

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



PARISH BULLETIN

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2025

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Remembrance Sunday, combined with our November devotions praying for the Holy Souls, is a very poignant time for remembering departed loved ones. It's good that, as a parish, we participate fully in the acts of remembrance around the parish. Parishioners from Kidsgrove and Biddulph always turn out in good numbers at the memorial outside St John's and the cenotaph in Biddulph. As always, I was able to take part and help to lead the act of remembrance in Goldenhill at the war memorial together with Rev John Stather, the Vicar of Tunstall and Goldenhill, before we processed to St Joseph's for the Requiem Mass for the dead of the wars.

I have always taken an interest in family history, and it so happened that I

was able to find—finally—a photograph of my Great Grandfather's entry on the war memorial in Basra in Iraq, where he died during the First World War as a member of the North Staffs Regiment. Remembrance becomes much more poignant when it is so connected personally to one's family history.

As you will see from the weekly timetable, I will be away next week, from Monday to Friday, as I am leading a pilgrimage for priests to Ars and Paray-le-Monial. It has been one of the great things which has come about as a member of the Society of St John Vianney that I have developed a little ministry to other priests. There will be a group of 29 of us, priests from various Dioceses of England and Scotland. I will be leading the pilgrimage and giving the talks for

the retreat part of the week. I know that the spiritual renewal that can come from such a time with brother priests can be a great strength for priests. Please pray for our group of priests as we always need the support of your prayers!

Thank you for the way you all responded to the particular appeal I made this year for the Johnson Association, which supports our sick and retired priests. This week will be very sad as we say farewell to Fr Simon Hall, with his Reception and Funeral Masses in the midweek. Please pray for him and for his family particularly.

As we approach Advent, I would urge you to make a special effort this year to keep a good and holy Advent. The Walk with Me materials are available this week. Please take them!

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Lawrence O'Toole 1125-1180

St Lawrence was Archbishop of Dublin at the time of the Norman invasion of England. The son of a king of Leinster, he was imprisoned in harsh conditions aged 10. This brought about a desire to be a monk, and he entered the monastery at Glendalough, where he became Abbot

eventually. As abbot he sought to bring the Irish abbey in line with continental religious houses, and brought about a spiritual renewal. He invited the Augustinians to help with this, and even more so when he became Archbishop aged only 32. He built many churches, and was key to negotiating with the Normans in England.

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); after Saturday morning Mass	
Saturday 15th			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	Bob Watts
Sunday 16th Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	November List Michael Joseph Dymnicki
Monday 17th St Elizabeth of Hungary				<i>Private Mass</i>	November List
Tuesday 18th Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul	8.55am 9.15am		2.15pm	<i>Lauds</i> Holy Mass Holy Rosary	November List
Wednesday 19th Feria		9.15am 9.30am		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass (Daily Requiem)	November List
Thursday 20th Feria		9.30am		Liturgy of the Word (St John's school) <i>Private Mass</i>	November List
Friday 21st Presentation of Our Lady		5.00pm 6.00pm		<i>Adoration & Vespers</i> Holy Mass	November List
Saturday 22nd St Cecilia		8.15am	5.30pm	Holy Mass (in Latin) Holy Mass of the Solemnity	November List Ken Boulton
Sunday 23rd SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	November List Christine Llewelyn
Monday 24th St Andrew Dung Lac & Companions				<i>Private Mass</i>	November List
Tuesday 25th St Catherine of Alexandria			2.15pm	Holy Rosary <i>Private Mass</i>	November List
Wednesday 26th Feria			7.00pm	<i>Private Mass</i> Holy Rosary	November List
Thursday 27th Feria				<i>Private Mass</i>	November List
Friday 28th Feria				<i>Private Mass</i>	November List
Saturday 29th Our Lady		8.15am	5.30pm	Holy Mass (in Latin) Holy Mass of Sunday	November List Special Int (LM)
Sunday 30th First Sunday of Advent	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	November List John & Mary Leese

Wherever a Mass is marked as "in Latin" in our parish, it does not mean the traditional Latin Mass (the Old Rite), but rather the current rite of Mass (New Rite) with the prayers of the Mass in Latin and the Readings in English.

Christmas Fayre Our parish Christmas fayre will be on Saturday 6th December from 11am to 1pm. It takes place at St Joseph's Academy school hall, Mobberley Road, Goldenhill. We need your help! We need some volunteers to help with refreshments in the kitchen, and any other help is gratefully received. We are also collecting saleable items. We are focussing on individual types of items for each of the weekends before the Fayre: 15th/16th November Hamper items (see list in each church); 22nd/23rd November Soft toys and Christmas crafts; 29th/30th November Bric-a-brac; 6th December Cakes and home baking. Thank you for your help.

Fr Simon Hall Funeral As you know, Fr Simon Hall, Parish Priest of St Teresa's Trent Vale, died recently aged 48. He was well known and well loved. His funeral arrangements are now known. There will be very many priests and people attending both the Reception and the Funeral Mass, which take place this Wednesday 19th November at 6pm at St Teresa's and on Thursday 20th November at 12noon at Holy Trinity Newcastle respectively. Fr Julian advises you not to attend in person unless you had a close connection to Fr Simon and to leave space at the Masses for his family, parishioners, past parishioners and personal friends. You can watch the two events on livestream. For the Reception Mass on Wednesday go to <https://tinyurl.com/FrSimonReception> and for the Requiem Mass on Thursday go to <https://tinyurl.com/FrSimonFuneral>

November Month of the Holy Souls The November list of the Holy Souls is now open for names to be added. Please write the names of your beloved dead on the form and place in the envelope together with a donation. The donations are collected together to fund the celebration of a daily Mass in November for those included in the list, and for Masses throughout the year. Those on the November list are prayed for at the end of every Mass in November.

Please get your list in early, so that the souls can benefit from the prayers throughout the whole month.

Biddulph Foodbank We are collecting together Christmas goodies to put together parcels of Christmas extras for those who come to the Foodbank. We need mince pies, puddings, tinned/packet custards, biscuits, cakes, and Christmas themed chocolate. Please bring such items in good time—preferably next week—to any of our churches, and they will be passed on to the Foodbank. Thanks for your support through the year.

Sacramental Preparation The preparation for the sacrament of Reconciliation for all children who have not yet received the Sacrament is beginning this week. It is for children in Year 3 and above. Please see Fr Julian urgently if you have a child who is ready to attend.

Our Lady of Grace Ladies Our Parish Ladies Group are meeting at on Monday 1st December at 7pm at St Joseph's Goldenhill.

Men's Prayer Circle The next meeting of our Men's prayer circle is on Saturday 22nd November, 9am to 10.30am at the presbytery.

Monthly Care Home Service The next monthly service at Lawton Rise will be on Wednesday 19th November at 11am. Once again we invite parishioners to come and take part. Please arrive in good time.

PLW Prayer Circle We have a new prayer circle for all those who have participated in a Prayer & Life Workshop. It is an hour similar to one of the workshops, with prayers, sharing, Gospel and practising one of the prayer methods used in the workshops. The next meeting is on Tuesday 18th November at 7pm in the meeting room at St Joseph's.

Biddulph Lights Switch On On Saturday 30th November, Christians Together in ST8 (Biddulph Churches Together) are singing Christmas carols at the switching on of the Christmas lights in Biddulph Town Centre from 6pm to 7.30pm. Please go and

HOSPITALITY



St Joseph's Welcoming Space meets on Tuesdays from 10am to 12noon at St Joseph's Academy (in the after school club building).

The Young at Heart Club, for senior citizens, is at Kidsgrove Town Hall on the last Tuesday of the month. Tuesday 25th November from 1.30 to 3.30pm. All welcome. Entrance £3.

English Martyrs' Welcoming Space is on again on Wednesdays during the autumn and winter. It takes place from 11am to 2pm in the meeting room at church. Light refreshments and lunches available. Make it a date!

support them if you are able. Although our church does not have one of the allocated slots for singing, we can support this effort to make the Christian churches visible in the town.

Hospital Carols The chaplains at Royal Stoke are inviting people from churches in North Staffs to come and sing carols at the annual event which takes place in the hospital. This takes place on Tuesday 9th December starting in the Chapel near the Lyme building at 5.30pm, before going around the wards. Come and spread some Christmas joy around the hospital! If you are willing and able to participate, please contact the chaplains' office on 01782 676400 or email Rev Leo on Leo.Varquez@uhn.nhs.uk



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 for the parish. 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

CHRISTMAS MASSES

So you can begin to plan your Christmas celebrations, these are the Mass times in our churches for Christmas:

Christmas Eve

4.30pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's

6.30pm Vigil Mass at English Martyrs'

Christmas Day

12midnight Midnight Mass (in Latin) at St Joseph's

9am Dawn Mass at St Patrick's

11am Day Mass at St Joseph's

Second Collections Thanks for your generosity in our weekly collections. The amount raised for the various charities and agencies during the last two months were: Catholic Evangelization £209.05; Fr Hudson's £328.60; Missio World Missions £278.10; CAFOD £644.75 and the Johnson Association (Sick & Retired Priests) £1065.

Online Lecture on Newman To celebrate St John Henry Newman being made a Doctor of the Church, St Mary's University Twickenham are organising an online lecture on Wednesday 19th November, 6pm to 7.30pm on Newman and the Liturgy by Rev Dr Michael Lang Cong Orat. The link for the Teams meeting to join is <https://tinyurl.com/NewmanLecturelink>

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Welcome to the family of the Church to Ada Rose Rushton, baptized at English Martyrs' on Saturday 8th November.

And also to Jeremy Madalisto Kalenga, to be baptized today at St Joseph's.

Deaths

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Robert Bennison. Funeral service will take place on Friday 5th December at 10.45pm followed by committal at Bradwell crematorium.

Requiescat in Pace

The Parish of Our Lady of Grace,
Kidsgrove, Biddulph and Goldenhill

Christmas Fayre Saturday 6th December 11am- 1pm



At St. Joseph's,
Catholic Academy
Mobberley Rd, Goldenhill, ST6 5RN

**Free Admission,
Many Quality Stalls,
Santa, Choir, Raffle and
Refreshments**

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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 pastoral reason. It takes place on Saturday mornings from 11am to 12noon. There will be no Open House on 22nd November, but there will be Open House on 29th November.

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.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

Week beginning 16th November

St Joseph's: Holy Souls

St Patrick's:

English Martyrs: Mary Jervis

Week beginning 23rd November

St Joseph's:

St Patrick's: John Martin

English Martyrs:

You can dedicate a sanctuary lamp for a week for a minimum donation of £7