St Benedict Voice



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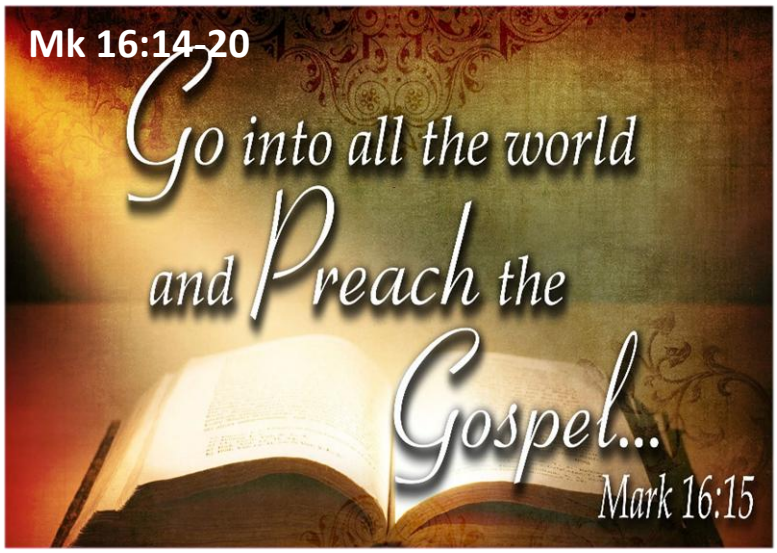
7th SUNDAY OF RESURRECTION



SUNDAY READINGS

08/06/25 - 1st Sunday of the Apostles
Ex 19: 1 - 9, Acts 2: 1 - 13, 1 Cor 12: 1 - 11, Jn 16: 5 – 15
15/06/25 - 2nd Sunday of the Apostles
Joel 2: 18 - 26, Acts 4: 8 - 22, 1 Cor 6: 1 - 11, Lk 7: 36 – 50
22/06/25 - 3rd Sunday of the Apostles
Deut 1: 5 - 8, Is 1: 1 - 9, 1 Cor 7: 1 - 7, Lk 10: 25 – 37
29/06/25 - 4th Sunday of the Apostles
Deut 1: 16 - 18, Is 1: 10 - 20, 1 Cor 9: 19 - 27, Lk 6: 27 - 36

READING AND CHURCH CLEANING

08/06/25 - Sacred Heart Unit
15/06/25 - Holy Rosary Unit
22/06/25 - St. Joseph Unit
29/06/25 - Ave Maria Unit

FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

01/06/25 - SUN: St. Marys Unit (Jogy & Deepthi's House) at 5 PM
01/06/25 - SUN: St. Alphonsa Unit (Martin & Prema's House) at 5:30PM
03/06/25 - TUE: St. Mother Theresa Unit(Alphons & Anitha's House) at 7:30 PM
05/06/25 - THU: St. Joseph Unit (Byju & Elizabeth at Mariyam House) at 7 PM
07/06/25 - SAT: Immaculate Conception Unit (Dileep & Della's House) at 6:30 PM

SEASON 0F THE APOSTLES

The seven weeks from the feast of Pentecost are known as the season of the Apostles. During this season, Church invites our attention to the gift of Holy Spirit, the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. The feast of Pentecost has an inevitable relation with the salvation history. In the Old Testament we read that the Israelites had celebrated the feast of Pentecost in connection with harvesting season. The term Pentecost means fifty – feast on the fiftieth day. It was also the feast of offering of first fruits in connection with harvesting. But later on, this feast turned out to be the commemoration of Israelites becoming God's people by His covenant

In the New Testament, a 'new' meaning was given to this feast. It is on the fiftieth day after the Resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. It was on that day the 'Church – Ecclesia' was officially inaugurated. It is after the Pentecost that the apostles who were filled with the Holy Spirit, went to the extremities of the world with the message of the New Covenant and laid foundations to different church communities. The Syriac term sleeha means 'one who is sent'. This liturgical season reminds us the fact that all those who have received Baptism and Anointing are 'apostles', 'who are sent'.

The first Friday of this season is called 'Golden Friday'. The cure that the paralytic received in the Name Jesus, is a guarantee that whatever we ask in the Name of Jesus, will be granted.

It is the responsibility of God's people to proclaim the message of salvation to the entire world by being filled with the Holy Spirit. This season inspires us to be missionaries like the apostles. The declaration of St. Thomas, the Apostle, who is sent by Christ, 'Let us go and die with Him' is an invitation to all of us who are believers. This season reveals the God who protects those who are sent.

It reminds the responsibility to live a life, centred on Word of God, by those who are sent to proclaim the Good News. It also emphasises the necessity to bear witness fearlessly to God who is the Word. It is when a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it will produce fruit. Therefore, Jesus reminds us to do the mission courageously and that we gain eternal life through the suffering. The primary mission of all the Christians is to give witness to Christ in any situations.

The Holy Spirit, the Helper sent by the Father, lives in all the baptised individuals and showers His graces and fruits. The assistance of the Holy Spirit is essential to remember all that is taught by Christ and to obey His commandments in every moment of life. This season reminds also that if we lose God's Spirit by sinning, the consequence will be utter destruction.

We shall partake in the communion and unity of the apostles who established new ecclesial communities with the message of the Master by travelling all over the world. Holding fast the truth that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit and with His continuous assistance, let us proclaim Christ as the Apostles did.

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 to 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- 02/06/25	**06:45 am** 10:00 am	**Holy Qurbana** Latin Mass
TUE - 03/06/25	**06:45 am** 10:00 am	**Holy Qurbana** Latin Mass
WED - 04/06/25	**06:45 am** **07:00 pm**	**Holy Qurbana** **Holy Qurbana, *Perpetual Succour Novena, Adoration***
THU - 05/06/25	**06:45 am** 10:00 am	**Holy Qurbana** Latin Mass
FRI - 06/06/25	**06:45 am** **07:00 pm**	**Latin Mass** **Rosary, Holy Qurbana, Adoration**
SAT - 07/06/25	10:00 am	Latin Mass
SUN - 08/06/25 **1st SUNDAY OF THE APOSTLES** **The Feast of Pentecost**	**07:30 am** 09:30 am **09:30 am** **11:00 am**	**Holy Qurbana** Latin Holy Mass **Catechism** *in School* **Holy Qurbana** **EZHUTHINIRUTHU**

Offertory Collections:

Sunday, 25/05/25 - £ 175.70

Standing Order, May - £3904.00

Digital Collection Plate - £7.00

Many thanks to all your generous contribution...

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

Dates for Diary

JUNE 8TH - SUNDAY	**EZHUTHINIRUTHU**
JUNE 22ND - SUNDAY	**SPORTS DAY**
JUNE 29TH - SUNDAY	**FINAL CATECHISM EXAMINATION**
JULY 3RD - THURSDAY	**DUKHRANA (*St. Thomas Day*)**
JULY 3,4,5,6 – THU,FRI,SAT,SUN	**PARISH FEAST (THIRUNAL)**
JULY 13TH - SUNDAY	**SPIRITUALITY FAMILY QUIZ**
JULY 19TH - SATURDAY	**WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE**
SEPT 27TH - SATURDAY	**PARISH DAY**

NEWS & UPDATES

EZHUTHINIRUTHU: 8TH JUNE, SUNDAY, Initiation of children into the world of letters. Welcoming all children in our Mission who are starting school this year 2025. Please give your child's name by **THIS FIRDAY MIDNIGHT** to **UNIT LEADERS** ASAP.

HOUSE BLESSING: Final call for all families who still needs House Blessing, which should be completed by the end of this month. Please contact your Unit Leaders to arrange the dates please.

NEW ALTER SERVERS: Welcoming new Alter Servers. Training for new members will be on **7th and 14th June from 10 am**. If interested, please contact **Rejo Antony- Coordinator**. Transliterate(Manglish) Qurbana books are available for sale, £5 per book. Encouraging all children to use the Mass books.

SPORTS DAY: Sports day will be on **22ND JUNE, SUNDAY** after 11am Holy Qurbana. More details will follow.

PARISH FEAST 2025: Our Parish Feast will be on **3RD,4TH,5TH AND 6TH JULY**. Please block the dates. More details will follow.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE: Our Annual Pilgrimage to Walsingham will be on ***SATURDAY, 19th JULY.*** A coach has been arranged. Please reserve your seat ASAP with **Jose Kochakkadan - 07919288060**.

CATECHISM: Next Catechism class will be on **8th June 2025**. The school gate will be open from **9.20 am to 9.30 am.** Catechism will 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.

NO Car Parking in Church premises on Sunday's due to health and safety concerns. Please use the Parkfield road or Car park in B8 1EP. Car Park which is next to the Mosque will be open on **Sundays**.

Please note:
There is separate **Entry** and **Exit for** the Car Park**.** Car Park Post Code **: B8 1EP.**



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