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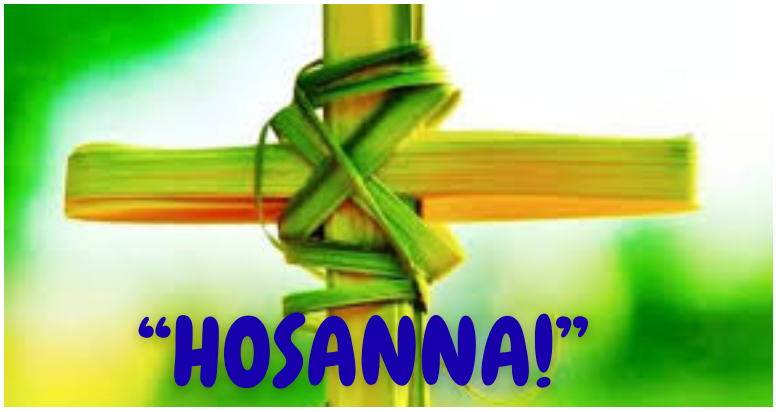
7th SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST



SUNDAY READINGS

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	
19.04.26 - 3rd Sunday of Resurrection	
Ex 3:1-12 | Ezek 34:20-26 | Eph 4:7-16 | Jn 21:15-19	
26.04.26 - 4th Sunday of Resurrection	
Josh 1:1-9 | 2 Chr 15:1-7 | 2 Cor 13:5-10 | Mt 28:16-20	

READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

05.04.26 - Holy Family
12.04.26 - Year 12 Catechism Students
19.04.26 - St Mother Theresa
26.04.26 - The Immaculate Conception

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING



Palm Sunday Procession

SEASON OF THE GREAT FAST

Jesus Christ reveals to His disciples a central mystery of the Christian faith: that salvation comes through suffering freely accepted in obedience to God. Jesus openly teaches that the Son of Man must suffer, be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and rise again after three days. This prediction of the Passion is shocking to the disciples, especially Peter, because they expected a Messiah who would triumph through power and glory rather than humiliation and sacrifice. Jesus' response shows that God's plan of redemption does not follow human logic; instead, it reveals a deeper truth that love expressed through sacrifice has the power to bring salvation. By rebuking Peter and saying, "Get behind me, Satan," Jesus makes clear that rejecting the necessity of the cross is a temptation to turn away from God's saving will. He then extends the meaning of His own suffering to all who desire to follow Him, declaring that discipleship requires self-denial and the willingness to take up one's cross. This teaching shows that Christian suffering, when united with Christ's suffering, participates in His redemptive work. The cross is no longer merely an instrument of death but becomes the sign of God's transforming love. Through His Passion and Resurrection, Christ demonstrates that suffering endured for the sake of faith, truth, and love can lead to new life and eternal glory. For the Church, this passage is a powerful reminder that authentic discipleship often involves sacrifice, perseverance, and trust in God even in the midst of trials. Believers are called to place the Gospel above personal comfort, remembering Jesus' warning that gaining the whole world is worthless if one loses one's soul. At the same time, Jesus promises that those who remain faithful to Him will experience the power of God's kingdom.

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 | 30.03.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
TUE | 31.03.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
WED | 01.04.26	06:45 am 07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual* Succour Novena, Adoration
THU | 02.04.26 Maundy Thursday	06:00 pm 08:30 pm	Latin Liturgy - Mass of the - Lord's Supper Holy Qurbana, Washing of the Feet, Watching at the Altar of Repose (till Midnight)
FRI | 03.04.26 Passion Friday	10:00 am 03:00 pm	Passion Reading, Way of the Cross Through the street, Veneration of the Cross Latin Liturgy - The Passion of the Lord
SAT | 04.04.26 Holy Saturday	10:00 am 06:00 pm 09:00 pm	Blessing of the New Water & Candle, Renewal of Baptism, Holy Qurbana Latin Mass Easter Holy Qurbana, Procession
SUN | 05.04.26 Easter Sunday	09:30 am 09:30 am 10:30 am 11:00 am	Latin Mass No Catechism today Confession Holy Qurbana

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

22.03.2026 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £30.10
11:00 am - £139.93
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

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

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.

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

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. 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.

CATECHISM: There will not be catechism class on 5th of April . 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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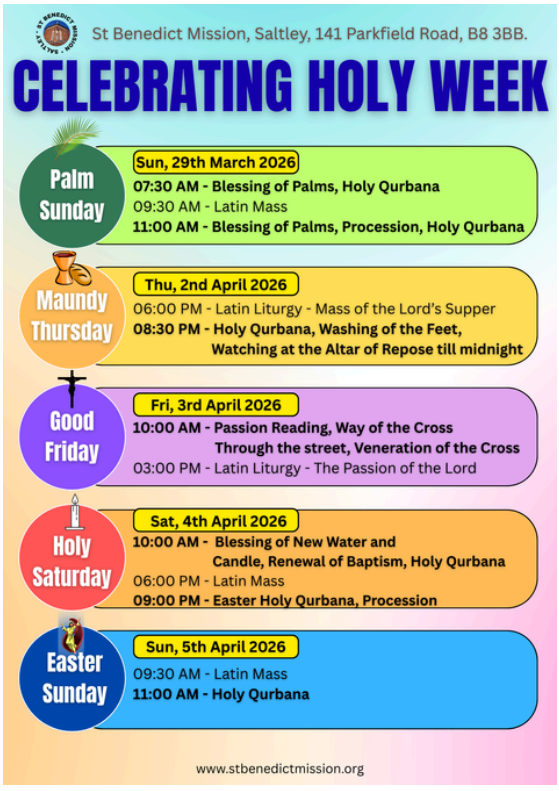








Mariyamma Joseph (80)

Beloved mother of Thomas Joseph (Thomas & Sindu, Acocks Green, Sacred Heart Prayer Unit), Mariyamma Joseph (80) Parathanam House, Changanassery, passed away.

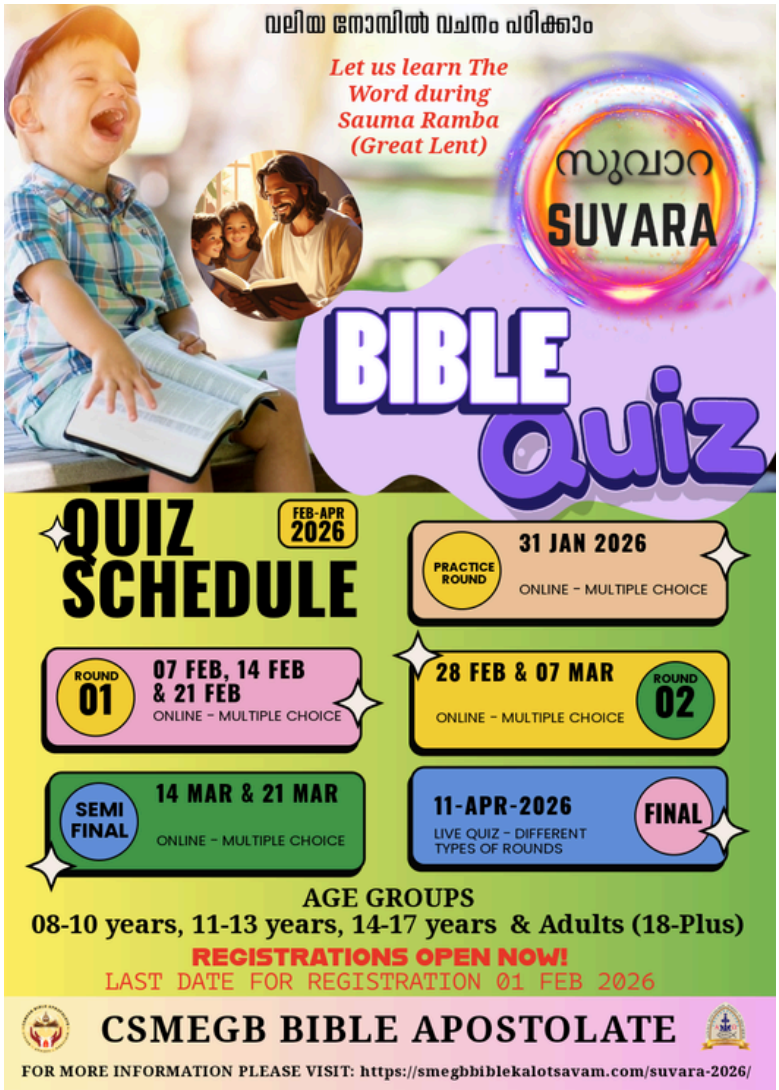
We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May her soul find everlasting rest in God's loving embrace. May He bless you with courage, surround you with comfort, and fill your hearts with peace in the days to come. Amen.



PV Polachen

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Nisha Paul and Nitha Paul (St Mother Theresa Prayer Unit) on the passing of their beloved father, PV Polachen, Painadathu, Karukutti. 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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