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

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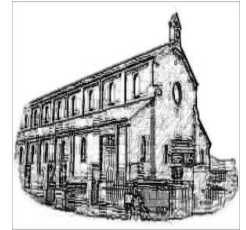
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Third Sunday of Advent

December 14th and December 15th 2024

Psalter Week 3 Year C: Year of St. Luke Missal Pg 772

Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm Mary Horochiowskyj (RIP)
/ Joan Berney (Int)
Thursday 9.15 am Teresa and Ronald Lindop (RIP)
Friday 9.45 am People of the Holy Land
Saturday 5.00 pm Bob and Robert Skelding

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

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Barbara and Peter Luby (50)
Tuesday 7.00 pm Fr Jacob Lewis
Wednesday 2.15 pm Deceased Homeless
Saturday 10.15 am John Harrington
Sunday 9.30 am Kathleen Mary Procter

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday at 10.45 am SGSM

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 Season of Advent 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
LiveSimply Tip December 14/15th. Try to include fresh and seasonal food over Christmas. Many supermarkets run offers close to Christmas where there are big reductions on fresh vegetables suitable for Christmas dinner. If you are able, try cooking more food yourself, to avoid the over packaging found in many products today.

CAFOD: Please take a World Gifts Catalogue and find an interesting gift. You will receive a lovely card to give to your recipient, and the gift does help in a practical way. One of the new gifts this year is 'Firewood for Winter' which will help a displaced family in Ukraine to keep warm throughout winter. There will be a voluntary retiring collection today to buy one or more of the gifts.

Counters: Thank you to all who count the money following the weekend Masses. Would you be willing to help and form a new team? Another way you can help is to pay by Standing Order. Thank you.

Christmas Cleaning: There will be a big clean on Friday 20th December in OLSB following morning Mass. There will be a big clean in SGSM on the same day at 5.00 pm. You are welcome to one or both sessions.

Faithful Departed: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Christine Sweetmore** whose Funeral Mass will take on December 23rd at 11.00 am. Also for Mary Lovatt, Bev Espley, Peter Galvin, Fr Jacob Lewis and Mgr. Graham Wilkinson. May they rest in peace.

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.

Homeless Appeal: Our Lady and St Catholic Academy thank you for the response to their appeal. The bags will be taken to the Macari Centre very shortly.

Christmas Mass Times:

Christmas Eve SGSM 5.00 pm

Christmas Eve OLSB 7.30 pm

Christmas Eve SGSM 9.30 pm

Christmas Day SGSM 9.30 am

Deanery Advent Penance Services:

Holy Trinity, Newcastle 16/12 at 7.00 pm,

St Werburgh, Clayton, 17/12 at 7:15pm,

St Giles, Cheadle 17/12 at 6.00 pm, S

St Teresa, Trent Vale 19/12 at 7.00 pm,

St Augustine, Meir 23/12 at 7.00 pm

Memory Tags: Tags are available at the back of SGSM Church. You can write the name of your deceased loved loved ones and it will be placed on the tree for you. Suggested donation of £2.00 for church funds. Mass will be offered for them shortly.