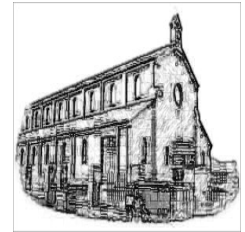




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Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

January 25th and 26th 2025

Psalter Week 3 Year C: Year of St. Luke



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm Walter and Winifred Cliff
Thursday 9.15 am For Peace in the Middle East
Friday 9.45 am Peace in South Sudan
Saturday 5.00 pm Paula Wainwright

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

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Mary and Peter Lovatt
Tuesday 7.00 pm Michael and Nancy Morley
Saturday 10.15 am Holy Souls
Sunday 9.30 am Mollie Geoghegan

Today is observed Sunday of the Word. This year's theme, "I hope in your Word" (Psalm 119:74), invites all to reflect on the hope and guidance the Bible offers in the Christian journey,

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.

LiveSimply Tip January 25th/26th The RSPB runs a Big Birdwatch each year. In 2025, this runs from 24 - 26th January. You might simply spend some time in your garden or local area counting the variety of birds that you see then record them for the numbers. It's a good idea to feed the birds during winter when natural food can be in short supply. For more information go to www.rspb.org.uk

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.

The Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité warmly invites you to a special Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday, 8th February 2025, at 4:30 pm, in St. Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham. This celebration is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, honour Our Lady, and seek her intercession for the sick and their carers. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2025: Booking is now open for this year's Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage. You are most welcome to join us this Jubilee Year as we #journey to Lourdes in May. The pilgrimage runs from Saturday 24 - Friday 30 May 2025 with the theme: "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope". See Diocesan website.

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. You can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding:rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Candlemas: Next Sunday we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. You might like to bring a candle(s) to Mass that you can use for prayer at home or in the workplace.

Mass Intentions: If you want to book a Mass on a specific date, please see folder at the back of church 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 and St Martin's, at 7.00 pm. All welcome.