

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



PARISH BULLETIN

TRINITY SUNDAY

SUNDAY 15TH JUNE 2025

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST



We are now at the half-way point in the Jubilee Year which calls us to be Pilgrims of Hope. You will remember that, last October, we began the nine First Fridays, and a few parishioners have made it to the end of the nine! The idea was for that to be a preparation for a Consecration of the Parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart. In the heart of the Jubilee Year, which celebrates another 25 years

since the Incarnation of God-made-Man, Jesus Christ our Lord, we consecrate ourselves, our families and our Parish to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. So I am asking all parishioners to pray the Novena of the Sacred Heart. If you go to the back page of this Bulletin you will find the prayers for each day. On the final day of the Novena—the eve of the Sacred Heart—we will have a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St Joseph's to make the Consecration all together. I really would like to have people together from all across the Parish, and in good numbers, to pray together and consecrate our parish to the Sacred Heart of that evening, Thursday 26th June.

The following day we will have Mass at 5pm, so that I can make it to the Mass

later in the evening at Our Lady & St Werburgh's Clayton for the Golden Jubilee of my good friend Fr Anton Madej SCJ. As a Sacred Heart Father, it is a most appropriate evening to celebrate his jubilee, so please pray for him.

Next week will be our main First Communion Sunday, as well as the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Please pray for the children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this year.

There is one change that I want to make you aware of. I have changed my weekly day off to Monday. As I am expanding the work I am doing in promoting priestly fraternities, that is the day which I will dedicate to that. There will still be evening Mass if I am in Stoke on Monday, but there won't be if I am elsewhere.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Germaine Cousin 1579-1601

Germaine was a French girl who was weak and disabled. When her mother died, her step-mother treated her appallingly and abusively. She worked as a shepherdess, and she was made to sleep in a stable on the floor and was underfed. Instead of turning to resentment or anger, Ger-

maine embraced spiritual humility and practised the presence of God in her solitude. She assisted at Holy Mass each day, regular confession, and loved the Blessed Sacrament and Our Lady. She offered her sufferings and prayers in reparation for the sacrileges of heretics in neighbouring churches. She died at the age of 22.

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 Archdiocesan 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.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) At each church Saturday/Sunday Confessions are available at each church 20 minutes before Mass. St Joseph's Friday 5pm (when there is a 6pm Mass)	
Saturday 14th			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	John Martin
Sunday 15th The Most Holy Trinity	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Julia Biggane Stan Grandfield
Monday 16th Feria					
Tuesday 17th Feria	8.55am 9.15am		2.15pm	Lauds Holy Mass Holy Rosary	Special Intention
Wednesday 18th Dedication of St Chad's Cathedral <i>SH Novena</i>		6.15pm		Holy Mass	Winifred & Paddy Maughan
Thursday 19th Feria <i>SH Novena</i>	12noon			Holy Mass	Dec of Child family
Friday 20th St Alban, First Martyr of England <i>SH Novena</i>	2.00pm	6.15pm		Funeral Service Holy Mass	Sylvia Meehan RIP Int Fiona Keane & family
Saturday 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga <i>SH Novena</i>		8.00am	5.30pm	Holy Mass (in Latin) Holy Mass of the Solemnity	People of the Parish Vincent & Veronica Farrell
Sunday 22nd CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI <i>SH Novena</i>	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Margaret Duffy Paul David Dymnicki
Monday 23rd Feria <i>SH Novena</i>					
Tuesday 24th NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST <i>SH Novena</i>	8.55am 9.15am		2.15pm	Lauds Holy Mass Holy Rosary	Special Intention
Wednesday 25th Feria <i>SH Novena</i>		5.45pm 6.00pm		Vespers Holy Mass	Special Intention (MJ)
Thursday 26th Feria <i>SH Novena</i>		9.30am 2.00pm 6.30pm		Holy Mass (St John's school) Requiem Mass First Vespers & Holy Hour with Consecration to the Sacred Heart	Special Intention Barbara Yates RIP
Friday 27th SACRED HEART OF JESUS <i>No Abstinence</i>		8.15am 5.00pm		Holy Mass (St Margaret Ward) Holy Mass	Special Intention Special Intention (LM)
Saturday 28th Immaculate Heart of Mary		12noon	5.30pm	Holy Mass Vigil Mass of the Solemnity	Int Br Richard Moran (60th Anniversary of Profession) Tony Smith & Janet Clewes
Sunday 29th ST PETER & ST PAUL	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Jean Close Arthur & Sarah Holmes & family

Parish Summer Fayre Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the Summer Fayre a great success. Thanks especially to the Ladies group and to all the volunteers who did all the work of preparation. Thanks to everyone who donated items too, and to everyone who came to Biddulph on Saturday morning. Provisionally, the Fayre made £ which will be supplemented by sales after the event.

Saturday morning Mass From next Saturday, on most Saturdays, Fr Julian will celebrate an extra Mass on Saturday mornings. This Mass will be in Latin (not the old Latin Mass but the new Mass with the prayers in Latin and the readings in English).

Parish Forum The Parish Forum took place on Wednesday evening. The minutes will be circulated next week, and will be appearing on the Parish website once they are typed up. The next Parish Forum meeting will take place at St Patrick's on Tuesday 23rd September at 7pm.

Men's Prayer Circle The next meeting of our Men's circle is on Saturday 21st June, 9am to 10.30am at the presbytery.

Our Lady of Grace Ladies Our Parish Ladies Group are meeting at St Patrick's on Monday 14th July at 7pm.

Care Home Service The next service at Lawton Rise Care Home will be on Wednesday 18th June starting at 11am. Everyone welcome to come and join the residents. Please meet outside in good time.

Biddulph Prayer Breakfast Following the success of last year's prayer breakfast the Town Council, together with Churches Together, are organising a further event this year. The idea is quite simple: breakfast and prayer. We pray for our nation, community and other intentions. It is on Tuesday 24th June, beginning at 7.30am for 8am start. In order to attend, please register by filling in a form and returning it to English Martyrs' or the town hall, or by emailing the team on office@biddulph-

tc.gov.uk. Deadline is Sunday 22nd June for notification.

March for Life There will be a coach from Wolverhampton to the annual March for Life in London on Saturday 6th September leaving from Our Lady's Church, Cannock Rd, at 7.15am. The return fare is £30. Please book early by emailing info@marchforlife.co.uk



Café on the Steps
Biddulph Town Hall
Saturdays in July

5th July 10am-1pm
12th July 10am – 12noon
19th July 10am – 12noon
26th July 10am - 12 noon

Tea, coffee and cakes
All proceeds to charity

Come to His Eucharistic Heart is the name of our Deanery Eucharistic Congress taking place from 10th to 12th July. The programme will begin with a Deanery Jubilee Year Mass celebrated by His Grace, the Archbishop on Thursday 10th July at Sacred Heart Church, Tunstall at 7pm. This will be followed by the opening of the Congress with a talk, a Holy Hour, and all-night Eucharistic Adoration. On Friday there will be a programme for schools in which all the Catholic Schools of North Staffordshire are invited to participate. There will also be Adoration during the day in parishes. On Friday evening, we invite all parishioners to come for the opening of the conference part of the Congress. There will be Mass, a talk, and Eucharistic Healing Service and once again all night Adoration. The Congress continues on Saturday with a full programme of talks, workshops and times of prayer, ending with Mass and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament presided over by Bishop Timothy Menezes. Please sing up to attend!

Visitation of the Pilgrimage Statue of Our Lady of Fatima The worldwide Apostolate of Fatima are organising a pilgrimage with the Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of St Jacinta and St Francisco, the visionaries of Fatima. The statue will be at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, on Saturday 28th June from 10am to 5pm.

WeBelieve Festival 25th-28th July is a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynote talks, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now online on the website www.webelievefestival.com

HOSPITALITY



St Joseph's Welcoming Place meets on Tuesdays from 10am to 12noon at St Joseph's Academy (in the after school club building). Come and have a cuppa and a chat! Everyone welcome!

The Young at Heart Club, for senior citizens, is at Kidsgrove Town Hall on the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on Tuesday 24th June from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Everyone welcome! £3 to attend.

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 (Fr Matthew). 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.

SACRED HEART NOVENA

Join in praying this Novena for your own intentions and for our Parish in preparation for the Consecration on the feast day in this Jubilee Year.



In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, ask and it will be given you, seek and you will find, knock and it will be opened to you."

Behold, I knock, I seek and ask for the grace of [mention your request here].

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Glory Be...

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, if you ask anything of the Father in my name, he will give it to you."

Behold, in your name, I ask the Fa-

ther for the grace of [mention your request here].

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Glory Be...

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O my Jesus, you have said: "Truly I say to you, heaven and earth will pass away but my words will not pass away."

Encouraged by your infallible words, I now ask for the grace of [mention your request here].

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Glory Be...

Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, for whom it is impossible not to have compassion on the afflicted, have pity on us sinners and grant us the grace which we ask of you, through the Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, your tender Mother and ours.

Hail, Holy Queen...

St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

And also for the soul of Sylvia Meehan. Funeral Service will be celebrated at English Martyrs' Church on Friday 20th June at 2pm, followed by burial at Biddulph cemetery.

Requiescant in Pace

Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

Week beginning 15th June

St Joseph's: Winifred & Paddy Maughan

St Patrick's: 60th Wedding Anniversary (M&B)

English Martyrs': Pauline Lovett

Week beginning 22nd June

St Joseph's: Brenda Chadwick

St Patrick's: John Martin

English Martyrs':

You can dedicate a sanctuary lamp for a week for a minimum donation of £5

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGES

Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford For those who can't make it to Lourdes, you are invited to come to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, on Sunday 6th July, from 1pm to 5.30pm. Celebrant: Bishop Timothy Menzies.

Harvington Hall Pilgrimage The annual pilgrimage to Harvington Hall in honour of the English Martyrs' will take place on Sunday 7th September. More details later.

Pilgrims of Hope Walking Pilgrimage

There is going to be a national walking pilgrimage following four different ways and converging at St Barnabas' Cathedral, Nottingham on 13th September 2025. For more details about the routes, and to take part: <https://www.pilgrimways.org.uk/national-pilgrims-of-hope-walking-pilgrimage>

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

Baptism

Welcome to the family of the Church to Amelia Irena Olszak, baptized at St Joseph's Church on Saturday 7th June.

First Holy Communions

Congratulations to Hollie Hope, Ezimai Kelsall, Elsie Meakin and Lisa Quinn who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday 8th June at St Joseph's Church.

Deaths

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Barbara Yates. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church on Thursday 26th June at 2pm, followed by committal at Bradwell Crematorium.

Parish Office & Parish Priest's Open House

The Parish Office is open at the normal times of opening (see front page) with the exception of Bank Holidays. It is recommended to phone before coming in person.

Open House is when Fr Julian is available to be seen for consultations about baptisms, weddings, or for any other reason. It takes place on Saturday mornings from 11am to 12noon. There will be no Open House on Saturday 14th June.