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Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin**

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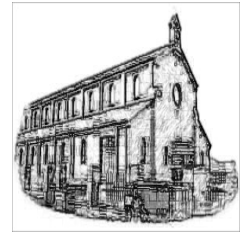
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Second Sunday of Advent

December 13th and 14th 2025

Psalter Week 2 Year A: Year of St. Matthew



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm Walter and Winifred Cliff/
Craig Lewis and Joy Colclough

Friday 10.00 am Fr Paul Johnson
12.30 pm Ann Lloyd (Funeral Mass)

Saturday 5.00 pm John and Anthony Bloor

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4.30 pm Saturday OLSB

Rosary 6.50 pm Tuesday SGSM **Rosary** Friday 10.15 am OLSB

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Camille Mumbe (BD)

Tuesday 7.00 pm Peace in the Middle East

Wednesday Midday Private intention

Thursday 9.15 am Elizabeth Joynes (RIP)

Saturday 10.15 am Luby Family

Sunday 9.30 am Christopher Rush

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.45 am Saturday SGSM

Faithful Departed: please pray for those who have died recently: , Ann Lloyd whose Funeral Mass takes place next Friday. Her body will be received into church next Thursday at 6.00 pm. Winnie Morton, Bernard Casey, Christopher Rush, Maureen Lea, Bob Woodward, Elizabeth Joynes. May they rest in peace.

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.



Bonus Ball (Saturday's Lotto draw) All numbers are taken. Well done. First draw will be this weekend,

Mass Intentions: Booking now for 2026. Please use the envelopes provided to make a donation, fill in a date on the calendar.

CAFOD World Gifts Catalogues are now available at the back of the church or via the HRT. There will be a second collection this weekend to buy one of the gifts.

Memory Tags: Tags are available at the back of SGSM Church. You can write the name of your deceased loved ones and it will be placed on the tree for you. Suggested donation of £2.00 for church funds. Mass will be offered for them shortly.

Bambinelli Sunday The crib figures of Baby Jesus' will be blessed next weekend! Remember to bring yours.

Advent Carol Service: Our Advent Carol Service will take place on Wednesday December 10th at 6.30 pm in St George and St Martin's, Birches Head. Tickets are now on sale. They cost £5.00 per person. Under 16s are free. You can also buy tickets on the door on the night. The ticket also includes a raffle, a drink of tea or coffee and a mince pie.

Our Lady and St Benedict Academy: are making bags for the homeless. The items needed are as follows hats, gloves, scarf, socks, small packets of sweets, biscuits, chocolate, toothbrushes, toothpaste. roll on deodorant, hand sanitiser, bottled water

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

LiveSimply Both parishes are now officially LiveSimply parishes! Congratulations and thank you for all the hard work

Christmas Decorations and Clean SGSM: After Mass we are putting up the tree, erecting the crib and doing a big Christmas Clean. Can you lend a hand?

Christmas Decorations and Clean OLSB On Monday December 8th at 10.00 am the tree is being put up and the crib is being erected. Then on Friday 19th December there will be a big Christmas clean after Mass. Can you help please?