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7TH SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION



SUNDAY READINGS

24.05.26 - 1st Sunday of Apostles	
Gen 2:1-8 | Job 33:2-4,34:14-15 | Acts 2:1-21 | Jn 20:19-23	
31.05.26 - 2nd Sunday of Apostles	
Ex 19:1-8 | Ezek 2:1-7 | 1Tim 1:12-19 | Jn 11:1-16	
07.06.26 - 3rd Sunday of Apostles	
Ex 23:20-26 | Jon 4:1-11 | Rom 15:14-21 | Lk 9:1-16	
14.06.26 - 4th Sunday of Apostles	
Ex 20:1-17 | Ezek 3:1-11 | Rom 10:5-15 | Jn 6:60-69	

READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

24.05.26 - Holy Trinity
31.05.26 - Infant Jesus
07.06.26 - St Rita
14.06.26 - St Benedict

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

19.05.26 - Holy Trinity | Raju & Shiji's House | 6:30 pm

23.05.26 - St Rita | Jeans & Nolly's House | 6:30 pm

23.05.26 - St Alphonsa | Anish & Bindu's House | 7:00 pm

24.05.26 - St Sebastian | Noel & Beena's House | 6:00 pm

SEASON OF RESURRECTION

"The place where heaven and earth meet" is a mystery both profound and beautifully simple, a reality that transcends human understanding yet is encountered in the most familiar rhythms of our lives. It is not limited to a single location or moment, but is revealed wherever God's presence is welcomed and made known. In the gathered life of the Church, we glimpse this sacred union most clearly: in the stillness before a service begins, in the rising voices of a congregation united in song, and in the quiet, sacred pause of prayer where hearts open fully to the divine. Here, the boundaries between the temporal and the eternal seem to soften, and we are reminded that we stand on holy ground—not because of where we are, but because of who is with us.

In these moments, heaven does not feel distant or abstract, but near, alive, and deeply personal. The Word proclaimed speaks not only to the mind but to the soul, stirring within us a deeper awareness of God's love and truth. The sacraments become more than symbolic acts; they are living encounters with grace, tangible signs that the divine reaches into our human story. Bread and cup, water and word—simple elements transformed into vessels of eternal meaning—draw us into a reality where heaven touches earth and earth is lifted toward heaven.

Yet this meeting place is not confined to worship alone. It extends into every act of compassion, every gesture of forgiveness, and every choice to love when it would be easier not to. When we care for the lonely, stand with the broken, and serve with humility, we participate in this holy intersection. In such moments, we become part of God's work in the world, embodying the very connection we seek—bringing glimpses of heaven into the lives of others.

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 | 18.05.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
TUE | 19.05.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
WED | 20.05.26	07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual* Succour Novena, Adoration
THU | 21.05.26	06:45 am 09:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
FRI | 22.05.26	07:00 pm 07:30 pm	Rosary, Confession Holy Qurbana, Adoration till 10 pm
SAT | 23.05.26	----------	No Mass today Aylesford Pilgrimage
SUN | 24.05.26 Feast of Pentecost	07:30 am 09:30 am ---------- 10:30 am 11:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass No Catechism today Confession for children- and adults Holy Qurbana

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

10.05.2026 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £13.30

11:00 am - £138.45

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

23.05.26 | SATURDAY - Aylesford Pilgrimage
24.05.26 | SUNDAY - Feast of Pentecost - Ezhuthiniruth
30.05.26 | SATURDAY - Men's Forum Annual Picnic
31.05.26 | SUNDAY - Marian Procession
14.06.26 | SUNDAY - CML Snack Sale
20.06.26 | SATURDAY - Kudmbakoottaima Annual Gathering
21.06.26 | SUNDAY - Sports Day
28.06.26 | SUNDAY - Catechism - End of year exam
03.07.26 | FRIDAY - Parish Feast July 3rd, 4th & 5th
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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION -16TH MAY 2026:



Congratulations on your First Holy Communion - Anna Rose Ashley, Chris Jobin, Daniel Augustine Josbin, Daniel Michael Abraham, Daniel Xavier Paul, Erin Anna Edison, Esther Santhosh, Geo Joseph Justin, Heshel Ashley Varocky, Jofel Jijo, Juvana Jomy, Kain Mathew, Mannya Isa Tibin, Mathew Kuruvila and Sancia Rita Panackal and Confirmation - Anna Rose Ashely, Esther Santhosh, Geo Joseph Justin, Heshel Ashley Varocky, Josh Mathew Jojo, Kain Mathew, Mathew Kuruvila. May you all always be filled with the peace and joy of Jesus, and may the light of His love shine within you always.

EZUTHINIRUTH: Initiation of writing for children starting school this year will take place soon. Please submit the names by 20th May to one of the trustees or unit leaders.

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: There will not be catechism class on 24th of May.

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



Mariyamma Vargheese (95)

Beloved mother of Siby Varghese (St. Theresa Prayer Unit), Mariyamma Vargheese (95), has passed away today (17/05/2026)

During this time of grief, our thoughts and prayers are with the family. May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may God grant strength, comfort, and serenity to all who mourn her loss. Amen.



Mariyamma Mathew (82)

We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Moncy Roy from St Alphonsa prayer unit, on the passing of her beloved mother, Mariyamma Mathew (82), on 11th May. 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.



KV Jose (80)

With deep sorrow, we share the sad news of the passing of KV Jose Kevillil (80), beloved father of Smitha Sojan (Secretary, St Rita Family Unit), on 12th May. We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. May his 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.







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