

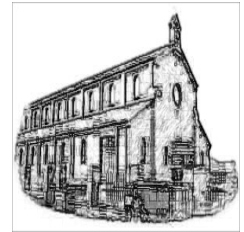


St Bernard of Clairvaux Mission of Parishes: Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 4th and 5th 2025

Psalter Week 3 Year C: Year of St. Luke



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday 5.00 pm Des and Kate MacNamara

Saturday 5.00 pm Craig Lewis/ Ann and George Banks

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Nichola O'Neill

Sunday 9.30 am Fidela Aguirre



Faithful Departed: Pray for the recently deceased: For Winnie Rogers, Deacon Paul Mayland, Fr Noel Breslin. 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.

New Missals: The new Weekday Missal is now available. It costs £55.00. If you want to order one then please visit the piety stall or hospitality desk.

Parish Merger Consultation Thank you to all who attended the meeting regarding the proposed parish merger last weekend, Evangelli Gaudium Sunday. There is a Draft Merger Proposal Booklet that can be collected after Mass. This will be developed over the next few months during the consultation period. Included in that booklet is a questionnaire for you to have your say. As I said last week, after thirteen years of Partnership, I believe it is time, time to take the next logical step and form the one new parish of St Bernard of Clairvaux.

Pope Leo's Intention For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity. As Cardinal Pizzaballa says, "Christ is not absent from Gaza. He is there - crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble, and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering'.

NSAPC: Talk on the Blessed Virgin Mary by Fr Julian Green, Friday 10th October at the Catherine Room, Our Lady of the Angels and St Peter in Chains, Stoke at 7.00 pm.

Season of Creation: began on September 1st and finished on October 4th. The Prayer and Reflection Area will now focus on our gratitude for the fruits of the harvest. For the month of October we will collect donations for the Foodbank. You will find a 'Shopping List' of items needed as you come into church today. If you would like to **donate flowers** in memory of a loved one please bring them with you to Mass.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10. There is also a QR Code on this newsletter.

Survive-Miva Next weekend there will be a Second Collection for Survive-Miva which is a national Catholic Charity founded in the Archdiocese of Liverpool in 1974. It provides whatever essential form of transport is needed to enable priests, parish workers and catechists to reach out to the people they serve in Africa, Asia & Latin America. It may be a bicycle, a moped, a trail bike, a 4wd ambulance, a pickup or even an outboard motor where the roads are the local rivers. In some parishes, the distances that separate one village from the next can be enormous, with one priest having to travel for miles over rough tracks to celebrate Mass, weddings, baptisms and burials, with those who live in hard-to-reach communities.

LiveSimply: LiveSimply Tip from the Archdiocese:

Take time to observe the changes in autumn, go for a walk and spend time looking, wondering, marvelling at biodiversity. Put up a bug-hotel in your garden.