

St Bernard of Clairvaux Partnership of Parishes:

Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin



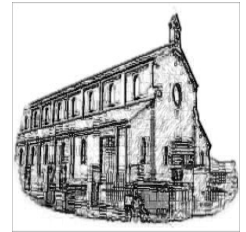
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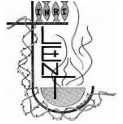
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First Sunday of Lent

17th and 18th February 2024

Psalter Week 1 Year B: Year of St. Mark



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm James and Ellen Broadhurst
Friday 10.00 am Peace in the Holy Land

Saturday 5.00 pm Margaret Finn

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4.30 pm Saturday

NSAPC Mass: St Joseph's Day Mass
March 19th at 7.00 pm in Birches Head



St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Reg and Madge Casey
Tuesday 11.15 am Sheila Kelly (Funeral Mass)
Wednesday 12.45 pm Antonina Panzera (Funeral Mass)
Thursday 9.15 am James Lyons (RIP)
Saturday 10.15 am Holy Souls
Sunday 9.30 am Pat Breese

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 10.45 am

Lately Dead: Please pray for *Sheila Kelly*, whose Funeral Mass will be in SGSM's on Tuesday 20th February at 11.15 am. For *Antonina Panzera* whose Funeral Mass will be on Wednesday 21st February in SGSM's at 12.45 pm. Also for Maureen Sunner, James Lyons, Margaret Carr, Mary Lorimer. May they rest in peace.

Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners who raised £173.34 through their crib offerings, for Christians in the Holy Land. Conditions continue to be extremely challenging. Please continue to remember FHL and those we support in your prayers.

Film Night: St Teresa's Trent Vale is hosting a film night on 14th March at 7.00 pm. The film is called 'The Letter'. It is a film about how the poor, the youth, the indigenous people, wildlife are being effected by climate change, in discussion with Pope Francis.

Lenten Prayer Resources: **Hallow** The Hallow website and App have information and daily prayer texts. <https://hallow.com/lent/>

Sacred Space The Sacred Space website, an inspiration of the Irish Jesuits, continues to be one of the most popular prayer sites worldwide. See: <https://sacredspace.com/>

The God Who Speaks online Lent calendar -<https://www.godwhospeaks.uk/lent-calendar/>

Pax Christi International 2024 Lenten campaign: Lenten Calendar: 40 Days of Reflection and Renewal starting on Ash Wednesday. Each day is a new opportunity to unwrap a virtual box filled with resources that inspire contemplation on themes such as peacebuilding, nonviolence, and ecological justice. See paxchristi.net

Safeguarding: The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies procedures at all times. Mel Shaw has been appointed as the Safeguarding Rep for Abbey Hulton and Birches Head. Direct contact details for her will be given shortly. You can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding:rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Lent: Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 9.40 on Friday morning in Abbey Hulton. This Week on Saturday at 9.50 am. Walk with Me booklets are available after Mass today.

CAFOD Lenten Fast Day The fast day this year is on Friday 23rd February. CAFOD envelopes will be distributed this weekend. The CAFOD Fast Day collection will be taken up next weekend (February 24th/25th). CAFOD invite you to join them for their daily reflections: 'Our beautiful Lenten prayers and reflections offer you the opportunity to reflect on your own or in your parish. We pray that we may allow our hearts to be touched this Lent by the cry of our sisters and brothers experiencing poverty.' See website for more details.

CAFOD's Big Lent Walk: Put your faith into action this Lent by connecting with your local and global community in a meaningful way. Sign up for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and challenge yourself to walk 200km in 40 days. You'll be joining a big team all over England, Wales and Scotland walking, raising money and helping people around the world as they overcome poverty. You can sign up as an individual, parish or school here via CAFOD website.