

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



PARISH BULLETIN

SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER & ST PAUL

SUNDAY 29TH JUNE 2025

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

It has been a real week of celebrations. Last Sunday, we celebrated the First Holy Communion of 19 children for the parish at two separate Masses. They join the four who already received the Sacrament at Pentecost. On Friday, I was present in my home parish of Our Lady & St Werburgh in Clayton for the golden jubilee of priesthood of Fr Anton Madej SCJ. It was quite a party that the parish organised for him! And then today, Saturday, we have celebrated a Mass for Br Richard Moran SCJ (different Sacred Heart Fathers) here in is home parish, at St Joseph's. These celebrations are a beautiful part of life, and so we rejoice in those who are making their way along the pathway of the life of faith, whether nearer the beginning or some way

down that path.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul, princes of the apostles, and patron saints of the Roman Church. We pray today for our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV, who does not seem to have stopped working at a real pace since he was elected Pope last month. We are blessed to have him as our Holy Father. This week, he met in turn with Bishops, Seminarians and Priests as part of the Jubilee celebrations. The scenes look to be filled with joy, and the words of the Holy Father full of wisdom and faith.

Today, I am travelling down to London after the 9am Mass for the 'sending forth' of Edith, our first Prayer & Life Workshop guide in Norway. Edith was my secretary when I was University Chaplain, and now lives with her

family in Bergen. From there I am travelling on Monday to be with the Old Boys of the English College Valladolid for our annual reunion and AGM. As it is a Jubilee Year, we decided to return to Valladolid this year. A trip to the College is in itself a pilgrimage, with Our Lady Vulnerata and our Martyr saints. We will also make a pilgrimage to Segovia to the shrine of St John of the Cross. As I am secretary of the Association, I'll be trying to herd a Cardinal, two Bishops and the thirty or so priests attending.

The Eucharistic Congress for the Deanery is fast approaching. Please come and take part in at least a part of the Congress. You can see the full programme on page 4. We need stewards, so please volunteer, by giving your name to our parish stewards or to me.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Bl Yakym Senkivskyi
1896-1941

Bl Yakym was born in a village in West Ukraine. He went to study in Lviv and was ordained a Ukrainian Catholic priest at the age of 25. He studied for a doctorate in theology in Innsbruck before returning to Ukraine, where he felt the call to monastic life in the Order of St Basil. In

the monastery he had an apostolate to young people and children as well as organising pious societies dedicated to Our Lady and the Blessed Sacrament. He was elected abbot. In 1941, the Soviet secret police arrested him and he was tortured and boiled to death. He was beatified as a martyr by Pope St John Paul II.

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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Packmoor: Lorraine Connell
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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 28th Vigil of Ss Peter & Paul			5.30pm	Vigil Mass of the Solemnity	Tony Smith & Janet Clewes
Sunday 29th ST PETER & ST PAUL	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Jean Close Arthur & Sarah Holmes & family
Monday 30th First Martyrs of Rome					
Tuesday 1st Feria			2.15pm	Holy Rosary	
Wednesday 2nd Feria					
Thursday 3rd St Thomas, Apostle					
Friday 4th Feria <i>First Friday</i>					
Saturday 5th Our Lady			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	Kath & Brian Wakefield
Sunday 6th Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Barbara & George Connell & Karol Grolik Paddy Maughan
Monday 7th Feria		5.45pm 6.00pm		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Tuesday 8th Feria	8.55am 9.15am 1.00pm	10.30am	2.15pm	<i>Lauds</i> Holy Mass Requiem Mass Funeral Service Holy Rosary	Thanksgiving (KT) Philip Morrey RIP Marie Claire Kasperowicz RIP
Wednesday 9th St Augustine Zhao & comps		5.45pm 6.00pm		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Bernard Cunningham
Thursday 10th Feria				North Staffs Eucharistic Congress begins 7pm Deanery Station Mass at Sacred Heart Tunstall	Holy Souls
Friday 11th St Benedict, Co-Patron of Europe	9am to 5pm	9.30am to 4pm 12.30pm		Eucharistic Adoration in our churches Mass of St Margaret Ward (in St Margaret Ward Academy) 6.30pm Congress Mass at Sacred Heart Tunstall	People of the Parish Holy Souls
Saturday 12th Our Lady				Eucharistic Congress at SMW 4.00pm Eucharistic Procession from SMW to Sacred Heart 5.30pm Mass in Sacred Heart	People of the Parish
Sunday 13th Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Michael Cullen (30th Ann) John Martin

Men's Prayer Circle The next meeting of our Men's circle is on Saturday 19th July, 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 Care Home services are taking a break over the summer.

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

Foundation Governors Our schools are looking for volunteers who will give up their time and energy to help our schools in their mission to children and parents. The role of a foundation governor is rewarding and engaging. You have to be a practising Catholic in good standing with the Church. If you would like to be considered as a foundation governor, please speak to Fr Julian or email him.

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

Holidays If you are going away, please remember that the Catholic church is virtually everywhere, and it's great to visit another church community for Sunday Mass. If you need help finding Mass, contact Fr Julian.



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

OUR LADY OF GRACE PARISH CHINESE BUFFET EVENING

As a Parish get together, to bring people together from across the different communities of the Parish, you are invited to a Chinese Buffet Evening.

Takes place at Buffet Fever, Tunstall on Wednesday 16th July at 6.15pm.

All you can eat for only £13 a head.
Tickets available at our churches.

There will be a Raffle and envelope cash prizes.

Also...Save the date!

We will have a Parish quiz night at Knypersley cricket club on Friday 19th September at 7pm, with a bar and light refreshments. More details nearer the day!

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

O God, shepherd and ruler of all the faithful, look favourably on your servant Leo, whom you have set at the head of your Church as her shepherd; grant, we pray, that by word and example he may be of service to those over whom he presides so that, together with the flock entrusted to his care, he may come to everlasting life.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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!

The Young at Heart Club, for senior citizens, is at Kidsgrove Town Hall on the last Tuesday of the month. This month there is no normal meeting but the group are holding a Fayre at the Town Hall on 29th July from 1.30 to 3.30pm. All welcome. Entrance free.

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.

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 until our Saturday 19th July.

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DEANERY EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

It's coming very soon! The North Staffs Deanery Eucharistic Congress "Come to his Eucharistic Heart" is taking place from Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th July. We invited everyone to be a part of it. Here is the Programme:

Thursday 10th July—We begin with a Deanery Mass for the Jubilee Year at Sacred Heart Tunstall at 7pm. His Grace the Archbishop will celebrate the Mass and every parish and school of N Staffs will be represented. It will also be a chance to celebrate the centenary of the City of Stoke-on-Trent.

After Mass and a short pause, Fr Julian Green will give a talk on the main theme of the Congress, the Eucharistic Heart of Christ, and there will be a Holy Hour. Afterward there will be all-night Eucharistic Adoration in Sacred Heart crypt.

Friday 11th July—During the school day, all the schools of N Staffs will follow a programme about the theme of the Congress. While the children and young people are doing this, you are invited to come to our churches for Eucharistic Adoration.

In the evening at 6.30pm, there will be Mass at Sacred Heart Tunstall for the Deanery, and the theme is Healing, Reconciliation and Reparation. The Mass will be followed by a talk on healing by Ros Powell, and a Eucharistic Healing Service. Once again there will be Adoration all night in the crypt at Sacred Heart.

Saturday 12th July—You are invited to come to St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy for a day of talks, prayer and celebration. There's something for everyone! The day begins at 9am with prayer, and then there will be talks by Fr Jan Nowotnik and Sr Hyacinthe Defos du Rau OP. Either side of lunch we will have workshops and small group talks where you can try a taster of Prayer & Life Workshops, Cursillo, Alpha, or hear about the Eucharist in Carmelite spirituality, the Eucharist in the Scriptures, how to engage better with Mass, and much more!

At 4pm we will have a Eucharistic Procession from St Margaret Ward to Sacred Heart Church, through Tunstall Park. We need this to be an impressive show of our faith in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. The Procession will be led by Bishop Timothy Menezes. There will be Benediction in Sacred Heart followed by the final Mass of the Congress.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

Welcome to the family of the Church to Harlow Thompson who is to be baptized at St Joseph's Church on Sunday 29th June.

First Holy Communions

Congratulations to the children who received First Holy Communion at English Martyrs' Church on Sunday 22nd June:

Sophie Aaron, Madison Adams, Lukasz Chmielewski, Penny Kinder-Rigby, Sebastian Loraso, Zachary Moran, Jessica Ryder, Sophie Simcock, Rosalie Summers.

And also to the children who received First Holy Communion at St Joseph's Church on Sunday 22nd June:

Brooklyn Barnett, Elvis Benez, Darcy Crofts, Charlie Dicker, Braxton Eyre, Amelie Howe, Teddy Hurst, Alexander Kasibante, Lucy Lancett, Lily Nyugen-Pham

Deaths

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Philip Morrey. Requiem Mass will be at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 8th July at 10.30am followed by committal at Bradwell.

And also for the soul of Marie Claire Kasperowicz. Funeral Service will be at English Martyrs' Church on Tuesday 8th July at 1pm followed by burial at Woodhouse Lane Burial ground.

And for Ann Williams. Funeral at Carmountside on 9th July at 1.45pm.

Requiescant in Pace

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.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

Week beginning 29th June

St Joseph's: Darby family

St Patrick's: Blood & Welsh families

English Martyrs':

Week beginning 6th July

St Joseph's: John Martin

St Patrick's: Winifred & Paddy Maughan

English Martyrs':

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