

## St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish:



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

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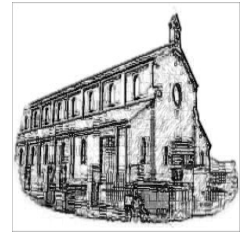
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### Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9th and 10th 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 Watts and Paula Wainwright
Sunday	11.00 am	Maggie Duggan
Thursday	2.00 pm	Will Simpson
Friday	9.45 am	People of Sudan
Saturday:	5.00 pm	Margaret Bloor (Int)
<u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u> Saturday 4.30 pm OLSB		
<u>Rosary</u> Tuesday 6.40 pm. SGSMA		

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

Saturday	Midday	Peter Ball (RIP)
Sunday	9.30 am	Delores Tomkinson
Tuesday	7.00 pm	Pope Leo
Wednesday	7.00 pm	John Meehan (RIP)
Thursday	11.00 am	Fr Peter Cooney
Sunday	9.30 am	Kath Buxton/ James Callan/ Private Intention

**Ascension Day:** Thursday 14th May is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses to fulfil the Obligation are at 7.00 pm on Wednesday (Vigil) and 11.00 am in Birches Head and 2.00 pm in Abbey Hulton

**Fundraising: Summer Fayre** 26th June in SGSMA

**Afternoon Tea:** 11th July in OLSB from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm. Tickets on sale!

**Fundraising Meeting:** There will be a parish meeting after the 5.00 pm Mass on Saturday May 16th.

Also **John and Teresa Angotti** are walking the Camino (pilgrimage) to Santiago de Compostela. A total of 126 km. They are inviting sponsorship for the bellcote. They are sheets to sign at the doorway of both churches.

**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 below)

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

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

**Faithful Departed:** please pray for those who have died recently: John Pemberton, Agnes Olaleye, Marge Bailey, Gerard Goodall, Maria Piedad, Gabby Child, Socrates Baura. Will Simpson (Lay Chaplain at St Margaret Ward School). May they rest in peace.

**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

**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



**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 for washing up liquid/laundry