



St Bernard of Clairvaux Parish:

Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin
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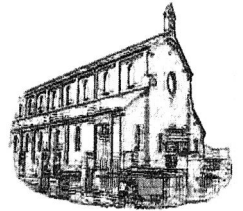
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North Staffordshire Deanery



27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

October 3rd and 4th 2026

Psalter Week 3 Year A: Year of St. Matthew

Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday 5.00 pm George and Ann Banks (WA)

Saturday 5.00 pm John and Gertrude Regan

St George and St Martin Mass & Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Des, Kate and
Desmond MacNamara

Sunday 9.30 am Fidela Aguirre and Roger Mayer

Next Social & Fundraising Meeting; Thank you to all those who attended the meeting last Saturday. The date of the Christmas Fayre will take place on November 21st. Can you help with setting up and tidying up? Can you assist with running a stall? All proceeds will go to the Bellcote Fund and for heating and lighting in both churches. It runs from 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm. Raffle Tickets on sale shortly. Next Meeting 7/11. **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.

Help Needed: The boiler room in Abbey Hulton has become cluttered. Can you lend a hand next Saturday before Mass at 4.00 pm to move some tables into the garage. Thank you

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. Also please pray for Pat Harvey. May they rest in peace.

Harvest Season: The Prayer and Reflection Area in SGSM's will now focus on our gratitude for the fruits of the harvest. For the month of October we will collect donations for the Foodbank. You will find a 'Shopping List' of items needed as you come into church today. If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one please bring them with you to Mass.

Month of Prayer for Vocations: October is the Deanery Vocation's Month. There are prayer cards at the back of church. There will be a special Mass and a Holy Hour in the near future.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest Please donate to our *Family Fast Day* parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children like Tayla in Zimbabwe to stay in school by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 303

Harvest Soup Following the Harvest Mass on October 15th, parishioners are invited to visit Our Lady and St Benedict school for harvest soup. Please specify whether you prefer mullagawtawny or Keralan smoked haddock soup to a member of staff. ,

Year of St Francis of Assisi: this weekend marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis. His vocation Prayer: ***Most High, Glorious God, enlighten the darkness of our minds. Give us a right faith, a firm hope and a perfect charity, so that we may always and in all things act according to Your Holy Will. Amen.***