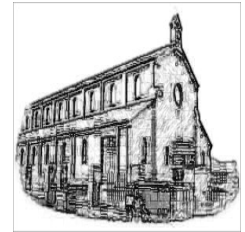




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Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

November 9th and 10th 2024

Psalter Week 4 Year B: Year of St. Mark

Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

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

**Saturday 5.00 pm Janet Adams/ Peggy and
Thomas Grace**

The annual Deanery Mass for Deceased Clergy takes place on Tuesday at
Midday in Holy Trinity Newcastle. Please pray for the repose of Peter Garvin.
May he rest in peace.

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

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

Monday 9.15 am Canon Martin Power

Sunday 9.30 am Terry Crowe

Monday is St Martin's Day. Mass will be offered at 9.15 am. All welcome



Welcome to Fr Kevin Stokes who joins us for our weekend Masses. We thank him for being us with as Fr Adrian gets a well earned break.

Mission Appeal: Fr. Stephen Kimani Kariuki thanks you for your response to his appeal last week.

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.

Kenya: Thank you for your support. On the Feast of Christ the King, November 24th, we will have a **Coffee Morning and Auction** to give further help to Jasmine in paying for her travel to Kenya, where she will be working with the local children and helping with projects, such as repairing roofs and milking

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 and hand into sacristy or steward.

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 for them.

Safeguarding The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies procedures at all times. We don't have a Safeguarding Rep but are required to have one. You can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding:rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

LiveSimply Tip on reducing plastic: Plan your weekly meals to make a supermarket shop less wasteful. Knowing exactly what you're going to eat can prevent the need to throw out gone-off produce.

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.