

## St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish:

### Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

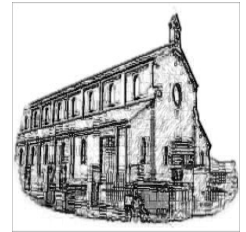
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### Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 21st and 22nd 2026

Psalter Week 1 Year A: Year of St. Matthew



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

Saturday: 5.00 pm Margaret Wooldridge (GE)  
Friday 9.45 am Peace in the Middle East  
Saturday 5.00 pm John and Anthony Bloor

#### Stations of the Cross:

Friday 10.15 am  
Saturday 9.45 am SGSM

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

Sunday 9.30 am Alice Foster  
Tuesday 7.00 pm Kathleen Nolan  
Wednesday 9.15 am Catherine Mullins (RIP)  
Saturday 10.15 am Agnes Olaleye (RIP)  
Stephen Brian (GE)  
Sunday 9.30 am Geoff Oaks

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday at 10.45 am SGSM.  
Saturday 4.45 pm OLSB

**Faithful Departed:** please pray for those who have died recently: Geoff Warburton. Also for Fr. Joseph Narikuzhi, Agnes Olaleye (Mary Ajala's Mother), Marge Bailey. 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



**CAFOD Walk:** This Lent, we are invited to walk together in faith and solidarity. Zaneta Jackson, OLSB CAFOD Rep is undertaking the challenge and you can sponsor her online. Go to [www.walk.cafod.org.uk](http://www.walk.cafod.org.uk). Look up: *find a fundraiser*. Then type in Zan.

**Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage:** Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2026? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, we would like to invite you to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage. 12noon at St Chad's Cathedral on **Saturday 2 May**. To be celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker.

**Gift Aid envelopes 26/27.** Now available:

**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.sboc.stokeontrent@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.sboc.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

**Fundraising** Thank you for your support with the fundraising for the bellcote that we have done. DFYD: **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 on sale now!

**Lenten Retreat:** St, Mary's, Norton have arranged a retreat Day on Monday March 23rd to St James Church Liverpool. The Celebrant is Fr Tony Fraine who is the Chaplain to the People to Lourdes Trust. A coach will depart from St Mary's. A seat will cost £25.00. For more details please ring Chris on 07958044099.

**CAFOD Walk:** There will a Big Lent Walk for CAFOD on Monday 23rd March at 10.00 am.

**Bonus Ball:** Last winner: Peter Jones

**Passiontide:** The Journey of the Cross Mass will take place on Wednesday at 9,15 am in SGSM. There will be Stations of the Cross on Friday at 2.00 pm in OLSB.