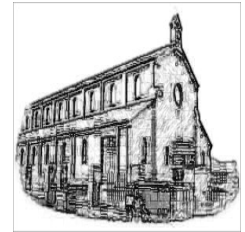




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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Universal King

(34th Sunday of Ordinary Time)

November 23rd and 24th 2024 Psalter Week 2 Year B: Year of St. Mark

Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm John and Anthony Bloor/
Winnie and Dennis Moran
Friday 9.45 am Fr Michael St Clair
Saturday 5.00 pm Walter and Winifred Cliff

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4.30 pm– 4.45 pm OLSB
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday at 10.45 am SGSM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.45 am on Saturday

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Sarah Chesters/Sr Quentin
Tuesday 7.00 pm Concetta and Giovanni Ternullo
Thursday 9.15 am Intentions of the Sisters at Coolock
Saturday 10.15 am Holy Souls
Sunday 9.30 am Maria and Antonio Angotti/
James and Gladys Tomkinson/ Don and Beryl Griffiths/
Ray and David Buxton

Live simply Tips Nov 16/17th: The UK produces an extra 3 million tonnes of waste at Christmas. When this goes to landfill, it produces high levels of CO2 and methane which are drivers for climate change. It's easier than you think to make minor tweaks to reduce your consumption and help the environment during the Christmas period. Christmas wrapping. Avoid wrapping paper which uses plastic, glitter or foil. Many attractive papers sold in supermarkets and online are free from these and can be recycled or composted. Hessian or brown paper can be a base for wrapping. Plastic free sticky tape, biodegradable paper tape, string or twine can be used to secure parcels. Gift tags can be made at home using old Christmas cards. If you are handy with a sewing machine you could make your own gift bags with a drawstring so they can be used many times with no waste.

Nov 23/24th. Christmas decorations. Many decorations are made using plastic which then ends up in landfill. If you have plastic decorations, reuse them each year. If you have ones which you will never use again, try recycling by donating them to a charity shop. For new decorations, try ones made from recyclable materials such as wood or fabric. If you are crafty, you could sew or knit, bake or use other crafts to make decorations. Fir cones, holly, coloured stems and natural materials can make beautiful arrangements. Gingerbread is traditional for tree decorations and enjoyable to eat afterwards. Willow and cornus can be used to make wreaths. Children love making decorations and can come up with some very creative ideas. There are many ideas online.

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.

Faithful Departed: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bev Espley whose Funeral Service will take place on Friday at 11.30am in Birches Head. Also pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Galvin, Christine Sweetmore and Maureen Ann Peake. May they rest in peace.

Coffee Morning and Auction: On the Feast of Christ the King, we will have a **Coffee Morning and Auction** to give further help to Jasmine in paying for her travel to Kenya.

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!

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 g.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.

Our Lady and St Benedict Academy are launching their Advent Appeal shortly and are making bags for the homeless. The items needed can be found at the back of Church. As a thank you for your help the school invites to mince pies and tea and coffee on December 5th after Mass.