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

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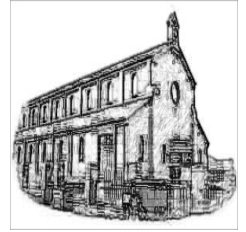
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Thirty First Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 2nd and 3rd 2024

Psalter Week 3 Year B: Year of St. Mark

Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm John and Margaret Corbishley

Saturday 5.00 pm Caraballo Family/Susan, Gordon and Freda Bailey/ Agnes Luczyszyn

The annual Deanery Mass for Deceased Clergy takes place next Tuesday at Midday in Holy Trinity Newcastle.

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Sylvia Rush

**Sunday 9.30 am Craig Underwood/
Reg and Madge Casey/
Fallen of Both World Wars**



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Garvin. May he rest in peace.

Mission Appeal: Today we warmly welcome **Fr. Stephen Kimani Kariuki** to our Mass. He will be making an appeal on behalf of St Patrick Missionaries. He comes to us via Kenya, Malawi and Zambia. Please make him feel very welcome. Please take home with you copies of their magazine, Africa, that tells your all about the work of the St Patrick Missionaries

Toilet Twinning: As part of our LiveSimply award we have now twinned our toilets. The toilet in Birches Head is now twinned with a toilet in the **Democratic Republic of Congo**. The one in Abbey Hulton is twinned with one from **Zambia**. The collection box in the toilet reminds you that could be literally 'spending a penny' for a good cause. The money raised will fund proper toilets, clean water and educate about hygiene. From **Tearfund:** *Almost 1 in 3 people living in the world don't have a safe place to go to the loo. Not only does this make daily life unpleasant and uncomfortable, but it presents a huge risk. There are thousands of deaths every year due to poor sanitation, which fosters water borne diseases such as cholera, and intestinal worms. It's crazy to think that more people have mobile phones, than access to a toilet!* So spend your penny and think of brothers and sisters who will be benefitting from your visit to the lavatorium. **DYK** National Toilet Day is on November 19th! **Reminder** don't put anything down our toilets except tissue paper. TY.

First Aid Audit: If you are trained in first aid, especially in CPR or use of a defibrillator (there is one outside SGSM) please make yourself known to Tom Rush or Dennis Allen in SGSM or George Banks in OLSB. Thank you.

November List of the Dead: There are envelopes available at the back of church for all those who would like to include their deceased relatives and friends in the November List of the Dead. They will be remembered in all Masses and services during the month of November. Please put envelope in box in front of altar. If you wish to make an offering please put it in a separate envelope

LiveSimply Both parishes are working towards the **LiveSimply Award**. This is an opportunity for Catholic communities – parishes, schools, and chaplaincies – to answer the call for us to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers. We hope to form a Care of Creation Group. In this month of remembrance of the Holy Souls you might like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one. Please bring them with you to Mass and we will find a place

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 the Partnership. You can contact her on 07857973468 or sg.sgam.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.

Kenya Raffle: One of our servers, Jasmine is going to Kenya next year. She will be selling raffle tickets after Mass in SGSM to help pay for her travel. Thank you.

LiveSimply Tip on reducing plastic: Attempting to reduce plastic throughout the whole house at once is overwhelming and unmanageable. Instead address each room individually. The bathroom is a great place to start.