

St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish:

Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

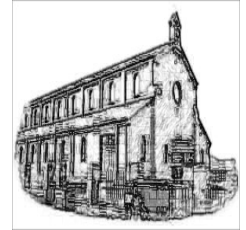
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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16th and 17th 2026

Psalter Week 3 Year A: Year of St. Matthew



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday 5.00 pm Margaret Bloor (Int)
Thursday 9.15 am Will Simpson
Friday 9.45 am Sr Betty
Saturday: 5.00 pm Mike Horochiwskyj

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 0.45am SGSM 4.30 pm OLSB

Rosary Tuesday 6.40 pm. SGSM Friday 9.15 am OLSB

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Kath Buxton/ James Callan/
Private Intention
Tuesday 7.00 pm Pope Leo
Saturday 10.15 am Madonna Oakes
Sunday 9.30 am Madge and Reg Casey

Fundraising Meeting: There will be a parish meeting after the 5.00 pm Mass on Saturday May 16th. Also *John and Teresa Angotti* are walking the Camino (pilgrimage) to Santiago de Compostela. A total of 126 km. They are inviting sponsorship for the bellcote. They are sheets to sign at the doorway of both churches.

World Communications Sunday: World Communications Day was established by Pope Paul VI in 1967 as an annual celebration that encourages us to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication (the press, motions pictures, radio, television and the internet) afford the Church to communicate the gospel message. The theme of this year's World Communications Day: *Preserving Human Voices and Faces*. In his message for the 60th World Day of Social Communications, Pope Leo XIV highlights the importance of ensuring that technological innovation, particularly artificial intelligence, serves the human person rather than replacing or diminishing human dignity.

APC Talk. This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of the Italian Mystic and Saint. Father Michael Miners will give a talk entitled: 'St. Francis of Assisi and His 4 Spiritual Sisters.' You are invited to join members of parishes within the North Staffs Deanery on Friday 29th May 7pm at Holy Trinity, Community Centre, Newcastle. After that the next talk is on **Friday 19th June:** From Pope's Francis' Dilecti Nos to Pope Leo's Dilexi Te. Venue: The Catherine Room, Our Lady and the Angels Stoke. Father Eamonn Mulcahy.

Fundraising: Summer Fayre 26th June in SGSMA
Afternoon Tea: 11th July in OLSB from 2.00 pm to 4.30 pm. Tickets on sale!

Faithful Departed: please pray for those who have died recently: Kevin Lindop, John Pemberton, Agnes Olaleye, Marge Bailey, Gerard Goodall, Maria Piedad, Gabby Child, Socrates Baura. Will Simpson. 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

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



Asha Food items required (in date please!) dried pasta, Basmati rice, tinned sweetcorn/tomatoes/tuna in oil/chickpeas, biscuits, jam, long-life milk, sunflower cooking oil. Other items needed: toiletries for women and men; sanitary products; household items including cleaning products for washing up liquid/laundry