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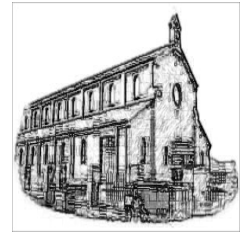
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**Thirty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**November 16th and 17th 2024**

**Psalter Week 1 Year B: Year of St. Mark**

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

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

**Thursday 9.15 am Fr Peter Blundell**

**Friday 9.30 am Sweetmore Family**

**Saturday 5.00 pm John and Anthony Bloor**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4.30 pm– 4.45 pm OLSB**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday at 10.15 am SGSM**

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

**Sunday 9.30 am Terry Crowe**

**Tuesday Midday Patrick Galvin**

**Saturday 10.15 am Holy Souls**

**Sunday 9.30 am Sarah Chesters/**

**Sr Quentin**



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.45 am on Saturday**

**Faithful Departed:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Galvin whose Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday in Birches Head

**Coffee Morning and Auction:** 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 various projects.

**Pope Francis** has written a new encyclical called *Dilexit Nos* (On the human and divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ). He writes: It is essential to realize that our relationship to the Person of Jesus Christ is one of friendship and adoration, drawn by the love represented under the image of his heart. We venerate that image, yet our worship is directed solely to the living Christ, in his divinity and his plenary humanity, so that we may be embraced by his human and divine love. Pius XII, Encyclical Letter *Haurietis Aquas* (15 May 1956). Whatever the image employed, it is clear that the living heart of Christ – not its representation – is the object of our worship, for it is part of his holy risen body, which is inseparable from the Son of God who assumed that body forever. We worship it because it is “the heart of the Person of the Word, to whom it is inseparably united”. Nor do we worship it for its own sake, but because with this heart the incarnate Son is alive, loves us and receives our love in return. Any act of love or worship of his heart is thus “really and truly given to Christ himself”, since it spontaneously refers back to him and is “a symbol and a tender image of the infinite love of Jesus.

**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 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](mailto:sg.sgam.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.

**LiveSimply Tip on reducing plastic:** These are great to refill at home or on-the-go. It only takes a few refills before you begin saving money you would've spent on bottles of water.

**RCIA/Adult Catechesis:** continues this week as we will gather in St George and St Martin's at 7.00 pm on Thursday. Note change of venue!