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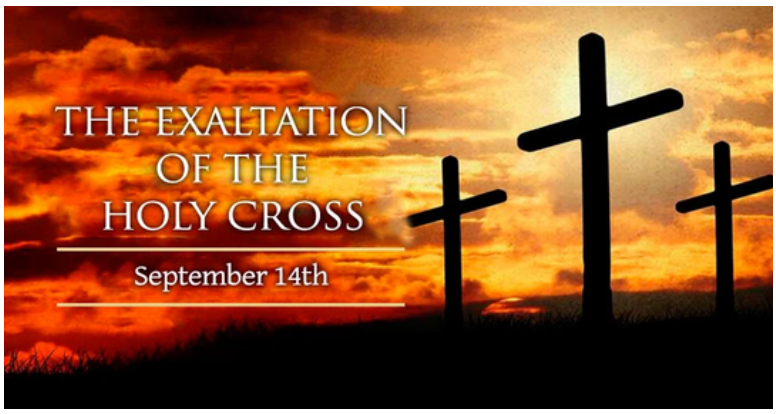
1st SUNDAY OF ELIJAH



SUNDAY READINGS

14.09.25 - 2nd Sunday of Elijah-Cross-Moses
Num 21:4-9 | Is 42:13-17 | 1 Cor 1:18-25 | Lk 24:13-27
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

READING & CHURCH CLEANING

14.09.25 - St Theresa
21.09.25 - St Rita
28.09.25 - St Padre Pio
05.10.25 - Sacred Heart

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

11.09.25 - St Joseph| Binoy & Bindu - Mariam House | 7:00 pm

13.09.25 - St Rita | Biju & Shiji's House | 6:00 pm

13.09.25 - Infant Jesus | Jis & Nimmy's House | 5:30 pm

14.09.25 - Holy Rosary | Sibu & Siji's House | 7:00 pm

SEASON OF ELIJAH-CROSS-MOSES

The season of Elijah-Cross-Moses indicates the victory of the Cross and the second coming of the Lord. The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrated on the 14th of September is the focal point of this season. The first ecclesial community believed that before the second coming of Christ, Elijah would come (Mal 4:5) and will argue with the son of destruction and convince the world about his fault. This belief was grown because of the reality that Elijah was present with the Lord at the time of transfiguration. The Lord's transfiguration is the symbol of Lord's second coming. At the time of transfiguration, Moses also was with the Lord; that might be the reason that this liturgical season developed centring around the Cross.

The Sunday after 14th September is considered as first Sunday of Sleeva. Till then the readings of the season of Elijah is continued. When the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross falls on a Sunday, that will be the first Sunday of Sleeva.

During this season the Church invites us to prepare for the second coming of the Lord by assimilating the prophets of the true God and the commands and messages given through them by God, and by producing the fruits of repentance and conversion. The mother Church gives us the warning that you will perish unless you walk in the way of repentance abstaining from all evils, in the conviction that the desires of body are against the spirit.

Death and final judgments are the themes of this Season of Moses. Jesus gives the consolation words that 'the one who endures to the end, will be saved'. The Church teaches: bear fruits, enduring faith is fruitful, confront sufferings with faith to receive consolation and joy

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 | 08.09.25 The nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	06:45 am 10:00 am 07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass Solemn Holy Qurbana, Novena
TUE | 09.09.25	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
WED | 10.09.25	06:45 am 07:00 pm	Holy Qurbana Holy Qurbana, ***Perpetual Succour Novena, Adoration***
THU | 11.09.25	06:45 am 10:00 am	Holy Qurbana Latin Mass
FRI | 12.09.25	06:45 am 07:00 pm 07:30 pm	Holy Qurbana Rosary, confession Holy Qurbana, ***Adoration - till 10 pm***
SAT | 13.09.25	10:00 am	Latin Mass
SUN | 14.09.25 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	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

31.08.2025 | SUNDAY

07:30 am - £0.00
11:00 am - £150.58
Digital collection plate: £19.00

Many thanks for all your generous contributions.

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

DATES FOR DIARY

08.09.25 | MONDAY - 9 Days Novena ends
20.09.25 | SATURDAY - Regional Bible Convention
27.09.25 | SATURDAY - Parish Day
18.10.25 | SATURDAY - Regional Bibile Kalotsavam
15.11.25 | SATURDAY - National Bible Kalotsavam

NEWS & UPDATES



Congratulations to our beloved Parish Priest, **Rev. Fr. Fanzwa Pathil**, on the 9th Anniversary of your Priestly Ordination celebrated on 5th September. We thank the Lord for the gift of your vocation and your faithful service to our parish. May God continue to bless you abundantly in your ministry. Photos link.

NOVENA: 9 days Novena ends on Monday the 8th September, 2025 along with Solemn Holy Mass.

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.

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.



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