



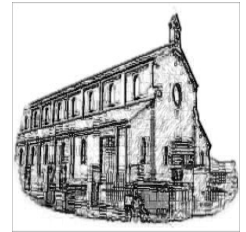
**St Bernard of Clairvaux Mission of Parishes:  
Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin**

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**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**August 30th & 31st 2025**

**Psalter Week 2 Year C: Year of St. Luke**



**Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times**

Saturday 5.00 pm John and Gertrude Regan  
Thursday 9.15 am Annunciation Catholic School  
Friday 9.45 am George Kurian  
Saturday 5.00 pm Thomas and Peggy Grace

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4.30 pm

**St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times**

Sunday 9.30 am Roy and Freda Porter  
Tuesday 7.00 pm For Care of Creation  
Saturday 10.15 am Gerry Carr (RIP)  
Sunday 9.30 am Reg and Madge Casey

Rosary Tuesday at 6.40 pm SGSM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday 9.45 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 10.45 am

**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 both parishes. Contact Mel 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](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

**Faithful Departed:** Pray too for the recently deceased: For Paul Southern, Fr Paul Johnson, Fr Tony Rohan, George Kurian. May they rest in peace.

**CAFOD: Response in Gaza:** Your donations to Gaza since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline. Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is delivering essential medical treatment to displaced people and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000 people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the restrictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local partners are working tirelessly to help people. And with your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to keep doing so. You can find out more about how you can make a difference in Gaza at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Thank you for backing our work through holding collections for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing to pray for peace in the Middle East.

**Harvington Hall Pilgrimage:** The annual pilgrimage to Harvington Hall in honour of the English Martyrs' will take place on Sunday 7th September. This year the principal celebrant will be Archbishop Bernard Longley Mass: 3pm; Confessions: 1.45pm – 2.30pm Free Parking

**Season of Creation:** begins on September 1st and finishes on October 4th. The theme this year is '*Seeds of Peace and Hope*' Once again there will be a '**Prayer and Reflection Area**' in St George and St Martin's. You might like to write a sustainability 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. Our children might like to bring something they found on a nature walk. The equivalent reflection area in Abbey Hulton will be the Clairvaux Garden. 261A.

In Birches Head on Tuesday evening, we will offer **Mass for the Care for Creation**, a new formulary of the Roman Missal.

**LiveSimply: LiveSimply Tip:** Visit the Gardening Club on Thursday September 4th.

**Asha** Food items required (in date please!) dried pasta, Basmati rice, tinned sweetcorn/tomatoes/tuna in oil/chickpeas, biscuits, jam, long-life milk, sunflower cooking oil. Other items needed: toiletries for women.

and men; sanitary products; household items including cleaning products, eg washing up, laundry washing etc.

**NSAPC** will be hosting a talk on 'Laudato Si' by Phil Mayland on 08/09 at Our Lady & St Werburgh, Clayton.

**Welcome Back** to the children, teachers and staff of our academies. Please pray that they will have another successful year. See the Ofsted website to read the very positive inspection reports both academies have received. Both academies are joining the St Gabriel the Archangel CMAT very shortly. We are asked 'to pray the CMAT flourishes into a strong and flourishing organisation, becoming a source of faith filled strength and inspiration where our pupils and communities feel they are loved and belong'.