



St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish:

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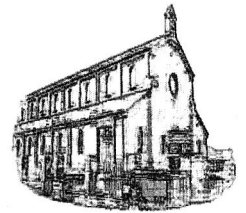
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26th Sunday of Ordinary Time September 26th and 27th 2026 Psalter Week 1 Year A: Year of St. Matthew

Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday 5.00 pm Mary and Peter Lovatt
Friday 9.30 am Fr Christopher Fitzpatrick
Saturday 5.00 pm Ann and George Banks

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30 pm OLSB
Rosary Tuesday 6.40 pm SGSM Friday 10.15 am
OLSB

St George & St Martin's Mass & Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Des, Kate and
Desmond MacNamara
Tuesday 7.00 pm Holy Souls
Wednesday 9.45 am Peace in Middle East
Thursday 9.15 am Peter Ball (RIP)
Sunday 9.30 am Meehan Family (RIP)

Refugee and Migrant Sunday "Recognise the Dignity of Each Child" On Sunday 27 September, the Church marks the 112th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. This year's theme, 'Even just one of these children', comes from Pope Leo XIV's message and invites us to reflect on the dignity, needs, and hopes of migrant and refugee children and young people. For many children, home is not a place of safety. Conflict, persecution, poverty, and climate change can force families to leave behind everything they know. Refugee Sunday is an opportunity for us to pause, pray, and consider how we respond to those who are seeking safety and a place to belong. We are invited to look beyond headlines and statistics, and to recognise the person in front of us: a child, a parent, a brother or sister, a neighbour.

Click Clack Club will next meet on October 8th in OLSB from 10.00 am onwards.

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 at the top of the page.

Next Social & Fundraising Meeting: The next meeting will be after the Saturday Evening Mass.

Parish Bank Account Please note the bank account has now changed to: St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish.

Faithful Departed: Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Wooldridge. Margaret's body will be brought into Church on **Sunday October 11th** at 4.00 pm and the Funeral Mass will take place on **Monday October 12th** at 11.00 am. May she rest in peace.

Season of Creation: The Season of Creation begins on 1st September until 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. It is a time to reflect on our vocation to be stewards of Creation, God's first gift to each of us. Tuesday is kept as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. -This year's theme, Living Water, is drawn from Ezekiel 47. It offers a powerful image of a river flowing from the Temple, becoming a great torrent of life, fruitfulness, and healing. Whatsapp Group: If you would like to join the St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish

Whatsapp Group please fill in the slip of paper at the doorway of the church and we will add you to the contact list. We will send you information such as how to gain access to the car park in SGSM, the weekly newsletter as well as the winner of the Bonus Ball, so you can stay in touch

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day will take place next Friday October 2nd. A collection will be taken up next Sunday.

Gardening Club meets next Thursday in the Clairvaux Garden at 530 pm