

St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish:

Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

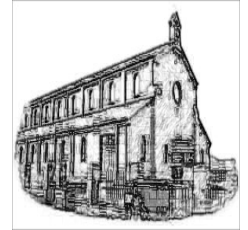
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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

March 28th and 29th 2026

Psalter Week 2 Year A: Year of St. Matthew



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm John and Anthony Bloor
Wednesday 9.45 am Fr Paul Devaney.
(Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass)

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Geoff Oaks
Tuesday 7.00 pm Silna Manjaly
(Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass)

Faithful Departed: please pray for those who have died recently: Geoff Warburton. Also for Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi, Agnes Olaleye (Mary Ajala's Mother), Marge Bailey. 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



CAFOD Walk: This Lent, we are invited to walk together in faith and solidarity Zaneta Jackson, OLSB CAFOD Rep is undertaking the challenge and you can sponsor her online. Go to www.walk.cafod.org.uk. Look up: *find a fundraiser*. Then type in Zan.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage: Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2026? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral on **Saturday 2 May**. To be celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker.

Bonus Ball: Last winner: Gina Vitug

Gift Aid envelopes 26/27. Now available:

Clairvaux Garden: The parish gardening team will be meeting on Thursday this week (2/4) in Abbey Hulton at 5.00 pm, to tidy up the prayer garden. All welcome

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: **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!

Fundraising Meeting: There will be a fundraising meeting at 5.30 pm on April 14th SGSMs. Main item for discussion will be the Summer Fayre in June. But other suggestions on future fundraising and social events will be welcome.

Annual Auction: Thank you to all those who donated items, organised things and attended the auction. A total of £620 was raised. Thank you very much.

Easter Big Clean There will be a big clean in OLSB on Monday at 11.15 am, In SGSM on Tuesday at 10.00 am. Refreshments will be served.

Easter Offering Envelopes are available at the back of Church. This is one of two collections for your clergy.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Saturday 9th May. Coach leaves Holy Trinity 7.00 am returning for 9.30pm. Full pilgrim programme. Coach with toilet, costs the same as last year £22 plus donation of £2 to enter the Abbey grounds (please bring some change). Forms to book your seat available at the entrance of the church, payment by bank transfer or cheque.