

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2023

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST



It is particularly poignant, this year, to be keeping Remembrance Sunday at a time when war and violence dominate the news. The war in Gaza has displaced the war in Ukraine from the airwaves, but the conflict in the east of our continent continues to rumble on.

When we come to remember the dead of the World Wars, and pray for them, many of us can name family members who are among those who died. In more recent wars, our

casualties in conflicts have been much fewer. However, there are those who continue to lose their lives defending their homelands, their families and their way of life. Remembrance Sunday is not a day to glorify war at all. It is a day when we remember the dead, but also remember that the reason they died was for liberty and human dignity, for patriotism and defending their families and communities. Our task, in our generation, is to honour the memory of the fallen

by pursuing peace and reconciliation between peoples. It was remarkable, the way in which the formerly enemy nations of Europe managed to become friends and allies in such a short time after the Second World War. Let us pray that the present wars will end, not in the fragile peace of a ceasefire or stand off, but in a real peace which recognises that people of every nation are all brothers and sisters in the creation of God.

The Church is a constant sign of the reconciliation and peace which Our Lord Jesus Christ won for our human race. He died and rose again, and gave the Spirit so that we are in close communion with people of every nation. May the Church become a sign of the hope of peace for all the world.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Josaphat of Polotsk 1580-1623

Josaphat was an eastern rite bishop who died as a martyr for Christian unity as he tried to achieve unity between the Catholic and Orthodox churches. When the Archbishop of Kyiv and five other bishops tried to reunite with Rome, Josaphat was a voice of peace. Influenced by the Jesuits,

he sought communion between East and West. As a monk, Josaphat desired the reform of monastic life, and tried to make the life more rigorous, with mixed results. His whole life was one of reconciliation and peace. When he became Bishop of Polotsk, he tried to unite his Diocese to Rome. However, he was martyred for his attempt.

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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Safeguarding

The Partnership of Parishes operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are:

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Parish Website

www.partnershipparishes.org
The Parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity no. 234216

LITURGY & DEVOTIONS THIS WEEK

	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Packmoor	Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions) St Joseph's Sat 12.30pm; Sun 10.30am English Martyrs' Sun 8.30am St Patrick's Sat 5pm	
Saturday 11th			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	John Martin
Sunday 12th Thirty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Act of Remembrance & Holy Mass	People of the Parishes Sarah & Arthur Holmes & family
Monday 13th Feria		6.00pm		Holy Mass	November List
Tuesday 14th Feria	9.15am		2.15pm	Holy Mass Holy Rosary	November List
Wednesday 15th St Albert the Great					
Thursday 16th St Margaret of Scotland	12noon	9.30am 6.00pm		Holy Mass (St John's school) Holy Mass Heart to Heart	November List Eileen Marrow
Friday 17th St Elizabeth of Hungary		6.00pm		Holy Mass	November List
Saturday 18th Dedication of Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul		12noon	5.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	November List Bob Watts
Sunday 19th Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Dec of Aston, Burton & Paskin fams Michael Joseph Dymnicki
Monday 20th Feria		6.00pm		Holy Mass	November List
Tuesday 21st Presentation of Our Lady	9.15am		2.15pm	Holy Mass Holy Rosary	November List
Wednesday 22nd St Cecilia		6.00pm		Holy Mass	November List
Thursday 23rd St Clement I		6.00pm		Heart to Heart	
Friday 24th The Vietnamese Martyrs		6.00pm		Holy Mass	November List
Saturday 25th Our Lady		12noon 5.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	November List Int Proscovia's family
Sunday 26th SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	People of the Parishes Terry & Patricia Chappell

Mass intentions previously requested for St John's will be celebrated at St Patrick's. If you prefer another church, please see Fr Julian.

St John's Church: keys and access Please note there is no access to St John's church without the express permission of Fr Julian. If you have keys to the church or house, please return them to Fr Julian as soon as possible.

Year of Prayer The Year of Prayer in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025 begins on the First Sunday of Advent, 3rd December 2023. We want to take advantage of this year to turn our hearts back to God in prayer in our parishes. Fr Julian would like to ask all who are interested in helping to put together our Partnership programme for the Year of Prayer to come to a meeting on Monday 13th November at 7.15pm at St Patrick's church, Packmoor.

November List of the Dead Please take an envelope and place your list and an offering to go towards our Masses for the November List which will be offered on each day of November, and throughout the year. Please note, offerings made in the November list envelopes go to the Masses for the whole November list, and not just for your named intentions. If you want a specific Mass for your departed loved ones then please use the normal Mass offering envelope.

Mini-Christmas Fayre English Martyrs' will be having a mini-Christmas Fayre at church, in the meeting room and foyer on Saturday 2nd December from 10am to 12noon. Tombola, raffle, toy and craft stall. All proceeds to parish funds.

Walsingham Association This Wednesday there will be a Mass for deceased members of the Association and the AGM at Sacred Heart, Hanley at 6.30pm. New members welcome!

Walsingham Pilgrimage The Walsingham Association are organising a three-day pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady in Walsing-

ham from Wednesday 20th to Saturday 23rd March 2024. Priority booking for members of the Association is now open. Places will be available to non-members from 14th October. The cost for the pilgrimage together with en suite accommodation is £354, and in budget accommodation is £297. For more information and bookings please contact Mary Shirley on maryroseshirley@gmail.com

North Staffs Guild of Catechists Our Deanery has a great group of catechists who get together regularly for support of each other, and for sharing materials, ideas, and training. We would like to extend the membership to all those in the Deanery who actively give catechesis (trained and untrained catechists as well as school teachers who do sacramental preparation). Our WhatsApp group and Facebook page are a great way to keep up to date with our Guild activities, and to find out about training sessions both in person and online. To sign up for the WhatsApp group or to find out about our activities please email Bev on bev_alaimo@outlook.com Our next meetings will be: A resource evening on the Evangelium resource which can be used for

OUTREACH TO CARE HOMES

Our next prayer service for the residents at Lawton Rise Goldenhill is this Wednesday 15th November at 11am. (And on the third Wednesday of each month thereafter, unless notified in the bulletin). Please come and join us. Meet outside before 11am.

We will also be having a service for Remembrance at Maple Tree Court on Gloucester Road on Monday 20th November from 2.30pm to 3pm. The first service was very much appreciated by the many residents who attended. They loved seeing the Year 6 children from St John's Academy who came. The parishioners enjoyed it too! Everyone welcome on 20th.

PRAYER & LIFE WORKSHOPS



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A New Evangelization

Our Prayer & Life Workshops are in the process of starting. It's not too late to join a Workshop. These are the options:

Workshop for men on Saturdays at St Joseph's Church, Goldenhill from 9.30 to 11.30am. Come for tea, coffee and a bacon butty at 9am.

Workshop for everyone on Fridays at St Joseph's Goldenhill, from 10am to 12noon.

Workshop for everyone at Our Lady & St Werburgh's church, Clayton, on Saturdays, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

RCIA or adult catechesis. This will be on Friday 1st December at 7pm at Coolock in Newcastle. We also have a full training day with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph on Saturday 17th February 2024 at Our Lady & St Peter's Parish, Stoke.

HOSPITALITY



Our Welcoming Space, where you can just drop in for tea, coffee and a chat, is running on Tuesdays from 10am to 12noon. It is at St Joseph's Academy, Mobberley Road. Everyone is welcome to come and drop in! It is however not running this week, because it's school half term.

Our "Warm Space" drop in session at English Martyrs' is up and running once again on Wednesdays through the winter, from 11am to 2pm for tea, coffee, soup, sandwiches and dessert. Everybody is welcome.

In Kildsgrove, the Young at Heart club meets on the last Tuesday of every month. The last meeting of the year will be on 28th November (the pre-Christmas party!). The meeting time for this session only will be 1pm to 4pm. Everybody is welcome to come and join us!

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT OUR LADY OF GRACE ACADEMY

By Ava Morris, Stanley Clack & Ella-Louise Kinder-Rigby

The Harvest Festival this year was a great way to think about the poor and vulnerable of our community. We asked children to bring in any food donations if they were able to and were really surprised by the generous amount of food that we received. The Mini Vinnies spend lunch time to sort out the selection of food and made a display to display our offerings.



After lunch the whole school gathered together for the Harvest festival led by Year 5 and 6. It was a wonderful afternoon celebration full of joyful hymns and songs that we have practised with Mrs Amison. We thanked God for all of wonderful food that we are fortunate enough to have and prayed for the people in other parts of the world and community who live without food or are in need. The Harvest Festival helps us to put our faith into action following the CST principle 'Option for the poor and vulnerable' which is living our lives by putting the needs of others first especially those in need.

A couple of days later, Caroline from Stoke on Trent Foodbank visited our school and talked to us about where the food goes after and how it helps others. She thanked our school

community for our generosity and the Mini Vinnies packed the food away and helped to load it into the van with the help of Mr Murphy.



'Knowing how we have helped the less fortunate in our community fills me with joy as sharing compassion with others is living as God asks us to' (Stanley Clack).



PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Welcome to the family of the Church to Nancy Helen Dutton, who is being baptised at St Joseph's today.

And also to Archie Till who is to be baptised at St Joseph's on 19th November.

Deaths

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Terry Phillips. Funeral arrangements later.

And also for the soul of Flo Basketfield.

Requiescant in pace.

Parish Office & Parish Priest's Open House

The Parish Office is open at the times advertised on the front of the bulletin. It is always advisable to phone in advance of visiting.

Open House is when Fr Julian is available to be seen for consultations about baptisms, weddings, or for any other reason. Open House is on Monday evenings starting at 6.30pm. No need to book: just turn up.

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 you want the Catholic chaplain.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

Week beginning 12th Nov:

English Martyrs': Maria Williams & Hogan family

St Joseph's: Int Mary Welsh

St Patrick's: John Martin

Week beginning 19th Nov:

English Martyrs':

St Joseph's: Int B Crotty

St Patrick's:

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.

Lamps previously requested for St John's will now be dedicated at St Patrick's or another church.