

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

## PARISH BULLETIN

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER & ST PAUL

SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2026

### A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

It has certainly been a very busy times in our parish since Easter. It has been nearly constant activity and a lot of participation from parishioners.

Just this last week, together with members of the Walsingham Association, parishioners came on a little pilgrimage to Chester, to the parish of St Francis, to celebrate the Jubilee Year of St Francis and to gain the plenary indulgence. We were able to join in the celebration of Mass for the Feast of St John the Baptist, to venerate the relic of St Francis, to pray the Holy Rosary together and to hear Br Loarne's talk. It was a very hot day, and yet nobody wilted as we made the pilgrimage together.

A few of us from the parish, the previous week, had made our near annual pilgrimage to Santiago de



Compostela, along the Camino de Invierno. Again, it was hot, but the pilgrim arrival in Santiago was joyful as always. We certainly remembered everyone in prayer along the route and in the Cathedral.

It is now less than two weeks until the celebration of my 30th Anniversary of Ordination. Apparently, that is a Pearl Jubilee. I really would love for everyone from the parish to come together for a simple but joyful celebration. The Triune Voices of North

Staffs, the local Filipino choir, will sing at the Mass, and Bishop Timothy Menezes will preach. Afterwards, we'll be gathering in the school to keep up the celebration. Everyone is invited!

Over July and August, I will be back and forth, and so you'll have to excuse me while I am away quite a bit. I will be taking a holiday after the anniversary, and then will be joining the other members of the SJMV for our summer session in Ars. Later in August I will be giving the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph in Lymington their annual retreat. It is quite a privilege to be asked to do that for them. Finally, I will be leading the North Staffs pilgrimage to Walsingham for the August Bank Holiday.

A Happy Feast of the Princes of the Apostles!

### SAINT OF THE WEEK



#### St Vincenza Gerosa 1784-1847

Born Caterina Gerosa in Lovere in northern Italy. She was very reserved and did not complete her education because of ill health. As all members of the family died, she was left with the family leather business. However, she also was active in the local parish, and organised a women's group

which organised retreats. She founded a school to help poor girls acquire skills. With St Bartolomea Capitanio, she took vows and founded a hospital, and founded a congregation of sisters often known as the Sisters of Maria Bambina. She took the name Vincenza in honour of St Vincent de Paul and his mission to the poor.

### 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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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 27th</b>			5.30pm	Vigil Mass of the Solemnity	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
<b>Monday 29th</b> Feria		9.30am		Holy Mass	Holy Souls (War victims)
<b>Tuesday 30th</b> First Martyrs of Rome			2.15pm	Holy Rosary	
<b>Wednesday 1st</b> Feria					
<b>Thursday 2nd</b> Feria <i>Votive of Precious Blood</i>	11.15am 12noon			<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Holy Mass	Dec of Child family
<b>Friday 3rd</b> <b>St Thomas, Apostle</b> <i>First Friday</i>		5.00pm 6.00pm		<i>Adoration &amp; Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Betty Fryer
<b>Saturday 4th</b> Our Lady		8.15am	5.30pm	Holy Mass (in Latin) Holy Mass of Sunday	Robin Mathew Arthur Holmes & family
<b>Sunday 5th</b> <b>Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Barbara & George Connell, Karol Grolik John & Mary Moran & Dec of Moran family
<b>Monday 6th</b> St Maria Goretti		5.00pm 6.00pm		<i>Adoration &amp; Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Special Intention (LM)
<b>Tuesday 7th</b> Feria	8.55am 9.15am		2.15pm	<i>Lauds</i> End of Term Mass Holy Rosary	Special Intention
<b>Wednesday 8th</b> Feria	7.00pm	9.30am 5.00pm 6.00pm		End of Term Mass (St John's) <i>Adoration &amp; Vespers</i> Holy Mass Holy Rosary	People of the Parish Stan Grandfield
<b>Thursday 9th</b> Feria	11.15am 12noon	9.30am		End of Term Mass (in Church) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Holy Mass	Special Intention Gabrielle Child
<b>Friday 10th</b> Feria		10.15am 5.00pm 6.00pm		St Margaret Ward Day Mass (at SMW) <i>Adoration &amp; Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Winifred Mary Lowe Dec of Bailey & Plant families
<b>Saturday 11th</b> <b>St Benedict</b>		12noon	5.30pm	Fr Julian's Jubilee Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Jean & Don Green John Martin
<b>Sunday 12th</b> <b>Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Michael Cullen Ken Holmes & family

*Fr Julian invites you  
to come to celebrate his  
30th Anniversary of  
Ordination as a Priest  
on Saturday 11th July  
at St Joseph's Goldenhill*

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Concelebrated Mass at  
12noon

Preacher: Bishop Timothy  
Menezes

Followed by Hog Roast and  
"Bring and Share" buffet  
in St Joseph's Academy

Please sign up today to let us know  
what food you are bringing with you.  
Please bring food to the school before  
the Mass. Parking available at the  
school and on Moberley Rd.

**Summer Fayre & Draw** Thanks to everyone who helped to run the Parish Summer Draw and the mini-Fayre on 13th June. It was a great success for our fundraising for the parish. The final total for the draw was £2470. And the final total for the mini-Fayre was £832.60, making a grand total of £3302.60. This was a marvellous effort! For the record the draw winners were: 1st Prize (£250 cash) Liam Flatley (00919); 2nd Prize (Case of wine) Trish P (00172); 3rd Prize (Food hamper) Margaret (03611); 4th Prize (£100 M&S voucher) Lauren (06130); 5th Prize (Prosecco/Chocs) E Madden (08548); 6th Prize (Movie Night hamper) J Catalano (04369); 7th Prize (Children's toys) D A Roberts (00773); 8th Prize (Whisky duo) Diane (01532); 9th Prize (Toiletries) A Fell (09778); 10th Prize (Choc hamper) Chantelle (05668). All prize winners have been notified.

**Men's Prayer Circle** We are having a break for the summer, and will return in the autumn.

**Our Lady of Grace Ladies** Our Parish Ladies' Group are meeting at on Monday 13th July at 7pm at St

**CAFE ON THE STEPS**  
Celebrate Biddulph Festival

4th July 10am-1pm  
11th July 10am-12pm  
18th July 10am-12pm  
25th July 10am-12pm

Patrick's Church. All ladies are welcome to come.

**Civic Prayer Breakfast** Again, this year, Biddulph Town Council are hosting the annual Civic Prayer Breakfast, which includes a live link to the Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast in London. It is on Tuesday 7th July from 7.30am to 10am at Biddulph town hall. Free entry and includes breakfast! Reserve a place at <https://shorturl.at/y9gla>

**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.

## 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 Moberley Road, 10am to 12noon.

The Young at Heart Club, for senior citizens, is at Kildgrove 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



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

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2026



This summer, twenty-four children from the parish have received First Holy Communion during the Parish Masses at our three churches over two weekends. The names of all the First Communicants were published on our last bulletin, but today we can share the photographs of the three groups. After a single First Holy Communion at St Patrick's on Saturday 6th June, we celebrated the First Holy Communion of nine children prepared by Miss McGough at St Joseph's Academy at St Joseph's Church on Sunday 7th June. It was a

beautiful celebration on the Feast of Corpus Christi, so appropriate for the celebration.

On Sunday 14th June, we then celebrated the other two First Holy Communion Masses. Firstly, at English Martyrs', seven children who had prepared for First Communion at the sessions run by Mrs Deaville at Our Lady of Grace Academy received Holy Communion for the first time. Afterwards, on the same day, a further seven children who had prepared for First Holy Communion with Mr Smith at St John's Academy received their First



Holy Communion. All the children were well prepared, and gave thoughtful and clear answers to questions during the homily at the Mass. They were well turned out by families and were a credit to themselves, their families and the schools.

Please continue to pray for the children, and for their families as they continue their journey of faith. Many thanks to all who support the children in their preparation, especially their teachers and catechists.

### Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

#### *Week beginning 28th June*

St Joseph's:

St Patrick's:

English Martyrs: Mary Jervis

#### *Week beginning 5th July*

St Joseph's: Kath Wakefield

St Patrick's: Winifred & Paddy Maughan

English Martyrs: Brian Stanway

*To dedicate a lamp, minimum donation is £7. Please place the offering in an envelop (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.*

### 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 4th July. This is the last Open House before the summer holidays.

**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.