



**St Bernard of Clairvaux Mission of Parishes:  
Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin**

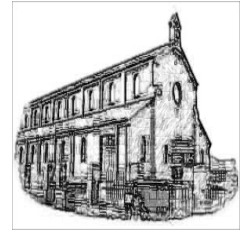
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**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

**April 12th and 13th 2025**

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



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

**Saturday: 5.00 pm Mary Lovatt/ John and Timothy**  
**Watts Wednesday 10.00 am Fr Anthony Browne**

Please see separate sheet for times of Holy Week and Easter Services

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

**Sunday 9.30 am Eddie and Dennis Hunt**  
**Tuesday 6.30 pm Special Intention (J)**

Sacrament of Confession after Mass on Tuesday and Wednesday

**Holy Week Church Cleaning:** There will be a big clean for Easter on Monday April 14th at 9.30 am in **Birches Head**. All welcome for tea and hot cross buns

**Parish Fundraising Campaign:** A reminder of some of the key points : If you are a tax payer every gift you make to the parish-whatever its value-could be worth more at no extra cost to you just by choosing to Gift Aid it. HMRC will add an extra 25p to every £1 you give. Gift Aid can be applied whether you pay by cash each week or by standing order through the bank. If you make a cash donation each week - you will need special envelopes so that the Church can identify your gift. Regardless of whether you are a tax payer or not why not consider setting up a standing order. It will save you trying to find change. If you pay by standing order think about whether it might be increased. If you give by cash think about whether you could increase your donation by a pound. Thank you for your continued incredible generosity.

**Assisted Dying Bill:** The third reading of the bill will now take place on May 16th. Printed postcards are available at the back of church which present evidence-based reasons to oppose this and to urge MPs to vote against the Bill. Cardinal Vincent Nichols writes "Every MP, and government, has a solemn duty to prevent such legislation reaching the statute book. So I appeal to you: even if you have written before, please make contact now with your MP and ask them to vote against this Bill not only on grounds of principle but because of the failure of Parliament to approach this issue in an adequate and responsible manner." Please take a card and send it to your MP as soon as possible.

**Penance Services for Lent** Monday 14th April 7.00 pm **Holy Trinity, NuL**. Tuesday 15th April 7.00 pm at **St Giles, Cheadle**. Also **St Teresa's Trent Vale at 7.00 pm**.

**Faithful Departed:** Please pray for those who have died recently: For Irene Bailey late of Werrington, whose Funeral Service will take place in Our Lady and St Benedict's on Tuesday 22nd April at 10.30 am. Also for Dennis Hunt, Stanley Bleything, Eddie Hunt and Dennis Graham. May they rest in peace.

**CAFOD Emergency appeal for Myanmar.** You will know that Myanmar has been hit by a huge earthquake. CAFOD is part of the D.E.C., Disasters Emergencies Committee, a coalition of fifteen Aid Charities, and we have partners through the Catholic Church in Myanmar. Your donation will help in providing water, water purifying tablets, food, blankets, shelters, baby food, solar lights, mosquito nets. You can donate via the CAFOD website or today via the envelopes provided.

**LiveSimply: LiveSimply Tip:** April 22nd is the 55th Earth Day. Why not **Un-sub from junk mail** – Clearing out your inbox can help you feel more organised – and it can be surprisingly good for the planet, too! If everyone deleted just ten unwanted emails, it could save around 39,035 metric tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e – equivalent to burning 19,356 tonnes of coal. Make time to unsubscribe from junk mail and delete digital clutter. **Alternatively why not join the Joint Parish Gardening Club**. Thank you to those who came last week. Date of the next gathering to be announced shortly.

**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.

**Easter Offering Envelopes** are available at the back of Church. This is one of two collections for your clergy.