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1ST SUNDAY OF CROSS



SUNDAY READINGS

27.09.26 - 2nd Sunday of Cross

Gen 9:8-17 | Dan 7:9-14 | 1Cor 1:18-25 | Mt 24:29-36

04.10.26 - 3rd Sunday of Cross

Gen 41:37-45 | Sir 47:2-3, 8-11 | Heb 1:1-4 | Jn 12:27-36

11.10.26 - 1st Sunday of Moses

Ex 20:18-21 | Joel 2:1-11 | Heb 10:19-25 | Mt 25:31-46

18.10.26 - 2nd Sunday of Moses

Ex 3:1-14 | Is 61:1-6, 10-11 | 1Cor 9:13-18 | Mt 10:1-15

READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

27.09.26 - Rosa Mystica
04.10.26 - Year 13 Catechism Students
11.10.26 - Holy Trinity
18.10.26 - Infant Jesus

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

20.09.26 - St Mary's | Sijo & Anu's House | 5:00 pm

20.09.26 - St Sebastian | Gibi & Soumya's House | 6:00 pm

21.09.26 - Sacred Heart | Manoj & Mercy's House | 6:30 pm

26.09.26 - St Theresa | Benny & Rosa's House | 6:30 pm

26.09.26 - St Padre Pio | Antony & Joyamma's House | 7:00 pm

SEASONS OF ELIJAH-CROSS-MOSES

Jesus tells His disciples that following Him may bring division, sacrifice, and difficult choices, for the call to discipleship demands complete loyalty to Christ above all else. At the heart of this passage is the profound statement: "He who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not fit for Me." These words remind us that the Christian life is not merely a path of comfort and convenience but a journey of commitment, courage, and self-denial. To take up the cross is to embrace the will of God even when it requires sacrifice, to choose faithfulness over popularity, and to place Christ at the center of every aspect of our lives. Jesus does not promise an easy road; rather, He assures us that true discipleship may involve struggles, misunderstandings, and even opposition from those closest to us. Yet He also teaches that those who lose their lives for His sake will find true life. In a world that often encourages self-interest and personal gain, Christ invites us to a life of surrender, service, and unconditional love. The cross we carry may take different forms for each believer—enduring trials with patience, forgiving those who have hurt us, standing firm in our faith amid adversity, serving the needy, or remaining faithful in prayer and obedience. Whatever form it takes, carrying the cross is a daily response to God's grace and a visible expression of our trust in Him. This passage also highlights the value of every act of kindness performed in the name of Christ. Jesus assures us that even a simple cup of cold water given to one of His disciples will not go unnoticed by God. Such words encourage us to recognize that no act of love, hospitality, or service is insignificant in the Kingdom of God. Every gesture offered with a sincere heart becomes a witness to the presence of Christ in our lives. As members of the Church, we are called to support one another.

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 | 21.09.26 Feast of St Mathew, the Apostle	**10:00 am**	**Latin Mass**
TUE | 22.09.26	----------	**No Mass Today**
WED | 23.09.26	----------	**No Mass Today**
THU | 24.09.26	----------	**No Mass Today**
FRI | 25.09.26	**07:00 pm** **07:30 pm**	**Rosary, Confession** **Holy Qurbana, Novena** **Adoration till 10 pm**
SAT | 26.09.26	**10:00 am**	**Latin Mass**
SUN | 27.09.26	**07:30 am** **09:30 am** **09:30 am** **10:30 am** **11:00 am**	**Holy Qurbana** **Latin Mass** **Catechism in school** **Confession for children- and adults** **Holy Qurbana**

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

13.09.2026 | SUNDAY
07:30 am - £0.00
11:00 am - £117.14
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

26.09.26 | SATURDAY - Handhoosa
24.10.26 | SATURDAY - Regional Bible Kalotsavam
31.10.26 | SATURDAY - Parish Day
01.11.26 | SUNDAY - Holyween
21.11.26 | SATURDAY - National Bible Kalotsavam
12.12.26 | SATURDAY - Thaiboosa

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 2027, 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.

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 current altar servers are need to be attended. 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: The School Gate open: 9:20–9:30 am | Catechism: 9:30 am | Holy Qurbana: 11:00 am. All children must attend Holy Qurbana. Children may not leave the church premises without prior permission from the class teacher or Head Teacher. After Qurbana, parents of Years 1–6 are requested to collect their children.

Please check the SBM Parents Teachers WhatsApp group regularly for updates. To join the group, contact **Head Teacher Jini Baiju: 07576 840 870.**

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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BIRMINGHAM REGION BIBLE KALOTSAVAM 2026 RULES AND REGULATIONS CLICK HERE



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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





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