

St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish:

Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

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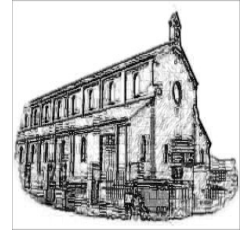
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25th and 26th 2026

Psalter Week 4 Year A: Year of St. Matthew



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm Eilish Stanley
Thursday 9.15 am Judith Champ
Friday 9.45 am Holy Souls
Saturday 5.00 pm Caroballo Family

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 Sarah Chesters
Tuesday 7.00 pm Pope Francis
Wednesday 10.00 am Socrates Baura (Funeral)
Saturday 10.15 am Gabby Child
Sunday 9.30 am Gerard Goodall/ Maria and
Antonio Angotti

Welcome to the Sinag Himig Choral Choir and the Triune Voices of North Staffordshire who will be singing at our Sunday Mass today. Salamat po!

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



Faithful Departed: please pray for those who have died recently: **Socrates Baura** whose Funeral Service will take place on April 29th at 10.00 am. Also for Agnes Olaley (Mary Ajala's Mother), Marge Bailey, Gerard Goodall Gabby Child. May they rest in peace.

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:

Summer Fayre 26th June in SGSMA

Afternoon Tea: 11th July in OLSB

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.

Poppy Appeal Can you crochet or knit? How about contributing to a Poppy Cascade at St Chad's Cathedral for this year's Remembrance celebrations in November? This year, 2026, marks the 105th anniversary of the dedication of the St Chad's Cathedral War Memorial, which captures the names of 221 men who bravely fought and sadly died either during or shortly after WWI. A photographic display is also planned at the cathedral thanks to Friends of St Chad's Cathedral. The deadline for poppy contributions is Wednesday 30 September. Thank you!

At the recent meeting a suggestion was made to have a monthly **Click Clack Club** for people who want to