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5th SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST



SUNDAY READINGS

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
05.04.26 - 1st Sunday of Resurrection
Isa 60:1-7 | 1Sam 2:1-10 | Rom 5:20-6:23 | Mt 28:1-6
12.04.26 - 2nd Sunday of Resurrection
Lev 26:1-13 | Isa 44:1-8 | 1Jn 1:1-4 | Jn 20:24-31

READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

22.03.26 - St Joseph
29.03.26 - Ave Maria
05.04.26 - Holy Family
12.04.26 - Year 12 Catechism Students

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

16.03.26 - Sacred Heart | Jobin & Kshema's House | 6:30 pm

21.03.26 - Holy Rosary | Sojan & Siji's House | 5:00 pm

21.03.26 - St Theresa | Anish & Shickey's House | 6:00 pm

21.03.26 - Immaculate Conception | Roy & Cicily's House | 6:30 pm

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22.03.26 | St Thomas | Joy & Mini (St Thomas More Hall) | 6:00 pm

SEASON OF THE GREAT FAST

Forgiveness is at the very heart of God's character and His desire for His people. The psalmist declares, "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love" (Psalm 103:8), reminding us that God's love toward us is patient, merciful, and steadfast. One powerful example of this forgiving love is found in 1 Samuel 24:1–8, when David had the opportunity to take revenge on King Saul, who had been pursuing him with the intent to kill. Urged on by his men to strike, David instead chose restraint and reverence, saying, "The Lord forbid that I should do such a thing to my master, the Lord's anointed… I will not lay my hand on him" (1 Samuel 24:6).

Though deeply wronged and unjustly treated, David trusted God's timing and justice rather than acting out of anger. His response teaches us that forgiveness is not weakness; it is strength rooted in faith and obedience.

The ultimate example of forgiving love is seen in Jesus Christ, who, even while suffering on the cross, prayed, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). Through His sacrifice, we receive mercy instead of judgment and grace instead of condemnation. Because we have been forgiven so completely, we are called to reflect that same love toward others: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).

Forgiveness does not deny the pain of wrongdoing, but it releases bitterness and entrusts justice to God. As a church family, may we choose mercy over revenge, humility over pride, and grace over resentment, becoming a living testimony of the forgiving love we have first received from our Lord.

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 | 16.03.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
TUE | 17.03.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
WED | 18.03.26	06:45 am 07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual* Succour Novena, Adoration
THU | 19.03.26 	06:45 am 10:00 am 07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass Holy Qurbana Feast of Saint Joseph
FRI | 20.03.26	06:45 am 07:00 pm 07:45 pm	Holy Qurbana Way of the cross, Confession Holy Qurbana, Adoration till 10 pm
SAT | 21.03.26	08:30 am	Latin Mass
SUN | 22.03.26	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

08.03.2026 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £25.50
11:00 am - £158.01
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

22.03.26 | SUNDAY - CML Chayachithraprayanam
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
18.04.26 | SATURDAY - Women's Forum Annual Gathering
16.05.26 | SATURDAY - Solemn 1st Holy Communion
23.05.26 | SATURDAY - Aylesford Pilgrimage
30.05.26 | SATURDAY - Men's Forum Annual Picnic
18.07.26 | SATURDAY - Walsingham Pilgrimage

NEWS & UPDATES



Happy Mother's Day to all mothers, thanking you for your love, strength, and the many ways you care for and inspire others.

EPARCHIAL LENTEN COLLECTION 2026: Family Unit Leaders will contact you with the details. Please send your offerings on the first week of April.

KURISHINTE VAZHI: On Friday, 20th March Kurishinte Vazhi will be led by St Mother Theresa, Holy Family, Infant Jesus & St Theresa Prayer Units.

WOMEN'S FORUM: Annual gathering of our mission on April 18th, Saturday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm with talks and activities.

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

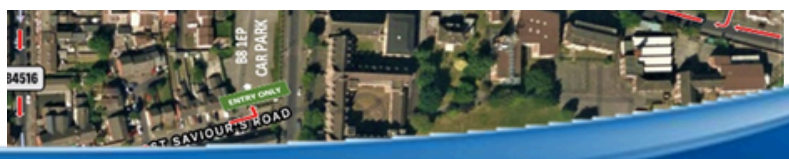
AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE: The pilgrimage is scheduled for Saturday, 23rd May 2026. Please reserve your coach seat in advance by contacting Jobin (Trustee) at 07730 481 581.

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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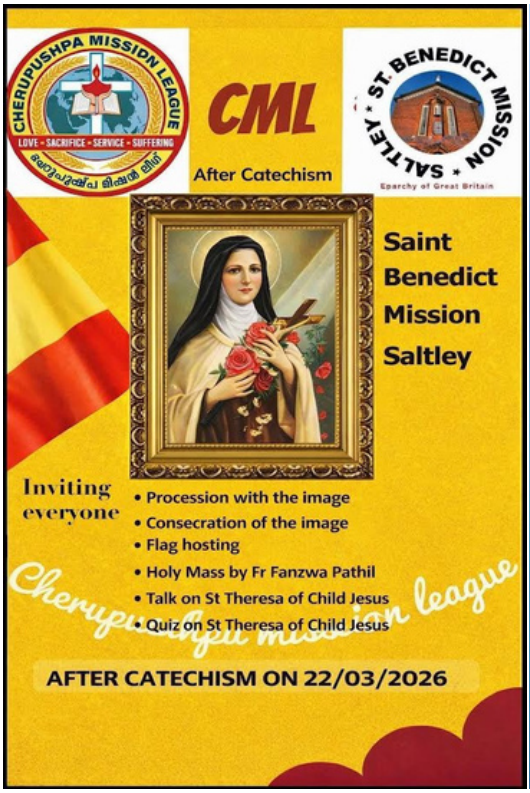
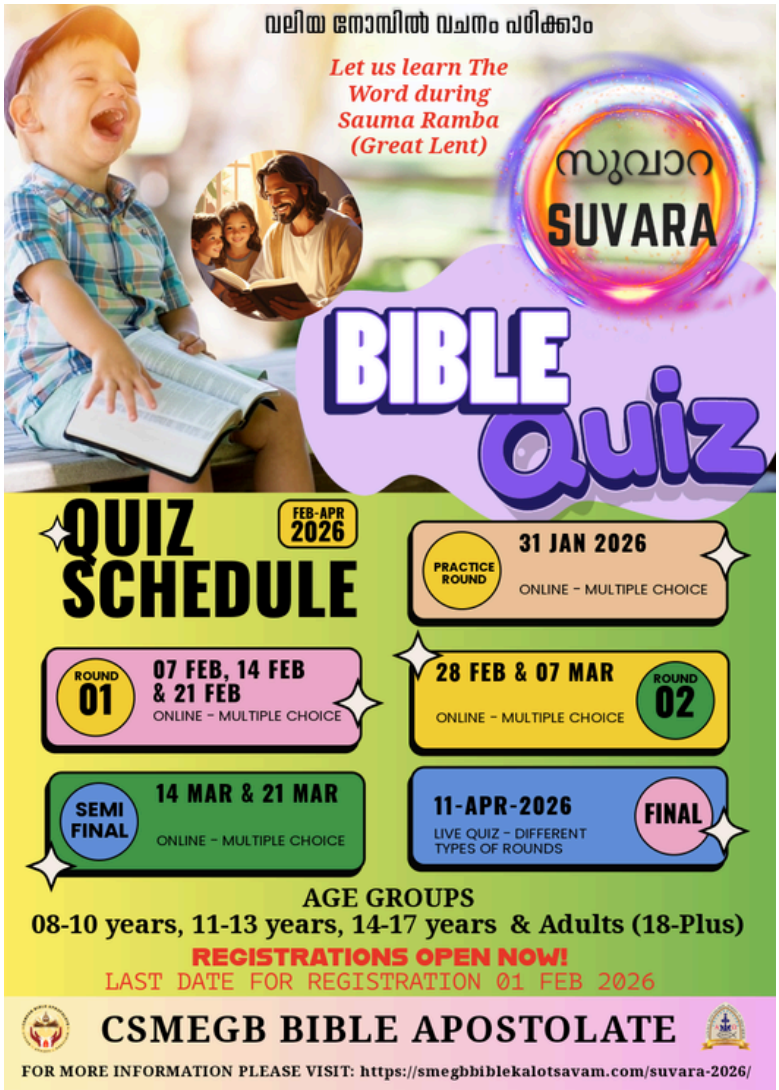






As a new year's resolution, we started the Bible reading for our catechism children on Monday, 5/1/25, from 8:30 pm for 15 minutes. The aim is to finish Bible reading in the next year, and it is an encouragement for the children for Bible reading. Please encourage all children to join in this prayerful time. Please visit catechism WhatsApp groups for updates.





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