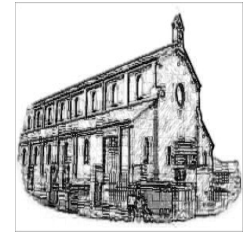




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**Second Sunday of Ordinary Time**

**January 18th and 19th 2025**

**Psalter Week 2 Year C: Year of St. Luke**



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

**Saturday:** 5.00 pm Christine Sweetmore  
**Friday** 9.45 am Peace in South Sudan  
**Saturday** 5.00 pm Walter and Winifred Cliff

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** 9.45 am on Saturday SGSM  
**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday at 10.45 am SGSM  
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**St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times**

**Sunday** 9.30 am Mary Morrey/  
Reg and Madge Casey  
**Tuesday** 7.00 pm For Peace in Ukraine  
**Thursday** 9.15 am For Peace in the Middle East  
**Saturday** 10.15 am Holy Souls  
**Sunday** 9.30 am Mary and Peter Lovatt

**Peace Sunday** today is celebrated as Peace Sunday. The theme chosen for this year is "Forgive us our trespasses: grant us your peace", Pope Francis' message is online.

**Unwanted Christmas Presents:** If anyone has received an unwanted Christmas present why not consider donating it to the parish. We are planning on having a charity auction in SGSM in the near future after Mass during a Coffee morning. We might do the same in Abbey Hulton after Mass if there is interest. We have just undertaken our five yearly inspection of all of our buildings. There is much work to be done.

**LiveSimply Tip January 18th/19th** Add your pledges to the box at the back of Church. Also do not throw your old Missals away. We are awaiting guidance as the best and most ecological way of disposing of them.

**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.

**Welcome** to the Confirmandi, their families and the staff of our Academies who are joining us for our Family Mass in both parishes. Welcome as well to the Brassington Family who have brought Florence for the Sacrament of Baptism in St George and St Martin's today (Sunday).

**Jubilee Year** The original icon commissioned for the Jubilee Year will be on display at St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Trent Vale, Thursday 23rd to Sunday 26th January. Also the North Staffs Area Pastoral Council have arranged a talk on: *The Meaning of the Jubilee Year* a talk by David McLoughlin, Thursday 23 January 7pm, St Wulstan's School Hall, Wolstanton. All welcome.

**Faithful Departed:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Lovatt, Malcolm Butcher, Christine Sweetmore, Robert Furnival, Deacon Paul Hender, Fr Fred Sheldon and Fr Brian Boyle. May they rest in peace.

**Formation of Parish Pastoral Council:** We will meet after Mass on February 2nd in St George and St Martin's to look at the formation of a Parish Pastoral Council. These now required by the Archdiocese following the recent Visitation.

**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. Contact Mel 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.

**Mass Intentions:** The diary is open for 2025. See folder at the back of church to book a specific date or speak to a member of the Hospitality Team. The Sunday intentions are published a week in advance. If they are not on the newsletter please let a member of the Hospitality Team know and they will make sure the error is corrected.

**Asha:** Food items required (in date please!) dried pasta, Basmati rice, tinned sweetcorn/tomatoes/tuna in oil/chickpeas, biscuits, jam, long-life milk, sunflower cooking oil. Other items needed: toiletries for women and men; sanitary products; household items including cleaning products, eg washing up, laundry washing etc. Thank you.

**RCIA** The course continues on Thursday in St George