

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 2024

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

June is the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. There are no images more emblematic of Catholicism than the crucifix, the image of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart. These images convey the heart of our faith. However, we can become so used to the images that we forget the depth of meaning.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus represents the very essence of who Jesus is. His Heart—his inner self—is human, and so we can enter into a loving human relationship with him. But His Heart beats with Divine Love. Through our relationship with him, expressed in our prayer, the Lord Jesus brings us into a Heart to Heart relationship with God. And more than that, Jesus wants to share Himself with us so much, that he enters into our



soul, his Heart in our heart, so that we can become the presence of the love of God for others.

It is impossible to know the Heart of Jesus other than through prayer. We can know about it, and explain its meaning, and believe in it. But we are called to know his Heart, to know Him personally.

This is why this Year of Prayer in preparation for

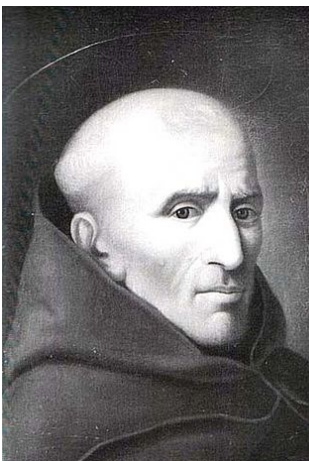
the Jubilee Year of 2025 is so important. For without prayer, the celebration of Jubilee is empty.

In this First Communion season, I would like to thank the teachers of our parish who work hard in the sessions that the children who are receiving First Holy Communion attend after school.

I would also like to thank all those who have helped with our parish fundraising recently, especially the mini-fayre and the raffle. You can see if you have won on page 4 of the bulletin.

This week I am going to a theological conference with the theme “The Royal Priesthood and the Renewal of the Church” taking place in Twickenham. The week after I will be running our Valladolid Old Boys annual reunion and AGM in Solihull.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Leonard of Port Maurice 1676–1751

St Leonard was an Italian Franciscan of strict observance. He suffered from poor health, which prevented him going on mission to China. He was an effective preacher who encouraged devotion among the people. He set up Stations of the Cross in

many places, taught a simple devotion of Three Hail Marys for purity, and encouraged people to go to daily Mass, and promoted devotion to the Sacred Heart and Eucharistic Adoration. The strain of his missionary labours and his mortifications took their toll on his body, and he died while en route to see the Pope in 1751.

CHURCHES

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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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Parish Website

www.partnershipparishes.org
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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 15th			5.30pm	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
Monday 17th Feria		5.45pm 6.00pm		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Stan Grandfield
Tuesday 18th Dedication of St Chad's Cathedral	8.55am 9.15am	2.15pm		<i>Lauds</i> Holy Mass Holy Rosary	Brian Bailey
Wednesday 19th St Romuald		5.45pm 6.00pm		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Thursday 20th St Alban					
Friday 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga					
Saturday 22nd Sts John Fisher & Thomas More			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	Jean Harding
Sunday 23rd Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am 6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass Reception into church	Lili Marfeld Paul David Dymnicki Patrick Maughan RIP
Monday 24th NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST		11.00am		Requiem Mass	Patrick Maughan RIP
Tuesday 25th Feria			2.15pm	Holy Rosary	
Wednesday 26th Feria		5.45pm 6.00pm		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Thursday 27th St Cyril of Alexandria		9.30am		Holy Mass (St John's school)	People of the Parishes
Friday 28th St Irenaeus		5.00pm 6.00pm		<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Jean Green
Saturday 29th Our Lady			4.45pm 5.30pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Vigil Mass of the Feast	Elsie Parr
Sunday 30th STS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Stan Grandfield Moya Smith

New Lectionary The new edition of the Lectionary for Mass (the books from which we read the Scripture readings at Mass), with the new translation of the readings, will begin to be used from 1st December. We have already pre-ordered and paid for the lectionaries for our parish. If you would like to pay for one of the volumes in memory of a loved one or family members, please let Fr Julian know as soon as possible. (The lectionaries at St Joseph's and English Martyrs' cost £200 per volume, and at St Patrick's £140 per volume).

Our Lady of Grace Ladies Our Ladies' group for all the women of the parish meets again on Monday 8th July at 7pm at St Patrick's Packmoor. New ladies always welcome!

Men's Prayer Circle The Circle is for men who have done the Prayer & Life Workshop. The next meeting is on Saturday 13th July at 9am at the Presbytery.

New Deanery Website The North Staffs Deanery has a new website: northstaffordshire-catholicdeanery.org.uk/ You can find Mass times and links to parish websites and bulletins there, as well as information about Deanery events.

Talk on St John Henry Newman Fr Michael Miners will be giving a talk on the spiritual teaching of St John Henry Newman under the title "Prayer and the Virtue of Hope". The talk takes place at St Wulstan's Primary School, Wolstanton on Friday 21st June 7.00pm to 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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) are now available. Please book in on www.biddulphchurch.org.uk/prayer-breakfast

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 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 the 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.

Justice & Peace Retreat Day The Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission are organising a day retreat, led by Ann Farr from Pax Christi UK on Saturday 29th June at Selly Park Convent, Birmingham, from 10.30am to 4.30pm. Light refreshments provided. Bring your own lunch. For more information go to <https://bit.ly/JandP2024>

Pilgrimage to Hednesford The annual pilgrimage to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford takes place this year on Sunday 7th July, beginning at 1pm. There will be confessions and Rosary, followed by Mass with blessing of the sick. Refreshments are available in the church hall. Everyone is welcome!

Work Experience The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are offering residential work experience for young adults aged 20 to 30 in London, from Sunday 7th to Saturday 13th July. A passion for social justice is all that is required. All accommodation and expenses are met. Contact SarahB@svp.org.uk or Khutchinson@cafod.org.uk for more details and applications.

KYT Youth Summer Camp This year's summer camp for young people aged 12 to 18 takes place at Alton Castle from Sunday 21st to Thursday 25th July. For more information, go to the website <https://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp-2024.html>

OUTREACH TO CARE HOMES

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

At Maple Tree Court Kidsgrove on Monday 8th July 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!

Aid to the Church in Need Pilgrimage ACN are organising a residential pilgrimage in the North East of England, based at Durham, with visits to Lindisfarne, Escomb, Jarrow and Ruthwell. Led by Fr Jeremy Howard as spiritual director and historian Suze Mathews. For more information please see the leaflet <https://shorturl.at/tGocm>

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

MINI-FAYRE & PARISH RAFFLE

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Mini-Fayre which took place on Saturday morning at English Martyrs', and for all who bought raffle tickets to support this fundraising event. These are the results of the raffle:

- 1st Prize—£25 cash: Yellow 321 (Teresa Walton)
- 2nd Prize—Six Bottles of Wine: White 496 (S Deaville)
- 3rd Prize—Box of Chocolates: White 480 (M Deaville)
- 4th Prize—Rhubard & Gin Liqueur: White 344 (Lorraine)
- 5th Prize—Box of Biscuits: Pink 267 (Eileen)
- 6th Prize—His & Hers Toiletries Blue 278 (Mrs Hall)
- 7th Prize—Prosecco & Chocs Blue 379 (T Stanway)
- 8th Prize—Mugs & Drinks: Green 49 (L Whitehouse)
- 9th Prize—Cuddly Toy: Pink 124 (Emil Antosik)
- 10th Prize—Cool Bag & Picnic Rug: Blue 73 (E Copeland)

Cakes are available for sale after Mass this weekend. The final total raised will be published on the Mass sheet next week.



We were pleased to be joined by Cllr Nigel Yates, Mayor of Biddulph, as well as parishioners from all our churches.

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

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Isabel Ostrowski Belaradj who received First Holy Communion at the church of Nuestra Señora de la Paloma in Madrid on 2nd June.

Congratulations to the children from St John's school who received First Holy Communion at St Joseph's on 9th June: Blaise Beney, Isla Bithell, Paragon Chasauka, Isla Eyre, Emily Renaudin, Francesca Wilshaw.

Deaths

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Patrick Maughan. Reception into St Joseph's on Sunday 23rd June at 6.30pm. Requiem Mass on Monday 24th June at 11.00am followed by interment at Keele cemetery.

Requiescat 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. It is on Mondays from 6.30pm. There is no need to book an appointment: just turn up at the Presbytery. No Open House on 24th June.

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.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

Week beginning 16th June

English Martyrs': Kevin Ralley

St Joseph's: Howle, Davenport & Crotty families

St Patrick's: Welsh family

Week beginning 23rd June

English Martyrs': Deceased of the Green family

St Joseph's: B Chadwick

St Patrick's: Martin family

If you would like to dedicate a lamp in one of our churches for any intention, please place donation (min £5) in an envelope with the intention and preferred church written thereupon.