

St Bernard of Clairvaux Partnership of Parishes:

## Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin



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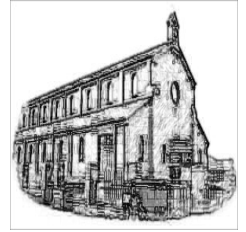
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### Second Sunday of Easter-Divine Mercy Sunday

6th and 7th April 2024

Psalter Week 2 Year B: Year of St. Mark



#### Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

**Saturday:** 5.00 pm Mountford Family  
**Thursday** 9.15 am Priest's Intention  
**Friday:** 1.00 pm Joan Hodgkinson (Funeral  
Mass)  
**Saturday** 5.00 pm Evelyn Gabrielli

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4.40 pm Saturday

#### St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

**Sunday** 9.30 am James Ajala  
**Tuesday** 7.10 pm Peace in the Middle East  
**Wednesday** 9.45 am Peace in Ukraine  
**Saturday** 10.15 am Holy Souls  
**Sunday** 9.30 am Reg and Madge Casey

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.45 am on Saturday

**Faithful Departed :** Joan Hodgkinson whose Funeral Mass will be on 12th April at 1.00 pm. **Salvatore Menonte** whose Funeral will take place on Friday April 26th at 11.30 am. His body will be brought into church the night before at 6.00 pm. Also please pray for John Watts, Kenneth Fitzgerald and Joe Pisciotto. May they rest in peace.

**Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage 2024:** Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. It will take place at St Chad's Cathedral, the Diocesan Mother Church, on Saturday 4 May at Midday. The Celebrant will be Archbishop Bernard Longley. Please register your attendance by Sunday 21 April

**Thank you** Thank you to all those who contributed to the Holy Week and Easter celebrations by ensuring that the church was ready and prepared, as well as in the sacristy and flowers. Thank you to the altar servers, musicians, Ministers of the Word, Holy Communion and Hospitality. Thank you to all those who cleaned the church and contributed in any way. Thank you as well for your generous Easter cards, gifts and offerings, They are very much appreciated.

**Gift Aid Envelopes** Thank you to all those who donate through the Gift Aid Scheme. The envelopes for 24/25 are available at the back of church. If you would like to start giving this way please let us know. **Flow-**

**Safeguarding:** The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies procedures at all times. Mel Shaw has been appointed as the Safeguarding Rep for Abbey Hulton and Birches Head. Direct contact details for her will be given shortly. You can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding:rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding:rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

**Annual Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2024:** This year's Diocesan Annual Day Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024. The coach will leave Holy Trinity at 7:00 am to ensure that we arrive at the Shrine in good time to eat your packed lunch before Mass at 1:00pm. Around 3:00 / 3:30pm we will gather in the Shrine grounds and walk the Holy Mile together in procession. When we reach the village we will enter through the gate of the Abbey Ruins and prayers will be said at the site of the Holy House.

This year we are going to stop for tea at the Anglia Motel and Coach Stop which is opposite the site of the now closed 'Farm Café'. The cost of coach travel has gone down since last year and therefore the cost will be £20 per person plus a £2 donation when entering the Abbey Grounds so please consider bringing some change with you. We will be back at Holy Trinity by 9:30 pm at the latest.

**Ho-ly Father's Prayer intention for April** For the role of women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.