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4th SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST



SUNDAY READINGS

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
05.04.26 - 1st Sunday of Resurrection
Isa 60: 1-7 | 1Sam 2: 1-10 | Rom 5: 20-6:23 | Mt 28: 1-6

READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

15.03.26 - Holy Rosary
22.03.26 - St Joseph
29.03.26 - Ave Maria
05.04.26 - Holy Family

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

10.03.26 - St Mother Theresa | Saju & Manju's House | 7:00 pm

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14.03.26 - Infant Jesus | Stejin & Soniya's House | 5:30 pm

SEASON OF THE GREAT FAST

Calling on the Lord with a holy heart is both a personal devotion and a daily discipline. The Apostle Paul urges believers to "flee youthful passions" and instead pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace—together with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. This calling is not passive; it requires intentional turning away from what corrupts and a determined pressing toward what reflects Christ. To call on the Lord with a holy heart means we reject quarrels, foolish controversies, and prideful arguments that divide the body, and instead embrace gentleness, patience, and humility.

The servant of the Lord is not to be argumentative but kind to everyone, able to teach, and not resentful—correcting opponents with grace in the hope that God may grant them repentance and lead them into the knowledge of the truth. In a world that often rewards harshness and loud opinions, Scripture calls us to a different spirit: one shaped by mercy, steady character, and unwavering commitment to truth spoken in love. When we call upon Him sincerely, we invite His refining work within us; He softens hardened attitudes, purifies hidden motives, and equips us to be instruments of restoration rather than division.

As a church family, may we pursue holiness together, encouraging one another to run from temptation and run toward Christ, so that our witness reflects the beauty of the gospel. Let our prayers be marked by purity, our conversations by grace, and our correction of others by compassion, trusting that the Lord is able to free hearts from the snare of the enemy and draw many into the light of His saving truth.

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 | 09.03.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
TUE | 10.03.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
WED | 11.03.26	06:45 am 07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual* Succour Novena, Adoration
THU | 12.03.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
FRI | 13.03.26	06:45 am 07:00 pm 07:45 pm	Holy Qurbana Way of the cross, Confession Holy Qurbana, Adoration till 10 pm
SAT | 14.03.26	10:00 am	Latin Mass
SUN | 15.03.26	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

01.03.2026 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £29.60
11:00 am - £178.56
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
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.

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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Lilly Joy (68)

We offer our sincere condolences to the family of Anu Jiss (St. Theresa Prayer Unit) on the passing of her beloved mother, Mrs. Lilly Joy Vellakottil, on 5th March, 2026. During this time of grief, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May her 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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