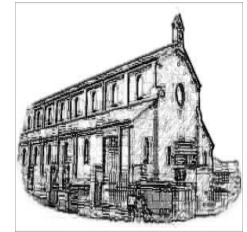




**St Bernard of Clairvaux Mission of Parishes:
Our Lady and St Benedict & St George and St Martin**



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	<p><u>Second Sunday of Christmas</u> January 3rd and 4th 2026 Psalter Week 2 Year A: Year of St. Matthew</p>	
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Our Lady and St Benedict's Mass and Service Times

Saturday:	5.00 pm	Margaret and Richard Gough
Tuesday	9.15 am	Intentions of Pope Leo
Friday	9.45 am	Jim and Helen Berney
Saturday	5.00 pm	John Watts and Paula Wainwright

Rosary Friday 10.15 am OLSB

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Saturday 9.45 am SGSM

St George and St Martin's Mass and Service Times

Sunday	9.30 am	Cyril and Maud Mayland/ Farrell Family
Monday	6.30 pm	Mgr Vaughan Morgan
Tuesday	2.00 pm	Canon Martin Power
Saturday	10.00 am	McKiernan and Timmins Families
Sunday	9.30 am	Máirin Pepper

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday at 10.45 am SGSM.
Saturday 5.00 pm OLSB

Faithful Departed: please pray for those who have died recently: Máirin Pepper, Fr David Keniry, Mgr Vaughan Morgan. May they rest in peace.

Bellcote Appeal: We need to raise £60,000 for the Bellcote and roof repairs; Please remember: We have three envelopes you can use to donate. *Existing users* of offertory envelopes & S/O's who gift aid. *Tax payers* who wish to make a one off gift aid donation. *Non-taxpayers* who wish to make a donation. Please ask for guidance. Alternatively you can donate using your bank card at the terminal in Church or by scanning the QR Code above.

Solemnity of the Epiphany is celebrated on Tuesday this week. There will be a Vigil Mass on Monday in SGSM and Masses at 9.15 am OLSB and 2.00 pm in SGSM. It is a Holyday of Obligation.

Mass Intentions: Booking now for 2026. Please use the envelopes provided to make a donation, fill in a date on the calendar.

Crib Appeal: The Crib Appeal will be for CAFOD in OLSB and Aid to the Church in Need in SGSM.

Counters: Thank you to the counters who count the weekly collection. Their ministry and work is unseen but much appreciated. Could you offer yourself as a new team for 2026?

Bonus Ball Christmas winners David Cockerton and Kath Roche

LiveSimply Both parishes are now officially LiveSimply parishes!

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 both parishes.
Contact Mel 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

Fundraising Thank you for your support with the fundraising for the bellcote that we have done. DFYD:

Saturday February 21st Italian Meal @ Teresa's. If you would like to go please speak to Teresa or Luigi

Friday March 6th - curry night in school made by our Indian families. £10 tickets on sale at the end of month

Sunday March 22nd - 10.30am Our annual auction! If anyone has received an unwanted Christmas present why not consider donating it to the parish.

Saturday April 25th 7.00 pm A
beautiful concert performed by HIMIG Choral Choir from London & TRIUNE VOICES of North Staffordshire Tickets: £10 will be on sale from 15/03

Thank you very much for your kind greetings, cards and wonderful gifts for Christmas, and Christmas Offerings. Thank you to all those who cleaned the church, put up the crib and tree and decorated the church. A huge thank you to all the sacristans, altar servers, Ministers of the Word and Eucharist and Hospitality and the choir and musicians. Thank you for your support and understanding throughout 2025.