

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

## SUNDAY BULLETIN

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2024

### A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST



What a month October has been for me! After a week in Medjugorje, I have had a further week on the Camino, walking 102km to Santiago de Compostela. As you can see from the photograph, we arrived! Unlike the south of Spain, where there have been terrible floods and storms, the north-west of Spain was blessed with beautiful sunshine. For me, personally, these two pilgrimages have been a tremendous way of dealing with the changes to life that I have gone through recently,

with illness, and the death of my mother and sister. It was in their memory, and to pray for myself and for all of our parishioners, and others in need, that I did these two pilgrimages in a spirit of penitence and intercession for healing.

As we begin November, it is time to get back down to the ordinary work of Parish Priest again. One of the joys of this last week was to hear that the Holy Father has written an Encyclical Letter on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, called *Dilexit Nos*. As we have already started our preparation for consecration to the Sacred Heart in the Jubilee Year, it comes as a great impetus, knowing

that such consecration to the Heart of Jesus is what the Pope wants us to focus on as we approach the Jubilee of 2025. And so, I ask you to come and join in the second 'First Friday' (transferred to this coming Friday) and participate in the First Friday devotions (prayer, confession and Holy Communion) on that day. If you missed the first 'First Friday' - start now as the first of your nine First Fridays.

One of the things I have done this summer, is to review what is important that I focus energy on. For the past eight years I have given one day a week to being on call as chaplain at Royal Stoke. I have now stepped back from this responsibility, having waited for Fr Matthew to be appointed as the new official Catholic chaplain. Please pray for him.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK



#### St John Leonardi 1541-1609

Having started by training to be an apothecary, John decided to change course and become a priest instead. Rather than being a pharmacist, he wanted to administer the 'medicine of God'. Always with medicine before his mind, he wrote of finding the right diagnoses and fitting reme-

dies administered by skilled physicians—meaning spiritual cures for spiritual ailments. The first step is to seek God's glory through prayer and patience. John founded a men's religious congregation called the 'Clerics Regular of the Mother of God'. He died while caring for plague victims in 1609. Canonised in 1938.

### 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:

**Biddulph:** Julie Shufflebotham  
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**Packmoor:** Lorraine Connell  
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Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

### Parish Website

[www.ourladyofgraceparish.org](http://www.ourladyofgraceparish.org)  
The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity no. 234216

## LITURGY &amp; 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>	
<b>Saturday 2nd</b>			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 3rd</b> <b>Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	John Biggane November List
<b>Monday 4th</b> St Charles Borromeo		5.45pm 6.00pm		Vespers Holy Mass	November List
<b>Tuesday 5th</b> Feria	8.55am 9.15am		2.15pm	Lauds Holy Mass Holy Rosary	November List
<b>Wednesday 6th</b> Feria		10.00am 5.45pm 6.00pm		Requiem Mass Vespers Holy Mass	Markeeta Price RIP Paddy Maughan & November List
<b>Thursday 7th</b> Feria	12noon	9.30am		Holy Mass (St Joseph's school) Holy Mass	November List Dec of Child family
<b>Friday 8th</b> Feria <i>First Friday (transferred)</i>		8.15am 2.00pm 4.30pm 5.30pm 6.00pm		Holy Mass (St Margaret Ward) Eucharistic Adoration Confessions First Friday Devotions & Vespers Holy Mass	November List Kath Waring
<b>Saturday 9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>		8.30am	5.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	November List John Martin
<b>Sunday 10th</b> <b>Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	10.40am 11.10am		Holy Mass <i>Act of Remembrance at Goldenhill cenotaph</i> Holy Mass	Burton & Aston family People of the Parish & November List
<b>Monday 11th</b> St Martin of Tours		5.45pm 6.00pm		Vespers Holy Mass	November List
<b>Tuesday 12th</b> St Josaphat			2.15pm	Private Mass Holy Rosary	November List
<b>Wednesday 13th</b> Feria				Private Mass	November List
<b>Thursday 14th</b> Feria				Private Mass	November List
<b>Friday 15th</b> St Albert the Great		8.15am 5.00pm 6.00pm		Holy Mass (St Margaret Ward) Adoration & Vespers Holy Mass	November List Michael & Maureen Meaney & family
<b>Saturday 16th</b> Our Lady		8.30am	5.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	November List Sarah Holmes & family
<b>Sunday 17th</b> <b>Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	11.10am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	People of the Parish & November List Michael Joseph Dymnicki

**Remembrance Sunday** Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. It would be good to have representation as usual at Biddulph at 11am. Also our parishioners gather at the crucifix outside St John's at 10.30am. At Goldenhill, we participate with the community at the cenotaph outside St John's CofE before Mass.

**New Lectionaries** We will be blessing the new lectionaries for use in our churches next Sunday. Thanks to all who donated money to buy these beautiful books which will be used each day in Mass.

**Sunday Missals** Those who ordered a Sunday Missal can now pick them up, priced £20. If you wanted one but didn't order, once everyone who ordered one has collected theirs, we will make them available to other people. For those who wanted a daily Missal for every day of the year, these will be available from April 2025.

**Raffle Tickets** We will be having the first Christmas fayre for our new united parish taking place on Saturday 7th December. Throughout November, we are selling raffle tickets at each Saturday and Sunday Mass to prepare for the fayre.

**First Friday** Although this Friday coming is the second Friday of the month, because of the Holy Day last Friday we will keep our First Friday devotion on Friday 8th November. This is the second month of our community First Friday Devotion. You can start now, even if you missed the first month. The programme is:  
2pm Eucharistic Adoration in silence  
4.30pm Confessions  
5.25pm First Friday Devotions, Vespers and Benediction  
6.00pm Holy Mass

**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.

**Deanery Forum** Many thanks to the parishioners who came and supported the Parish by being present for the Deanery Assembly. Fr Julian spoke about the process of becoming one parish, which was well received by those present. It was good to be supported by parishioners from across our parish. It isn't easy to see exactly how this initiative of the Deanery Forum will develop, but it was a positive start.

**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.

**Foodbank Appeal** It's coming up to Christmas and the Foodbank would like to collect Christmas related goodies to make up Festive bags that are extra to the normal allocation food parcels. We need to get items in during November so that we can make the bags up & start to give them out at the beginning of December. We used to make up a dozen hampers but had difficulty deciding who to give them to. We decided to give every visitor a bag of goodies instead. Items such as mince pies, puddings of different sizes, tins or cartons of ready made custard, trifle mixes, Chocolate biscuits & chocolate santas etc. Anything that would be considered a treat would be good. Please bring these items to church any time this month.

## 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.

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 Kidsgrove Town Hall on the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on Tuesday 26th November from **1.30 to 3.30pm** (note change of time). Everyone welcome! £3 to attend.

## ST JOHN'S UPDATE

It is now a year since we ceased the celebration of Mass and the Sacraments at St John's church, ten months since its formal closure as a Catholic church by the Archbishop, and eight months since the Coptic Orthodox Church took over the use of the church and presbytery on a 'lease at will'. The problem was that we were not able to sell the property because the original gift to the Diocese was designated only to be used as a Catholic church, presbytery and school in the trust deed. In order to change this, to allow the property to be sold to the Coptic Church, we had to get a change in the trust deed which had to be approved by the Charity Commissioners. After a long process, the Charity Commissioners have agreed to change the property, so that it is held as every other property in the Diocese. This means that we can now go ahead with the sale of the whole property to the Coptic Orthodox Church. A price has been agreed with them, and the proceeds of the sale of the church and presbytery will come to the Parish.



The North Staffs Walsingham Association

## Walsingham Pilgrimage 2025

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> – Mon 27<sup>th</sup> August  
Bank Holiday weekend

*This is a great opportunity for you, your family and friends to make a special Jubilee Year pilgrimage to Walsingham in the footsteps of kings, saints, and holy people of times gone by to deepen your faith and reliance on our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**The pilgrimage includes** coach travel, 2 nights' dinner, bed & breakfast in Elmham House and one packed lunch.

A programme of liturgical, devotional and social activities will make a special weekend in Walsingham.

**The cost for adults** will not exceed £227 (standard room) or £265 (ensuite room).

**Special offer for pilgrims under 16:** travel, food and accommodation will all be half price!

**For more information/ booking details, contact Mary Shirley asap:**

**07910 605984 or [maryroseshirley@gmail.com](mailto:maryroseshirley@gmail.com)**

**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](mailto:paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk) or 07760 965886. [www.cursillouk.org](http://www.cursillouk.org)



## PARISH GIVING

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.



**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. If you need a Chaplain at the Haywood, please contact Fr George at Tunstall. For other hospitals, care homes or hospices, please ask the staff. If you have any difficulties, contact the Parish Office.

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Death

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Markeeta Price. Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 6th November at 10am at St Joseph's. Committal at Fenton 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 3rd November*

English Martyrs':

St Joseph's: John Martin

St Patrick's: Jean & Don Green

*Week beginning 27th October*

English Martyrs':

St Joseph's: Charlie Wiltshaw

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*