

St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish:

Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

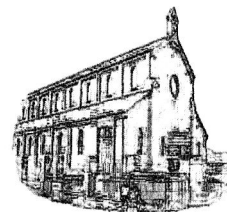
Abbey Road, Abbey Hulton,
Stoke on Trent ST2 8AU
Telephone 07895 713640

Gibbins St, Birches Head,
Stoke on Trent, ST1 2LS
Telephone 01782 268405

e-mail sboc.stokeontrent@rcaob.org.uk e-mail fr.adrian.macnamara@rcaob.org.uk

Parish Priest: Fr Adrian MacNamara.

Archdiocese of Birmingham birminghamdiocese.org.uk Registered Charity Number
2342176 www.stbernardparish.co.uk www.northstaffordshire-catholicdeanery.org.uk/



25th Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 19th and 20th 2026

Psalter Week 1 Year A: Year of St. Matthew



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday	5.00 pm	Mary and Peter Lovatt
Thursday	9.15 am	Peace in the Middle East
Friday	9.45 am	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday	5.00 pm	Geoff Warburton

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.45 am SGSM 4.30 pm OLSB

Rosary Tuesday 6.40 pm SGSM Friday 10.15 am OLSB

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday 9.45 am.

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday	9.30 am	Francis Lloyd
Tuesday	7.00 pm	Lucy Anne Ajala (BD)
Saturday	10.15am	Fr Christopher Fitzpatrick
Sunday	9.30 am	Des and Kate and Desmond MacNamara

Family Harvest Fastday October 2nd 2026

Home Mission Sunday This weekend we will celebrate Home Mission Sunday, a day for us as the Catholic community in England and Wales to celebrate our faith in these lands and our shared commitment to communicate the beauty and the joy of knowing Jesus Christ. Celebrating the Holy Father's first encyclical, the theme for this year is "Magnifica Humanitas" as the heart of mission. We can celebrate together the call the Holy Father has placed before us to live out our authentic humanity which finds its fullness in Christ. More details about this can be found on the Bishops' Conference website: Home Mission Sunday - cbcew.org.uk/home-mission-Sunday/

Season of Creation: The Season of Creation begins on 1st September until 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. It is a time to reflect on our vocation to be stewards of Creation, God's first gift to each of us. Tuesday is kept as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. -This year's theme, Living Water, is drawn from Ezekiel 47. It offers a powerful image of a river flowing from the Temple, becoming a great torrent of life, fruitfulness, and healing.

Whatsapp Group: If you would like to join the St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish Whatsapp Group please fill in the slip of paper at the doorway of the church and we will add you to the contact list. We will send you information such as how to gain access to the car park in SGSM, the weekly newsletter as well as the winner of the Bonus Ball, so you can stay in touch

Annual Guild of St Stephen Mass takes place at St Chad's Cathedral on October 3rd at Midday. .

MacMillan Coffee Morning: Next Friday at 9.00 am in OLSB School.

Faithful Departed: please pray for those who have ed recently: Margaret Wooldridge, Dorothy Donkin, Fr Christopher Fitzpatrick, Joe Doyle, Sarah Louise Pennington, May they rest in peace.

Click Clack Club will next meet on September 24th in OLSB from 10.00 am onwards.

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

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



Next Social & Fundraising Meeting: The next meeting will be Saturday September 26th to discuss the Christmas Fayre in Abbey Hulton following Mass.

Parish Bank Account Please note the bank account has now changed to: St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish.

Patronal Feast: At the Saturday evening Mass we celebrate the solemnity of Our Lady of Walsingham. It is one of our Patronal celebrations.