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3rd SUNDAY OF DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH



SUNDAY READINGS

23.11.25 - 4th Sunday of Dedication of the Church
1 Kgs 6:11-19 | Ezek 43:1-7 | Heb 9:16-28 | Mt 22:41-46
30.11.25 - 1st Sunday of Annunciation
Gen 17:1-5,15-19 | Mal 2:17-3:5 | Heb 11:1-12 | Lk 1:5-20
07.12.25 - 2nd Sunday of Annunciation
Gen 3:8-24 | Jer 33:14-26 | Rev 5:1-5 | Lk 1:26-38
14.12.25 - 3rd Sunday of Annunciation
Gen 21:1-12 | Is 40:1-11 | 1 Cor 1:26-31 | Lk 1:57-66

READING & CHURCH CLEANING

23.11.25 - St Mother Theresa
30.11.25 - The Immaculate Conception
07.12.25 - St Alphonsa
14.12.25 - Year 10 Catechism Students

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

19.11.25 - Sacred Heart | Joy & Elsy's House | 6:30 pm

21.11.25 - Holy Rosary | Jinu & Smitha's House | 7:00 pm

22.11.25 - St Rita | Teddy & Mini's House | 6:30 pm

22.11.25 - Holy Trinity | Johnson & Mini's House | 6:30 pm

22.11.25 - St Alphonsa | Rojan & Remy's House | 7:00 pm

23.11.25 - St Thomas | Binil & Ancy's House | 7:00 pm

SEASON OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH

On November 21, the Church joyfully celebrates the **Feast of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, a beautiful tradition that highlights Mary's early dedication to God. Though this event is not recorded in Scripture, it comes to us from ancient writings and has been cherished in both the Eastern and Western Church for centuries.

According to tradition, Saints Joachim and Anne, in gratitude for the gift of their daughter, brought young Mary to the Temple in Jerusalem to consecrate her life to the Lord. There, she was presented to God, symbolizing her complete offering of self—an offering that would later reach its fullness when she said "yes" to becoming the Mother of our Savior.

This feast invites us to reflect on Mary's profound faith and readiness to serve God's plan from her earliest years. Her life reminds us that holiness begins with an open heart and a willing spirit. Just as Mary offered herself entirely to God, we too are called to present our lives to Him each day—with trust, humility, and love.

The Presentation of Mary also calls us to gratitude for the faith traditions that shape us. Mary's upbringing in a home filled with faith and devotion reminds us of the importance of nurturing spiritual life within our own families and community.

As we honor Mary's presentation, let us pray for the grace to imitate her example of devotion and surrender. May we, like Mary, become living temples of God's presence, joyfully saying "yes" to His will in all things.

"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it." – Luke 11:28

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 | 17.11.25	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
TUE | 18.11.25	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
WED | 19.11.25	----------	No mass today
THU | 20.11.25	----------	No mass today
FRI | 21.11.25 Presentation of the Virgin Mary	06:45 am 07:00 pm 07:30 pm	Holy Qurbana Rosary, Confession Holy Qurbana, Adoration till 10 pm
SAT | 22.11.25	10:00 am	Latin Mass
SUN | 23.11.25 Feast of Christ the King	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

09.11.2025 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £12.22
11:00 am - £173.16
Digital collection plate: £51.00

Many thanks for all your generous contributions.

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

DATES FOR DIARY

29.11.25 | SATURDAY - Regional Youth Gathering (16+)
29.11.25 | SATURDAY - Church Cleaning
03.12.25 | WEDNESDAY - House to house Carol starts
13.12.25 | SATURDAY - Women's Forum Annual Gathering
21.12.25 | SUNDAY - Carol Singing Competition
24.12.25 | WEDNESDAY - 8:30 pm Celebrations & Christmas Mass
25.12.25 | THURSDAY - 10:30am Syro Malabar Mass
31.12.25 | WEDNESDAY - 11:00pm Adoration, Holy Qurbana
20.02.26 | FRIDAY - 3 days Annual Retreat starts

NEWS & UPDATES

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION 2026: Parents of children receiving First Holy Communion in 2026, please contact Jini Baiju at 07576 840 870 by Nov 30th . All children are welcome to attend classes, regardless of ceremony location.

BUILD A HOUSE 2025: Kindly donate this year's build a house project through the church bank details. A/c name: C S M E G B, A/c no: 74493736 Sort Code: 01-67-14 in the Ref: BH25 <SPACE> YOUR CHURCH REG NO <SPACE> YOUR NAME. Please note that this is a business account under registered charity no. 1173537

CAROL SINGING COMPETITION: Gather 'round and sing the songs that warm the heart of Christmas. Sing. Shine. Celebrate Christmas! The Carol Singing Competition will be held on Sunday, December 21, 2025, after the 11:00 AM Holy Qurbana. Further updates will follow.

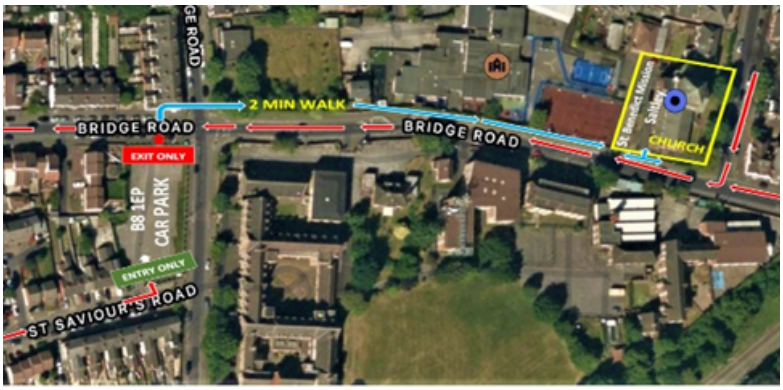
CHRISTMAS MASS: Joy to the world! Experience the peace and promise of Christmas at Mass. Celebrations and Christmas Mass will be held on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, at 8:30 PM. Further updates will follow.

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.



NEWS & UPDATES



Mr Issac Mullakudiyil (73)

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We extend our heartfelt condolences to Dileep, Della & Family (Immaculate Conception Prayer Unit) on the passing of Dileep's (Our Parish Trustee) beloved father Mr Issac Mullakudiyil on the 10th of November, 2025. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dileep's family during this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace and may God comfort the family with strength and peace.



ANNUAL RETREAT

20.02.2026 FRIDAY
21.02.2026 SATURDAY
22.02.2026 SUNDAY

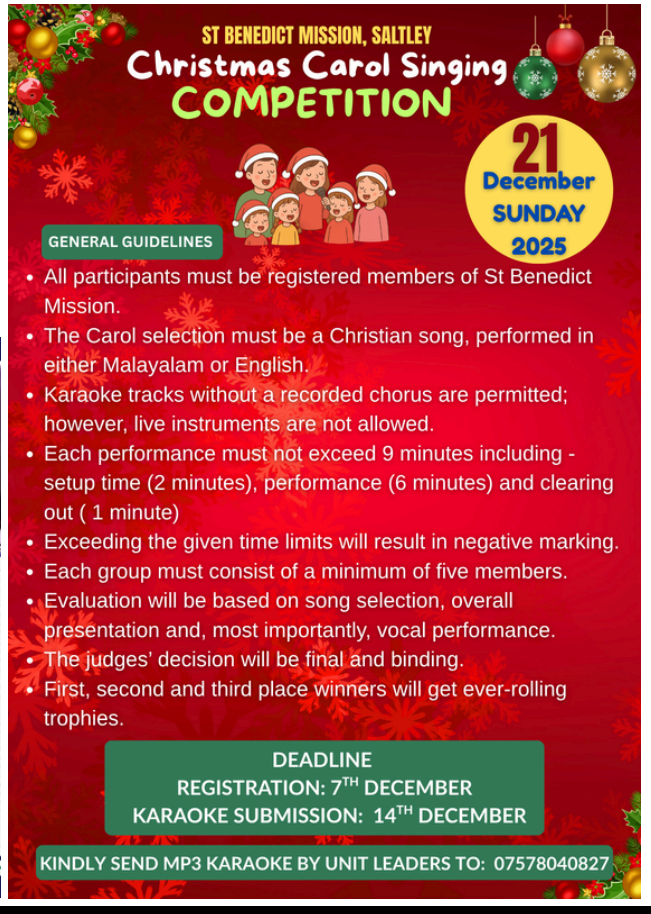
25.12.2025 | THURSDAY | 10:30 AM
SYRO MALABAR MASS



Christmas Carol Dates - St Benedict Mission - Prayer Units

Date	Day	Prayer Unit
03.12.2025	Wednesday	St Padre Pio
04.12.2025	Thursday	St Mother Theresa
06.12.2025	Saturday	Ave Maria (21 Families)
08.12.2025	Monday	St Sebastian
09.12.2025	Tuesday	Holy Trinity
10.12.2025	Wednesday	Sacred Heart
11.12.2025	Thursday	St Rita
13.12.2025	Saturday	St Mary's (25 Families)
15.12.2025	Monday	St Theresa
16.12.2025	Tuesday	Holy Rosary
17.12.2025	Wednesday	Infant Jesus
18.12.2025	Thursday	St Alphonsa
19.12.2025	Friday	Holy Family (22 Families)
20.12.2025	Saturday	Immaculate Conception (20 Families)
22.12.2025	Monday	St Joseph
23.12.2025	Tuesday	St Thomas

39 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS







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