

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

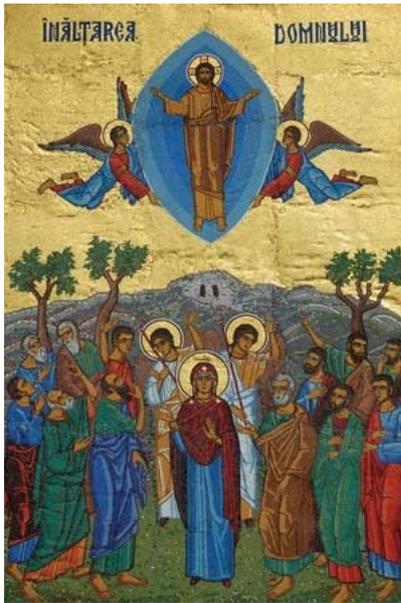
## SUNDAY BULLETIN

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2024

### A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

The Easter season moves on to its next stage this week. On Thursday we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, the fortieth day of Easter. As you know, it is a Holy Day of Obligation. So, please remember to make it to Mass for the Feast Day. It is also the beginning of the period of time which commemorates the Apostles waiting, together with Our Lady, for the coming of the Holy Spirit. This is the original Novena or nine days of prayer. It was established that the Novena should be observed in all parish churches of the world by Pope Leo XIII back at the end of the nineteenth century. In this year of prayer, it is most appropriate to keep the Novena publicly. We will say the



Novena prayers in church at the end of each Mass during the Novena, and I invite you to come. You can also keep the Novena by saying the prayers (on page 4) at home.

This week I will be going down to Bristol on Wednesday for the Ordination of Fr John Bosco Macdonald as Bishop of

Clifton. I was in seminary for a year with Fr Bosco, and I will be going as the secretary of our Valladolid Old Boys' Association. The Holy Father has also appointed two new auxiliary bishops for the Archdiocese. Mgr Timothy Menezes, Dean of St Chad's Cathedral, and Canon Richard Walker, the current Vicar General, will be our new bishops. We wait to hear which of them will be coming to the northern part of the Archdiocese. Please remember these priests who have been called to be bishops in your prayers.

I had some very good days on retreat in Walsingham, and on a break in the south of England. I was with Fr Eloi, who sends his best wishes to all who remember him.

### SAINT OF THE WEEK



#### St Peregrine d. 1345

St Peregrine is well known as patron saint of cancer sufferers. He was from Forli in Northern Italy, which sided against the Papal states, and so had its churches closed. St Philip Benizi was sent to try to reconcile the town with the Pope. Peregrine, was 18 at the time, slapped the

priest and ran him out of town. Philip was so forgiving that Peregrine was converted and begged forgiveness. Ordained a priest, he returned to found a house in Forli. He was afflicted with a cancer of the foot. When the doctor suggested amputation, Peregrine spent the night in prayer, and was found to be cured.

### 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 Partnership of Parishes operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are:

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### Parish Website

[www.partnershipparishes.org](http://www.partnershipparishes.org)

The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity no.

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## LITURGY &amp; DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Packmoor	Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions) St Joseph's Sun before Mass; Friday 5.30 to 5.45pm English Martyrs' Sun before Mass St Patrick's Sat before Mass	
<b>Saturday 4th</b>			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday 5th</b> <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians</i>	9.00am	11.00am	3.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass May Procession & Benediction	Michael Flatley, Kathleen & David Pooley Irene Aylward
<b>Monday 6th</b> Feria		5.45pm 6.00pm		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Bernard Cunningham
<b>Tuesday 7th</b> Feria	9.15am		2.15pm	Holy Mass Holy Rosary	Holy Souls (Thanksgiving)
<b>Wednesday 8th</b> Feria ( <b>Vigil of Ascension</b> )			6.30pm	Vigil Mass of Ascension	Jean Harding
<b>Thursday 9th</b> <b>ASCENSION OF THE LORD</b> <i>Day of Obligation</i>	9.15am	11.00am 2.15pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass (St John's School)	Jean Green Thanksgiving People of the Parishes
<b>Friday 10th</b> St John of Avila		5.00pm 6.00pm		<i>Adoration &amp; Vespers</i> Holy Mass & Novena	Int Fiona Keane & family
<b>Saturday 11th</b> Feria			4.45pm 5.30pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Rosary</i> Holy Mass of Sunday & Novena	John Martin
<b>Sunday 12th</b> <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	11.00am	5.30pm	Holy Mass & Novena Holy Mass & Novena Healing Service	Karol Grolik, George & Barbara Connell Kath & Brian Wakefield
<b>Monday 13th</b> Our Lady of Fatima		5.45pm 6.00pm		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass & Novena	Canon John Joseph Welch
<b>Tuesday 14th</b> <b>St Matthias</b>	9.15am 12.45pm		2.15pm	Holy Mass & Novena Funeral Service Holy Rosary	Mary Jervis Mary Cornelius RIP
<b>Wednesday 15th</b> Feria		5.45pm 6.00pm		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass & Novena	Maureen & Michael Meaney
<b>Thursday 16th</b> Feria	12noon	9.30am		Holy Mass (St John's School) Holy Mass & Novena	People of the Parishes Dec of Child family
<b>Friday 17th</b> Feria		5.00pm 6.00pm		<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Vespers</i> Holy Mass & Novena	Jean Green
<b>Saturday 18th</b> Feria ( <b>Vigil of Pentecost</b> )			4.45pm 5.30pm	<i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Rosary</i> Holy Mass of Sunday & Novena	Winifred Maughan
<b>Sunday 19th</b> <b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>	9.00am	11.00am 3.30pm	5.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Pentecost Holy Hour Reception into Church	Michael Flatley, Kathleen & David Pooley Winefride & Leonard Atherton Mary (Moya) Smith

**May Procession** This year sees the return of the May Procession at St Patrick's Packmoor this Sunday at 3.30pm. We are going to be joined by members of the Walsingham Association for the first May Procession since 2019! After the crowning of the statue and the procession and Benediction, there will be a bring and share afternoon tea. See you there!

**Rosary** We will have the prayer of the Holy Rosary 20 minutes before Mass on the Sundays of May: 11th/12th May—Luminous 18th/19th May—Sorrowful 25th/26th May—Glorious Please volunteer to lead the Rosary on one of the Sundays.

**Pentecost Novena** The time between the Ascension and Pentecost is called the Pentecost Novena. It is the original Novena, as it was these days, when the apostles joined with Our Lady in prayer for the Holy Spirit, that defined nine days of prayer as a privileged way of praying. We will keep the Pentecost Novena in this Year of Prayer, linked to the daily Masses in our churches. You can join in the prayers each day after Mass, or equally say them yourself—they are to be found on page 4 of the bulletin.

**Healing Service** As part of our initiatives for the Year of Prayer, we decided that there would be regular Healing Services—we had a beautiful service in February. Our next Healing Service will be on Sunday 12th May at 5pm at St Patrick's Packmoor, which is the eve of the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. Those who have a serious diagnosed illness or the elderly infirm can be anointed at the service. There will be a Eucharistic healing procession and prayers for the sick. Everyone is really welcome to come for healing and to pray for the sick.

**Our Lady of Grace Ladies** Our Ladies' group for all the women of the parish meets again on Monday 13th May at 7pm at St Joseph's Goldenhill. New ladies always welcome!

**Men's Prayer Circle** Some of the men who were part of the Men's Prayer & Life Workshop met together

on Saturday to look at continuing the momentum of the group. And so all men who have done the PLW are invited to come once a month to a Prayer Circle. It will include reading and sharing the Word, a brief talk and prayer, as well as a social time. A bit like a workshop but shorter. It's a great opportunity to be supported in prayer and the Christian life. The first Saturday meeting will be on 18th May at 9am at St Joseph's.

**Pentecost Holy Hour** The Prayer & Life Workshop guides invite you to a Holy Hour of prayer on Pentecost Sunday, 19th May at 3.30pm.

**Filipino Community Mass** The next Mass for the North Staffs Filipino community will be at Holy Trinity, Newcastle on Sunday 5th May at 3pm.

**Talks on St John of the Cross** The Carmelite priest, Fr Matt Blake OCD, will be visiting St Wulstan's parish, and giving a series of talks on St John of the Cross, on the weekend of Friday 10th to Sunday 12th May. The talks will be on Friday at 7pm, and then on Saturday at 10am and 3pm, and finally on Sunday at 3pm. All the talks will take place in St Wulstan's school, Wolstanton. Don't miss this opportunity to hear an inspirational and expert presentation.

**Cursillo Encounter** Cursillo (Spanish for 'short course') is a Catholic movement focussed on encounter with Christ. Cursillos are usually three day events. However, short 'Encounter' events are often held as a taster of what the movement is about. There will be such a Cursillo Encounter at Coolock in Newcastle on Sunday 12th May from 2pm to 5pm. You are warmly invited to come and attend. If you wish to, then please contact Paul Northam on 07760 965886 or email [paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:paul.northam@rcaob.org.uk)

**Deanery Evening Talk** On Friday 17th May, there will be a talk on the Second Vatican Council's Pastoral Constitution 'Sacrosanctum Concilium', on the Liturgy. The effect of this document of the Council was probably the most noticeable, chang-

## OUTREACH TO CARE HOMES

Come and join us at one of our Care Home short services:

At **Maple Tree Court Kidsgrove** on Monday 13th May at 2.30pm. Please come and join us but please arrive at 2.20pm, meeting in reception, for a prompt start.

At **Lawton Rise Goldenhill** on Wednesday 15th May at 11am. Please come and join us and help the singing. Meet outside before the service to gain access.

## HOSPITALITY



Why not come and join us for a cuppa, a bite to eat and a chat with others?

The Welcoming Place at St Joseph's Goldenhill is on Tuesdays from 10am to 12noon. Drop into St Joseph's Academy and meet with friends and have some light refreshments.

The Young at Heart Club, for senior citizens, takes place at Kidsgrove Town Hall on the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on Tuesday 30th April from 2pm to 4pm. Everyone welcome!

ing the way Mass was celebrated in our parishes. The talk will be given by Mgr Timothy Menezes, the Dean of St Chad's Cathedral, and will focus on the key principles of the document, as well as how it helps to show us how to prepare for Mass through private prayer. The talk takes place at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Newcastle beginning at 7.30pm.

**Evening of Prayer for Vocations** You are invited to an evening of prayer and reflection to pray for vocations. It will be at St Thomas of Canterbury, Tean, on Tuesday 21st May at 7pm, led by Fr John Waters, Curate at Holy Trinity, Newcastle.

**Mission Appeal** Thanks for your generosity in giving to the Mission Appeal last week. We raised £537 for the Missions.

# PENTECOST NOVENA

*These are the daily prayers for the Pentecost Novena, to be said in Church or at home.*

Our Father...

Hail Mary...

Glory be...*(seven times for the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit)*

*Prayer for the Seven Gifts*

Christ Jesus, before ascending into heaven, you promised to send the Holy Spirit to your apostles and disciples. Grant that the same Spirit may perfect in our lives the work of your grace and love. Grant us the Spirit of fear of the Lord that we may be filled with loving reverence toward you; the Spirit of piety that we might find peace and fulfilment in the service of God while serving others; the Spirit of fortitude that we may bear our cross with you and, with courage overcome the obstacles that interfere with our salvation; the Spirit of knowledge that we may know you and know ourselves and grow in holiness; the Spirit of understanding to enlighten our minds with the light of your truth; the Spirit of counsel that we may choose the surest way of doing your will, seeking first the kingdom. Grant us the Spirit of wisdom that we may aspire to the things that last forever. Teach us to be your faithful disciples and animate us in every way with your Spirit. Amen.

*Act of Consecration to the Holy Spirit*

On my knees I before the great multitude of heavenly witnesses I offer myself, soul and body to You, Eternal Spirit of God. I adore the brightness of Your purity, the unerring keenness of Your justice, and the might of Your love. You are the Strength and Light of my soul. In You I live and move and am. I desire never to grieve You by unfaithful-

ness to grace and I pray with all my heart to be kept from the smallest sin against You. Mercifully guard my every thought and grant that I may always watch for Your light, and listen to Your voice, and follow Your gracious inspirations. I cling to You and give myself to You and ask You, by Your compassion to watch over me in my weakness. Holding the pierced Feet of Jesus and looking at His Five Wounds, and trusting in His Precious Blood and adoring His opened Side and stricken Heart, I implore You, Adorable Spirit, Helper of my infirmity, to keep me in Your grace that I may never sin against You. Give me grace O Holy Spirit, Spirit of the Father and the Son to say to You always and everywhere, "Speak Lord for Your servant listens." Amen.

## PARISH GIVING

If you have a Standing Order for St John's or English Martyrs' we need you to make a new Standing Order. There is an envelope for you. Please follow the instructions to set up the new Standing Order with your bank, and don't forget to cancel the present one!

Could you revise your giving to be even more generous? You can contact your bank directly to increase the amount of your standing order, if you give in that way. You can also give through the card reader in church. Envelopes are also available to those who prefer to give in cash.

If you give by cash please consider a Standing Order.

If you pay income tax then you can Gift Aid. To Gift Aid your donations you need a Standing Order or numbered envelopes. If you no longer pay income tax, please contact Teresa in the parish office to stop your Gift Aid. You can still give by Standing Order—no need to cancel it!

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptism

Welcome to the family of the Church to Hudson David Eyre, who is being baptized today, Sunday 5th May, at St Joseph's.

And also to Ozzie Tomkinson who will be baptized at English Martyrs' on Saturday 11th May.

### Deaths

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Mary (Moya) Smith. Requiem Mass at St Patrick's on Monday 20th May at 10.30am followed by committal at Audley cemetery. Reception on Sunday 19th at 5pm.

And also for the soul of Mary Cornelius. Funeral Service to at English Martyrs' on Tuesday 14th May at 12.45pm followed by committal at Carmountside.

And also for the soul of Sheila Ann Frost. Funeral service and committal at Bradwell Crematorium on Wednesday 15th May at 12noon.

And for Stan Grandfield. Funeral details later.

### Requiescant in Pace

#### Parish Office & Parish Priest's Open House

The Parish Office is closed from Wednesday to Friday in Holy Week, and on Easter Monday. It is open at the other times advertised on the front of the bulletin.

**Open House** is when Fr Julian is available to be seen for consultations about baptisms, weddings, or for any other reason. There is no Open House on 6th May as it is a Bank Holiday. Next Open House is on Monday 13th May from 6.30pm.

### Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

*Week beginning 5th May*

English Martyrs':

St Joseph's: Moss & Keenan families

St Patrick's: For Lorraine

*Week beginning 12th May*

English Martyrs':

St Joseph's: Stan Grandfield

St Patrick's: Jean Green

*If you would like to dedicate a lamp in one of our churches for any intention, please place donation (min £5) in an envelope*

**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. For Haywood Hospital please contact Fr George at Sacred Heart, Tunstall. If in doubt contact the ward staff.