

St Bernard of Clairvaux Partnership of Parishes:

Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

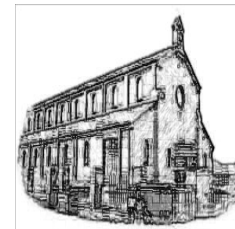
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22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

31st August/1st September 2024

Psalter Week 2 Year B: Year of St. Mark



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday: 5.00 pm Sue Rathbone (GE)
Wednesday 10.00 am People of the Holy Land
Friday 10.00 am People of Ukraine
Saturday 5.00 pm Peggy and Thomas Grace

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4.30 pm- 4.45 pm OLSB
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday at 10.45 am

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday 9.30 am Giovanni Pisciotto
Tuesday 7.00 pm For Mothers
Thursday 9.15 am SGSMCA (INT)
Saturday 10.15 am For Ecological Conversion
Sunday 9.30 am Mary Morrey

Rosary After Mass on Friday OLSB Tuesday 6.40 pm in SGSM
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 9.45 am on Saturday SGSM

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 07857973468 or

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Faithful Departed: Please pray for those who have died recently: Craig Underwood, Fr Terry McGuckin and Fr Peter Blundell, who was parish priest of Abbey Hulton from 1994 to 2005. May they rest in peace.

RCIA (Adult Instruction) Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Are you considering joining the Catholic Church, or if you're already a Catholic but would like to know more or want to help your children to know more or simply want to come along to support others, then we invite you to an initial meeting at Our Lady and St Benedict's on **Thursday 12th September at 7.00 pm** to find out more.

Education Sunday. Next weekend, at the start of the academic year, we will observe Education Sunday. This year's theme is drawn from its Gospel Reading of Mark 7:31-37: He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak. This Sunday is a reminder to all members of the Catholic Community of the importance of education to the Catholic mission. We are currently looking for **governors** to serve in both our schools. If you are interested then please see Fr Adrian after Mass or pick up a information sheet next weekend. Please pray for the staff and children of our academies returning this week, especially those starting in new academies.

Adoremus Weekend: The Catholic Church in England and Wales will gather at St Mary's College, Oscott, on **Saturday 14 September** for a day to renew and deepen our devotion to the Eucharist. We will seek to the mark this in our parishes with a mini 'retreat'. On **Friday 13th** There will be a talk given by Fr Julian Green on Lumen Gentium preceded by a Holy Hour at 6.00 pm. On **Saturday 14th, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** there will be Exposition close to our Mass times in both parishes. Then on **Sunday 15th** we will celebrate our annual **International Mass** followed by a social gathering (If you can bring **food** please sign the list at the back of church). Again there will be Exposition. The second collection will be for **Missio**.

Season of Creation: begins this weekend. Both parishes are working towards the **LiveSimply Award**. This is an opportunity for Catholic communities – parishes, schools, and chaplaincies – to answer the call for us to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers. We hope to form a Care of Creation Group.
Live Simply Tips: For September, the focus is on the environment. 1st September is **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**. Attend one of our liturgical services celebrating the environment or pray at home in thanksgiving for the wonderful world we have been given and for help for humans to maintain our world as a safe place for all organisms to thrive. You are encouraged to visit the **Prayer and Reflection Area** in St George and St Martin's. You can write your pledges and leave it there. Also if you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one please bring them with you to Mass. Our children might bring something they found on a nature walk.