

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2024

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST



I'm back from Medjugorje after my first pilgrimage of the month! I set myself to do this month of pilgrimage as a way of remembering my mum and sister who died earlier in the year, and to pray for all sorts of intentions.

I had always had the intention of going to Medjugorje on pilgrimage, but had never got around to it. I had refused a couple of opportunities in the recent past, but this time I was

asked shortly after my mum's passing away, and saw no reason to say no. And so, off I went with a group of 47 pilgrims, a mixture from Latin America and England, with a priest from Mexico for a week. I didn't know what to expect, and I didn't know what to make of the visionaries and all of that side of it, but I had a great pilgrimage.

It is impossible to describe it all, but I can tell you the highlights. Certainly, the experience, as a priest, of hearing so many confessions (in English, Spanish and French in my case) was very satisfying. Climbing the two hills—the hill of apparitions and Cross hill—was exhausting but very emotional. Sunday Mass with a beautiful healing service at the shrine of the Divine Mercy in a nearby village was also

emotional for many in the group. And the experience of being with the others and sharing time together... I was also able to offer Mass for my mum on what would have been her 96th birthday, and felt especially close to her there.

Now I'm back for ten days before going next Saturday evening to complete the Camino to Santiago. It's another strenuous pilgrimage, but another place I feel called to return to. This time with a smaller pilgrim group from our parish. Please pray for us, as we pray for you. While I'm away Fr Kevin Stokes will be looking after you, for Sunday Mass and All Saints' Day. Please have a look at all the things that are going on. I would like to invite you all particularly to the schools' Vocations Mass on 22nd October.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Bl Jakob Kern 1897-1924

Jakob was a young man from Austria. When expecting him, his mother prayed to Our Lady, and in return would ask Jesus to make him a priest. During childhood he was convinced of his vocation to the priesthood. However, on finishing school, he enlisted for the army, and

was made a lieutenant and served in south Austria in the First World War. He maintained his piety, especially Eucharistic Adoration, and asked for a share in the sufferings of Christ. After the army, he went to seminary, and became a priest. After a year he became very sick and died the following year during surgery.

CHURCHES

Biddulph English Martyrs' Church, Church Road, Biddulph, ST8 6NE

Goldenhill St Joseph's Church, High Street, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 5RD

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

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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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Parish Website

www.ourladyofgraceparish.org
The Parish is 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 before Mass St Patrick's Sat before Mass <i>At other times on request</i>	
Saturday 19th			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	Vincent Johnson Stephen Holmes & family
Monday 21st Feria		5.00pm 6.00pm		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Stan Grandfield & Int Barbara Grandfield (Wedding Ann)
Tuesday 22nd St John Paul II	8.55am 9.15am	11.00am	2.15pm	<i>Lauds</i> Holy Mass Holy Mass for Vocations Holy Rosary	Jean Longshaw Benefactors of Johnson Association
Wednesday 23rd Feria <i>Votive of St Joseph</i>		5.45pm 6.00pm		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Special Intention (GH)
Thursday 24th St Anthony Mary Claret	12noon	9.30am		Holy Mass (St John's school) Holy Mass	Fr David Lloyd Eileen Marrow
Friday 25th Feria		8.15am 11.30am		Holy Mass (St Margaret Ward) Requiem Mass	Special Intention Bernadette McGough RIP
Saturday 26th Our Lady			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	Andrea Killeen
Sunday 27th Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	George & Barbara Connell & Karol Grolik Christine Llewelyn
Monday 28th St Simon & St Jude					
Tuesday 29th Feria			2.15pm	Holy Rosary	
Wednesday 30th Feria					
Thursday 31st Feria Vigil of All Saints			6.30pm	Vigil Mass of the Solemnity	Vincent Davis
Friday 1st ALL SAINTS' DAY <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	9.15am	6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass	November List Winifred Maughan
Saturday 2nd All Souls' Day	9.15am	11.00am	5.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	November List Holy Souls People of the Parish
Sunday 3rd Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	John Biggane November List

Holy Souls The month of November is the month of the Holy Souls, when we pray for our dearly departed brethren. Saturday 2nd November is All Souls' Day, dedicated to the prayer for all the faithful departed. There will be additional Masses for the day, as you can see in the list of Masses. We will also be making our annual list of the dead in each church. Please take one (or more) of the forms provided for listing your beloved dead. Please place these in one of the November List envelopes together with an offering—which goes to provide for the daily Masses for the Holy Souls, and other Masses through the year. Then place the envelope in the November List prayer intention box, available from next Sunday. **Note:** Offerings placed in the 'November List' envelope go towards the communal Masses for the dead. If you wish to have a particular Mass said (of which there are fewer available in the month), please use one of the normal Mass offering envelopes.

Solemnity of All Saints This feast day is on Friday 1st November, and it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Everyone should make every effort to be at Mass on this day. The Masses in our parish for the Holy Day are: Thursday 31st at 6.30pm at St Patrick's; Friday 1st at 9.15am at English Martyrs' and at 6.30pm at St Joseph's.

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.

New Lectionaries The new lectionaries for use in our churches from the beginning of Advent have arrived! Thank you to all who contributed to their purchase. Teresa, the Parish Secretary, will be contacting donors to see what inscription they would like in the volume they have donated.

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.

First Friday The First Friday is 1st November, but because of the Holy Day, we will keep the First Friday with devotions to the Sacred Heart on Friday 8th November, as part of our preparation for consecration of the Parish to the Sacred Heart.

Our Lady of Grace Ladies Our Parish Ladies Group are meeting at St Joseph's on Monday, 11th November at St Joseph's Church at 7pm. The

following meeting will be at the same time and place on Monday 2nd December. 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 Thanks to everyone who came to the preparatory meeting of the Parish Forum two weeks ago. We have changed the date of the first meeting of the Forum, as a weekday evening was preferred to a Sunday afternoon as proposed. So the first meeting will be on Monday 18th November at 7.30pm at St Patrick's. We have a basic constitution approved, and this will be uploaded to the parish web page, and available in church.

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 parish groups and sodalities, finance committee members, etc. could attend. The Forum will take place

HOSPITALITY



St Joseph's Welcoming Place meets on Tuesdays from 10am to 12noon in the after school club at St Joseph's Catholic Academy on Mobberley Road. It is an opportunity for anyone from our community to come together for a refreshments and a chat. Please note that it will not be on Tuesday 29th October.

The Welcome Space initiative is now up and running over the autumn and winter at English Martyrs' too. It is on Wednesdays, 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.

at **Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Newcastle on Tuesday 22nd October at 7pm.**

Church Keys If you hold keys to one of our Churches, we need you to complete a Key Holder form. Those we know of should have received a form already. If you haven't please contact Teresa in the parish office. If you hold keys but no longer use them, please return them to Fr Julian or the parish office.

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!

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.

OPPOSE ASSISTED SUICIDE

Unite in prayer and compassionate action to oppose **assisted suicide**

Attempts are being made in parliament to legalise assisted suicide – so-called assisted dying. This would undermine the **sanctity and dignity** of human life.

Act Now!



SCAN ME

Use your smartphone camera to scan the **QR code** to visit the *Right to Life UK* website.

There you will find an easy way to **contact your MP** and ask them to stop assisted suicide being rushed into law.



Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
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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

Death

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Bernadette McGough. Requiem 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 27th October.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

Week beginning 20th October

English Martyrs': Mary Jervis
St Joseph's: O'Grady & Blood family
St Patrick's: John Martin

Week beginning 27th October

English Martyrs': Camino pilgrims
St Joseph's:
St Patrick's:

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 church