

## St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish:

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

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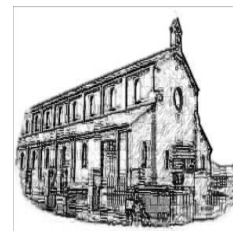
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### Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 2nd and 3rd 2026

Psalter Week 1 Year A: Year of St. Matthew



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

Saturday: 5.00 pm Caroballo Family/Geoff Warburton  
and Julie Hughes  
Friday 9.45 am Des MacNamara  
Saturday 5.00 pm John Watts and Paula Wainwright  
Sunday 11.00 am Maggie Duggan

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30 pm OLSB

Rosary Tuesday 6.40 pm. SGSMS

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

Sunday 9.30 am Gerard Goodall/ Maria and  
Antonio Angotti  
Tuesday 7.00 pm Margaret Johnson (Int)  
Thursday 9.15 am Fr Jim Dutton (RIP)  
Saturday Midday Peter Ball (RIP)  
Sunday 9.30 am Delores Tomkinson

**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



**Fundraising: Summer Fayre 26th June in SGSMA Afternoon Tea: 11th July in OLSB. Tickets on sale!**

**Fundraising Meeting:** There will be a parish meeting after the 5.00 pm Mass on Saturday on May 16th. Also *John Angotti* is walking the Camino to Santiago de Compostela. A total of 126 km. He is inviting sponsorship for the bellcote.

**CAFOD Sudan Crisis appeal:** Kayode Akintola, Head of Region for Africa, recently spent four days with our partners and the Church in Sudan. He reported that: "Violence is expanding, and communities are increasingly cut off from essential services. Mothers carry children on their backs, young women and men search desperately for water where wells have long run dry, hunger is everywhere. "But our partner Caritas Sudan, alongside other local organisations, is providing food, cash assistance, safe water, nutrition and more. They are saving lives every day. But the gap between overwhelming needs and available support is massive." You can donate via the special envelopes or via the website or give to Zaneta who is still walking round Wales. (See over to the right)

**First Holy Communion:** Please pray for the children who will be making their First Holy Communion next weekend. That means there will be an additional Sunday Mass in both churches!

**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](mailto:sg.sboc.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  
**Poppy Appeal** Can you crochet or knit? How about contributing to a Poppy Cascade at St Chad's Cathedral for this year's Remembrance celebrations in November? This year, 2026, marks the 105th anniversary of the dedication of the St Chad's Cathedral War Memorial, which captures the names of 221 men who bravely fought and sadly died either during or shortly after WWI. A photographic display is also planned at the cathedral thanks to Friends of St Chad's Cathedral. The deadline for poppy contributions is Wednesday 30 September. Thank you!

At the recent meeting a suggestion was made to have a monthly **Click Clack Club** for people who want to come and knit and socialise in the Marian Room. Would you be interested??

**Faithful Departed:** please pray for those who have died recently: Socrates Baura, John Pemberton, Agnes Olaleye, Marge Bailey, Gerard Goodall, Maria Piedad, Gabby Child. May they rest in peace.

**CAFOD Walk:** Go to [www.walk.cafod.org.uk](http://www.walk.cafod.org.uk). Look up: *find a fundraiser*. Then type in Zan