

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER & ST PAUL

SUNDAY 30TH JUNE 2024

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST



Today we celebrate the transferred Solemnity of the princes of the Apostles: St Peter & St Paul. These two great saints are always linked together as the foundation stones of the Church. Each, in their different ways, tell us about what the Church is. Peter was appointed by Christ to be the rock on which the Church was built. He was the first among the twelve apostles chosen by Christ during his life. Peter was the privileged witness to the Resurrection and its first preacher in Jerusalem

on Pentecost Sunday. Peter represents the Church's authority to teach in the name of Christ, and to judge teachings in the light of the Gospel. Paul, on the other hand, was the greatest missionary and also theologian of the early Church. He was skilled in taking the teachings of the Jewish elders and showing how Jesus was the fulfilment of God's promises. On first with passion for this Gospel message, he took it to all the corners of the Roman Empire. Both shared a martyr's death,

and their blood continues to bear witness to the power of Christ's Resurrection. It is their martyrdom which marks the Church of Rome as the first among all the Churches, and makes its bishop the successor to St Peter as Pope.

It is good to be reminded of the importance of these two apostles and to try to imitate their faith, their courage, their fidelity to Jesus and their ingenuity in finding new ways of delivering the message with which they were entrusted. They show us the way of renewal in the Church today.

Fundamentally, these were men of prayer. In our Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year, we can see how prayer transformed the lives of the saints and gave them the inspiration and courage which we still need today.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Bl John Soreth 1394-1471

John was born in Normandy, and became a Carmelite priest. He was a great scholar and taught in Paris. He became the general superior of the Carmelites. John helped his Order to resist the first stirrings which would lead to the Protestant Reformation. He helped to reform the

order in a true way through his pastoral visits. He was responsible for establishing the first convents of Carmelite nuns. In 1468, there was an invasion in Liege that saw the church invaded, and the mob take and scatter the consecrated hosts on the ground. John rushed in and rescued the Blessed Sacrament at great personal risk

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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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 29th Our Lady			4.45pm 5.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration 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
Monday 1st Feria <i>Votive Precious Blood</i>		5.45pm 6.00pm		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Arthur & Sarah Holmes & family
Tuesday 2nd Feria	8.55am 9.15am		2.15pm	<i>Lauds</i> Holy Mass Holy Rosary	Mary Cornelius (OLOG)
Wednesday 3rd St Thomas, Apostle		5.45pm 6.00pm		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Jean Harding
Thursday 4th St Elizabeth of Portugal					
Friday 5th Feria <i>First Friday</i>		5.00pm 6.00pm		<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Jean Green
Saturday 6th St Maria Goretti			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	Donie Murphy
Sunday 7th Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Barbara & George Connell & Karol Grolik Paddy & Winifred Maughan
Monday 8th Feria		5.45pm 6.00pm		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Michael & Maureen Meaney
Tuesday 9th Feria	8.55am 9.15am		2.15pm	<i>Lauds</i> Holy Mass Holy Rosary	Bridget & Jack Cronin & Paddy
Wednesday 10th Feria <i>Votive St Joseph</i>		5.45pm 6.00pm		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Jean Harding
Thursday 11th St Benedict	12noon	9.30am		End of School Year Mass (St John's School) Holy Mass	People of the Parishes Dec of Child family
Friday 12th Feria		5.00pm 6.00pm		<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Lorraine Brooks
Saturday 13th Our Lady		3.00pm	5.30pm	Wedding Service Holy Mass of Sunday	John Henry Smith & Rebecca Maughan John Martin
Sunday 14th Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Michael Cullen Ken Holmes & family

Parish Pastoral Forum In the autumn, we will be launching a parish pastoral forum. The Archbishop has asked every parish to take on the spirit of 'synodality' and to have a type of council in each parish. . A Parish Forum is an advisory body for the Parish Priest—it is for consultation. But it can be a great help in discovering new things that we can do to further the Faith, and to serve our people. We already have a finance committee, but the Pastoral Forum can also think of new ways for fundraising across the whole parish. Look out for more news about the forum over the summer!

New Lectionary Thank you to those who have donated a volume of the new Lectionary (book containing the Mass readings) which will be coming out for use in Advent. We have now covered all the volumes. If you have promised to buy one, please let us have the money at your earliest convenience. When the books arrive in October, we will ask for the dedications to be written inside.

Thank you to all our parishioners who helped to put on the mini-Fayre at English Martyrs' church two weeks ago. It was good to see parishioners working together to put the Fayre on, and also thanks to those who sold and bought raffle tickets in each church. We raised £1065.10 for parish funds, which is a really great effort. Thank you to everyone!

Saturday Adoration After this Saturday, the last in June, Adoration before Mass at St Patrick's in suspended for the summer.

Feast of St Thomas The Syro-Malabar community of Our Lady of Perpetual Help would like to invite you to join them in the celebration of the patron saint of India, St Thomas the Apostle. The celebrations will be taking place at St Joseph's Burslem on Sunday 7th July. There will be the Sacred Qurbana (Syro-Malabar liturgy) at 10am. Then there will be the Solemn Procession at 12.30pm from St Joseph's church to the Cooperative Academy. There will then be a banquet at 1.30pm and a concert at 3pm.

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!

Vatican II Talks The Area Pastoral Council are organising a series of talks this year on the documents of the Second Vatican Council, in response to Pope Francis' request that we prepare for the Jubilee Year by knowing these teachings better. The next in the series is going to be the Constitution on Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum). The talk will be at the Catherine Room at Our Lady & St Peter's Church in Stoke on Tuesday 9th July at 7pm. The talk will be given by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy, assistant priest at Hanley and Stoke parishes.

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.

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. **We need to have a meeting** to ensure that this is all coordinated and we have volunteers. If you can help with cooking, serving, tidying the garden, washing up, running a few stalls... Then please come to a meeting at St Joseph's on Friday 5th July at 6.30pm, after the evening Mass. Thank you!

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!

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.

Lawton Rise Goldenhill There won't be any services at Lawton Rise over the summer, to give us a little break. Back in the autumn!

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 30th July from 2pm to 4pm. Everyone welcome! £3 to attend.

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BIDDULPH PRAYER BREAKFAST



The idea of a 'Prayer Breakfast' is not something that we are used to in the Catholic Church. And yet, it is a really simple idea: Christians get together, to eat breakfast, and pray.

As well as in Protestant churches, Prayer Breakfasts have become widespread in towns and cities organised by local Councils. There is one each year in Stoke-on-Trent, for

example.

On Thursday morning, 7am to 9am, we held Biddulph's first Civic Prayer Breakfast at the Town Hall. It was organised by Biddulph Town Council together with the Churches Together. And so Christians from across the churches came together to socialise and have breakfast, and then were led in prayer by the local ministers, including Fr Julian, praying for the town, the schools, police, and local community. There was then a talk from Robert Mountford, Staffs Ecumenical Mission Officer. We hope this will be an annual event and next year Catholics will be more in evidence!



GENERAL ELECTION 2024

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

SPUC would like to invite you to consider the moral issues that concern the life of the unborn and the vulnerable. They have set up a website to help you to be informed about the issues and to help you to vote in this week's General Election. If you would like to see what they offer, then please check out the website: www.spuc.org.uk/General-Election-2024 There is an opportunity to email questions to the candidates. Fr Julian tried it for Stoke North, but received no replies.

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. We are not only charged for making cash deposits, but it also necessitates visits to the bank for the Parish Secretary, as well as time taken counting.

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 James Frank Titterton, baptised at St Patrick's on Saturday 29th June.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to Enzo Conway, Charlotte Elliott, George Clack, Chloe Morris, Victor Houghton and Amelia Nixon who received First Holy Communion at English Martyrs' on Sunday 23rd June.

And also to Kane Esposito, Jocknom Joey Lyamgoth, Lola Nixon, Lewis Schifano, and Aiden Tramaloni, who are receiving First Holy Communion at St Joseph's today.

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 to 7pm. There is no need to book an appointment.

If you wish to check the availability of the Parish Priest or Secretary please phone the Presbytery.

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 30th June

English Martyrs':

St Joseph's:

St Patrick's: Kath & Brian Wakefield

Week beginning 7th July

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 with the intention and preferred church written thereupon.