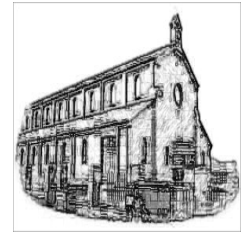





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**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**January 31st and February 1st 2026**  
**Psalter Week 4 Year A: Year of St. Matthew**

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

Saturday:	5.00 pm	Joan Hodgkinson
Friday	9.45 am	For the Sick of the Parish
Saturday	5.00 pm	Mairin Pepper

Rosary Friday 10.15 am OLSB

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday 9.45 am SGSM

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


Sunday	9.30 am	John Meehan
Thursday	9.15 am	Fr Brian Wall
Saturday	10.15 am	McKiernan and Timmins Families
Sunday	9.30 am	Smith Family (Dec'd)

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday at 10.45 am SGSM.  
Saturday 5.00 pm OLSB

Rosary Saturday at 9.45 am

**Faithful Departed:** please pray for those who have died recently: Máirin Pepper. Also for Fr Brian Wall, former parish priest of St Maria Goretti, Bentilee. Also for Fr David Keniry. 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.



**RCIA** The course continues on Saturday at 11.00 am. All welcome.

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

**Counters:** Thank you to the counters who count the weekly collection. Their ministry and work is unseen but much appreciated. Could you offer yourself as a new team for 2026?

**Bonus Ball** Last winner was Angela Baggeley

**LiveSimply** Both parishes are now officially LiveSimply parishes

**North Staffs Deanery Vocations Mass:** The annual Mass will be celebrated in St Joseph's, Goldenhill on Monday 2nd March at 6.30 pm.

**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

**Fundraising** Thank you for your support with the fundraising for the bellcote that we have done. DFYD: **Saturday February 21st** Italian Meal @ Teresa's. If you would like to go please speak to Teresa or Luigi

**Friday March 6th** - curry night in school made by our Indian families. £10 tickets now on sale!

**Sunday March 22nd** - 10.30am Our annual auction! If anyone has received an unwanted Christmas present why not consider donating it to the parish.

**Saturday April 25th** 7.00 pm  
A beautiful concert performed by HIMIG Choral Choir from London & TRIUNE VOICES of North Staffordshire Tickets: £10 on sale now!

**Racial Justice Sunday** takes place this weekend. Bishop Paul McAleenan, welcomes this year's theme - "Whoever loves God must also love his brother" (1 John 4:21): He said: "Where racial justice is concerned, we must never tire of repeating what has been said before, though we always seek new ways to convey our message". RJS is devoted to the promotion of racial justice in our parishes and society and an encouragement to be conscious of the need for justice for all.