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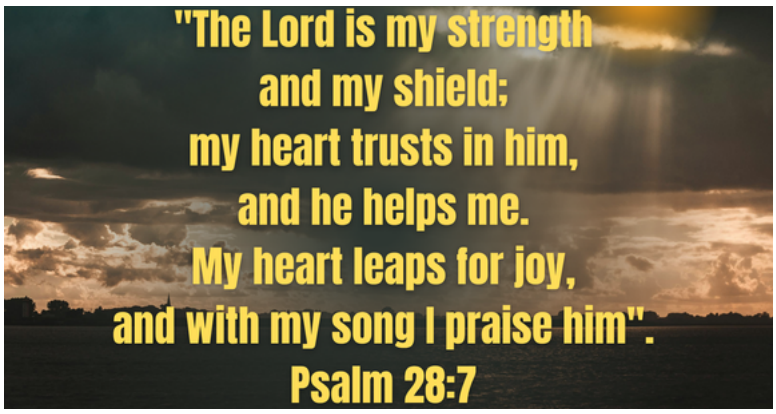

SUNDAY READINGS

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
21.12.25 - 4th Sunday of Annunciation
Ex 34:1-9 | Zech 2:7-13 | Rev 21:1-7 | Mt 1:18-24

READING & CHURCH CLEANING

30.11.25 - The Immaculate Conception
07.12.25 - St Alphonsa
14.12.25 - Year 10 Catechism Students
21.12.25 - St Mary's

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

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ANNUAL RETREAT

20.02.2026 FRIDAY
21.02.2026 SATURDAY
22.02.2026 SUNDAY

SEASON OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH

St. Andrew, one of the twelve apostles and the brother of St. Peter, holds a special place in the story of our faith. Born in Bethsaida, a fishing village along the Sea of Galilee, Andrew lived a simple life as a fisherman until the moment he encountered Jesus. According to the Gospel of John, Andrew had been a disciple of John the Baptist. When John pointed to Jesus and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God," Andrew immediately followed Christ and then joyfully went to find his brother Peter, saying, "We have found the Messiah." In this way, Andrew became the first of the apostles to follow Jesus, earning him the title "the First-Called." Throughout his life, St. Andrew showed a deep spirit of evangelization, always bringing others to Christ. After the resurrection of Jesus, tradition tells us that Andrew traveled far and wide to preach the Gospel, reaching regions such as Greece and Asia Minor. His missionary zeal and fearless preaching eventually led to his martyrdom in the city of Patras, where he was crucified on an X-shaped cross, now known as St. Andrew's Cross.

St. Andrew's example continues to inspire Christians around the world. He is the patron saint of fishermen, sailors, and travelers, as well as the patron of several nations, including Scotland, Russia, and Greece. His cross appears on the flag of Scotland and forms part of the Union Jack, reminding the faithful of his courage and steadfast faith. We are called to reflect on his life of discipleship — a life marked by humility, trust, and a willingness to share Christ with others. St. Andrew invites us to listen for God's call and to respond with the same faith-filled enthusiasm that led him to say "yes" to following Jesus. May his example encourage us to be true witnesses of the Gospel in our own lives.

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 | 24.11.25	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
TUE | 25.11.25	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
WED | 26.11.25	06:45 am 07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual* Succour Novena, Adoration
THU | 27.11.25	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
FRI | 28.11.25	06:45 am 07:00 pm 07:30 pm	Holy Qurbana Rosary, Confession Holy Qurbana, Adoration till 10 pm
SAT | 29.11.25 Feast of St Andrew	10:00 am	Latin Mass
SUN | 30.11.25	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

16.11.2025 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £13.92
11:00 am - £181.66
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

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.

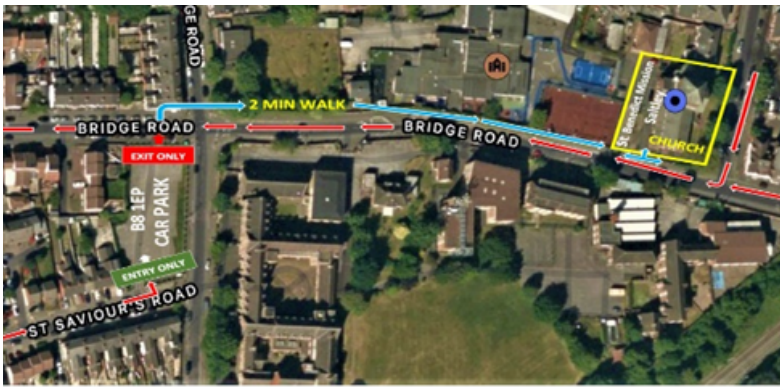
CHRISTMAS MASS: Joy to the world! Experience the peace and promise of Christmas at Mass. Celebrations and Christmas Mass will be held on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, at 8:30 PM. Further updates will follow.

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



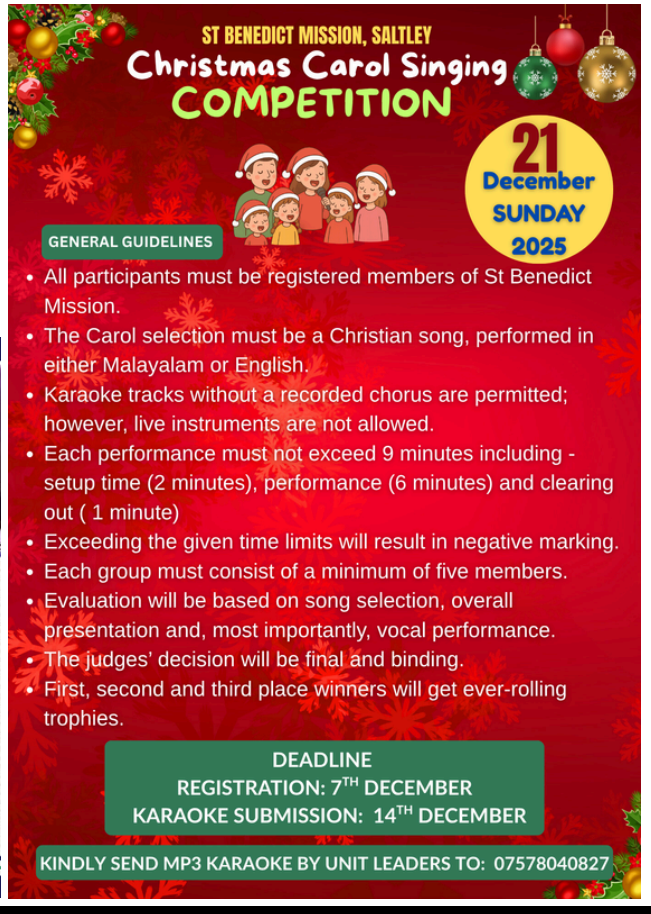




Christmas Carol Dates - St Benedict Mission - Prayer Units

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

32 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS



25.12.2025 | THURSDAY | 10:30 AM
SYRO MALABAR MASS

31.12.2025 | WEDNESDAY | 11:00 pm
ADORATION, YEAR END PRAYER
HOLY QURBANA, NEW YEAR PRAYER



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