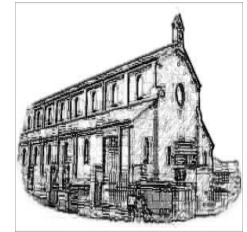




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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27th and 28th 2025

Psalter Week 2 Year C: Year of St. Luke



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday 5.00 pm Kathleen Quinn
Wednesday 9.45 am Peace in Ukraine
Thursday 9.15 am Joyce Pickerill
Friday 9.40 am Peter Ball
Saturday 5.00 pm Craig Lewis

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4.30 pm

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Saturday Midday Edith Choake Love
Sunday 9.30 am Johnny Aung
Tuesday 7.00 pm Edith Choake Love
Friday 11.00 am Winnie Rogers (Funeral Mass)
Sunday 9.30 am Nichola O'Neill

Rosary Tuesday at 6.40 pm SGSM

Faithful Departed: Pray for the recently deceased: For Winnie Rogers, whose Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 3rd October at 11.00 am. Also Deacon Paul Mayland, Fr Noel Breslin. May they rest in peace.

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

New Missals: The new Weekday Missal is now available. It costs £55.00. If you want to order one then please visit the piety stall or hospitality desk.

Parish Merger Consultation Thank you to all who attended the meeting regarding the proposed parish merger last weekend, Evangelli Gaudium Sunday. There is a Draft Merger Proposal Booklet that can be collected after Mass. This will be developed over the next few months during the consultation period. Included in that booklet is a questionnaire for you to have your say. As I said last week, after thirteen years of Partnership it is time, I believe time to take the next logical step and form the one new parish of St Bernard of Clairvaux.

NSAPC: Talk on the Blessed Virgin Mary by Fr Julian Green, Friday 10th October at the Catherine Room, Our Lady of the Angels, Stoke 7pm.

Pope Leo's Intention For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

Season of Creation: began on September 1st and finishes on October 4th. 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. .

LiveSimply: LiveSimply Tip: Visit the Gardening Club on Thursday October 2nd. Why not plant or donate some spring bulbs. You are welcome to come in and do some weeding. Also Fairtrade Fortnight runs from 22nd September until 5th October. 261A.

This Weekend: Please note that the Saturday Lunchtime Mass is an additional Sunday Mass.

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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10. There is also a QR Code on the wall as you come in.