

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

PENTECOST SUNDAY

SUNDAY 28TH MAY 2023

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST



Happy Feast of Pentecost, as we recall the Holy Spirit being poured out on the apostles together with Our Lady, gathered in prayer.

The Holy Spirit is the force and strength of the Church. Without the Holy Spirit there is no new life, no mission, no sacraments, no ministry, no Christian life. We need the Holy Spirit as Christians like

every human being needs oxygen to stay alive. It comes as a gift to us individually, but also comes to the Church as a whole to bring renewal and new life. And so, calling on the Holy Spirit is not something we do just on Pentecost Sunday, but is something we should be doing at all times, asking for the Spirit to come into our hearts and minds constantly.

The Holy Spirit inspires new initiatives in the Church to bring about that growth. Before COVID, in our parishes we did pretty well in providing opportunities for growing in faith. This became clear at the parish meeting we had with Bishop Stephen when he came for the Visitation. As we rest over the summer it is time to prepare to get back to where we were as we begin a new pastoral year in September. On Wednesday I was in York for a meeting reconnecting with Divine Renovation. It was good to meet with other priests to talk about the challenges we face at this time. Let us pray for our parishes, and for the opportunities that a fresh start will bring, and put ourselves at the service of the Holy Spirit in the service of the Lord.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Bernard of Montjoux 923-1008

Born in Italy, Bernard became a priest and was made Vicar General of Aosta. He built schools and churches in the Diocese, but is remembered especially for two hospices in the Alps for travellers, many of whom were pilgrims on their way to

Rome or Jerusalem. Bernard founded a group of men who patrolled the mountains clearing them of robbers. The men who ran these hospices became Augustinians. St Bernard is recognised as the patron saint of Alpinists and mountaineers, as well as skiers. It is this St Bernard after whom the breed of alpine dog is named.

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

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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 27th			6.30pm		Vigil Mass of Pentecost	Bishop David McGough
Sunday 28th PENTECOST SUNDAY	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	McQuade family Kevin Potts People of the Parishes
Monday 29th DEDICATION OF THE CHURCH		9.30am			Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Tuesday 30th <i>Feria (Votive of Holy Spirit)</i>	9.15am			2.15pm	Holy Mass Holy Rosary	Vincent Johnson
Wednesday 31st Visitation of Our Lady		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Paul McGough
Thursday 1st Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	12noon	6.00pm			Holy Mass Heart to Heart	Dec of Child family
Friday 2nd <i>Feria First Friday</i>		9.30am			Holy Mass	Bernard Cunningham
Saturday 3rd St Charles Lwanga			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	John Martin
Sunday 4th Trinity Sunday	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Ellen Flatley & family Julius & Iris Kaminskas People of the Parishes
Monday 5th St Boniface		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Michael & Maureen Meaney & family
Tuesday 6th St Norbert	9.15am				Holy Mass	Kath Pooley
Wednesday 7th <i>Feria</i>		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Paul McGough
Thursday 8th <i>Feria</i>	12noon		9.30am		Holy Mass (in school) Holy Mass	Fr Lawrence Crowe Alan Whitehurst & Betty Wood
Friday 9th <i>Feria</i>		9.30am			Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Saturday 10th Our Lady			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

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.

Mission Appeal We received a letter of thanks from the provincial of the Spiritans for the collection on the day of the Mission Appeal.

Philippino Mass

There will be a Mass for the North Staffs Philippino community on Sunday 4th June at 3pm at Holy Trinity, Newcastle. The celebrant will be Fr Fretch Ballesteros, a Vocationist Father from the Philippines who currently works in Birmingham. It is hoped that this will be the first of what will become quarterly Masses for the Philippino community.

Spirituality Talk

Fr Michael Miners will be giving a talk on St Elizabeth of the Trinity (French Carmelite and mystic) on Tuesday 6th June at 7pm. The talk takes place in St Wulstan's Catholic School Hall, Wolstanton. After the talk there will be refreshments and an opportunity for questions. Everyone is welcome.

Men's Evening

St Teresa's Parish, Trent Vale invite all men to an evening of prayer, penance and pints! This is a new initiative for North Staffs, and all men are welcome. It is on Thursday 8th June at 7pm at St Teresa's and will be led by Fr Julian.

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

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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! Please note, there will be no Heart to Heart on 8th June.

**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 31st May "Make a powerful change" **This second session will be repeated on Wednesday 14th June (new date)**

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.

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.

Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea) are looking for volunteers to help promote Sea Sunday and the work of the charity. Sea Sunday is on 9 July this year and they need volunteers in the Diocese. Whether it is volunteering to speak at your church or working to encourage the Sea Sunday preparation, you'll be helping to raise vital support for the people of the sea. All the materials you need, from an appeal script, to gift aid envelopes and posters will be provided. If you, or a friend or family member, would like to find out more about how you can help this Sea Sunday, please contact Roland at roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org or call me on 07887 893763.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Welcome to the family of the Church to Charlie Alan Smith who was baptised at St Joseph's on 21st May.

And to Kiera Lai who is being baptised at St Joseph's on 28th May.

Reception into the church

Congratulations to Freddie Robson Smith who was received into full communion with the Church at St Joseph's on 21st May.

Confirmation & Communion

Congratulations to Jusmen Lyamgohn who is being confirmed and will receive First Holy Communion at St Joseph's today.

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. This new retreat centre is really beautiful on the edge of the Forest of Bowland, and in the grounds of Stonyhurst College. For more information see the website christianheritagecentre.com/events/praying-with-the-saints/

Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

Week beginning 28th May:

St John's: John Martin

Week beginning 5th June:

St John's: Kath & Brian Wakefield

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.

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 that it is the Catholic chaplain you want.

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. The next Open House is on Monday 5th June and then each Monday.

JUNE, MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART



The Devotion to the Sacred Heart, one of the most emblematic of all the Catholic devotions, is nothing to do with a morbid fascination for the carnal heart of the Saviour. The Sacred Heart is, rather, a wonderful symbol of the unity of the divine nature and human nature of Our Blessed Lord. Jesus' Heart is truly human: he is fully human and can therefore relate to us Heart to heart. Because he is risen from the dead, his human Heart beats for eternity. His Heart is also fully divine, for He is God. So he loves us with divine love. Through loving us with his human Heart, he loves us with divine Love. This is the deepest meaning of the mystery of the Heart of Jesus.

Please join in the preparation for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart on Friday 16th June. You can start a Novena by praying this prayer for nine days beginning on Wednesday 7th June:

*Sacred Heart of Jesus, filled with infinite love,
broken by my ingratitude, pierced by my sins,
yet loving me still,
accept the consecration which I make to you,
of all that I am and all that I have.
Take every faculty of my soul and body,
and draw me, day by day, nearer and nearer to your sacred side:
There, as I can hear the lesson,
teach me your blessed ways. Amen*