

St Bernard of Clairvaux Mission of Parishes:

Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

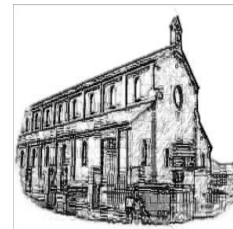
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29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

19th/20th October 2024

Psalter Week 1 Year B: Year of St. Mark



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm Sue Rathbone
Friday 10.00 am People of Ukraine
Saturday 5.00 pm Joan Hodgkinson

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.45 am on Saturday SGSM
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4.30 pm- 4.45 pm OLSB
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday at 10.15 am SGSM

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Don and Beryl Griffiths/
Gilbert Trueman/ Herminia and Teodoro Tagalog
Tuesday Midday Archbishop Bernard
Wednesday 10.00 am People of the Middle East
Thursday 11.00 am Raymond Michael Coupe (Requiem)
Saturday 10.15 am Holy Souls
Sunday 9.30 am Reg and Madge Casey/
Giovanni Romano/ Julio and Julia Vitug

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: For **Raymond Michael 'Mick' Coupe** whose Funeral Mass takes place on Thursday. Also for Craig Underwood and Fr Peter Blundell. May they rest in peace.

LiveSimply Tip: October 19th. Purchasing locally grown fruit and veg limits the amount of fuel used to transport these goods. Look at the labelling in the supermarket or local shop to enable your choices to be local. British apples should be plentiful in October, but supermarkets still import them from New Zealand and elsewhere. Maybe visit a local farm shop or farmers market for freshly grown produce.

Johnson Association: Next weekend there will be the annual collection and appeal for the Johnson Association, which supports the Retired and Infirm Clergy, of the Archdiocese. Last year it supported approx. 65 priest giving grants totalling over £430,000. The Annual Collection raised almost £40,000-Your support either by donation in church, online or using the QR Code would be most appreciated. Be assured that prayers and Masses are offered for all benefactors.
RCIA (Adult Instruction). The next meeting is on **24th October at 7.00 pm** in OLSB.

Harvest Festival: The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service in SGSM takes place at 9.15 am on **Thursday**.
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 and meet our new Area Bishop, **Rt. Rev. Timothy Menezes**.

Season of Creation: 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.

Kenya Raffle: One of our altar servers, Jasmine is going to Kenya next year to help redecorate a school and work with the local children. She will be selling raffle tickets after Mass in SGSM to help pay for her travel. Thank you.

Vocations: In our Deanery, October is a particular focus on prayer for **vocations**. Please pray the rosary daily for this intention. There will be a Deanery Vocation's Holy Hour at St Wulstan's, Wolstanton on October 29th, starting at 7.00 pm. Fr Michael Miners would be very de-