

Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin



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11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

15th and 16th June 2024

Psalter Week 3 Year B: Year of St. Mark



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm Margaret Woolridge (Int)
Thursday 9.15 am People of the Middle East
Friday 9.45 am Rosemary Eardley
Saturday 5.00 pm Peter Capper

Sacrament of Reconciliation 4.30 pm- 4.45 pm OLSB
Rosary After Mass on Friday OLSB

Happy Father's Day to all, fathers, grandfathers, godfathers and others who have a paternal role!!

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Luigi and Francesca Loforte/
Reg and Madge Casey
Tuesday 7.10 pm People of Ukraine
Thursday 7.00 pm Billy Kennedy (RIP)
Saturday 10.00 am Underwood Family
Sunday 9.30 am Sr Quentin OP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30 am on Saturday SGSM
Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.45 am in SGSM Rosary 6.40 pm in SGSM

General Election: The Bishop's Conference of England and Wales have created webpage with information about the issues important to Catholics. The link is as follows: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>. The President of the Bishops' Conference, Cardinal Vincent Nichols is asking voters to be active rather than passive to engage with politicians on the key issues. 'You want to know what your candidate will think and say on your behalf when that candidate gets into Parliament. I would like to put forward a theme for us all think about. How do we construct a society in which families can flourish? That's the bed-rock.' You will find the full video on the Bishop's webpage.

Day for Life This is the annual day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The theme this year is: *The Lord is my Shepherd – Compassion and Hope at the End of Life*. A debate on end-of-life issues has been in the headlines in recent months with calls for assisted suicide being expressed, especially by celebrities, a view that opposes the Catholic view that life is a gift and that we are called to care for others at the end of their lives

Eucharistic Ministers: Please sign the list at the back of church if you are able to take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound in their homes.

Annual Pilgrimage to Hednesford: All are invited to join the 2024 pilgrimage to the Grotto at the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford, Staffordshire, on Sunday 7 July. See Diocesan website for more info.

Coffee Evening: You are warmly invited to a parish chat and conversation following Mass on June 22nd in Abbey Hulton to discuss the Archbishop's recent letter about the forming of Pastoral Councils. This is for everyone who has an interest in the future life of the parish whether you have been in the parish five minutes or all your lives.

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. You can contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding:rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Sacraments: Please pray for the children who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on June 20th in St George and St Martin's. Please join us if you can. We welcome the children, along with their families and staff of Our Lady and St Benedict Academy to Mass on Saturday as they come to give thanks for making their First Holy Communion.

New Lectionaries: Every church will need new lectionaries at the start of Advent. They will cost £695.00 a set. A Book of the Gospels costs £275. We will be inviting benefactors to make donations in memory of loved ones and as a family gift to the church. Could you please indicate if you can gift aid your donation. Thank you for the donations we have received so far.

Year of Prayer 2024: "Prayer and the Virtue of Hope" a talk on the teachings of St John Henry Newman by Fr Michael Miners, Friday 21st June 7.00pm St Wulstan's School Hall, Wolstanton