

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF GRACE KIDSGROVE, BIDDULPH & GOLDENHILL

SUNDAY BULLETIN

CORPUS CHRISTI

SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 2024

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

On this day we honour the gift of the Blessed Sacrament, the Holy Eucharist of Our Lord's Body and Blood. It is a good opportunity to think about the way in which we honour the Blessed Sacrament in our lives and devotion.

It is very easy to be careless in the little signs that we give to honour Jesus' presence in the Eucharist. Before the pandemic, we had got to a really good habit, most of us, of honouring the Lord before receiving him in Holy Communion. We should remember to genuflect or bow before we come forward to receive the host at Mass.

We should also receive reverently, either directly on the tongue, or in the hand. The correct way is to place the open palm of your left hand on top of your right palm. You receive the host on your left

hand, and then pick it simply and place it on your tongue. Please do not try to grab the host between your fingers, or move it from one hand to the other before placing it on your tongue, or scrunch the host in a closed hand. And most importantly, never walk away with the host in your hand. You must place it on your tongue before leaving the priest or minister.

Another way we show our veneration for the Blessed Sacrament is by genuflecting and kneeling. We should, if we are able, always genuflect to the tabernacle when we walk in front of it. The only exception is during the Mass, where we bow to the altar, when we only genuflect to the altar after the consecration. Outside of Mass, we should always genuflect.

As well as the external veneration, we should also

ensure that we are receiving Holy Communion as worthily as possible. We should go to Confession at least once a year, and whenever we are aware of serious sin. If we are not regularly attending Mass, we should not present ourselves for Holy Communion until we have been to confession. We should also not go to Communion if we are aware that we are 'living in sin' such as cohabiting in a sexual relationship outside of a valid Catholic marriage. The priest will not refuse Holy Communion, as he is not privy to the state of your soul at any moment. You have to be responsible for the state of your own soul to receive. We cannot absolve ourselves on the basis of a false conscience! We need the Sacraments for our good, and we give the Lord great praise in them.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Ildephonsus 607-667

St Ildephonsus was a 7th century Spanish Archbishop of Toledo. He lived before the Moorish invasion took over the city. He came from a wealthy family, but was called to be a monk. He succeeded his uncle, St Eugenius, as the Archbishop of this important city. He contribut-

ed to the great spiritual growth of the city, and the whole country. He particularly nurtured Marian devotion and wrote a book in defence of Our Lady's perpetual virginity. It is said that on 18th December 665, Our Lady appeared to Ildephonsus and gave him a priestly vestment in gratitude for his faithful service.

CHURCHES

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Packmoor St Patrick's Church, Mellor Street, Packmoor, Stoke-on-Trent, ST7 4SN

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Safeguarding

The Partnership of Parishes operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are:

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Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Parish Website

www.partnershipparishes.org
The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity no. 234216

LITURGY & DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Packmoor	Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions) St Joseph's Sun before Mass English Martyrs' Sun 8.30am St Patrick's Sat 5pm <i>At other times on request</i>	
Saturday 1st			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	Tony Jervis
Sunday 2nd CORPUS CHRISTI	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass <i>followed by a brief Eucharistic devotion & Benediction</i>	McQuade family People of the Parishes
Monday 3rd St Charles Lwanga & companions		5.30pm 6.00pm		Reception into church Holy Mass	Stan Grandfield RIP Stan Grandfield
Tuesday 4th Feria (Week 9)	8.55am 9.15am	11.15am		<i>Lauds</i> Holy Mass Requiem Mass <i>No Rosary today</i>	Julia, John, Bernard & Michael Stan Grandfield RIP
Wednesday 5th St Boniface		5.30pm 6.00pm		Reception into church Holy Mass	Peter Harding RIP Jean Harding
Thursday 6th St Norbert		10.30am		Requiem Mass	Peter Harding RIP
Friday 7th SACRED HEART OF JESUS <i>No Abstinence today</i>		8.30am 9.30am		<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Lauds</i> Holy Mass	Lorraine Brooks
Saturday 8th Immaculate Heart of Mary	9.15am		4.45pm 5.30pm	Holy Mass <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Rosary</i> Holy Mass of Sunday	Winifred Maughan Joan Doyle
Sunday 9th Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Mary Cornelius Paul Harrington
Monday 10th Feria		5.45pm 6.00pm		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Bernard Cunningham
Tuesday 11th St Barnabas	8.55am 9.15am	4.30pm	2.15pm	<i>Lauds</i> Holy Mass Holy Rosary Reception into church	Maria Williams & loved ones Joan Sadler RIP
Wednesday 12th Feria		11.30am		Requiem Mass	Joan Sadler RIP
Thursday 13th St Anthony of Padua	12noon	9.30am		Holy Mass (St Joseph's school) Holy Mass	People of the Parishes Dec of the Child family
Friday 14th Feria		5.00pm 6.00pm		<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Mary Jervis
Saturday 15th Our Lady			4.45pm 5.30pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Holy Mass of Sunday	John Martin
Sunday 16th Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Michael Flatley Connor Young

English Martyrs' Mini-Fayre

Everyone is welcome to come to our summer mini-Fayre at English Martyrs' church on Saturday 15th June from 10am to 12noon. There will be stalls, cakes, refreshments and a raffle. Please come along on the day—the proceeds go to our joint Parish funds. Raffle tickets are being sold around the churches of the Parish at Saturday/Sunday Masses.

Our Lady of Grace Ladies Our Ladies' group for all the women of the parish meets again on Monday 10th June at 7pm at English Martyrs' Biddulph. New ladies always welcome!

Men's Prayer Circle The Men's Prayer Circle met for the first time this week. It is for men who have done the Prayer & Life Workshop. The next meeting is on Saturday 15th June at 9am.

Sacred Heart of Jesus The Feast of the Sacred Heart is on Friday this week. The day coincides with Fr Julian's sister Lorraine's funeral. There will be Adoration, Lauds (Morning Prayer) and Mass that morning. Fr Julian would particularly like to invite you to come and join him in prayer on that day.

Immaculate Heart of Mary

There will be an additional Mass on Saturday morning, at English Martyrs', to celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. There will also be Rosary before the evening Mass at St Patrick's.

First Holy Communion Please pray for the children preparing for First Holy Communion. We will be giving First Holy Communion at Mass on Sunday 9th June at 11am at St Joseph's (St John's children); on Sunday 23rd June at 9am at English Martyrs' (Our Lady of Grace children); and on Sunday 30th June at 11am at St Joseph's (St Joseph's children).

New Deanery Website The North Staffs Deanery has a new website: northstaffordshire-catholicdeanery.org.uk/ You can find Mass times and links to parish web-

sites and bulletins there, as well as information about Deanery events.

Mass for the Year of Prayer The Deanery Pastoral Council are organising a Mass for the Year of Prayer in preparation for the Holy Year on the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday 7th June, at St Teresa's Trent Vale, at 7pm. All welcome.

End of Life Care Conference A conference on "Accompanying People on Life's Final Journey" will be held at Thornycroft Hall, nr Macclesfield, SK11 9JN, on Saturday, 15th June, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. In the face of threatened legislation, the conference will show how the Church safeguards genuine dignity both for the suffering person and for their family. Speakers: Deacon David Harrison, Catholic Chaplain at Leighton Hospital, and Dr Teresa Merino, Consultant in Palliative Care. Price: £35. Full details at <https://thornycroftHall.org.uk/project/end-of-life-conference/>

Our Lady of Fatima There will be a Day of Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima, with the visit of the Relics of St Jacinta and St Francisco, the Fatima visionaries, will take place at Our Lady & St Christopher's Parish, 52 Barrack Hill, Romiley, Stockport SK6 3BA on Saturday 15th June. The day begins at 10am, with Procession, Mass, Rosary, talks, Divine Mercy chaplet, and Benediction. Please bring a packed lunch.

Biddulph Prayer Breakfast Biddulph Churches Together (Christians Together is ST8) is joining forces with the Biddulph Town Council to put on a community Prayer Breakfast. It will be taking place at Biddulph Town Hall on Thursday 27th June from 7am to 9am. Cooked breakfast will be served, followed by a talk and a time of prayer for the town. Tickets (free of charge) will be available nearer the time. But please save the date!

Café on the Steps As usual, this year, there will be the Open Café organised by the churches in Biddulph, as part of the Biddulph Festival. There will be coffee, tea and

OUTREACH TO CARE HOMES

Come and join us at one of our Care Home short services:

At Maple Tree Court Kidsgrove on Monday 10th June at 2.30pm. Please come and join us but please arrive at 2.20pm, meeting in reception, for a prompt start.

At Lawton Rise Goldenhill on Wednesday 19th June at 11am. Please come and join us and help the singing. Meet outside before the service to gain access.

HOSPITALITY

Why not come and join us for a cuppa, a bite to eat and a chat with others?

The Welcoming Place at St Joseph's Goldenhill is on Tuesdays from 10am to 12noon. Drop into St Joseph's Academy and meet with friends and have some light refreshments.

The Young at Heart Club, for senior citizens, takes place at Kidsgrove Town Hall on the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on Tuesday 25th June from 2pm to 4pm. Everyone welcome!

cake on each of the Saturdays of July, from 10am to 12noon at Biddulph Town Hall. Everyone is welcome!

OLG Parish BBQ We are going to hold our Our Lady of Grace Parish BBQ at St Joseph's Presbytery on Sunday 21st July, starting at 12.30pm. Please keep the date free, so we can have a time of enjoying each other's company, and a sausage and a burger too.

Be Ready, With Zeal You're invited to the Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference, which takes place from 12th to 16th August at the Royal Court Hotel, Coventry. Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton, is the keynote speaker, with other speakers, and lots of time for prayer and praise. For more information go to www.bccrc.org.uk

THE NEW LECTIONARY

The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. It will come into use on the First Sunday of Advent this year (1st December).

The process of revising the books for the liturgy began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version (Catholic Edition) of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. The portions of Scripture used for each day at Mass are not changing, but the English translation is quite different. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive.

This means we have to buy new Lectionaries for use in Mass for each church. We have ordered and paid for the full 'Ambo' edition for St Joseph's and English Martyrs', and the slightly small 'Chapel' format for St Patrick's. Together with a study edition for the Presbytery, and a Book of Gospels the cost (with discount) is around £2,000. The Lectionary will be in four volumes. So each volume costs about £200, or £140 (St Patrick's). If you would like to donate a volume in memory of a loved one, please let Fr Julian know. Donations can be gift aided.

Nearer the time, we will be taking orders for the Sunday Missals or Daily Missals to replace the ones you currently have, with the new version of the readings. Hopefully, we will be able to get a discount on these too! Watch this space for when these will be available to order.

GENERAL ELECTION 2024

It is traditional for churches, as a non-partisan community group, to organise hustings for members of the public to be able to question the local candidates. The hustings in our two constituencies will be:

Stoke North, Kidsgrove & Talke Hustings at Christ Church, Tunstall, on Thursday 27th June at 7pm.

Staffordshire Moorlands In spite of the willingness of the churches to organise a hustings, not all the candidates were prepared to take part. So it will not go ahead.

The Bishops' Conference have prepared a webpage with information about the political issues important to Catholics: www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/

PARISH GIVING

If you have a Standing Order for St John's or English Martyrs' we need you to make a new Standing Order. There is an envelope for you. Please follow the instructions to set up the new Standing Order with your bank, and don't forget to cancel the present one!

Could you revise your giving to be even more generous? You can contact your bank directly to increase the amount of your standing order, if you give in that way. You can also give through the card reader in church. Envelopes are also available to those who prefer to give in cash.

If you give by cash please consider a Standing Order.

If you pay income tax then you can Gift Aid. To Gift Aid your donations you need a Standing Order or numbered envelopes. If you no longer pay income tax, please contact Teresa in the parish office to stop your Gift Aid. You can still give by Standing Order—no need to cancel it!

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

Welcome to the family of the Church to Ethan Edward, Arlo Elijah and Imogen Madonna May Joyce Hodgkinson who will be baptised at St Joseph's today.

And also to Katana Evans, who will be baptised at St Joseph's on 9th June

Deaths

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Stan Grandfield. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's on Tuesday 4th June at 11.15am, followed by committal at Bradwell crematorium. Reception into church on Monday 3rd June at 5.30pm.

And for the soul of Peter Harding. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's on Thursday 6th June at 10.30am, followed by committal at Christ Church

Alsager churchyard. Reception into church on Wednesday 5th June at 5.30pm.

And for the soul of Joan Sadler. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's on Wednesday 12th June at 11.15am followed by committal at Bradwell crematorium. Reception into church on Tuesday 11th June at 4.30pm.

Requiescant in Pace

Parish Office & Parish Priest's Open House

The Parish Office is open at the other times advertised on the front of the bulletin. Please ring before dropping in to check the secretary is in.

Open House is when Fr Julian is available to be seen for consultations about baptisms, weddings, or for any other reason. There is no need to book an appointment: just turn up at the Presbytery.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

Week beginning 2nd June

English Martyrs':

St Joseph's: Lorraine Brooks

St Patrick's:

Week beginning 9th June

English Martyrs':

St Joseph's:

St Patrick's: John Martin

If you would like to dedicate a lamp in one of our churches for any intention, please place donation (min £5) in an envelope

Hospital If you or someone you know needs a priest in hospital, you need to contact the chaplaincy yourself. For Royal Stoke call 01782 676400. It is important to specify you want the Catholic chaplain. For Haywood Hospital please contact Fr George at Sacred Heart, Tunstall. If in doubt contact the ward staff.