

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

SUNDAY 6TH AUGUST 2023

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Today is one of the exceptions to the rule that Sundays replace feast days. It is the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord, and because it is an important feast dedicated to the Lord himself, it replaces the Sunday celebration. Today we contemplate the glory of Jesus, who is God made

man. Next week, on Tuesday, we will celebrate the glory of Our Lady, who was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her life. These feast days urge us to raise our sights above our ordinary every day lives, and to realise that God is with us, and that he calls us to an ex-

traordinary life, the life of grace. When we take a break for the summer, it a good time to assess how our spiritual lives are going. It's easy to fall into a rut with prayer, Mass, the sacraments... Now is a good time to turn back to the Lord, helped by Our Lady's prayers!

NOTICES

Funeral Arrangements

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Mary Hewitt. Reception into St Joseph's church will be on Tuesday 8th August at 5.30pm. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 9th August at 12noon.

Please also pray for the soul of Nora Moran. Funeral service at Bradwell Crematorium on Friday 25th August at 11.30am.

Congratulations to Georgina Hewitt and Philip Sampey who were married at St John's church on Monday 31st July.

Holy Day Don't forget that Tuesday 15th August is the Solemnity of Our Lady's Assumption and is a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass at 6.30pm at St Patrick's on Monday 14th, and Masses at 9.30am at St Joseph's and 11am at English Martyrs' on the 15th.

Sorry, but on this occasion there will be no evening Mass on the day.

Biddulph & Packmoor

Red Boxes If you are a Mission Box holder from English Martyrs' or St Patrick's, please bring your box in for emptying and counting during this month.

Parish Office/Open

House The parish office is open throughout August. Please call in advance of visiting to ensure that the Secretary is available. Open House does not happen in August. If you wish to see Fr Julian for a pastoral arrangement then the next Open House is on Monday 4th September 6.30pm to 7.30pm. If you have an urgent pastoral need, then please call the presbytery or email Fr Julian (received immediately). Fr Julian will be on holiday after the Feast of the Assumption for 10 days

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.

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.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

For w/b 6th August:

St Joseph's: Maureen Meaney
St John's: Brenda Chadwick
St Patrick's: Special Int

For w/b 13th August:

St Joseph's: Winfred Maughan & family
English Martyrs': Int St Maximilian Kolbe (FS)
St John's: John Martin
You can dedicate a lamp for an intention for a £5 donation.

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:

Biddulph & Packmoor: Julie Shufflebotham & Lorraine Connell (sg.englishmartyrs.biddulph@rcaob.org.uk) **Goldenhill:** Jo Kirkham (sg.stjoseph.goldenhill@rcaob.org.uk) **Kidsgrove:** Denise Hewitt (sg.stjoe.kidsgrove@rcaob.org.uk)
Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Website

www.partnershipparishes.org

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

| | Biddulph | Goldenhill | Kidsgrove | Packmoor | Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions) During August Confessions on request before Mass only | |
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| Saturday 5th | | | 6.30pm | | Holy Mass of Sunday | Thomas & Joan Warham |
| Sunday 6th Transfiguration of the Lord | 9.00am | 11.00am | | 6.30pm | Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass | Terry Wilson Bernard Cunningham People of the Parishes |
| Monday 7th St Sixtus II & Companions | | 6.00pm | | | Holy Mass | Michael & Maureen Meaney |
| Tuesday 8th St Dominic | 9.15am | 5.30pm | | 2.15pm | Holy Mass Holy Rosary Reception into church | Holy Souls Mary Hewitt RIP |
| Wednesday 9th St Teresa Benedicta | | 12noon | | | Requiem Mass | Mary Hewitt RIP |
| Thursday 10th St Lawrence | 12noon | | | | Holy Mass | Dec of Child family |
| Friday 11th St Clare of Assisi | | 9.30am | | | Holy Mass | Holy Souls |
| Saturday 12th St Jane Frances de Chantal | | | 6.30pm | | Holy Mass of Sunday | Connor Young |
| Sunday 13th Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time | 9.00am | 11.00am | | 6.30pm | Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass | People of the Parishes Anthony Stephen Barretto Vincent & Veronica Farrell |
| Monday 14th St Maximilian Kolbe | | | | 6.30pm | Vigil Mass of the Feast | Winifred Maughan |
| Tuesday 15th ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i> | 11.00am | 9.30am | | 2.15pm | Holy Mass of the Feast Holy Mass of the Feast Holy Rosary | People of the Parishes Holy Souls |
| Wednesday 16th St Stephen of Hungary | | | | | | |
| Thursday 17th Feria | | | | | | |
| Friday 18th Feria | | | | | | |
| Saturday 19th St John Eudes | | 1.00pm | 6.30pm | | Wedding Service Holy Mass of Sunday | Jak Pender & Bethany Dale John Martin |
| Sunday 20th Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time | 9.00am | 11.00am | | 6.30pm | Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass | People of the Parishes Veronica Williams Private Intention |