

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 9TH JULY 2023

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

I want to thank everyone, once again, for their kindness and concern, as well as prayers, after my recent minor stroke. This is my first Sunday fully back. I was pleased to have been able to celebrate almost all the First Holy Communion Masses in our churches over the last two weeks, and I would like to congratulate the children who received the Sacrament. I would also like to thank teachers and catechists who helped them in their preparation.

One of the greatest inconveniences was not having my car. However, I can now drive again, and will be able to celebrate most of the normal weekday Masses, and to do the things which arise which are necessary, such as funerals. However, I will

still be taking it easy over the summer months, as I feel the need to rest quite a bit as full recovery is long and slow. So, I ask your patience and thank you for the help you can give.

Next week is the Mass for the end of the Deanery Visitation. (You can find the details of the Mass on page 3). I would like to ask as many of you as possible to come to the Mass. The results of the Visitation with its recommendations should become clearer. I have seen the Deanery Visitation reports for the whole Deanery and for our parishes specifically, and the spirit of our parishes and the support for the parish meeting we had with Bishop Stephen were mentioned. The challenge to be able to come together as one community of

faith is the key to being able to move forward and to answer the call of the Lord to be his Church in our corner of North Staffs. When we come to the autumn we will be able to look together at what the Archbishop is asking of us, and of how we can positively approach our mission in difficult times.

Schools will be breaking up at the end of next week, and many have already set out on summer holidays. Whether you are staying at home, or travelling afar, I hope that this summer brings peace and rest to all. God bless you all for your continued fidelity to the Lord, and for your help and support to me personally, as well as all you do for your parish. Let us pray for one another and seek to do more for our Lord!

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Veronica Giuliani
1660-1727

Veronica came from a deeply religious family, as she and two sisters became nuns. From her childhood she was very charitable to the poor. Her father wanted her to marry, but her insistence of religious life won. She became a Capuchin Poor Clare aged 17. In her novitiate, she over-

came terrible inner conflicts and the temptation to leave. She was made, in turn, novice mistress and abbess. Her deep devotion to Jesus led to her receiving the stigmata—the wounds of Christ—in her body. She is represented wearing a crown of thorns and embracing the Cross—a window at St Joseph's depicts her.

CHURCHES

Biddulph English Martyrs' Church, Church Road, Biddulph, ST8 6NE

Goldenhill St Joseph's Church, High Street, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 5RD

Kidsgrove St John the Evangelist's Church, The Avenue, Kidsgrove, ST7 1AE

Packmoor St Patrick's Church, Mellor Street, Packmoor, Stoke-on-Trent, ST7 4SN

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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 8th			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Robert Johnson
Sunday 9th Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Barbara & George Connell & Karol Grolík Angela Crowley People of the Parishes
Monday 10th Feria		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Deborah Sexton
Tuesday 11th St Benedict	9.15am			2.15pm	Holy Mass Holy Rosary	Dec of Child family
Wednesday 12th Feria						
Thursday 13th St Henry						
Friday 14th St Camillus of Lellis		9.30am			Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Saturday 15th St Bonaventure			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Bob Watts
Sunday 16th Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Michael Cullen Ken Holmes & family People of the Parishes
Monday 17th St Kenelm		6.00pm			Holy Mass	John Jervis
Tuesday 18th Feria	9.15am			2.15pm	End of School Year Mass Holy Rosary	Holy Souls
Wednesday 19th Feria						
Thursday 20th Feria		9.30am			End of School Year Mass (in church)	Holy Souls
Friday 21st Feria			9.30am		End of School Year Mass (in school)	Sarah Jane Sinnett
Saturday 22nd St Mary Magdalene			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	John Martin
Sunday 23rd Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>World Day of Prayer for Grandparents</i>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	People of the Parishes Frank & Betty Smithson Philip Clarke

Congratulations and Prayers

Please remember to pray for Bishop Stephen Wright as he is installed as Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle on 19th July.

World Day of Prayer for Grandparents

The Holy Father initiated this day of prayer two years ago, and it is a lovely way to express our gratitude and love for grandparents. It is on Sunday 23rd July. So we are asking grandparents to try and bring their families with them to Mass (or for children and grandchildren to bring their grandparents to Mass) on 22nd/23rd July, and there will be a particular blessing for grandparents at each Mass.

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 12noon. It will continue until the end of school term. Why not drop in for tea, coffee and a chat?

Scripture Day

North Staffs Pastoral Council invite you to a Scripture Day led by Fr Marco Egawhary about the Old Testament Book of Judith. It will be on Saturday 15th July, from 10am to 1.30pm, and takes place at Holy Trinity Newcastle, beginning with Holy Mass. Remember to bring a Bible (a proper Catholic one is necessary as Judith is not in a Protestant Bible). Please bring a packed lunch. Tea and coffee available

Deanery Visitation

The closing Mass for the Deanery Visitation will take place at St Gregory's Church Longton on Tuesday 18th July at 7pm. We need to have a good representation at this Mass, so please come if you are able.

SPUC petition

On the weekend of 22nd/23rd July, there will be the opportunity to sign a petition, organised by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, directed at the UK government. The Chinese Communist State is imposing forced abortions, sterilisation and infanticide on

its own population, notably among the Uyghur minority. As the cost of living is rising in the UK, the government still sends tens of millions in international aid to China. The petition is to ask the government to stop funding the brutal regime in China and to oppose their anti-life policies.

North Staffs Vocations Promotion Group

The group continues to work in North Staffs Deanery to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. The next Evening Prayer & Reflection will be held on Tuesday 25th July at St Gregory's Longton. It will be led by Deacon Owen Gresty, who is Diocesan Vocations Promoter.

Harvington Pilgrimage

This year is the centenary pilgrimage to the Diocesan Shrine of the English Martyrs. It will be on Sunday 3rd September at Harvington Hall, with Mass at 3pm, celebrated by His Grace the Archbishop.

Parish Office & Parish Priest's Open House

Teresa is on annual leave this week (week beginning 9th July), so please leave any contact to the following week.

Open House is when Fr Julian is available to be seen for consultations about baptisms, weddings, or for any other reason. There will be Open House this Monday 10th July at St Joseph's Presbytery from 6.30 to 7.30pm. There will also be Open House on 17th July, but not on 24th July. Please try to come to one of these two Open House sessions, as there will not be many through the summer.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedications**Week beginning 9th July:**

St John's: John Martin

St Joseph's: Fr Julian

Week beginning 16th July:

St John's: Connor Young

St Joseph's: Kath Murphy

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 GIVING

We have received notification that the branch we use for banking will be closing in the autumn. It means that Hanley and Newcastle are the only remaining branches, making it more difficult to bank money. It would be a great help to the Parishes if more parishioners would pay their weekly/monthly collection money by Standing Order. It means we receive your offertory even when you are unable to be at Mass! Please use the form here: <https://tinyurl.com/uqsttlr> or pick up a copy at church and deliver/post to St Joseph's presbytery. Please remember that your parish has seen bills rise too, particularly fuel bills. If you are able, please increase your regular giving by changing or making an additional Standing Order. And please remember to make a Gift Aid declaration if you are a UK income tax payer.

PARISH REGISTERS**Baptisms**

Congratulations to Michael Gerard Ward, who was baptised at St Joseph's on Sunday 2nd July.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the children who received First Holy Communion recently:

At St John's on 24th June: Riley Beardmore, Chantelle Benez, Evan Dean, Neave Fletcher, Freddie Franklin, Isabella Reynolds, Harry Slade, Tom Zacharia.

At St Patrick's on 25th June: Tianna Doherty

At St Joseph's on 25th June: Heidi Burgess, Emily Callan, Nicola Kumosz, Sam Szczepanski Beech, Lucy Shaw

At St Joseph's on 2nd July: Frankie Lesti Johnson, Ann Lorraine Cabalbal Agsida, Alfie Potts, Maggie Stokes, Annabelle Ward, Alishia Ward

At English Martyrs' on 2nd July: Olivia Adams, Joseph Aaron, Reuben Moran, Charlie Simcock, Dario Gutoso, Aiden Dodds, Vivisham Edved Ariyakumar