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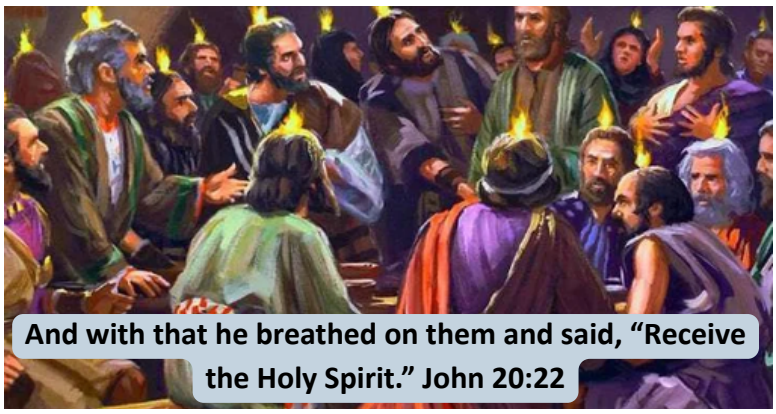
1ST SUNDAY OF APOSTLES



And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." John 20:22

SUNDAY READINGS

31.05.26 - 2nd Sunday of Apostles	
Ex 19:1-8 | Ezek 2:1-7 | 1Tim 1:12-19 | Jn 11:1-6	
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	
21.06.26 - 5th Sunday of Apostles	
Ex 7:1-6 | Jer 11:18-23 | 2Cor 4:7-18 | Mt 10:16-33	

READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

31.05.26 - Infant Jesus
07.06.26 - St Rita
14.06.26 - St Benedict
21.06.26 - St Sebastian

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

24.05.26 - Holy Rosary | Biju & Jemy's House | 7:00 pm

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

30.05.26 - Immaculate Conception | Shaji & Shanty's House | 6:30 pm

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30.05.26 - St Padre Pio | Prakash &Deepa's House | 7:00 pm

SEASON OF THE APOSTLES

The seven weeks from the feast of Pentecost are known as the season of the Apostles. During this season, Church invites our attention to the gift of Holy Spirit, the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. The feast of Pentecost has an inevitable relation with the salvation history. In the Old Testament we read that the Israelites had celebrated the feast of Pentecost in connection with harvesting season. The term pentecost means fifty – feast on the fiftieth day. It was also the feast of offering of first fruits in connection with harvesting. But later on, this feast turned out to be the commemoration of Israelites becoming God's people by His covenant. In the New Testament, a 'new' meaning was given to this feast. It is on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. It was on that day the 'Church – Ecclesia' was officially 2026 May 44 Syro-Malabar Liturgical Calendar (Second Set) inaugurated. It is after the Pentecost that the apostles who were filled with the Holy Spirit, went to the extremities of the world with the message of the New Covenant and laid foundations to different church communities. The Syriac term sleeha means 'one who is sent'. This liturgical season reminds us the fact that all those who have received Baptism and Anointing are 'apostles', 'who are sent'. The first Friday of this season is called 'Golden Friday'. The cure that the paralytic received in the Name Jesus, is a guarantee that whatever we ask in the Name of Jesus, will be granted. It is the responsibility of God's people to proclaim the message of salvation to the entire world by being filled with the Holy Spirit. This season inspires us to be missionaries like the apostles. The declaration of St. Thomas, the Apostle, who is sent by Christ, 'Let us go and die with Him' is an invitation to all of us who are believers.

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 | 25.05.26	06:45 am ----------	Holy Qurbana No Latin Mass today
TUE | 26.05.26	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
WED | 27.05.26	07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual* Succour Novena, Adoration
THU | 28.05.26	06:45 am ----------	Holy Qurbana No Latin Mass today
FRI | 29.05.26	07:00 pm 07:30 pm	Rosary, Confession Holy Qurbana, Adoration till 10 pm
SAT | 30.05.26	07:30 am	Latin Mass Men's Forum Annual Picnic
SUN | 31.05.26 Feast of Holy Trinity	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, Marian Procession

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

17.05.2026 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £18.00

11:00 am - £137.25

Digital collection plate: £22.00

Many thanks for all your generous contributions.

Refreshments after Qurbana. All are welcome.
NO Drinks or Refreshments allowed inside the Church.

DATES FOR DIARY

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.

WEDNESDAY, 27 MAY: at 7:00 pm, Holy Mass will be led by Rev. Fr. Roy Kannanchira CMI (Deepika Kochettan).

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 31st of May. Parents are kindly requested to check regularly 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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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



Leelamma Mathew (88)

It is with great sorrow, that we inform you that Leelamma Mathew (88), beloved mother of Rev. Fr. Joe Moolechery VC, passed away on 21st May. Please keep her and Rev. Fr. Joe in your prayers.
Let her soul rest in peace. Let her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



The St Benedict Mission, Saltley, sends our deepest condolences and prayers to Rev Fr Joe Moolechery VC, during this difficult time. Please join us in praying for Father Joe and his family. We pray that God gives them comfort and strength in their sadness. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Thank you for keeping them in prayers. Amen.



Antony Joseph (86)

With deep sorrow, we share the sad news of the passing of Antony Joseph (86), beloved father of Minimol Antony (Holy Trinity Prayer Unit), on 21st 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.





Marian Procession
Sunday, 31st May, 2026

Walsingham Pilgrimage
Saturday, 18th July, 2026

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