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2nd SUNDAY OF CROSS



SUNDAY READINGS

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

25.10.26 - 3rd Sunday of Moses

Deut 11:1-7 | Wis 6:1-10 | 1Thess 5:12-24 | Mt 12:22-32

READING, CHURCH CLEANING & REFRESHMENTS

04.10.26 - Year 13 Catechism Students
11.10.26 - Holy Trinity
18.10.26 - Infant Jesus
25.10.26 - St Rita

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

03.10.26 - Immaculate Conception | Anish & Ramya's House | 6:30 pm

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04.10.26 - Rosa Mystica | Rincy's House | 5:00 pm

SEASONS OF ELIJAH-CROSS-MOSES

The Apostle Paul presents one of the most profound truths of the Christian faith: the message of the Cross. To the world, the Cross appears to be a symbol of weakness, defeat, and foolishness. Human wisdom seeks power, prestige, influence, and intellectual achievement, yet God chose to reveal His greatest act of love and salvation through the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Paul explains that "the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." The Cross stands as a divine contradiction to worldly thinking. While people often look for signs, miracles, human solutions, or philosophical answers to life's deepest problems, God offers redemption through the crucified Christ. At Calvary, Jesus willingly bore the burden of humanity's sin, taking upon Himself the judgment that we deserved so that we might receive forgiveness, reconciliation, and eternal life. Through His death and resurrection, God demonstrated that His wisdom is far greater than human understanding and His strength far surpasses human power. The Cross reminds us that salvation cannot be earned through good works, social status, education, wealth, or religious achievement; it is received solely through faith in Jesus Christ. What seemed like defeat on Good Friday became the greatest victory in history, as sin was conquered, death was defeated, and the way to God was opened for all who believe. Paul challenges believers to embrace the message of the Cross not merely as a historical event but as the very foundation of Christian living. The Cross calls us to humility in a world filled with pride, to faith in a culture of skepticism, and to sacrificial love in a society often driven by self-interest. It teaches us that God's ways are higher than our ways.

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 | 28.09.26	**10:00 am**	**Latin Mass**
TUE | 29.09.26 Feast of Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael	**06:45 am** **10:00 am**	**Holy Qurbana** **Latin Mass**
WED | 30.09.26 Feast of St Jerome	**07:00 pm**	**Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual* Succour Novena, Adoration**
THU | 01.10.26 Feast of St Therese of Child Jesus	**06:45 am** **10:00 am**	**Holy Qurbana** **Latin Mass**
FRI | 02.10.26 Guardian Angels	**07:00 pm** **07:30 pm**	**Rosary, Confession** **Holy Qurbana, Novena Adoration till 10 pm**
SAT | 03.10.26	----------	**No Latin Mass Today**
SUN | 04.10.26 Feast of St Francis Assisi	**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

20.09.2026 | SUNDAY
07:30 am - £9.19
11:00 am - £130.42
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

11.10.26 | SUNDAY - Pradhinidhi Yogam
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.** Catechism Calendar 2026 - 2027

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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ST BENEDICT MISSION SALTLEY

Parish Day

31ST OCTOBER 2026



BIRMINGHAM REGION
BIBLE KALOTSAVAM
2026
RULES AND REGULATIONS
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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

CSMEGB
Women's Forum
Annual Gathering

"THAIBOOSA"

12 DECEMBER 2026

SAVE THE DATE!

NEW BINGLEY HALL
1 Hockley Circus
Birmingham
B18 5PP

SATURDAY
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

12TH DECEMBER 2026

Join us for an inspiring day filled with keynote speeches, the Holy Qurbana, fellowship, and uplifting moments that strengthen our faith and build our unity in Christ.

All are welcome!

"Let all that you do be done in love."
– 1 Corinthians 16:14

"The Lord disciplines those whom he loves" Hebrews 12:6

2026

9TH Birmingham Region BIBLE KALOTSAVAM

Date: Saturday, 24th October 2026
Time: 08:00 am to 10:00 pm

Co-op Academy
Westport Road
Stocke on Trent
ST6 4LD



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