

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2024

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

As we began October, my only thought was: where on earth did September go to? Time moves on, as we enter the month of the Holy Rosary.

At the forefront of the news at the moment is warfare. What started as the Gaza conflict now results in war on a number of fronts surrounding Israel. Our Holy Father is calling us to pray the Rosary for peace during this month. Pope Francis has specifically asked that we make Monday this week—the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary—a day of fasting and prayer for peace. In response, we will have Adoration with Rosary and Vespers on Monday evening before Mass, to pray specifically for peace.

On Friday we had our first First Friday. I spoke in the homily last week about the First Friday devotion—the



call to make nine First Fridays with Holy Communion, Confession and devotion to the Sacred Heart. A good number came on Friday evening to St Joseph's. It's not too late. You can start the First Fridays any month, and keep it going for nine months. The next actual First Friday is on 1st November, which is the Feast of All Saints. But we will keep our parish 'First Friday'

next month on the second Friday, 8th November.

As most of you will know, this has been a difficult year for me in terms of health and bereavement. The result is I feel the need for some spiritual renewal. I had already made plans for a Camino to Santiago at the end of October, which will still go ahead. However, I was also offered the opportunity to go to Medjugorje in Bosnia as joint spiritual director of a pilgrimage of English and Spanish speaking pilgrims. And so, this Wednesday I'm going to Medjugorje for my first pilgrimage there. If you want me to take any prayer intentions on your behalf, please let me have them by Tuesday. I believe Our Lady really wants me to go so that I can have an experience of her maternal love, so please pray for me too!

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Paulinus of York 584–644

Paulinus was a Roman monk, who was part of the second party of missionaries sent by Pope Gregory in 604 to evangelise England. We know little of his activity in Kent in the first twenty years after arriving. He accompanied the princess of Kent who was betrothed to King Edwin of

Northumbria. He succeeded in converting Edwin and many of his subjects, including the future St Hilda of Whitby. Edwin and his followers were baptised in 627 in York, and Paulinus became its first Bishop. After Edwin's death, Christianity became weaker in the north, and Paulinus became Bishop of Rochester.

CHURCHES

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Safeguarding

The Parish of Our Lady of Grace 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

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LITURGY & DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Packmoor	Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions) St Joseph's Sun before Mass English Martyrs' Sun before Mass St Patrick's Sat before Mass <i>At other times on request</i>	
Saturday 5th			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	Pat Holmes & family
Sunday 6th Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am	4.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Healing Service	People of the Parish Paddy Maughan
Monday 7th Our Lady of the Rosary Prayer & Fasting for peace		5.00pm 6.00pm		Eucharistic Adoration, Rosary & Vespers to pray for peace Holy Mass	Graham Charles Keates
Tuesday 8th Feria	8.55am 9.15am		2.15pm	Lauds Holy Mass Holy Rosary	Helen Davies
Wednesday 9th St John Henry Newman					
Thursday 10th Feria					
Friday 11th St John XXIII					
Saturday 12th Our Lady			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	John Martin
Sunday 13th Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Dec of Child family Geoff Lovatt
Monday 14th Feria					
Tuesday 15th St Teresa of Avila			2.15pm	Holy Rosary	
Wednesday 16th St Margaret Mary					
Thursday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch	12noon	9.30am		Holy Mass (St Joseph's School) Holy Mass	People of the Parish Mary Child
Friday 18th St Luke		5.00pm 6.00pm		Eucharistic Adoration & Vespers Holy Mass	Winifred Maughan
Saturday 19th Our Lady			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	Julius & Iris Kaminskas
Sunday 20th Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am 4.30pm	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Hour for Vocations	People of the Parish Stephen Holmes & family

October, Month of the Holy Rosary During the month of October we will have the Rosary before each Saturday/Sunday Mass, as we usually do. 5th/6th—Joyful Mysteries; 12th/13th—Luminous Mysteries; 19th/20th—Sorrowful Mysteries; 26th/27th—Glorious Mysteries. Please volunteer to lead the Rosary before one of the Masses. The prayer of the Rosary begins 20 minutes before Mass.

October is also our Deanery month of prayer for vocations Please remember to pray for Vocations each day during this month, particularly by praying the Rosary. There will be a Holy Hour and a Mass for Vocations in the parish during the month too—see the specific notices opposite.

New Sunday Missal As you no doubt realise, the Lectionary or Book of Readings for Mass is changing on the First Sunday of Advent. This means that all people's missals will be out of date, and need to be replaced. CTS are taking orders for Sunday Missals to be delivered later this month. The cost of the missal is £20. Ordering through the parish benefits the parish as we receive a commission. If you would like to order a missal please sign up in church, or send an email to Teresa in the parish office. The order will be placed on Monday 21st October. CTS have still not given details of weekday or full daily missals.

Sacramental Preparation The preparation for First Confession (Y3) and First Holy Communion (Y4) will begin in our parish schools after half term. If you have a child who is not in one of our schools, and you would like them prepared for the sacraments this year, please see Fr Julian or email the parish office before the end of this half term.

Healing Service Our parish healing service will be today, 6th October at 4.30pm. For those with diagnosed illnesses and the elderly there is the opportunity for the Sacrament of the Sick. For everyone there will be prayer for healing. If you know someone who is sick, please invite them to come and bring them. Come with your intentions of prayer for the sick who cannot attend.

Our Lady of Grace Ladies Our Parish Ladies Group are meeting at St Joseph's on Monday, 14th October at English Martyrs' Church at 7pm. All ladies welcome!

Men's Prayer Circle The Circle is for men who have done the Prayer & Life Workshop. The next meeting is on Saturday 9th November, 9am to 10.30am.

Parish Forum In October we are going to start laying the groundwork for our new Parish Pastoral Forum. The idea of the Pastoral Forum is to get people together from across the whole parish who are interested in advancing the mission of the parish,

and to discuss new ways in which we can respond to God's call. It is essential that we have representation from all the present groups in our parish, as well as the involvement of all the willing! We will have a planning meeting, which will look at practicalities: how often it will meet, what it will deal with, representation, etc. If you are willing to help, please come to a meeting at St Patrick's on Monday 7th October at 7.30pm.

Newman Talk Fr Michael Miners will be giving a talk on the teaching of St John Henry Newman on Tuesday 15th October, 7pm to 8.30pm, at St Wulstan's School Hall. All welcome to attend.

Care Home Service The next service at Lawton Rise Care Home will be on Wednesday 16th October starting at 11am. Everyone welcome to come and join the residents. Please meet outside in good time.

Holy Hour for Vocations October is our Deanery month of prayer for Vocations. For Our Lady of Grace Parish, we will have a Holy Hour of Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday 20th October at 4.30pm at English Martyrs' Church. Let us join together in prayer for more vocations!

Mass for Vocations We will also be having a Mass for Vocations, where we will be joined by pupils from the various schools of the Newman Catholic Collegiate. It will take place at St Joseph's on Tuesday 22nd October at 11am. All are welcome to come to this Mass.

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

HOSPITALITY



St Joseph's Welcoming Place is up and running again this week. It is an opportunity for anyone

from our community to come together for a refreshments and a chat. We meet on Tuesdays from 10am to 12noon in the after school club at St Joseph's Catholic Academy on Moberley Road. Everyone welcome!

The Welcome Space initiative will be back up and running over the autumn and winter at English Martyrs' too. Starting on Wednesday 16th October, from 11am to 2pm, there will be tea and coffee, soup, sandwiches and dessert. Everyone welcome!

The Young at Heart Club, for senior citizens, takes place at Kildgrove Town Hall on the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on Tuesday 29th October from **1.30 to 3.30pm** (note change of time). Everyone welcome! £3 to attend.

parish groups and sodalities, finance committee members, etc. could attend. The Forum will take place at **Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Newcastle on Tuesday 22nd October at 7pm**. It would be good to see as many people as possible attend.

Church Keys If you hold keys to one of our Churches, we need you to complete a Key Holder form. Please ask Fr Julian or Teresa in the parish office for a form and return it as soon as possible. If you hold keys but no longer use them, please return them to Fr Julian or the parish office as soon as possible.

Vatican II Talk The last in the series of talks on the documents of Vatican II, organised by the APC, will be on 'Gaudium et Spes' (the Church in the Modern World), and will be given by Fr Ryan Service (Curate of Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield) on Friday 25th October at 7pm at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Newcastle. All welcome!

BIDDULPH VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION



On 24th September, representatives of local volunteer groups were invited by Biddulph Town Council to a Volunteer Recognition and Civic Award evening at the town hall.

Not only did our Foodbank receive recognition, but an individual award was also made to Jackie Menzies for and Outstanding Contribution to the community for all of her work in connection with the Foodbank. Congratulations to Jackie and to all volunteers associated with the Foodbank.



The **Alpha Course** is a basic course in Christianity, aimed at new enquirers, people with questions, as well as people who see themselves as Christian already. We are offering it this autumn as a 'twilight' session. They take place at St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy on Thursdays from 4pm to 5.30pm, to 5th December (except half term). Each session begins with refreshments, and the

session includes a video talk, and discussion in groups. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially those not so sure of faith.

Cursillo is an Encounter with Christ, seeking to bring participants to a fully Christian life in our daily activities. It is open to everyone! A Cursillo weekend is a three day Catholic programme which begins with a retreat. As well as talks, and opportunities for discussion, there is Mass, reconciliation, Adoration, and other times of prayer. The next Cursillo weekend is 7th to 10th November, and is at Shallowford House, near Stone. For enquiries and bookings, please contact Paul Northam at the Diocesan Office for Mission on paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk or 07760 965886. www.cursillouk.org



PARISH GIVING

Thank you to everyone who responded positively to our appeal in the spring to move Standing Orders over to the new Parish Bank Account. Thanks especially to those who accepted the invitation to look again at the amount they give. There were some who were very generous in the revised amounts they now give.

If you do not have a standing order in place, it is by far the best way of being able to give to the parish, as it attracts the lowest bank charges. You can set it up by contacting your bank or in online banking. The details of the parish bank account are as follows:

Account Name: Our Lady of Grace Parish

Account Sort Code: 010138

Account Number: 75282135

If you pay personal Income Tax, you can also Gift Aid your donations. Please contact Teresa in the Parish Office. You can also make a donation on your smartphone using this QR code. This can also be done on the parish website.

PARISH REGISTERS

Reception into the Church

Congratulations and welcome to the family of the Catholic Church to Mercy Hudson, who was received into communion with the Church, confirmed and received First Holy Communion on 29th September.

Confirmation

Congratulations to Camille and Crizelle Castillo who were confirmed at St Joseph's on 29th September.

Death

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Bernadette McGough. Requi-

em Mass will be on Friday 25th October at 11.30am at St Joseph's followed by committal at Tunstall cemetery. *Requiescat in Pace*

Parish Office & Parish Priest's Open House

The Parish Office is open at the times advertised on the front of the bulletin.

Open House is when Fr Julian is available to be seen for consultations about baptisms, weddings, or for any other reason. It now takes place on Saturday mornings from 11am to 12noon. There will be no Open House on Saturday 12th October.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

Week beginning 6th October

English Martyrs': Nellie Windle

St Joseph's: John Martin

St Patrick's: Blood family

Week beginning 13th October

English Martyrs': Nellie Windle

St Joseph's: A Howle

St Patrick's: Jean Green

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