

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

## PARISH BULLETIN

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

SUNDAY 7TH JUNE 2026

### A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST



Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ in the Eucharist, the feast of Corpus Christi. Today we have the joy, as we will also have next week, of celebrating the First Holy Communion of the children from the parish who have prepared to receive the Sacrament. Please pray for them and for their families, that this will be a moment full of meaning, and the beginning of a life of devotion to

the Blessed Sacrament, especially in the celebration of the Holy Mass.

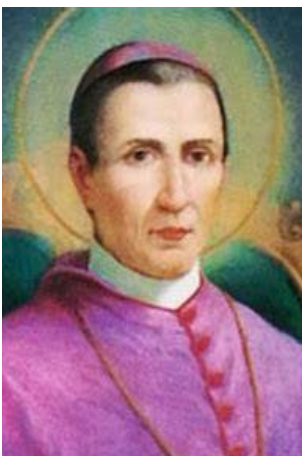
The Solemnity is a great moment to look at the place of the Blessed Sacrament in our lives. Every time we come to Mass, our Lord comes to us in the form of bread and wine. The fact that this happens almost every day in our parish means that it is readily available to us. The problem is that familiarity can breed contempt, or at least taking the Presence for granted. I have written about a few ways in which we can question ourselves about our outward devotion to the Blessed Sacrament which you can read on the back page of the bulletin.

In addition to our outward devotion, an inner devotion to the Blessed Sacrament is made more possible if we come to Church

not only on Sunday but on other days too. I wrote in the last bulletin about the possibility of coming to weekday Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. I feel that my words brought about **fewer** people coming than normal. So, my appeal again is to come and develop a deeper sense of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist through choosing to come to an extra Mass in the week, and to making a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Next week, I will be going with a small group to walk one of the routes of the Camino of Santiago. If you have any prayer intention for the pilgrimage please let me have them. And please keep us in your prayers that our strength does not fail on the way! Do try to come and support our Parish Fayre next Saturday too!

### SAINT OF THE WEEK



**St Antonio Maria  
Gianelli  
1789-1846**

Standing out from among the other boys of the village, Antonio Maria was supported in his training for priesthood by the local landowner. He was ordained priest aged 23, already a noted preacher. He was immediately assigned to parish and school work

joining a missionary group of priests in the suburbs of Genoa. He founded two male and one female religious orders. He was appointed Bishop of Bobbio and spent a large amount of time visiting parishes, preaching missions and in the confessional. St John Paul II said he had a burning desire to belong to Christ and to bring others.

### 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:

**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

Sunday Readings Year A Weekday Readings Year II	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Packmoor	<b>Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions)</b> At each church Saturday/Sunday 20 minutes before each Saturday evening/Sunday Mass. <b>St Joseph's:</b> Friday 5pm	
<b>Saturday 6th</b>			5.30pm	Holy Mass of the Solemnity	Winifred & Paddy Maughan
<b>Sunday 7th</b> <b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int Liam Flatley & family Michael Higgins
<b>Monday 8th</b> Feria		5.00pm 6.00pm		<i>Adoration &amp; Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Special Intention (LM)
<b>Tuesday 9th</b> Feria	8.55am 9.15am		2.15pm	<i>Lauds</i> Holy Mass Holy Rosary	Gabrielle Child
<b>Wednesday 10th</b> Feria	7.00pm	5.00pm 6.00pm		<i>Adoration &amp; Vespers</i> Holy Mass Holy Rosary	Stan Grandfield
<b>Thursday 11th</b> St Barnabas	11.15am 12noon	9.30am		Holy Mass (St John's school) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Holy Mass	Special Intention Dec of Child family
<b>Friday 12th</b> <b>SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>		8.15am 5.00pm 6.00pm		Holy Mass (St Margaret Ward) <i>Adoration &amp; Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Will Simpson In Patrick Michael & family
<b>Saturday 13th</b> Immaculate Heart of Mary		8.15am	5.30pm	Holy Mass (in Latin) Holy Mass of Sunday	Int Elizabeth Kirk John Martin
<b>Sunday 14th</b> <b>Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	11.00am 12.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Daniel O'Sullivan People of the Parish Br Richard's 90th Birthday
<b>Monday 15th</b> Feria					
<b>Tuesday 16th</b> Feria			2.15pm	Holy Rosary	
<b>Wednesday 17th</b> Feria	7.00pm			Holy Rosary	
<b>Thursday 18th</b> <b>Dedication of Cathedral</b>					
<b>Friday 19th</b> Feria					
<b>Saturday 20th</b> Our Lady			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	Paddy & Winifred Maughan
<b>Sunday 21st</b> <b>Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	E J & M Flatley & K & D Pooley Paul David Dymnicki
<b>Monday 22nd</b> <b>Sts John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</b>					
<b>Tuesday 23rd</b> Feria	8.55am 9.15am		2.15pm	<i>Lauds</i> Holy Mass Holy Rosary	Special Intention
<b>Wednesday 24th</b> <b>ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>				<i>Day Pilgrimage to Chester</i>	

<b>Thursday 25th</b> Feria	11.15am 12noon	9.30am		Holy Mass (St John's school) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Holy Mass	Dec of Hedgecox family  Holy Innocents
<b>Friday 26th</b> Feria		8.15am 9.30am		Holy Mass (St Margaret Ward) Holy Mass	ME Connolly Int Jeanette Bruce
<b>Saturday 27th</b> Our Lady		8.15am	5.30pm	Holy Mass (in Latin) Holy Mass of Solemnity	People of the Parish Fionn Hussey
<b>Sunday 28th</b> <b>ST PETER &amp; ST PAUL</b>	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Kate & Mike Moriarty Mark & Teresa Foden

**Our Lady of Grace Ladies** Our Parish Ladies' Group are meeting at on Monday 8th June at 7pm at English Martyrs' Church to prepare for the fayre.

**Summer Fayre** Our Summer Fayre will take place at English Martyrs' church on Saturday 13th June from 10am to 12noon. Draw tickets available this week to buy and sell. If you wish to contribute to the cash prize or gift voucher cost please see Fr Julian. **Please bring cakes and baked goods on the day which can be sold at the fayre.** Thank you.

**Men's Prayer Circle** The next meeting of our Men's prayer circle is on Saturday 27th June, 9am to 10.30am at the presbytery.

**Fr Julian's 30th Anniversary Mass** On Saturday 11th July, we will have a parish celebration to mark Fr Julian's 30th Anniversary of Ordination. Because COVID curtailed his 25th celebrations, this is an opportunity to get together with parishioners and celebrate. The Mass will be at 12noon, with the North Staffs Filipino choir singing, and Bishop Menezes preaching. Afterwards we will bring and share food and a hog roast at St Joseph's Academy. Make it a date!

**Human Love and Divine Love** of the Heart of Jesus, from Pope Francis' *Dilixit Nos* to Pope Leo on 'Love of the Poor' is the theme of a talk to be given by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp in the Catherine Room at Our Lady & St Peter's Church, Stoke on Friday 19th June at 7pm. Tea and coffee available. All welcome.

**Pilgrimage to Hednesford** The Diocesan pilgrimage to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Hednesford is on Sunday 5th July 2026 Refreshments available from 1pm. From 2.15 to 3.45pm there will be Confessions with the Rosary at 3pm. At 4pm the Holy Mass will be celebrated with the Sacrament of the Sick (Celebrant: Bishop David Evans). Please bring your own folding chair! There will be a coach leaving from St Mary's, Norton at 12 noon. To book contact Chris Schofield 07958 044099, cost £15.

**We Believe Festival** The festival is running again this year at Oscott College, Birmingham from 24th to 27th July. A Catholic festival to learn, deepen, and celebrate the Faith together. Tickets are on sale now. See [www.webeliefestival.com](http://www.webeliefestival.com) for more details and bookings.

**Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference** This year's conference will take place from Monday 10th to Friday 14th August at St John's Hotel, Solihull. The theme for the Conference is "Return, Receive, Rejoice". Five days of worship, teaching, healing and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Speakers include Deacon Larry and Andi Oney, Terry Quinn and Ros Powell. Bishop Timothy Menezes celebrates the opening Mass and Fr Eamonn Corduff leads the Healing Service and closing Mass. For more information and bookings go to <https://www.bccrc.org.uk/>

**KYT Summer Camp at Alton** Again this year the Summer Camp is taking place for young people aged 12 to 18 with participants from across the country. It is a week of

## HOSPITALITY



St Joseph's Welcoming Space is back in operation on Tuesday mornings. Come and join the friendship and have a cuppa and a chat! At St Joseph's Academy (in the after school club) on Mobblerley Road, 10am to 12noon.

The Young at Heart Club, for senior citizens, is at Kidsgrove Town Hall on the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 30th June from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. All welcome. Entry £3.

exciting activities at Alton Castle and beyond, with times of Adoration, prayer and Mass for young Catholics to explore the Faith in greater depth and to connect together. It is from 16th to 20th August. For more information and booking please go to [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp-2026.html](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp-2026.html) Parish funding may be available to help costs. Please ask Fr Julian.



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

## HONOURING THE EUCHARIST

When we enter the Church and go to our seat, or when we pass in front of the altar where the tabernacle is, do we remember to acknowledge the Real Presence by genuflecting? It is so easy to forget or to turn it into a mere nod of the head.

When we come to Holy Communion, are we actually in a state of grace to receive the Lord? We should ensure that we are separated from sins by frequent confession, to be prepared for Holy Communion. Those who are in marriages not recognised by the Church or living together with a partner outside of marriage, should refrain from Holy Communion until their situation is resolved.

Before receiving Holy Communion, we should genuflect, or at least make a profound bow. If we receive in the hand, we receive the host in the left hand and then pick it up and consume it using our right hand. The traditional reception on the tongue removes the possibility of dropping the host and shows that this is something very sacred.

We must never carry the host away in our hand, but receive in full sight of the priest.

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptism

Welcome to the family of the Church to Aofie Ann-Marie Flatley, baptized at English Martyrs on Saturday 6th June.

And also to Maria Montero Redo, to be baptized at St Joseph's on Sunday 7th June.

### First Holy Communions

Congratulations to Louie Conway who receives First Holy Communion on Saturday 6th June at St Patrick's.

And to those who are receiving First Holy Communion on Sunday 7th June at St Joseph's: Olaf Alaj, George Bourne, Olivia Cope, Anvitha George, Eva Hamilton, Maciej Jezierski, Jeremy Kalenga, Roman Platt and Filip Prokopiuk.

And to those who are receiving First Holy Communion on Sunday 14th June at English Martyrs: Nivisha Ariyakumar, Evie Copeland, Nathan Dodds, Isla Gill, Leo Gill, Milenna Stanway, Harry Venables.

And to those who are receiving First Holy Communion on Sunday 14th June at St Joseph's: Grace Cartledge, Sofia Cartledge, Gracie Dicker, Francesca Franklin, Fletcher Slade, Thiviya Thevakanna and Aven Vinotharan.

**Hospital ministry** 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). **Please note that Teresa, the Parish Secretary, no longer works on Fridays.** It is recommended to phone before coming in person.

**Open House** is when Fr Julian is available to be seen about baptisms, weddings, or for any other pastoral reason. It takes place on Saturday mornings from 11am to 12noon. The next Open House is on 27th June.

### Mass Intentions & Offerings

We get a lot of requests for Masses to be celebrated for people's intentions

in our parish. Please realise that Masses, especially for Sundays, get booked up well in advance. If you want a specific date, please request the Mass three months in advance. Please expect that any general requests for Sunday Masses will join a queue and can sometimes take a number of weeks before they are allocated. Mass bookings are strictly on a first come, first served basis. For reference there is no availability for Sunday Mass intentions until: St Patrick's—end of August; English Martyrs—end of July; St Joseph's—middle of August.

### Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

#### *Week beginning 7th June*

St Joseph's: Winifred & Paddy Maughan

St Patrick's: John Martin

English Martyrs:

#### *Week beginning 14th June*

St Joseph's: First Communicants

St Patrick's: Mary Jervis

English Martyrs: First Communicants

*To dedicate a lamp, minimum donation is £7. Please place the offering in an envelope (NOT a Mass offering envelope) and write the intention, preferred date and preferred church on the envelope. It can be deposited in the collection bag.*

## JUBILEE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

### DAY PILGRIMAGE TO CHESTER

You are invited to come on a day pilgrimage in honour of St Francis to Chester on Wednesday 24th June 2006 organised by the North Staffs Walsingham Association. We leave St Joseph's Goldenhill at 9am. The pilgrimage includes:

Visit to Chester Cathedral, including the site of the shrine of St Werburgh

Mass at St Francis' Church at midday

Talk with Brother Loarne Ferguson OFMCap on St Francis' devotion to Our Lady

Additional visit for afternoon tea on the way home

The cost is £15 per person. Please book promptly. You can give your name to Fr Julian or alternatively contact the parish office, or email Mary Shirley on [maryroshirley@gmail.com](mailto:maryroshirley@gmail.com) Please bring a packed lunch. Payment to be made in advance please.