

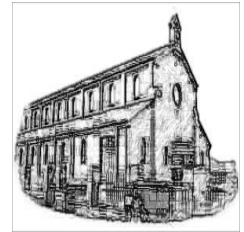


St Bernard of Clairvaux Mission of Parishes: Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

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Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

September 13th and 14th 2025

Psalter Week 4 Year C: Year of St. Luke



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday 5.00 pm Margaret Johnson (Int)
Thursday 9.15 am Peace in the Middle East
Friday 9.45 am Fr Anthony Rohan
Saturday 5.00 pm Margaret Wooldridge (Int)

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4.30 pm

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am David and Ray Buxton,
Mary Villadolid and Baby Rosie.
Tuesday 7.00 pm Stanley Bleything
Saturday 10.15 am Ann Letitia Simpson
Sunday 9.30 am Linda Breese and Pat Breese

Rosary Tuesday at 6.40 pm SGSM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 9.45 am Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 10.45 am

Faithful Departed: Pray too for the recently deceased:
For Winnie Rogers, Paul Southern, Fr Paul Johnson,
Deacon Paul Mayland. Deacon Paul's Funeral Mass will
be on Wednesday 17th September at 11.45 am at St
Mary's, Norton. His body will be brought into church
the night before at 5.30 pm. 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 both parishes. 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.

CAFOD: Response in Gaza: Your donations to Gaza
since the start of the conflict have been a vital lifeline.
Right now, CAFOD's partner, Caritas Jerusalem, is de-
livering essential medical treatment to displaced people
and providing medicines to treat chronic illnesses. We
have helped 1,400 households with cash to buy supplies
in the last month and we are currently feeding 2,000
people with new stocks of flour and rice. Despite the re-
strictions on aid coming into Gaza, CAFOD's local part-
ners are working tirelessly to help people. And with
your ongoing support, they will do all in their power to
keep doing so. You can find out more about how you
can make a difference in Gaza at cafod.org.uk. Thank
you for backing our work through holding collections
for our Family Fast Day appeals and for continuing
to pray for peace in the Middle East.

North Staffs Area Pastoral Council: There will be a Sta-
tion Mass to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Walsing-

Season of Creation: began on September 1st and finish-
es on October 4th. Once again their will be a '**Prayer and
Reflection Area**' in St George and St Martin's. You
might like to write a sustainability pledge and leave it
there. Also if you would like to **donate flowers** in
memory of a loved one please bring them with you to
Mass. Our children might like to bring something they
found on a nature walk. The equivalent reflection area in
Abbey Hulton will be the Clairvaux Garden. Once again
on Tuesday we will Offer the Mass for the Care of Crea-
tion.

LiveSimply: LiveSimply Tip: Visit the Gardening Club
on Thursday October 2nd. Why not plant or donate
some spring bulbs. You are welcome to come in and do
some weeding. 261A.

Asha Food items required (in date please!) dried pasta,
Basmati rice, tinned sweetcorn/tomatoes/tuna in oil/
chickpeas, biscuits, jam, long-life milk, sunflower cook-
ing oil. Other items needed: toiletries for women.

and men; sanitary products; household items including
cleaning products, eg washing up, laundry washing etc.

Education Sunday takes place this weekend. This year's
theme for Education Sunday is drawn from its Gospel
reading of John 3:13-17: The Son of Man must be lifted
up. It takes place this year on the **Feast of the Exaltation
of the Holy Cross**. Ten years ago the then-Holy Father,
Pope Francis, said during his Mass for this feast that a
Christian 'must lower himself, as Jesus lowered himself:
this is the path of humility.' Catholic education in
Church schools and universities endeavours to
acknowledge Jesus' loving presence in the lives of young
people as they work, learn, pray, grow in character and
virtue, and discover their vocation