

St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish:

Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

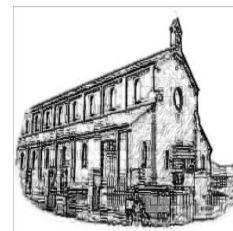
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Third Sunday of Easter

April 18th and 19th 2026

Psalter Week 3 Year A: Year of St. Matthew



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm John and Kath Bickerton (Int)

Saturday 5.00 pm Eilish Stanley

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30 pm OLSB

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.45am SGSM

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturday 9.45 am



St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Madge and Reg Casey/Betty Ryder

Tuesday 7.00 pm Pope Francis

Thursday 9.15 am Peace in the Middle East

Friday 11.15 am Gerard Goodall (Funeral Mass)

Saturday 10.15 am Holy Souls

Sunday 9.30 am Sarah Chesters

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



St Francis Jubilee Year: Saturday 3 October 2026 marks the 800th anniversary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi. His feast day is kept the following day, Sunday 4 October. Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed 2026 a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis, which began on Saturday 10 January 2026 and concludes on Sunday 10 January 2027. During this year, any of the faithful may obtain a plenary indulgence by visiting a church dedicated to Saint Francis or a Franciscan community. The display at the back of church marks this Jubilee Year. We entrust our building works to him. He did rebuild San Damiano!

Fundraising: Dates for your diary:

Saturday April 25th 7.00 pm concert performed by HIMIG Choral Choir from London & TRIUNE VOICES of North Staffordshire. Tickets: £10 on sale now! *Help needed to set up Friday at 2.15 pm.*

Summer Fayre 26th June in SGSMA

Afternoon Tea: 11th July in OLSB

Faithful Departed: please pray for those who have died recently: **Gerard Goodall** whose Funeral Mass will take place on Friday at 11.15 am. His body will be brought into church the day before at 6.00 pm. **Socrates Baura** whose Funeral Service will take place on April 29th at 10.00 am. Both funerals in SGSM. Also for Geoff Warburton, Agnes Olaley (Mary Ajala's Mother), Marge Bailey. 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.sboc.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

Bank Accounts: As the new fiscal year begins, the parish bank accounts will shortly be merged. The OLSB account will no longer be used. Everything will now be paid into the SGSM account. In time, this will become the St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish Account. All cheques, standing orders, direct debits and bacs payments for the time being should be made payable to St George and St Martin's Parish, Acc. Number 06053297. Sort Code 01-03-69. Nat West Hanley Branch. The SBOC account will be the same apart from the name.

St George's Day We celebrate the Patronal Feast of St