

St Bernard of Clairvaux Mission of Parishes:

Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin

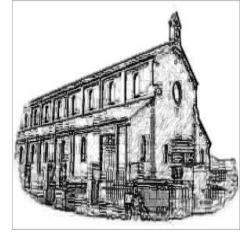
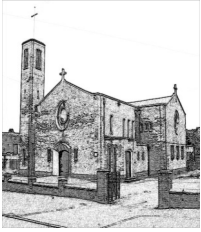
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28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

12th/13th October 2024

Psalter Week 4 Year B: Year of St. Mark



Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday:	5.00 pm	Margaret Johnson/ Mary O'Brien
Wednesday	10.00 am	People of the Middle East
Thursday	9.15 am	Fr Peter Blundell
Friday	10.00 am	People of Ukraine
Saturday	5.00 pm	Sue Rathbone

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.15 am on Saturday SGSM
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday 4.30 pm– 4.45 pm OLSB
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday at 10.15 am SGSM

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday	9.30 am	Fidela Aguirre/ Lloyd and Roberts Family
Tuesday	7.00 pm	Peter Garvin (Int) preceded by the Rosary
Saturday	11.00 am	Craig Underwood (Memorial Mass)
Sunday	9.30 am	Don and Beryl Griffiths/ Gilbert Trueman.

This weekend is Prisoners' Sunday, the National Day of prayer and action for prisoners and their families.

Vocations: In our Deanery, October is a particular focus on prayer for **vocations**. Please pray the rosary daily for this intention.

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 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.

Faithful Departed: Please pray for those who have died recently: **Craig Underwood** whose Memorial Mass will take place on Saturday at 11.00 am. Also for **Raymond Coupe**. May they rest in peace.

RCIA (Adult Instruction) Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith? Please join us if you are 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. The next meeting is on **17th October at 7.00 pm** in OLSB.

LiveSimply Tip: October 12th. Each season produces a different harvest. An online search will show which fruit and veg is abundant in different months of the year. By eating what is in season, the produce will be local and is often cheaper. If you have, or know someone with an allotment, now is the time to store produce to use throughout the cooler months. In the UK, apples, blackberries, pears, beetroot, broccoli, sprouts, squash, cauliflower, celery and leeks are just some of the crops in season.

Harvest Mass: The annual Harvest Thanksgiving Mass in OSLB takes place on **Thursday**. **Soup and homemade artisan bread** will be served afterwards.

Deanery Forum: It is now 14 months since we met together to hear the Visitation Report of our Deanery. At that time, it was recognised that ongoing reflection and discernment were a necessary part of future planning. As part of that process, it has been suggested that we meet again as a Deanery for a **Deanery Forum**. The invitation for this event is open to all but it would be good if all parish key workers; clergy, administrators/secretaries, church wardens, MCs and senior servers, choir masters, members of parish groups and sodalities, finance committee members, etc. could attend. The Forum will take place at **Holy Trinity Parish Centre**, London Road, Newcastle. ST5 1LQ on **Tuesday 22nd October at 7.00 pm**. It would be good to see as many people as possible attend and meet our new Area Bishop, **Rt. Rev. Timothy Menezes**.

Season of Creation: 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. You are encouraged to visit the **Prayer and Reflection Area** in St George and St Martin's. You can write your pledge 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.

Kenya Raffle: One of our altar servers, Jasmine is going to Kenya next year to help redecorate a school and work with the local children. She will be selling raffle tickets