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3rd SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST



SUNDAY READINGS

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 4:8-16 | 1 Sam 24:1-8 | 1 Jn 1:5-10 | Jn 8:1-11

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

29.03.26 - 7th Sunday of the Great Fast

Ex 15:1-3,11-15,20-21 | Is 62:10-12,63:1-4 | Gal 4:12-20 | Lk 19:28-40

READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

08.03.26 - Year 13 Catechism Students
15.03.26 - Holy Rosary
22.03.26 - St Joseph
29.03.26 - Ave Maria

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

01.03.26 - St Mary's | Jomino & Nintu's House | 5:00 pm

01.03.26 - Holy Family | Jian & Neethu's House | 5:00 pm

01.03.26 - Holy Trinity | Jinu & Siny's House | 6:30 pm

01.03.26 - Holy Rosary | Sibu & Siji's House | 7:00 pm

05.03.26 - St Joseph | Noby & Anu's House | 7:00 pm

07.03.26 - Immaculate Conception | Dr. Mano & Dr. Parimal's House | 7:00 pm

SEASON OF THE GREAT FAST

The Season of the Great Fast is one of the most sacred, solemn, and spiritually enriching periods in the life of the Church. Known in many traditions as Great Lent, this holy season is a divinely appointed time of preparation leading us toward the radiant joy of the Resurrection. For forty days, following the example of our Lord's own fast in the wilderness, we are called to step away from worldly distractions and enter into a deeper, more intentional relationship with God. The Great Fast invites every member of the faithful—young and old alike—to embrace prayer, fasting, repentance, humility, forgiveness, and acts of mercy as essential tools for spiritual growth. Fasting during this season is not merely about refraining from certain foods; rather, it is about disciplining the body in order to strengthen the soul, turning away from sinful habits, controlling our thoughts and words, and cultivating a spirit of gratitude and self-denial. Through more frequent participation in the Divine Services, the reading of Holy Scripture, heartfelt confession, and sincere acts of charity toward those in need, we allow God's grace to transform our hearts. This sacred time encourages families to pray together more faithfully, to reconcile broken relationships, and to create homes filled with peace and spiritual focus. The Church, in her wisdom, provides beautiful liturgical hymns, solemn prayers, and meaningful traditions that guide us step by step along this journey of repentance and renewal. As we reflect on Christ's sacrifice, we are reminded of the depth of His love and the hope offered through His Passion and Resurrection. The Great Fast teaches us that true joy comes not from comfort or abundance, but from surrendering ourselves to God's will and growing in holiness. It is a season of quiet reflection, renewed commitment, and hopeful anticipation.

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 | 02.03.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
TUE | 03.03.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
WED | 04.03.26	06:45 am 07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual* Succour Novena, Adoration
THU | 05.03.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
FRI | 06.03.26	06:45 am 07:00 pm 07:45 pm	Holy Qurbana Way of the cross, Confession Holy Qurbana, Adoration till 10 pm
SAT | 07.03.26	10:00 am	Latin Mass
SUN | 08.03.26	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

22.02.2026 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £27.62
11:00 am - £380.22
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

29.03.26 | SUNDAY - Palm Sunday
02.04.26 | THURSDAY - Maundy Thursday
03.04.26 | FRIDAY - Good Friday (Day of fasting)
04.04.26 | SATURDAY - Holy Saturday
05.04.26 | SUNDAY - Easter Sunday
12.04.26 | SUNDAY - Puthu Njayar, Pradhinidhi Yogam
23.05.26 | SATURDAY - Aylesford Pilgrimage
30.05.26 | SATURDAY - Men's Forum Annual Picnic
18.07.26 | SATURDAY - Walsingham Pilgrimage

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.

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.

CML: CML Penny collection will be held on this Saturday 7th March at 10:00 am CML Mass.

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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Simi Stephen (52)

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Sirosh from St Thomas prayer unit, on the passing of his beloved sister, Mrs. Simi Stephen, on 25th February. 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 grant the family strength, comfort, and consolation in the days ahead. Amen.



Annieamma (70)

With deep sorrow, we share the sad news of the passing of Mrs. Annieamma (70), beloved sister of Elsamma Varghese (Holy Trinity Family Unit), on 26 February 2026. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May her soul find everlasting rest in God's loving embrace. May He bless you with courage, surround you with comfort, and fill your hearts with peace in the days to come. Amen.



PP Paul (92)

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Asha Saju (Infant Jesus Prayer Unit) on the passing of her beloved father, Mr. P.P. Paul, on 27 February 2026. During this time of grief, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May his soul be at peace in eternal light, and may God provide you with strength, solace, and serenity during this difficult time. Amen.



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