

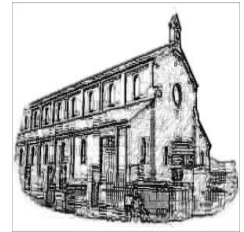


**St Bernard of Clairvaux Mission of Parishes:
Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin**

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Feast of th Baptism of the Lord

January 10th and 11th 2026

Psalter Week 1 Year A: Year of St. Matthew



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm John Watts and Paula Wainwright
Friday 9.45 am Helena Berney
Saturday 5.00 pm Mai Kehoe

Rosary Tuesday 6.40 pm SGSM
Friday 10.15 am OLSB

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday 9.45 am SGSM

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Máirin Pepper
Tuesday 7.00 pm Intentions of Pope Leo
Thursday 9.15 am Monsignor Vaughan Morgan (RIP)
Saturday 10.15 am McKiernan and Timmins Families
Sunday 9.30 am Reg and Madge Casey

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday at 10.45 am SGSM.
Saturday 5.00 pm OLSB

Faithful Departed: please pray for those who have died recently: Máirin Pepper, whose Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 20th January at 11.00 am in Our Lady and St Benedict's. Her body will be received into church the night before at 6.00 pm. Also for Fr David Keniry, Mgr Vaughan Morgan. May they rest in peace.

Bellcote Appeal: We need to raise £60,000 for the Bellcote and roof repairs; Please remember: We have three envelopes you can use to donate. *Existing users* of offertory envelopes & S/O's who gift aid. *Tax payers* who wish to make a one off gift aid donation. *Non-taxpayers* who wish to make a donation. Please ask for guidance. Alternatively you can donate using your bank card at the terminal in Church or by scanning the QR Code above.



RCIA The course continues on Saturday at 11.00 am. All welcome.

Mass Intentions: Booking now for 2026. Please use the envelopes provided to make a donation, fill in a date on the calendar.

Crib Appeal: The Crib Appeal will be for CAFOD in OLSB and Aid to the Church in Need in SGSM.

Counters: Thank you to the counters who count the weekly collection. Their ministry and work is unseen but much appreciated. Could you offer yourself as a new team for 2026?

Bonus Ball Last Winner Ann Tams

LiveSimply Both parishes are now officially LiveSimply parishes!

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

Fundraising Thank you for your support with the fundraising for the bellcote that we have done. DFYD: **Saturday February 21st** Italian Meal @ Teresa's. If you would like to go please speak to Teresa or Luigi **Friday March 6th** - curry night in school made by our Indian families. £10 tickets on sale at the end of month **Sunday March 22nd** - 10.30am Our annual auction! If anyone has received an unwanted Christmas present why not consider donating it to the parish.

Saturday April 25th 7.00 pm

A beautiful concert performed by HIMIG Choral Choir from London & TRIUNE VOICES of North Staffordshire Tickets: £10 will be on sale from 15/03 **Thank you** very much for your kind greetings, cards and wonderful gifts for Christmas, and Christmas Offerings. Thank you to all those who cleaned the church, put up the crib and tree and decorated the church. A huge thank you to all the sacristans, altar servers, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist and Hospitality and the choir and musicians. Thank you for your support and understanding throughout 2025. May God grant us a blessed 2026.