

St Bernard of Clairvaux Mission of Parishes:

Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

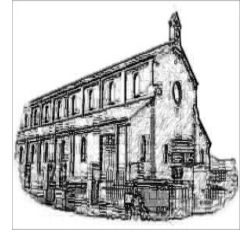
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27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

5th/6th October 2024

Psalter Week 3 Year B: Year of St. Mark



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm Thomas Family
Friday 10.00 am People of Ukraine

Saturday 5.00 pm Margaret Johnson (Ints)

Rosary Tuesday 6.40 pm in SGSM After Mass on Friday OLSB
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30 am on Saturday SGSM
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4.30 pm- 4.45 pm OLSB
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday at 11.45 am SGSM

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Peter Ball/Tessa and Gary Taylor
Tuesday 7.00 pm Teresa Murphy
Wednesday 9.45 am People of the Middle East
Thursday 9.15 am Canon John Gunn
Saturday 10.00 am Holy Souls
Sunday 9.30 am Fidela Aguirre/

Lloyd and Roberts Family

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, Trent Vale. New members are welcome

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, May they rest in peace.

LiveSimply Tip: October 5th. Simple tweaks to our diet can reduce our contribution to emissions of greenhouse gases. Make an effort to try to reduce the amount of animal products in your diet. Produce from animals increases the release of gases such as methane which are drivers of climate change. There is a great range of meat and dairy free products available these days, from cheeses and burgers, to chocolate and plant milks. Or base your meal on veg – good for your health and the environment. If you have any recommendations or recipes you wish to share, post them in our Live Simply box. We'll try to produce a recipe leaflet with these ideas soon.

CAFOD's Family Fast Day The Second Collection this weekend will be for CAFOD.

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.

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