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1st SUNDAY OF ANNUNCIATION



SUNDAY READINGS

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
28.12.25 - 1st Sunday of Nativity
Gen 18:1-8 | Isa 11:1-12 | Rom 15:7-13 | Mt 2:1-12

READING & CHURCH CLEANING

07.12.25 - St Alphonsa
14.12.25 - Year 10 Catechism Students
21.12.25 - St Mary's
28.12.25 - Infant Jesus

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

04.12.25 - St Mother Teresa | Biju & Nisha's House | 7:00 pm

04.12.25 - St Joseph | Joji & Preethi's House | 7:00 pm

06.12.25 - Immaculate Conception | Dr.Seby & Dr.Shyno's House | 6:00 pm

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

SEASON OF ANNUNCIATION

St. Francis Xavier, whose feast we joyfully celebrate on December 3, remains one of the most remarkable and inspiring missionaries the Church has ever known. Born in 1506 in the Kingdom of Navarre, he was a gifted scholar who met St. Ignatius of Loyola while studying at the University of Paris. Though initially hesitant, Francis eventually embraced Ignatius's vision of a life completely centered on Christ, becoming one of the first companions to profess vows that formed the Society of Jesus. His missionary journey began when he answered the call to bring the Gospel to the far reaches of the world—a mission he accepted with great humility and extraordinary courage. Over the next ten years, Francis traveled farther than nearly any missionary before him, preaching the Good News in India, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Japan. He became known for his ability to connect deeply with the people he served, learning their languages, respecting their customs, and approaching every encounter with gentleness and love. His passion for evangelization was matched only by his care for the poor, the sick, and the forgotten, whom he served with tireless dedication. Stories from his missions recount how he would walk through villages ringing a small bell to gather children and adults for catechism, and how his joyful presence attracted many to the faith even before he spoke a word. Though he faced immense challenges—disease, loneliness, and sometimes rejection—his trust in God never wavered. St. Francis died in 1552 on Shangchuan Island, off the coast of China, still dreaming of bringing Christ to new lands. Today, the Church honors him as the patron saint of missionaries, a shining example of what it means to carry the Gospel with courage, creativity, and a heart overflowing with zeal for souls.

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 | 01.12.25	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
TUE | 02.12.25	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
WED | 03.12.25 Feast of St Francis Xavier	06:45 am 07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual* Succour Novena, Adoration
THU | 04.12.25	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
FRI | 05.12.25	06:45 am 07:00 pm 07:30 pm	Holy Qurbana Rosary, Confession Holy Qurbana, Adoration till 10 pm
SAT | 06.12.25 Feast of St Andrew	10:00 am	Latin Mass (CML Mass)
SUN | 07.12.25	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

23.11.2025 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £27.10
11:00 am - £125.84
Digital collection plate: £100.00

Many thanks for all your generous contributions.

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

DATES FOR DIARY

03.12.25 | WEDNESDAY - House to house Carol starts
07.12.25 | SUNDAY - Pradhinidhi Yogam
08.12.25 | MONDAY - Feast of Immaculate Conception of Our Lady
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
16.02.26 | MONDAY - Fatima Pilgrimage starts for 4 days
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.

CML: CML **Christmas Nativity Scene Pencil Drawing Competition** for year 1 to 12 catechism students, on Sunday, 7th December during the catechism. Age group will be:

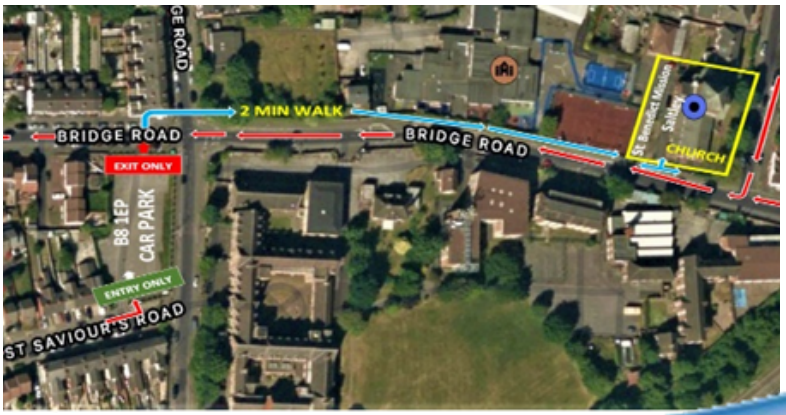
Year 1 to 4
Year 5 to 7
Year 8 to 10
Year 11 to 12

Only paper will be provided for the competition. Kindly participate.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARD: Children who attend Holy Mass for 25 days (Dec 1st to 25th) will get prize from the church. More details see SBM Parents Teachers WhatsApp Group.

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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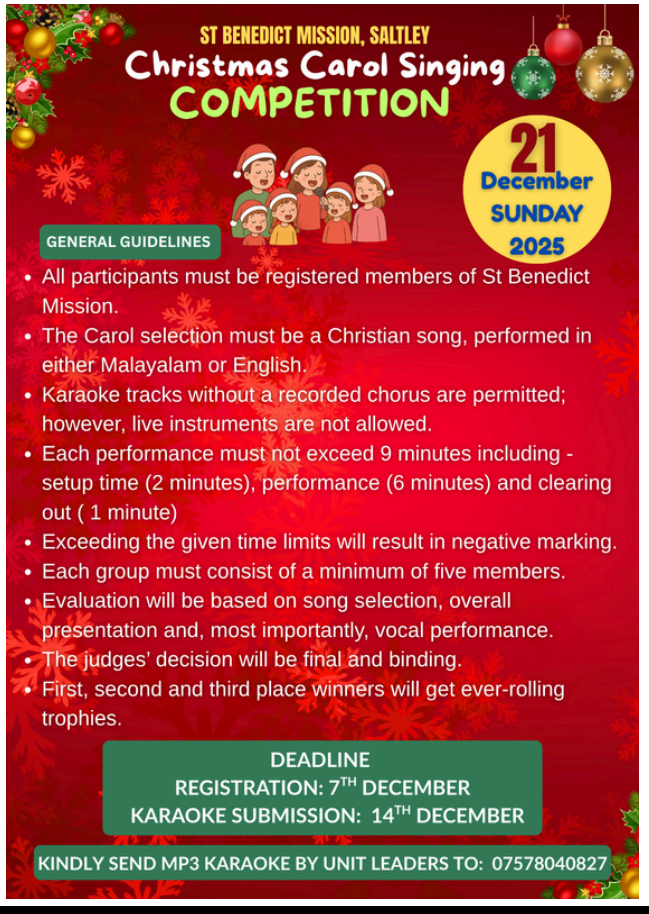
25.12.2025 | THURSDAY | 10:30 AM
SYRO MALABAR MASS

25 DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS



ANNUAL RETREAT
20.02.2026 FRIDAY
21.02.2026 SATURDAY
22.02.2026 SUNDAY



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