

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

PARISH BULLETIN

PENTECOST SUNDAY

SUNDAY 24TH MAY 2026

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Come Holy Spirit! Come as in a New Pentecost! These were the words of Pope St John XXIII, in 1962 at the opening of the Second Vatican Council and are words which still have force today. We need to pray for a new Pentecost.

Last Sunday was a wonderful demonstration of what the Holy Spirit can do to bring people together in one Faith from all over the world in our own parish. Our Mass of the Nations was a great success, and is a great example of the enthusiasm which coming together in celebration of our shared Faith can be. You can see more about the Mass on page 4 of the bulletin. I really hope and pray that this can be a foundation for doing more



to engage more of the people who come to Mass in the mission of the parish more generally.

The mission of the parish, to bring the Good News to the people who live around us, depends primarily on the presence and action of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit comes most assuredly in response to our prayer. And so I would really like to encourage you to participate in the weekly rhythm of prayer in our parish. During Lent we always do quite well in coming to Mass and devo-

tions. However it seems that this really reduces so much in Easter-tide. I would particularly ask you to try to make a time each week to come to Mass and/or Adoration on a weekday each week. I often think that it would be much more evident to the children of our parish schools how important the Eucharist is if they saw more parishioners coming to the school Masses, all of which are open to parishioners.

You will see that we will be preparing for Corpus Christi with a triduum of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Please sign up to come to church to ensure that our Lord is accompanied in prayer during that time.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St David I of Scotland 1084-1153

David was the youngest son of St Margaret, queen of Scotland, and King Malcolm III. He succeeded to the crown after the death of his brother. He was a friend of St Aelred, the Abbot of Rievaulx, who bore witness to the king's devotion and generosity to the poor, just like his mother. He found-

ed a number of dioceses and religious houses. He promoted the independence of the Scottish church from England, but was remorseful for an ill-conceived invasion of England and suffered because of the premature death of his son. As well as receiving the last sacraments, he spent the time before his death reciting the psalms.

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

Sunday Readings Year A Weekday Readings Year II	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Packmoor	Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions) At each church Saturday/Sunday 20 minutes before each Saturday evening/Sunday Mass. St Joseph's: Friday 5pm	
Saturday 23rd			5.30pm	Vigil Mass of Pentecost	Denis & Bridget Culhane
Sunday 24th PENTECOST SUNDAY	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Maire Therese Bloor Stan Grandfield
Monday 25th Mary, Mother of the Church					
Tuesday 26th St Philip Neri			2.15pm	Holy Rosary	
Wednesday 27th St Augustine of Canterbury	7.00pm			Holy Rosary	
Thursday 28th Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest		6.00pm		Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Friday 29th CONSECRATION OF THE CHURCH	1.30pm	5.00pm 6.00pm		Requiem Mass <i>Adoration & Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Patricia Leicester RIP Paul McGough
Saturday 30th Our Lady		8.15am	5.30pm	Holy Mass (in Latin) Holy Mass of Sunday	Fra Richard Berkley-Matthews Julius & Iris Kaminskis
Sunday 31st TRINITY SUNDAY	9.00am	11.00am 5.30pm	3.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Healing Service Reception into Church	Int Sean Flatley & family People of the Parish Betty Fryer RIP
Monday 1st St Justin		12noon		Requiem Mass	Betty Fryer RIP
Tuesday 2nd Feria	8.55am 9.15am		2.15pm	<i>Lauds</i> Holy Mass Holy Rosary	Stephen Dale
Wednesday 3rd St Charles Lwanga & comps		5.00pm 6.00pm		<i>Adoration & Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Stan Grandfield
CORPUS CHRISTI TRIDUUM BEGINS					
Thursday 4th Feria	12noon 6.00pm			Holy Mass <i>followed by</i> Eucharistic Adoration Benediction	Gabrielle Child
Friday 5th St Boniface <i>First Friday</i>		9.30am 5.40pm 6.00pm		Eucharistic Adoration begins Vespers & Benediction Holy Mass	Bernadette McGough
Saturday 6th Our Lady		8.15am	2.00pm 5.15pm 5.30pm	Holy Mass (in Latin) Eucharistic Adoration begins Benediction Holy Mass of Sunday	People of the Parish Winifred & Paddy Maughan
Sunday 7th CORPUS CHRISTI	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int Liam Flatley & family Michael Higgins

Healing Service Our next Service for Healing and Prayer for the sick is on Sunday 31st May at 3.30pm at St Patrick's church. Those who wish to be anointed with the Sacrament of the Sick (those with a serious diagnosis or the elderly) can receive the Sacrament. We will also pray for the sick and have the Eucharistic healing procession.

Corpus Christi Triduum Remember last year's Eucharistic Congress? It was a great success, and so many participated. This year, we are going to follow on by having three days, or a Triduum, in honour of the Eucharist in our Parish, in the days running up to the Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Thursday 4th to Saturday 6th June. On Thursday 4th there will be Mass at 12noon at English Martyrs' followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 6pm. On Friday 5th June, there will be Eucharistic Adoration at St Joseph's from 9.30am, ending with Benediction at 5.45pm and Mass at 6pm. On Saturday 6th, there will be Eucharistic Adoration from 2pm until 5.15pm at St Patrick's followed by 5.30pm Mass.

Our Lady of Grace Ladies Our Parish Ladies' Group are meeting at on Monday 8th June at 7pm at English Martyrs' Church.

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 items to church which can be sold at the fayre.** Next Sunday please bring tombola prizes and bottles! 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 oppor-

tunity 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!

Talk on St Francis of Assisi Fr Michael Miners will give a talk at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Newcastle on Friday 29th May at 7pm (note change of date). Everyone welcome.

Potential catechists If you are interested in finding out about training to become a catechist (someone who teaches the Faith in the parish) then please sign up for the online Open Evening for Light of Truth, with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph. It is on Friday 29th May from 7pm to 8pm. Just go online to register: tinyurl.com/LoTOpenEvening

N Staffs Filipino Community The next Mass for the community is on Sunday 7th June at 3pm at Holy Trinity, Newcastle.

Human Love and Divine Love of the Heart of Jesus, from Pope Francis' *Dilexit 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.

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.webelievefestival.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

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 Mobberley 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 26th May from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. All welcome. Entry £3.

Corduff leads the Healing Service and closing Mass. All are invited to join this Spirit-filled gathering for inspiration, deeper faith and renewal. 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 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.kenelmeyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp-2026.html Parish funding may be available to help costs



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

MASS OF THE NATIONS



On Sunday 17th May we celebrated the Mass of the Nations at St Joseph's. It was great to see the church so full. The children from St Joseph's and

St John's schools had prepared flags and pictures of saints from the various countries represented in the parish. Adults of different language groups led the prayer of the faithful, and we had hymns from Africa and India at the offertory and Communion. Everyone was invited to introduce themselves to someone they didn't already know. And so many people stayed behind for the finger food which had been brought by so many people to share a taste of their culture. A great event surely to be repeated again! It certainly gave a taste of the work the Holy Spirit is doing in our parish bringing together people from around the world.



PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

Welcome to the family of the Church to Samuel Nilo Zoppi Lopes who will be baptized at English Martyrs' on Saturday 30th May.

Deaths

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Patricia Leicester. Requiem Mass will be celebrated at English Martyrs' on Friday 29th May at 1.30pm. Followed by committal at Carmountside Crematorium.

And also for the soul of Betty Fryer. Her body will be received into St Joseph's church on Sunday 31st May at 5.30pm. Requiem Mass on Monday 1st June at 12noon followed by committal at Tunstall cemetery.

And also for the soul of Edward Chawner and Patricia Heeland both recently departed. Funeral services will be taking place in the near future.

Requiescant in Pace

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. Open House is available on Saturday

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 Please bring a packed lunch. Payment to be made in advance please.

16th and 23rd May.

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.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

Week beginning 24th May

St Joseph's: Lorraine Brooks

St Patrick's: Mary Jervis

English Martyrs':

Week beginning 31st May

St Joseph's:

St Patrick's:

English Martyrs': Mary Jervis

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.