

St Bernard of Clairvaux Partnership of Parishes:

Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

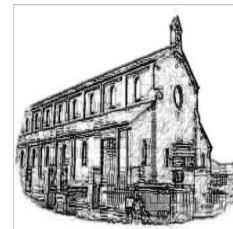
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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

15th/16th September 2024

Psalter Week 4 Year B: Year of St. Mark



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm Fr Peter Blundell  
Wednesday 10.00 am People of the Parish  
Friday 10.00 am People of Ukraine  
Saturday 5.00 pm Des and Kate MacNamara

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4.30 pm- 4.45 pm OLSB

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday at 10.45 am

Rosary After Mass on Friday OLSB Tuesday 6.40 pm in SGSM

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Mary Valladolid/ Rosie Elizabeth  
Roberts / Reg and Madge Casey.  
Tuesday 1.30 pm Jennifer Harrison (Funeral Service)  
7.00 pm For the Holy Land  
Thursday 9.15 am Fr. Keith Enstone (RIP)  
Saturday 10.15 am For Missionaries  
Sunday 9.30 am David Buxton

**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

[sg.sgam.stokeontrent@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.sgam.stokeontrent@rcaob.org.uk). You can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding:rcaob.org.uk](http://safeguarding:rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

**Faithful Departed:** Please pray for those who have died recently: Craig Underwood, Jennifer Harrison, and Fr Peter Blundell, who was parish priest of Abbey Hulton from 1994 to 2005. His Funeral Mass will be held on October 1st at Midday at St Chad's Cathedral. It can be livestreamed from the website: [www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/](http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/). May they rest in peace.

**RCIA (Adult Instruction)** Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Please join us if you are 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. The next meeting is on **19th September at 7.00 pm** in Our Lady and St Benedict's.

**Academies** We are currently looking for **governors** to serve in both our schools. If you are interested then please see Fr Adrian after Mass.

**Missio:** The second collection will be for **Missio** which is one of just three personally requested by the Pope each year. We are invited by Pope Francis to invite everyone to the banquet. It traditionally takes place in October, but it fits well with our International Mass celebration.

**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'.

Today, on **Sunday 15th** we will celebrate our annual **International Mass** followed by a social gathering. Welcome and thank you for joining us, participating in the Mass and bringing food. It is a great blessing that we have such a variety of nationalities making up our parish family.

**Season of Creation:** 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. 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.

**Live Simply Tips:** September 14th Plan to grow something – whether for food or flowers. Now is a good time to collect seeds and take cuttings for free plants. Some varieties of garlic, peas and beans are suitable for planting now. If you know someone with strawberry plants ask if you can have a runner (baby plant) from them to grow your own strawberries next year.

**The North Staffs Deanery Vocations Group:** The North Staffs Deanery Vocations Group are having a meeting on October 8th at 7.30 pm at St. Teresa's, Trent Vale. New members are welcome.