

Dear all,
We joyfully celebrate the solemn joint Feast of St. Thomas, St. Benedict, and St. Alphonsa on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th of July 2026. We warmly invite you to join us for this blessed and graceful occasion, as we give thanks to the Lord for His countless blessings and seek to receive abundant graces for our personal lives and families through the intercession of our Holy Patrons.
With love and prayers.
Fr. Fanzwa Pathil (Mission Director), **Trustees & Thirunal Committee**

THIRUNAL THIRUKARMANGAL

JULY 3 FRIDAY

7:00 PM
ST THOMAS DAY
Prasudenthi Vazhcha
Thiruswarupa Prathishtta, Kodiyettu
LATIN HOLY MASS:
Rev. Fr. CANON JONATHAN VEASEY
(Vicar General,
The Archdiocese of Birmingham)
Novena, Latheenju, Pachor Nercha

JULY 4 SATURDAY

6:30 PM
HOLY QURBONO (SYRO MALANKARA RITE):
HIS EXCELLENCY
KURIAKOSE MAR OSTHATHIOS
(Apostolic Visitator to Europe of
the Syro Malankara Catholic Church)
Novena, Latheenju, Nercha

JULY 5 SUNDAY

11:00 AM
SOLEMN HOLY RAZA:
Rev. Fr. MICHAEL (TONY) KOCHERRY
(First Syro Malabar Priest of
Eparchy of Great Britain)
Solemn Thirunal Procession
Novena, Latheenju, Final Blessing, Nercha
MELASANGAMAM by Melappolima
Sneha Virunnu, Kodiyirakkam

JULY 6 MONDAY

7:00 PM

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEAD

Holy Qurbana

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