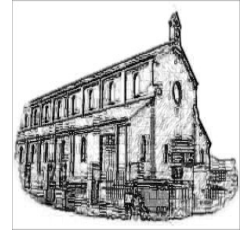




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**Second of Easter-Divine Mercy Sunday**

April 26th and 27th 2025

Psalter Week 2 Year C: Year of St. Luke



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

Saturday: 5.00 pm Joan Hodgkinson  
Friday 9.45 am For those Entering Conclave  
Saturday 5.00 pm Julie Hughes/ Special intention  
Sacrament of Confession Saturday 11.00 am in St George and St Martin's  
4.30 pm in our Lady and St Benedict's  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.45 am Saturday

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

Sunday 9.30 am James Ajala/ Sarah Chesters  
Callan and Doherty Family/  
Monday 9.15 am Pope Francis  
Saturday 10.15 am Holy Souls  
Sunday 9.30 am Dolores Tomkinson

**Pope Francis:** Please continue to remember Pope Francis in your prayers. We will offer Mass for the repose of his soul on Monday, (his name day/onamastico) and give thanks for his ministry and service to the church, especially his twelve years of service as Pope. Our two parishes will keep a Novena to the Martyrs of England and Wales, whose feast traditionally takes place on May 4th.



**Pope Francis on Divine Mercy Sunday 2024** *Every encounter with Jesus, a living encounter with Jesus enables us to have more life. Looking for Jesus, letting ourselves be found – because He looks for us – opening our heart to the encounter with Jesus. Let us ask ourselves, though: do I believe in the power of the resurrection of Jesus, do I believe that Jesus is risen? Do I believe in His victory over sin, fear and death? Do I let myself be drawn into a relationship with the Lord, with Jesus? And do I let myself be prompted by Him to love my brothers and sisters, and to hope every day? Each one of you, think about this. May Mary help us to have ever greater faith in Jesus, in the risen Jesus, to “have life” and to spread the joy of Easter.*

**Thank you** to all those who contributed to the Holy Week and Easter celebrations by ensuring everything was ready and prepared in church, as well as in the sacristy and with the flowers. Thank you to all the altar servers, musicians, Ministers of the Word and Holy Communion and hospitality. Thank you to all who cleaned the church and contributed in any way. Thank you as well for your very generous Easter offerings, cards and gifts. They are very much appreciated.

**NSAPC** talk on Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel) Monday 28th April 7.00 pm, St Wulstan, Wolstanton. The talk will be given by Phil Mayland. All welcome

**Faithful Departed:** Please pray for those who have died recently: For Christine Flemming, of Bagnall, whose Funeral Service will be on May 9th at 11.30 am in SGSM. Also for Marion Lawton and Irene Bailey. May they rest in peace.

**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

**LiveSimply: LiveSimply Tip:** Why not read Laudato Si or listen to it on youtube etc, Pope Francis' encyclical about how we should care for creation. *Alternatively why not join the Joint Parish Gardening Club.* Thank Date of the next gathering on Thursday at 5.30 pm.

**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

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**Patronal Feast:** The Solemnity of St George has been delayed this year as it fell within the Easter Octave. Please join us for Mass on Monday at 9.15 am