

St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish:

Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

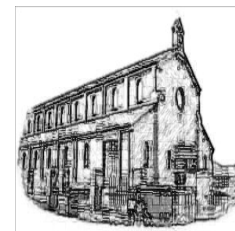
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First Sunday of Lent

February 22nd and 23rd 2026

Psalter Week 1 Year A: Year of St. Matthew



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm Paul and Cynthia Wightman
Wednesday 10.00 am Peace in the Holy Land
Friday 9.45 am For the Sick of the Parish
Saturday 5.00 pm Margaret Gough

Rosary Friday 10.15 am OLSB

Stations of the Cross:

Friday 10.15 am

Saturday 9.45 am SGSM

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Mairin Pepper
Tuesday 7.00 pm Archbishop Richard Moth
Thursday 9.15 am Fr Brian Wall (RIP)
Saturday 10.15 am Pat Breese
Sunday 9.30 am Fr Simon Hall

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday at 10.45 am SGSM.

Saturday 4.45 pm pm OLSB

Faithful Departed: please pray for those who have died recently: Giuseppe Tauro. Also for Fr Brian Wall, 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 will continue on Saturday on 07/03

Walk: This Lent, we are invited to walk together in faith and solidarity. By taking on the challenge of walking 200km in the 40 days of Lent, we join thousands of walkers to bring the gift of clean water to our neighbours who lack it. Zaneta Jackson, OLSB CAFOD Rep is undertaking the challenge and you can sponsor her online from Ash Wednesday. . Go to www.walk.cafod.org.uk. Look up: *find a fundraiser*.

Then type in Zan.

CAFOD Lenten Fastday: falls on **February 27th** this year. CAFOD is highlighting how donations are helping communities in **South Sudan, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe** who are striving to grow food and care for their families despite increasingly severe droughts and floods.

Bonus Ball Winner: Helen Farrell

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.sboc.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

Fundraising Thank you for your support with the fundraising for the bellcote that we have done. DFYD:

Friday March 6th - Curry Night in the **Marian Room** in Our Lady and St Benedict's made by our Indian families. £10 tickets now on sale! Under 16's £5.00. We are looking for volunteers to help clean and set up the room on Saturday 28th February either before or after Mass.

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!

Lenten Retreat: St, Mary's, Norton have arranged a retreat Day on Monday March 23rd to St James Church Liverpool. The Celebrant is Fr Tony Fraine who is the Chaplain to the People to Lourdes Trust. A coach will depart from St Mary's. A seat will cost £25.00. For more details please ring Chris on 07958044099.