

# Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin



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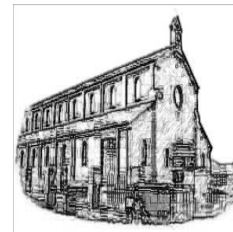
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## Seventh Sunday of Easter

11th and 12th May 2024

Psalter Week 3 Year B: Year of St. Mark



### Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

**Saturday:** 5.00 pm John Watts  
**Sunday** 11.00 am Joan Hodgkinson  
**Wednesday** 11.00 am Jack Mayer (Funeral Mass)  
**Friday** 9.45 am People of Ukraine  
**Saturday** 5.00 pm Susan, Gordon and  
Freda Bailey

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4.30 pm– 4.45 OLSB pm  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Saturday 9.30 am

### St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

**Saturday** Midday: Porter and Underwood Families  
**Sunday** 9.30 am Sylvia Rush/ Reg and Madge Casey  
**Tuesday** 7.00 pm Israeli-Palestinian Conflict  
**Saturday** 10.00 am Special Intention  
**Sunday** 9.30 am Jimmy Callan

No Sacrament of Reconciliation (SoR) on Saturday am this week. If you would like to receive the SoR then it will be possible after a weekday Mass.

**First Holy Communion:** We welcome the children who will making their First Holy Communion this weekend. We welcome too their families, Mrs Farmer, Mrs Clowes and staff of our academies. There are two additional Sunday Masses this weekend.

**CAFOD** The war in Sudan has forced millions of people to flee their homes, creating one of the world's largest humanitarian crises. The situation is quickly getting worse. To learn more and to support those affected visit: Sudan Crisis Appeal ([cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk)). On the website there is also information about CAFOD's ongoing response to the Israeli-Palestinian Crisis. You can read about their call for arms sales to end

**Mass for the Year of Prayer** In preparation for the Jubilee Year 2025 there will be Mass offered on Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, on Friday 7th June 7.00 pm at St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Trent Vale. The celebrant will be Fr Simon Hall.

**Talks on St John of the Cross:** The Carmelite priest, Fr Matt Blake OCD, will be visiting St Wulstan's parish, and giving a series of talks on St John of the Cross, on the weekend of Friday 10th to Sunday 12th May. The talks will be on Friday at 7.00 pm, and then on Saturday at 10.00 am and 3.00 pm, and finally on Sunday at 3.00 pm. All the talks will take place in St Wulstan's school, Wolstanton All welcome.

**Evening of Prayer and Reflection for Vocations** On Tuesday 21st May at 7.00pm at St Thomas of Canterbury, Tean, ST10 4DS, led by Fr John Waters.

**Newsletter** The parish newsletter is now available on the NS Deanery website. See address above.

**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 the Partnership. You can contact her on [sg.sgam.stokeontrent@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.sgam.stokeontrent@rcaob.org.uk) . You can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding:rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding:rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

**May Devotions:** The Rosary will be prayed at 6.40 pm in SGSM on Tuesday this week. Also on Friday after Mass in Abbey Hulton.

**Faithful Departed:** Please pray for **Jack Mayer**, whose Funeral Service will take place on Wednesday (15th May) at 11.00 am at Our Lady and St. Benedict's. Also **Maureen Gilbert** whose Funeral will take place on May 24th in Carmountside Chapel. Remember too Margaret Graham, Jordanne Sloan, Joan Hodgkinson, John Watts.

**Presbytery Phone:** The Presbytery landline is not currently working due to the move from an analogue to a digital phone service. Whilst we are waiting for the change over, you can contact me on 07895 713640.

**Communications Sunday:** The day, celebrated on Sunday 12 May, has as its theme "Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication". The pace at which AI is developing is extraordinary. The ethical questions surrounding the technology will always need amplifying – how AI impacts on how we think, the dignity of work, how we use the information, its sourcing and accuracy, global regulation – to cover just a few bases. Pope Francis is keen to stress that communication needs to be authentic and human. We must speak from that most human of organs, the heart!