



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

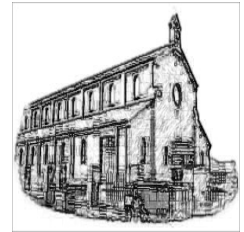
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**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**October 18th and 19th 2025**

**Psalter Week 1 Year C: Year of St. Luke**



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

**Saturday** 5.00 pm Julie Hughes/  
Geoff Warburton  
**Thursday** 9.15 am For Vocations  
**Friday** 9.45 am Peace in the Middle  
East  
**Saturday** 5.00 pm Irene and Vincent  
Woodcock (RIP)



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

**Sunday** 9.30 am Don and Beryl Griffiths/  
Janet and Terry Casey (50th)  
**Tuesday** 7.00 pm Fr Noel Breslin  
**Sunday** 9.30 am Giovanni Romano, Julio and Julia Vitug  
and Reg and Madge Casey

Rosary Tuesday at 6.40 pm SGSM

**Mission Appeal** next weekend we welcome Fr Joachin, who will be making a Mission Appeal on behalf of the Vincentian Missionaries.

**Faithful Departed:** Pray for the recently deceased: For Maureen Lea, Winnie Rogers, 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](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.

**Parish Merger Consultation** Thank you to all who attended the meeting regarding the proposed parish merger. 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.

**Love in Action Event** with Father Hudson's Caritas and CAFOD. Join Emily Pugh, (Father Hudson's Caritas) and Sylvester Mutsigwa and Kathryn Keenan, (CAFOD in Birmingham), to learn more about the faith basis of our work and to spend time in reflection on how our faith calls us to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters locally and globally. It takes place on Saturday 25th October 10.00 am-13.30 am at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, London Road, Newcastle-under-Lyme ST5 1LQ. We will begin with Mass in the Church at 10am then move to the parish centre next door to begin our meeting at approximately 10.30 am.

**Bellcote Appeal:** We need to raise £60,000 for the Bellcote and roof repairs; Please remember:

We have three envelopes you can use to donate.

**Existing users** of offertory envelopes & S/O's who gift aid. **Tax payers** who wish to make a **one off** gift aid donation. **Non-taxpayers** who wish to make a donation. Please ask for guidance. Alternatively you can donate using your bank card at the terminal in Church or by scanning the QR Code above.

**Gathering:** There will refreshments served after Mass next Sunday in Birches Head. It will be an informal way to discuss fundraising and social activities.

**Harvest Season:** The Prayer and Reflection Area will now focus on our gratitude for the fruits of the harvest. For the month of October we will collect donations for the Foodbank. You will find a 'Shopping List' of items needed as you come into church today. If you would like to **donate flowers** in memory of a loved one please bring them with you to Mass.

**LiveSimply: LiveSimply Tip:** Take time to observe the changes in autumn, go for a walk and spend time looking, wondering, marvelling at biodiversity. Put up a bug-hotel in your garden.

**World Mission Sunday** Sunday 19 October – Today is World Mission Sunday Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. We are called to be 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit [misio.org.uk](http://misio.org.uk) to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit.