



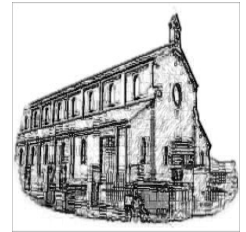
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Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

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Third Sunday of Advent

December 13th and 14th 2025

Psalter Week 3 Year A: Year of St. Matthew



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm John and Anthony Bloor
Thursday 9.15 am Don Exon
Friday 9.45 am Fr Paul Johnson
Saturday 5.00 pm Mary Horochiowskyj and
Stephanie Copeland

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4.30 pm Saturday OLSB

Rosary 6.40 pm Tuesday SGSM Rosary Friday 10.15 am OLSB

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Christopher Rush
Tuesday 7.00 pm Peace in the Middle East
Wednesday 1.45 pm SGSM Academy Advent Liturgy
Saturday 10.15 am Luby Family
Sunday 9.30 am Eddie Hunt and Laura Maddox

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.45 am Saturday SGSM

Faithful Departed: please pray for those who have died recently: Josephine Wallace, Miroslav Kapura, Ann Lloyd, Winnie Morton, Bernard Casey, Christopher Rush, Maureen Lea, Bob Woodward, Elizabeth Joynes. Fr David Keniry, Mgr Vaughan Morgan. 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. Second 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. We have ought two gifts for both academies. Thank you.

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 at Mass this weekend!

Advent Carol Service: Thank you to all those who arranged the Advent Carol Service and all those who attended. Thank you as well to the staff of our school for all their support. A total of £425 was raised for the Bellcote Appeal. Well done.

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. Thank you very much for donations received so far.

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 OLSB On Friday (19th December) there will be a big Christmas clean after Mass. Can you help please?

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.