

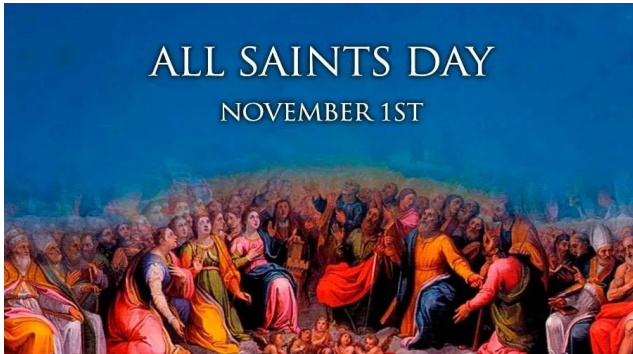
# THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF GRACE KIDSGROVE, BIDDULPH & GOLDENHILL

## PARISH BULLETIN

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2026

### A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST



Today we celebrate All Saints' Day, the celebration of all the souls who have, by the grace of God, won the victory and have entered into eternal life in heaven. Some of these are the canonised saints and blessed, others are those whose names are even forgotten, but who live to Christ eternally, and join in intercession for us. It is a wonderful thing to consider that we are all called to be saints and that it is not something reserved for the very few who are honoured with the title of

'saint'. We will have known many saints ourselves during our lives, even members of our own families. St John Paul II, back 25 years ago, called us all to become the 'saints of the Third Millennium'. That call still holds good for us, as we are called to live our lives in his grace, through prayer, the sacraments, works of charity... One day we too will be the saints of heaven!

November is also the month when we pray for those who are still on the way to heaven, having

passed from this life, they are being purified in the first of the love of the Heart of Jesus, to reach that promised home. Please remember to make your list of beloved dead and to unite them to our November List, and to make an offering so that many Masses can be offered, together with our other prayers for the dead.

As I said in the last bulletin, Bishop Timothy Menezes, our area auxiliary bishop, will be leaving the Archdiocese to become the Bishop of Brentwood at the beginning of December. It is hoped that another auxiliary will be appointed in due course. In the meantime, Mgr Mark Crisp will be the Episcopal Vicar for Staffs & the Black Country. He is already Parish Priest and Dean in Wolverhampton, so pray for his energy and strength!

### SAINT OF THE WEEK



**St Valentine Berrio  
Ochoa  
1827-1861**

Valentine was born in Spain and at the age of 18 entered the Diocesan seminary in Rioja, and was ordained priest, aged 24. However, three years later he made his profession in the Dominican Order. His sense of mission led him to join the Order, and they sent

him to the Philippines initially, from where he was sent to Tomkin in Vietnam. The local bishop and a number of his catechists were martyred, and so the Holy See named Valentine as coadjutor bishop. A year later, he himself was captured, tortured and condemned to death. He was decapitated on All Saints' Day 1861.

### 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 & DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

| Sunday Readings Year A<br>Weekday Readings Year II                                             | Biddulph                    | Goldenhill                 | Packmoor | <b>Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions)</b><br><b>At each church Saturday/Sunday</b> 20 minutes before each Saturday evening/Sunday Mass. <b>St Joseph's:</b> Friday 5pm when there is evening Mass |                                                                    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday 31st</b>                                                                           |                             |                            | 5.30pm   | Vigil Mass of the Solemnity                                                                                                                                                                           | Int Farrell family                                                 |
| <b>Sunday 1st</b><br><b>ALL SAINTS' DAY</b>                                                    | 9.00am                      | 11.00am                    |          | Holy Mass<br>Holy Mass                                                                                                                                                                                | November List<br>Int Tom & Sheila Moran (60th Wedding anniversary) |
| <b>Monday 2nd</b><br><b>ALL SOULS' DAY</b>                                                     | 9.00am<br>9.15am            | 5.45pm<br>6.00pm           |          | <i>Lauds</i><br>Holy Mass<br><i>Vespers</i><br>Holy Mass                                                                                                                                              | November List & All Holy Souls<br>Dec of Maughan family            |
| <b>Tuesday 3rd</b><br>St Winefride                                                             | 8.55am<br>9.15am<br>10.30am |                            | 2.15pm   | <i>Lauds</i><br>Holy Mass<br>Blessing of prayer garden at OLOG school<br>Holy Rosary                                                                                                                  | November List                                                      |
| <b>Wednesday 4th</b><br>St Charles Borromeo                                                    |                             | 5.00pm<br>6.00pm           |          | <i>Adoration &amp; Vespers</i><br>Holy Mass                                                                                                                                                           | November List                                                      |
| <b>Thursday 5th</b><br><i>Feria (Daily Requiem)</i>                                            | 11.15am<br>12noon           | 9.30am                     |          | 'Explained' Mass (in Church)<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration</i><br>Holy Mass                                                                                                                             | People of the Parish<br>November List                              |
| <b>Friday 6th</b><br><i>Feria First Friday</i>                                                 |                             | 5.00pm<br>6.00pm           |          | <i>Adoration &amp; Vespers</i><br>Holy Mass                                                                                                                                                           | November List                                                      |
| <b>Saturday 7th</b><br>Our Lady                                                                |                             | 8.15am                     | 5.30pm   | Holy Mass (in Latin)<br>Holy Mass of Sunday                                                                                                                                                           | November List<br>Thanksgiving Vincent Farrell (90th Birthday)      |
| <b>Sunday 8th</b><br><b>Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</b><br><i>Remembrance Sunday</i> | 9.00am                      | 10.45am<br>11.15am         |          | Requiem Mass<br><i>Act of Remembrance at Goldenhill</i><br><i>Cenotaph</i><br>Requiem Mass                                                                                                            | November List<br>Robert Bennison                                   |
| <b>Monday 9th Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>                                           |                             | 5.45pm<br>6.00pm           |          | <i>Vespers</i><br>Holy Mass                                                                                                                                                                           | November List                                                      |
| <b>Tuesday 10th</b><br>St Leo the Great                                                        |                             |                            | 2.15pm   | Holy Rosary                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                    |
| <b>Wednesday 11th</b><br>St Martin of Tours                                                    | 7.00pm                      | 5.00pm<br>6.00pm           |          | <i>Adoration &amp; Vespers</i><br>Holy Mass<br>Holy Rosary                                                                                                                                            | November List                                                      |
| <b>Thursday 12th</b><br>St Josaphat                                                            |                             | <b>6.00pm</b>              |          | Holy Mass                                                                                                                                                                                             | November List                                                      |
| <b>Friday 13th</b><br><i>Feria (Daily Requiem)</i>                                             |                             | 8.15am<br>5.00pm<br>6.00pm |          | Holy Mass (St Margaret Ward)<br><i>Adoration &amp; Vespers</i><br>Holy Mass                                                                                                                           | People of the Parish<br>November List                              |
| <b>Saturday 14th</b><br>Our Lady                                                               |                             | 8.15am                     | 5.30pm   | Holy Mass (in Latin)<br>Vigil Mass of the Solemnity                                                                                                                                                   | November List<br>John Martin                                       |
| <b>Sunday 15th</b><br><b>Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>                              | 9.00am                      | 11.00am                    |          | Holy Mass<br>Holy Mass                                                                                                                                                                                | November List<br>Sarah Holmes & family                             |

**November Month of the Holy Souls** Once again this year we will be offering 30 consecutive days of Masses (known as a Gregorian Mass) for the souls of those included in our November List of the Dead across our three churches. The sheets of paper for the names to be added and the envelopes will be available next weekend. Please include, if you are able, an offering which goes to supply the stipends for the 30 Masses plus many other Masses for all our parish dearly departed throughout the year. We will also pray for the souls of those on the November List at the end of every Mass during the month of November.

**Remembrance Sunday** Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday. Our Masses at English Martyrs' and St Joseph's will be Requiem Masses for those who lost their lives during the wars. At **Biddulph**, Oasis will be representing all the churches by laying our joint wreath at the cenotaph at 11am. As usual, parishioners in **Kidsgrove** are invited to be at the memorial outside St John's church as the procession passes by. This is usually at about 10.15am to 10.30am. At **Goldenhill**, we will leave from church at 10.40am (Fr & servers) or meet at the cenotaph for the act of remembrance at 11am. From there, we will process down to Church for Mass to start immediately.

**Our Lady of Grace Prayer Garden** On Tuesday 3rd November, we will be inaugurating the new Prayer Garden at Our Lady of Grace Academy, Biddulph. The blessing of the garden by Fr Julian will take place at 10.30am at the school. All parishioners are welcome to come. There will be particular focus of prayer for Jack Taylor, the little boy from the school who sadly passed away last year. Please come to the main entrance of the school, as we will begin our procession to the garden from the school hall.

**Our Lady of Grace Ladies** Our Parish Ladies' Group are meeting at on Monday 9th November at 7pm at St Joseph's Church. All ladies are welcome to come.

**Mass for Deceased Clergy** There will be a Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Deanery at 12noon on Tuesday 10th November at Holy Trinity, Newcastle. All parishioners are welcome to attend.

**Sacramental Preparation** The preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation begins this week. Children must be in Y3 at school at least. Please enquire with Fr Julian urgently if your child is ready for this sacrament but is not in a Catholic school.

**Men's Prayer Circle** The next meeting of the PLW men's prayer circle is on Saturday 14th November at 9am in the presbytery.

**Bl Ivan Merz Young Adults group** We had an excellent pilot meeting at which a good small group of young people came together for Bible study, food, fellowship and prayer. We will begin regular meetings for young adults every other Sunday afternoon from 5pm to 7pm in November. The dates are 1st, 15th & 29th November, 13th December. Don't be shy! Come along and join in. If you want to know more ask Carina ([mcarinaug@gmail.com](mailto:mcarinaug@gmail.com)) or Fr Julian.

**Altar Servers** If any child or young person wishes to become an altar server, please see Fr Julian. Any child should be in Year 4 at school or above. Children can serve at any of our churches with parental permission. Adults wishing to serve would be welcome, but must go through the normal safeguarding procedures before starting to serve.

**Churches Together** The local churches are present each year for the switching on of the Christmas lights in Biddulph which takes place on the last weekend of November. We are hoping to give out to children knitted angels. But we need knitters to knit them! We have the pattern—just ask Jackie Menzies at English Martyrs.

**Walsingham Association** The annual Mass for Deceased members of the North Staffs Walsingham Association will take place at English Mar-

## HOSPITALITY



St Joseph's Welcome Space is our open house group for people to come and have a cuppa and a chat!

At St Joseph's Academy (in the after school club) on Mobberley Road, 10am to 12noon.

Our Welcome Space at English Martyrs' is up and running again. Come and join us on Wednesdays from 11am to 2pm for light refreshments or lunch (soup, sandwiches, dessert). And of course, good company.

The Young at Heart Club, for senior citizens, is at Kidsgrove Town Hall on the last Tuesday of the month. Next meeting is on 24th November from 2pm to 4pm. £3 entry.

tyrs' church on Tuesday 17th November at 7pm. The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the meeting room. All members, pilgrims and parishioners are welcome.

**Volunteers required** We need some volunteers to take on roles: Someone to set up and run social media presence of the parish. People available to help count the collection money (usually Tuesday morning once every 2 months). A contact person for Father Hudson's Caritas, to promote and keep us in touch with social care projects. Please see Fr Julian or contact the parish office.



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

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

# Christmas Fayre

## Saturday 5th December 11am - 1pm

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

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

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*Please bring an item each week to church during the  
time between now and the Fayre:*

*8th Nov—Soft toys*

*15th—Craft items*

*22nd Nov—Bric a Brac*

*Day of the Fayre—Cakes & bakes*

*You can bring tombola prizes and bottles or any item  
any week. Raffle tickets are on sale after Mass each  
Saturday and Sunday before the Fayre*



**REAL PRESENCE**  
**UNDER 18'S**  
An Evening of Eucharistic adoration,  
testimony, praise and worship

Our Lady and St Werburgh  
Church Clayton, ST5 4AG

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

7pm - 8pm  
(Refreshments available after)

SCAN HERE TO  
SIGN UP YOUR  
GROUP



## Foodbank Christmas Appeal

We are now collecting Christmas food and treats to make up goody bags for the people who come to the foodbank over Christmas. Items such as mince pies, Christmas puddings of various sizes, tins or cartons of custard and any Christmas chocolate, cakes and biscuits. Last year we gave out around 100 goody bags last year! So it brings a little joy to those who are going through tough times. Please bring items to church any time from now—but please mark your items 'foodbank' so as not to confuse it with fayre items.

### 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. The next Open House will be on Saturday 7th November and again on Saturday 14th.

### Mass Intentions & Offerings

Please realise that Masses 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. Weekdays are much easier to allocate, and there are plenty of dates available. Mass bookings are on a first come, first served basis. Please note all Masses for Christmas Day have already been booked.

### Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

**Week beginning 1st November**

St Joseph's: Winifred & Paddy Maughan & family

St Patrick's: November List

English Martyrs: Burton family

**Week beginning 8th November**

St Joseph's: John & Mary Leese & Leese family

St Patrick's: John Martin

English Martyrs: Cecil Aston

*You can arrange for the Sanctuary Lamp to be dedicated for your particular intention. Please take a plain envelope (not a Mass envelope) and write the name of the intention and Church. Min donation £7*

**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. 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.