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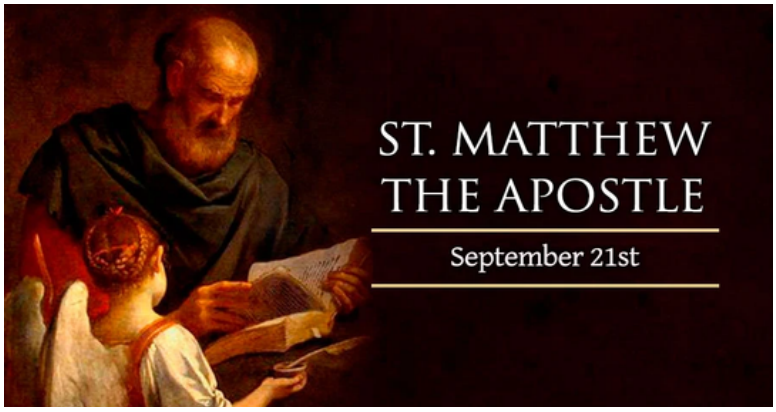
1st SUNDAY OF CROSS



SUNDAY READINGS

21.09.25 - 3rd Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses
Deut 9:1-6 | Is 25:1-8 | Phil 3:1-11 | Mt 17:14-21
28.09.25 - 4th Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses
Deut 9:13-24 | Is 26:1-11 | Phil 4:4-9 | Mt 15:21-28
05.10.25 - 5th Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses
Deut 11:1-9 | Is 40:12-17 | 2 Cor 2:12-17 | Mt 20:1-16
12.10.25 - 6th Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses
Deut 11:26-32 | Is 41:1-7 | Gal 5:16-26 | Lk 8:41-56

READING & CHURCH CLEANING

21.09.25 - St Rita
28.09.25 - St Padre Pio
05.10.25 - Sacred Heart
12.10.25 - Holy Rosary

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

15.09.25 - Sacred Heart | Anish & Lijo's House | 6:30 pm

16.09.25 - Holy Trinity Unit | Sunny Thomas & Lucy Areekal's House|6:30 pm

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

20.09.25 - St Theresa | Rahul & Annie's House | 6:30 pm

20.09.25 - Immaculate Conception | Sibu & Solly's House | 6:30 pm

SEASON OF ELIJAH-CROSS-MOSES

Saint Matthew, also called Levi, was one of the twelve apostles chosen by Jesus. Before following Christ, he worked as a tax collector in Capernaum. At that time, tax collectors were often despised by their fellow Jews, since they were seen as corrupt and aligned with the Roman occupiers. Yet Jesus looked past Matthew's reputation and saw his potential for discipleship. When Jesus said, "Follow me," Matthew left his tax booth immediately and became His follower.

Matthew's story is a powerful reminder that God's call reaches all people, no matter their background or past. His willingness to leave behind wealth and worldly security to follow Christ shows the radical nature of true discipleship.

Tradition holds that Matthew is the author of the Gospel according to Matthew, the first book of the New Testament. His Gospel emphasizes that Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah who fulfills the promises of the Old Testament. It also preserves many of Christ's teachings, including the Sermon on the Mount and the Beatitudes, which continue to guide Christians in living faithful lives today.

After the resurrection of Jesus, Matthew preached the Gospel to many nations. While details of his later life vary in tradition, it is believed that he spread the message of Christ in regions such as Ethiopia and Persia, and he may have been martyred for his faith.

Saint Matthew is honored as both apostle and evangelist. In Christian art, he is often symbolized by a winged man or angel, representing the humanity of Christ that is so central in his Gospel. The Church celebrates his feast day on September 21. His life challenges us to trust in God's call, no matter where we are in life, and to boldly share the Good News with others.

MISSION MEMBER REGISTRATION

New families or persons who wish to register in this mission, please approach **Fr.Fanzwa** and introduce yourself.

St. Benedict Mission Member Registration Form:

Are you a UK taxpayer? UK taxpayers can sign up for Gift Aid, and we can collect 25% more from your offerings!

Please see Fr. Fanzwa for details.

Gift Aid Declaration Form, Standing Order Form:

Please use the links for the respective forms.

MASS SCHEDULE

MON | 15.09.25	**06:45 am**	**Holy Qurbana**
	----------	**No Latin Mass today**
TUE | 16.09.25	----------	**No Holy Qurbana today**
	----------	**No Latin Mass today**
WED | 17.09.25	----------	**No Holy Qurbana today**
	07:00 pm	**Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual Succour Novena, Adoration***
THU | 18.09.25	**06:45 am**	**Holy Qurbana**
	10:00 am	**Latin Mass**
FRI | 19.09.25	**06:45 am**	**Holy Qurbana**
	07:00 pm	**Rosary, confession**
	07:30 pm	**Holy Qurbana, *Adoration - till 10 pm***
SAT | 20.09.25	**08:00 am**	**Latin Mass**
	09:30 am	**Bible Convention**
SUN | 21.09.25	**07:30 am**	**Holy Qurbana**
	09:30 am	**Latin Mass**
Feast of St Mathew, the Apostle	**09:30 am**	**Catechism in school**
	10:30 am	**Confession**
	11:00 am	**Holy Qurbana**

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

07.09.2025 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £23.80
11:00 am - £177.07
Digital collection plate: £20.00

Many thanks for all your generous contributions.

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

DATES FOR DIARY

20.09.25 | SATURDAY - Regional Bible Convention
27.09.25 | SATURDAY - Parish Day
18.10.25 | SATURDAY - Regional Bibile Kalotsavam
19.10.25 | SUNDAY - Mission Sunday
15.11.25 | SATURDAY - National Bible Kalotsavam

NEWS & UPDATES

QURBANA: Transliterate(Manglish) Qurbana books are available for sale, £5 per book. Encouraging all children to use the Mass books.

BIBLE CONVENTION: The Birmingham Bible Convention will be on Saturday, the **20th of September** 2025 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at St Benedict Mission, Our Lady of the Rosary & St Terese of Lisieux RC Church, 141 Parkfield Road, Saltley, Birmingham, B8 3BB. On the same day, benefactors who contributed towards the Pastoral Center will be honoured. Our Bishop wishes to express his gratitude and appreciation to everyone available in person after 4:00 pm. Please join.

PARISH DAY: Let's gather as one parish family to honour God's blessings and share in the spirit of love, laughter, and community. It's on Saturday, the **27th of September, 2025**. Holy Mass at **9:30 am** at Saltley Church. Parish day celebrations are at **11:00 am** at Washwood Heath Academy, Burney Lane, Stechford, Birmingham B8 2AS. Warm welcome to all.

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







PARISH DAY * 27 SEP

In Loving Memory



Mr. VA Joseph Manimalatharappil

We extend our deepest condolences to Biju, Reena & Family (St Therasa Prayer Unit) on the passing of Biju's beloved father Mr VA Joseph on the 11th of September 2025. Our hearts are saddened by the loss, and our thoughts and prayers are with Biju & family. May his soul rest in peace.

In Loving Memory



Mr. PV Kuriakose (82)

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Benny, Leena & Family (St Thomas Prayer Unit) on the passing of Benny's (Our Parish Secretary) beloved father Mr PV Kuriakose on the 8th of September 2025. Our thoughts and prayers are with Benny's family during this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace.

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