

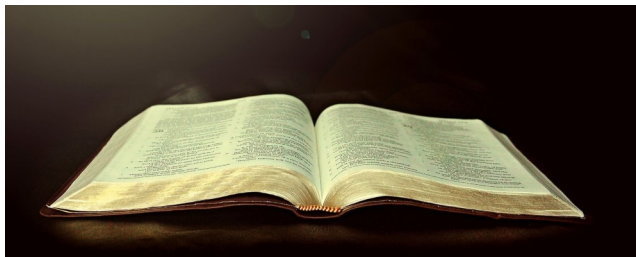
THE CATHOLIC PASTORAL PARTNERSHIP OF  
BIDDULPH, GOLDENHILL, KIDSGROVE & PACKMOOR  
*UNDER THE PATRONAGE AND PROTECTION OF OUR LADY OF GRACE*

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 22ND JANUARY 2023

## A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST



Today is the Sunday of the Word of God. In 2019, Pope Francis designated the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time each year to be a day on which the whole Church focusses on the place of the Bible in our lives. Three years ago, in our parishes, we distributed copies of St Matthew's Gospel. Do you still have yours? Did you read it at the time? Have you returned to it again? This year, in our Mass readings, it is the year of St Matthew once again. If you still have your copy, pick it up again. If you never had one, we have a few extra copies.

The Sunday of the Word of God is a reminder that the Word of God in the Bible should have a place in our daily lives. Just as we should pray (we speak to God), so we should read the Word (God speaks to us). It can be daunting to know where to start with reading the Bible. So many just sit down and start reading from the beginning. This isn't a great way of dealing with it, as many give up in the difficult parts of the Old Testament. The website set up to help Catholics with Bible reading, 'The God who speaks', is a good place to

start with working out how to approach the Bible. You can find the website here: [www.godwhospeaks.uk](http://www.godwhospeaks.uk)

A very good place to start with Bible reading is with the daily Mass readings. It is easy to get them online, and read them there. They are also printed in a week-day Missal. Reading the Mass readings cover the Gospels and other important parts of the Bible.

What we should remember when reading the Word of God is that it is not like reading a normal book or newspaper or magazine. It is inspired and sacred text. While it has a meaning, there are layers of meaning, and through the words God has something to say to us personally. So, we need to accompany our reading with prayer, and an open heart.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK



**Bl William Joseph  
Chaminade  
1818-1901**

Brought up in a large Catholic family, Chaminade was ordained priest in 1785, just before the French Revolution. He refused to take the oath required of priests by the revolution, and had to work secretly. He had to escape to Spain for three years. On return to France

he founded the two women's religious orders as a movement against the secularisation of France. He had a great vision for returning France to the Catholic Faith under the influence of Our Lady. He was made 'Apostolic Missionary' of Aquitaine in south-west France. He died in Bordeaux in 1850 and was beatified in 2000.

## CHURCHES

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**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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## Website

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## Diocesan Website

[birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

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# MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Kidsgrove	Packmoor	The <b>Sacrament of Forgiveness</b> (Confessions) <b>St Joseph's</b> Sun 10.30am <b>English Martyrs'</b> Sun 8.30am <b>St John's</b> Sat 6pm <b>St Patrick's</b> On request before or after Mass	
<b>Saturday 21st</b>			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Arnold Jones
<b>Sunday 22nd</b> <b>Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int Ray & Marie Bromley Michael Joseph Dymnicki Bridget Dowd
<b>Monday 23rd</b> Feria						
<b>Tuesday 24th</b> St Francis de Sales				2.15pm	Holy Rosary	
<b>Wednesday 25th</b> <b>Conversion of St Paul</b>						
<b>Thursday 26th</b> Ss Timothy & Titus						
<b>Friday 27th</b> Feria						
<b>Saturday 28th</b> St Thomas Aquinas			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	John Martin
<b>Sunday 29th</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Sean McCarron Joseph Finn People of the Parishes
<b>Monday 30th</b> Feria	12noon	6.00pm			Funeral Service Holy Mass	Gerard Quinn RIP Peter Minshull
<b>Tuesday 31st</b> St Antony the Abbot	9.15am			2.15pm	Holy Mass Holy Rosary	John Brian Keane
<b>Wednesday 1st</b> Feria						
<b>Thursday 2nd</b> <b>Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)</b>	12noon	9.30am 5.30pm 6.00pm			Holy Mass (in church) Holy Mass Reception of Body Heart to Heart	Avril Redfern Catherine & Leonard Johnson Kathryn Hart RIP
<b>Friday 3rd</b> St Werburgh		10.30am			Requiem Mass	Kathryn Hart RIP
<b>Saturday 4th</b> Our Lady	9.15am		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Fr David Lloyd Connor Young
<b>Sunday 5th</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Gerard Quinn Peter & Elaine Minshull People of the Parishes

**St John's Academy Garden** St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy are due to start replanting their RHS award-winning garden in preparation for the opening of the new school building. We are calling upon any volunteers that are willing to help out at the school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at 1pm. We will be planting bulbs and sharing our vision for our Catholic Social Teaching. Tea and coffee will be made available and all are welcome! If you are able to attend, please notify the office on 01782 987200.

**Guild of Catechists** All parish catechists are invited to come to an initial meeting of catechists from the North Staffs Deanery in order to form a Guild of Catechists. The idea is to promote the role of catechist, help with training and ongoing formation, as well as to match parish needs with willing trained catechists. The meeting is at Coolock in Newcastle on Saturday 4th February at 10am.

**CAFOD** are looking for volunteers to help in a various different ways. They are looking for people to help particularly as parish volunteers (highlighting the work of CAFOD in the parish), or as school volunteers (going in to Catholic schools to deliver assemblies and workshops). If you are willing to volunteer, or to know more, contact Joanne O'Meara on [birmingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:birmingham@cafod.org.uk)

**Talk on St Therese of Lisieux** On Tuesday 31st January at 7pm, Fr Michael Miners will be giving a talk on St Therese of Lisieux at St Wulstan's school hall, Wolstanton. All are welcome!

**Sick and elderly** If you know



## 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!

someone who is sick or elderly and unable to come to Mass, please let Fr Julian or Teresa in the Parish Office know. It is often difficult to know people's personal situation. So, if you know someone needs a visit or Holy Communion, please let us know.

**Retrouvaille** is a programme for couples who are experiencing difficulties in marriage and has helped thousands of couples across the world. The next Retrouvaille programme begins with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City, Herts, 24th-26th February. For more information have a look at the website <http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/>

**'Rethinking Abortion' Training Day** There will be an interactive event equipping you to talk about abortion in a meaningful and productive way in your everyday life. The event takes place on Sat 4th Feb, 10am - 5pm (optional Mass at 9am) at Oscott College. Lunch and refreshments provided. Booking is required at [www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)

**Deanery Vocations Mass** This year's Mass to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life will be at St Giles', Cheadle on Thursday 2nd March at 7pm. The celebrant will be Fr Eric Kemball, the parish priest, with the participation of Painsley Catholic College. Everyone welcome.

**Intercultural Mass** For the first time there will be an Intercultural Mass for the Deanery on Saturday 18th February at 12noon at Holy Trinity, Newcastle. The Mass will celebrate the wonderful cultural diversity that the Catholic community in North Staffs possesses. Everyone is welcome to come and celebrate together.

## HOSPITALITY

**Warm Places Biddulph** Each Thursday the meeting room at English Martyrs' becomes a warm place of welcome to everyone. We offer tea and coffee all day, and a hot simple lunch at 12.30pm. Why not drop in? We are open every Thursday during winter. Everyone is welcome.

**Welcoming Places Goldenhill** Starting on 17th January, each Tuesday from 10am to 1pm, parishioners will be offering a place of welcome at St Joseph's Academy, Mobberley Road. There will be tea, coffee and light refreshments available, and a warm place and a chance for a chat. Everyone is welcome.

*If you want to volunteer for either of our welcoming schemes, please turn up to either place at the times when they are open. Alternatively, contact the parish office to be put in contact with the other*

## CHRISTMAS CRIB APPEAL: MARY'S MEALS



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Christmas Crib appeal for Mary's Meals. The final total that we were able to raise was £4,454. With the Double the Love matched funding, that means the charity will receive £8,908, plus the Gift Aid from tax payers who filled in a Gift Aid form. What a great result and a wonderful start to the New Year. God bless you for your generosity!



## PARISH REGISTERS

### Deaths

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Gerard Quinn. Funeral service at English Martyrs' at 12noon on Monday 30th January, followed by committal at Carmountside Crematorium.

And for the soul of Kathryn Hart. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's on Friday 3rd February at 10.30am. Reception into church on Thursday 2nd February at 5.30pm.

And for the soul of Ethel Veronica Dean. Requiem Mass at St Joseph's on Tuesday 7th February at 2.15pm. Reception into church on Monday 6th February at 5.30pm.

*Requiescant in Pace*

### *Sanctuary Lamp Dedications* *Week beginning 22nd January:*

English Martyrs': Brian Stanway  
St John's: Brenda Crotty  
St Joseph's: Winifred Maughan & family

### *Week beginning 29th January:*

English Martyrs': Brian Stanway  
St Joseph's: Michael & Maureen Meaney & family

**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. If you have any difficulty getting in touch, or you know someone who is in another hospital, please contact the parish office.

### **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, to ensure that Teresa is in.

Open House, when anyone can come and see Fr Julian, to make arrangements for sacraments or anything else on Saturday mornings 10am to 11am. There is no Open House on 28th January or 4th February.

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## JANUARY—MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

*The month of January is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus, with the feast celebrated on 3rd January. The devotion owes a great deal to the inspiration of St Bernardine of Siena. The devotion reminds us of the words of St Paul in the letter to the Philippians: "At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, in heaven, on earth, and in the underworld." The Holy Name is a name by which we are saved (it means 'Saviour'), and the name is powerful. We see in the Gospels how the name of Jesus was enough to make demons flee. Many martyrs have died for the name of Jesus, and it is the last word said by many faithful Christians before death. The litany of the Holy Name is a great devotion for this month:*

Lord, have mercy on us.  
Christ, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, hear us.  
Jesus, graciously hear us.  
God the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us (after each line)  
God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
God the Holy Spirit,  
Holy Trinity, one God,  
Jesus, Son of the living God,  
Jesus, splendour of the Father,  
Jesus, brightness of eternal light,  
Jesus, King of glory,  
Jesus, sun of justice,  
Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,

Jesus, most amiable,  
Jesus, most admirable,  
Jesus, the mighty God,  
Jesus, father of the world to come,  
Jesus, Angel of great counsel,  
Jesus, most powerful,  
Jesus, most patient,  
Jesus, most obedient,  
Jesus, meek and humble of heart,  
Jesus, lover of chastity,  
Jesus, lover of us,  
Jesus, God of peace,  
Jesus, author of life,  
Jesus, example of virtues,  
Jesus, zealous lover of souls,  
Jesus, our God,  
Jesus, our refuge,  
Jesus, father of the poor,  
Jesus, treasure of the faithful,  
Jesus, good Shepherd,  
Jesus, true light,  
Jesus, eternal wisdom,  
Jesus, infinite goodness,  
Jesus, our way and our life,  
Jesus, joy of Angels,  
Jesus, King of Patriarchs,  
Jesus, Master of the Apostles,  
Jesus, Teacher of the Evangelists,  
Jesus, strength of Martyrs,  
Jesus, light of Confessors,  
Jesus, purity of Virgins,  
Jesus, crown of all Saints,  
Be merciful, spare us, O Jesus.  
Be merciful, graciously hear us, O Jesus.

From all evil, deliver us, O Jesus.  
From all sin, deliver us, O Jesus.  
(after each line)  
From Your wrath,  
From the snares of the devil,  
From the spirit of fornication,  
From everlasting death,  
From the neglect of Your inspirations,  
By the mystery of Your holy Incarnation,  
By Your Nativity,  
By Your Infancy,  
By Your most divine Life,  
By Your labours,  
By Your agony and Passion,  
By Your Cross and dereliction,  
By Your sufferings,  
By Your Resurrection,  
By Your Ascension,  
By Your institution of the most Holy Eucharist,  
By Your joys,  
By Your glory,  
Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world,  
Spare us, O Jesus.  
Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world,  
Hear us, O Jesus.  
Lamb of God, Who take away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus.  
Jesus, hear us.  
Jesus, graciously hear us.