

St Bernard of Clairvaux Partnership of Parishes:

Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

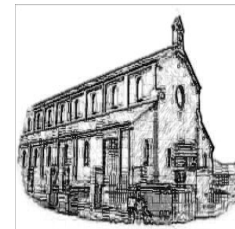
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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

8th/9th September 2024

Psalter Week 3 Year B: Year of St. Mark



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm Peggy and Thomas Grace
Monday 10.00 am People of the Parish
Thursday 9.15 am OLSBCA (INT)
Friday 10.00 am People of Ukraine
Saturday 5.00 pm Fr Peter Blundell

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4.30 pm- 4.45 pm OLSB
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday at 10.45 am

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Mary Morrey
Tuesday 7.00 pm For the Holy Land
Saturday 10.15 am For Ecological Conversion
Sunday 9.30 am Mary Villadolid/
Rosie Elizabeth Roberts

Rosary After Mass on Friday OLSB Tuesday 6.40 pm in SGSM

Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies procedures at all times. Mel Shaw is the Safeguarding Rep for the Partnership. You can contact her on 07857973468 or

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Faithful Departed: Please pray for those who have died recently: Craig Underwood, Jennifer Harrison, Fr Terry McGuckin and Fr Peter Blundell, who was parish priest of Abbey Hulton from 1994 to 2005. May they rest in peace.

RCIA (Adult Instruction) Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Are you considering joining the Catholic Church, or if you're already a Catholic but would like to know more or want to help your children to know more or simply want to come along to support others, then we invite you to an initial meeting at Our Lady and St Benedict's on **Thursday 12th September at 7.00 pm** to find out more.

Education Sunday This weekend, at the start of the academic year, we will observe Education Sunday. This year's theme is drawn from its Gospel Reading of Mark 7:31-37: He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak. This Sunday is a reminder to all members of the Catholic Community of the importance of education to the Catholic mission. We are currently looking for **governors** to serve in both our schools. If you are interested then please see Fr Adrian after Mass or pick up a information sheet next weekend. Please pray for the staff and children of our academies

Adoremus Weekend: The Catholic Church in England and Wales will gather at St Mary's College, Oscott, on **Saturday 14 September** for a day to renew and deepen our devotion to the Eucharist. We will seek to the mark this in our parishes with a mini 'retreat'.

On **Friday 13th** There will be a talk given by Fr Julian Green on Lumen Gentium preceded by a Holy Hour at 6.00 pm in Abbey Hulton.

On **Saturday 14th, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** there will be Exposition from **9.15 am until 10.15 am** in Birches Head and from **4.00 pm** on Saturday in Abbey Hulton.

Then on **Sunday 15th** we will celebrate our annual **International Mass** followed by a social gathering (If you can bring **food** please sign the list at the back of church). Again there will be **Exposition from 8.00 am**.

The second collection will be for **Missio**.

Season of Creation: begins this weekend. Both parishes are working towards the **LiveSimply Award**. This is an opportunity for Catholic communities – parishes, schools, and chaplaincies – to answer the call for us to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers. We hope to form a Care of Creation Group.

Live Simply Tips: September 7th, Spend some time in nature, whether in a local park, nature reserve or garden. Focus on the wonders of nature around us. You are encouraged to visit the **Prayer and Reflection Area** in St George and St Martin's. You can write your pledges and leave it there. Also if you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one please bring them with you to Mass. Our children might bring something they found on a nature walk.