

THE CATHOLIC PASTORAL PARTNERSHIP OF
BIDDULPH, GOLDENHILL, KIDSGROVE & PACKMOOR
UNDER THE PATRONAGE AND PROTECTION OF OUR LADY OF GRACE

SUNDAY BULLETIN

CORPUS CHRISTI

SUNDAY 11TH JUNE 2023

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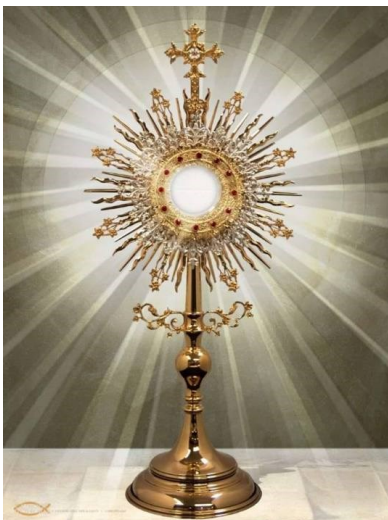
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A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

I am writing this message to you having had the inconvenience of having had a stroke—a minor one—during the week. It is making the typing of it rather laborious. The only real effect it has had has been that I cannot use my right hand as effectively as before. It makes writing, for example, very difficult. It was on Wednesday that I noticed I couldn't grip anything with my right hand, and I couldn't control it, that made me realise there was a problem. A trip to A&E and a CT scan later confirmed that there was a clot somewhere in my brain that was causing it. Anyway, the doctor said I should take time off to let it sort itself out—for up to a month. I'll see how I go on. I am not allowed to drive for at least a month,



so that clips my wings significantly anyway.

In the meanwhile, I am grateful to local priests who will help out until I can return to full working order. Thanks for all the messages from parishioners who found out during the week. I am grateful but won't be able to reply individually as it is quite hard

to type or write. Please pray for my full recovery.

Today, we celebrate the wonderful feast of Corpus Christi. In the words of St John Vianney, if we really understood the Eucharist we would die, not from fear, but from love. The Blessed Sacrament is the real presence of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ—

in other words, of the whole Jesus, God and Man. We should be reminded of our duty to show reverence to the presence of the Lord. On the back page of the bulletin I've put a few reminders of the things we should do to ensure that we are paying due reverence to the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Please read it!

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Gaspar Bertoni
1777-1853

Gaspar, even from the moment of his First Holy Communion, longed for a life of spiritual union with Jesus. This desire led him to enter seminary and to the priesthood. The new priest was entrusted with the care of the youth and to the care of religious sisters, and, in time, the

direction of seminarians was also given to him, as the bishop recognised the poor state of the seminary and the spiritual influence of Fr Gaspar. With two companions he founded a religious congregation which set up a free school. He spent his last 40 years of life suffering poor health which he united to the Lord's suffering.

MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Kidsgrove	Packmoor	Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions) St Joseph's Sun 10.30am English Martyrs' Sun 8.30am St John's Sat 6pm St Patrick's Sun before Mass on request	
Saturday 10th			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Denis & Bridget Culhane
Sunday 11th CORPUS CHRISTI	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Tony Lally Paul McGough People of the Parishes
Monday 12th Feria					<i>Private Mass</i>	Holy Souls
Tuesday 13th St Anthony of Padua				2.15pm	<i>Private Mass</i> Holy Rosary	Most abandoned souls
Wednesday 14th Feria					<i>Private Mass</i>	Holy Souls
Thursday 15th Feria					<i>Private Mass</i>	Holy Souls
Friday 16th SACRED HEART OF JESUS					<i>Private Mass</i>	Bernard Cunningham
Saturday 17th Immaculate Heart of Mary			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Paul McGough
Sunday 18th Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	People of the Parishes Paul Dymnicki Winfred Maughan
Monday 19th St Romuald					<i>Private Mass</i>	Holy Souls
Tuesday 20th St Alban					<i>Private Mass</i>	Holy Souls
Wednesday 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga					<i>Private Mass</i>	Holy Souls
Thursday 22nd St John Fisher & St Thomas More					<i>Private Mass</i>	Holy Souls
Friday 23rd Vigil of St John the Baptist					<i>Vigil Mass of the Feast</i>	Holy Souls
Saturday 24th NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Anthony Darwen
Sunday 25th Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	People of the Parishes Thanksgiving Philip Clarke

Welcoming Places Goldenhill

Everyone who would like to come to meet others, and have some light refreshments are invited to our Welcoming Space at St Joseph's Academy, Mobberley Road, Goldenhill on Tuesdays from 10am to 1pm. There will be no session on Tuesday 30th May. However, we are back after half term on 6th June. Why not drop in for tea, coffee and a chat?

English Martyrs' Mini Fayre On Saturday 17th June, 10am to 12noon, we are going to have a mini Summer Fayre in the meeting room at English Martyrs' church. There will be a cake stall, toy stall, raffle and tombola, and refreshments will be served. We need volunteers to help out on the day. All donations for the raffle would be gratefully received. Please see Paula Paskin or Jackie Menzies if you can help in any way. All proceeds to church funds.

Lawton Rise Prayer Service

There will be a prayer service at Lawton Rise Care Home, Goldenhill on Wednesday 21st June at 11am. We are looking for as many parishioners who are able to come along and join in. Just come to the home in good time for the start of the service.

North Staffs Vocations Promotions Group

The group continues to work in the North Staffs Deanery in the promotion of vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. The group will be hosting an Evening of Prayer & Reflection at St Mary's, Leek on Thursday June 15th. The evening will be led by Fr Martin Pratt.

Hednesford Pilgrimage

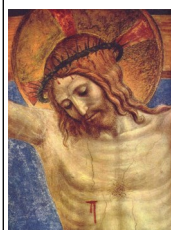
The annual Diocesan pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford will be on Sunday 2nd July. Refreshments will be available from 1pm. Rosary at 3pm. Mass with anointing of the sick is at 4pm, celebrated by Bishop Stephen Wright. The Mass is outdoors so please bring your own portable chair if you need it.

Deanery Visitation The closing liturgy for the Deanery Visitation will

take place at St Gregory's Church Longton on Tuesday 18th July at 7pm. It would be great to be well represented as a partnership of parishes at the closing of the Visitation. More details will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

Youth Summer Camp The Kenelm Youth Trust invites young people aged 12 to 18 to come to Alton Castle for the annual Lifeteen Youth Camp. It takes place 13th to 17th August. As well as using the Castle and all its facilities, there will be a visit to nearby Alton Towers. Also there will be times of prayer and adoration. It is a great way for young Catholics to get together and get to know each other. There are bursaries available to help support financially. Please go to www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/summer-camp.html for more details.

Being a welcoming Church Over the past few months, we have been running a 'Being a Welcoming Church' campaign, which has been very well received and attended by over 180 parishioners within the Archdiocese. The final virtual event, in the series, takes place on Monday 19th June, starting at 7.30pm, when the presentation will be around Homelessness. Sadly, this is a subject we are all too aware of and following an introduction from His Grace Archbishop Bernard, we will be look-



HEART TO HEART

On Thursday evenings you are invited for a time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, Heart to Heart. We will have an hour of directed prayer, Scripture reading and quiet devotion to the Heart of Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament. This is the place to come and learn the Saviour's love for you! The hour will be at St Joseph's Church beginning at 6pm. Come, let us adore Him! Heart to Heart returns when Fr Julian returns.

DIOCESAN VISION: UNFOLDING GOD'S PLAN

The clergy of the Deanery have asked the Area Pastoral Council to organise three meetings so that parishioners from across the parishes of North Staffs can get together to discuss the Diocesan Vision and its implications for our Parishes. Everyone is invited to these remaining two sessions:

Wednesday 14th June "Make a powerful change" **This is a repeat of the second session.**

Wednesday 28th June "My commitment and prayer"

All the sessions take place at St Teresa's Church, Trent Vale, beginning at 7pm and finishing at 8.30pm. The views from your Parish are important to us and to the future of our Church.

ing at projects that currently work closely in this area and exploring ways in which Parishes could perhaps do more to help. Simply email fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk to register and a link will be sent. We hope you can join us.

Farewell Concert Fr Michael Glover is leaving St Theresa's Trent Vale to go to study in Rome soon. There is going to be a farewell concert by Cor Bach (Midlands choir of the year) called "Those Summer Nights". The concert also features Oliver Pritchard-Jones, jazz and classical saxophonist. It will be a wonderful evening of classical and modern music. Tickets £10 for adults, £5 for children in aid of fundraising for St Theresa's church heating.

Retrouvaille is a lifeline for Married Couples. Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Has your marriage become cold, stressed or unloving? Do you argue often? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced or are thinking about it? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need. The next programme begins with a virtual weekend on 6th to 9th July. For more information phone or text: 07887 296983 or 07973 380443. Alternatively, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com Website: www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Retreats with the Saints The Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst in Lancashire are putting on weekend retreats to help you to pray with the saints. There will be a retreat from Friday 29th September to Sunday 1st October on Praying with St Therese of Lisieux. The retreat will be given by Canon John Udris. Cost in a single room is £180 or £135 sharing a twin room. For more information see the website christianheritagecentre.com/events/praying-with-the-saints/

Online mini-retreat Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton, will be the keynote speaker at a free online mini-retreat to show how forgiveness is a powerful element in helping us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ on 24th June 10am to 1pm. The meeting is hosted by "ADoRE", one of the longest-running charismatic days of renewal in the country, and includes Mass, adoration, praise and worship and inspired teaching. We will focus on showing why forgiveness was such an important element of Christ's mission, and is essential in our own efforts to evangelise. To register please go to <https://tinyurl.com/4s36vatu>

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Join the family of Carmel in prayer together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, the Queen Beauty of Carmel on Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 July, 7-8pm daily. A Triduum Retreat in preparation for the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel exploring Mary in the light of Sacred Scripture and the Carmelite tradition. Online only. Led by the Carmelite Retreat Team. Suggested donation: £40 (online). For more information and registration go to <https://>

www.carmelite.uk.net/online-talks-retreats/lady-of-mount-carmel-triduum-2023/

Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

Week beginning 11th June:

St John's: John Martin

Week beginning 18th June:

St John's: Connor Young

St Joseph's: Winnie Maughan & family

To dedicate a lamp, please place min donation of £5 in an envelope with preferred church and intention written on the front, and put into the collection or hand to a steward.

Parish Office & Parish Priest's Open House

The Parish Office is open at the normal times which are on the front of the bulletin. Please call first if you wish to visit. Closed on Monday.

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 while Fr Julian is on sick leave.

REVERENCE TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



On the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, it is good to be reminded of the practices which we should follow in order to give greater reverence to the Blessed Sacrament:

- Always remember to genuflect to the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle every time you enter church and go into your seat, or pass in front of the main altar. During Mass the focus is the altar, so we bow instead, except after the consecration when the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar and we genuflect.
- When approaching the front of the Communion procession to receive Holy Communion remember to genuflect or bow before receiving Holy Communion.
- There are two ways of receiving Communion: on the tongue and in the hand. If you receive in the hand then it should be in the left hand with the right hand placed underneath, then pick up the host and placing it directly on you tongue. NEVER walk away with the host still in your hand.
- Remember: just because you come to Mass doesn't mean that you have to receive Communion. If you are aware of serious sins, or have already been to Holy Communion twice that day, or you are in a position where you cannot receive Communion (eg divorced and remarried outside the Church) then you should not go to Communion.
- Don't forget that it is a precept of the Church to go to Confession at least once a year. A good confession makes Holy Communion more fruitful.
- Holy Communion calls us to live a life of charity to others, just as the Lord has been generous to us in giving himself to us in the Blessed Sacrament.
- Make sure to get to Mass on every Sunday and Holy Day without exception. Try to get to Eucharistic Adoration too.