

St Bernard of Clairvaux Mission of Parishes:

Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

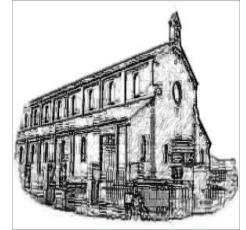
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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time

28th/29th September 2024

Psalter Week 2 Year B: Year of St. Mark



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm Felix Dorset

Saturday 5.00 pm Thomas Family

Today is 110th *World Day of Migrants and Refugees*. The theme of Pope Francis' message for the day is: *God walks with His people*. He reminds us that all of us, God's people, are migrants on this earth, on our way to the "true homeland", the Kingdom of Heaven. Our donations to **ASHA** are one way that we as a Parish Mission support migrants and refugees.

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Saturday 12.05 pm People of the Parish

Sunday 9.30 am Jack and Kate Meehan

Sunday 9.30 am Peter Ball/Tessa and Gary Taylor

Pope's Intention for October: For a shared mission

We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Vocations: In our Deanery, October is a particular focus on prayer for **vocations**. More next weekend.

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, TV.

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. You can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding:rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Faithful Departed: Please pray for those who have died recently: Craig Underwood 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 via the website:

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 **10th October at 7.00 pm** in Our Lady and St Benedict's.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day takes place on the Feast of St Francis, Friday 4 October. The Second Collection next weekend will be for CAFOD. Please use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/

Deanery Forum: It is now 14 months since we met together to hear the Visitation Report of our Deanery. At that time, it was recognised that ongoing reflection and discernment were a necessary part of future planning. As part of that process, it has been suggested that we meet again as a Deanery for a Deanery Forum. The invitation for this event is open to all but it would be good if all parish key workers; clergy, administrators/secretaries, church wardens, MCs and senior servers, choir masters, members of parish groups and sodalities, finance committee members, etc. could attend. The Forum will take place at **Holy Trinity Parish Centre**, London Road, Newcastle. ST5 1LQ on **Tuesday 22nd October at 7.00 pm**. It would be good to see as many people as possible attend.

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 pledge 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 28th Our focus for October is on food. Friday October 4th is Cafod autumn fast day. Try to eat simply on that day.

NSAPC invite you to a talk by Father Michael Miners on the teaching of St. John Henry Newman entitled. "Prayer and the Virtue of Hope" at St. Wulstan's School Hall on Tuesday 15th October 2024 at 7.00 – 8.30pm.