

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

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 25TH JUNE 2023

## A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

First of all I would like to thank everyone for their kindness in the many Get Well messages and cards that I've received. Having had a couple of weeks off, I feel ready to start returning to duties. However, I am going to take it slowly. While my right hand is almost back to normal, I still get very tired and feel ill after exertion. So I am going to limit myself to doing one thing per day. The other inconvenience is that I cannot drive my car for another two weeks at least. So getting around isn't so simple either. And so, I've decided to concentrate on celebrating the Masses for First Holy Communion. So that's St John's and St Joseph's this week, and then



English Martyrs' and St Joseph's next week. Also, I will do a couple of the holy day Masses during the week for St Peter and St Paul. The Deanery priests have been very generous in offering to cover the Masses that I don't feel I can do. I will also have one weekday Mass per week at Goldenhill and Biddulph, and do an Open House this

coming Monday. So, little by little, over the summer, God willing, I'll get back to normal.

We welcome the children who are receiving their First Holy Communion this week and next week at the various Masses in our parishes. Please support the children with your prayers. They are growing up in a world forgetful of God. And so this stage of their initiation into the family of God, the Church, is so important. Let us pray that the seeds of faith which are planted in the Sacraments will bear fruit.

If you need anything that I cannot currently cover, such as sick calls, please contact Teresa in the parish office.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK



### St Etheldreda (Audrey) 636-679

Etheldreda, or Audrey, was a princess of East Anglia, who was married to a tribal king, Tondberct. They had a chaste marriage, and her husband died only three years later. She was married again, this time to a prince of Northumbria. When he became king he wanted to enforce

his marital rights, while Etheldreda wanted to take up religious life. She fled to Ely, and the king married another woman, leaving Etheldreda free to become a nun, and she founded a double monastery (monks and nuns) at Ely. After her death, her body remained incorrupt and her clothing had miraculous powers.

## 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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Our safeguarding reps are:  
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## Website

[www.partnershipparishes.org](http://www.partnershipparishes.org)

## Diocesan Website

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

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# MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Kidsgrove	Packmoor	<b>Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions)</b> <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> Sun before Mass on request	
<b>Saturday 24th</b>			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Anthony Darwen
<b>Sunday 25th</b> <b>Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Tony Lally Thanksgiving Philip Clarke
<b>Monday 26th</b> Feria		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Kathleen Murphy
<b>Tuesday 27th</b> Feria				2.15pm	Holy Rosary	
<b>Wednesday 28th</b> St Irenaeus <b>Vigil of St Peter &amp; Paul</b>			2.15pm	6.30pm	Vigil Mass of the Feast (in school) Vigil Mass of the Feast	People of the Parishes Thanksgiving (RE)
<b>Thursday 29th</b> <b>ST PETER &amp; ST PAUL</b>	11.00am	9.30am			Holy Mass of the Feast Holy Mass of the Feast	Paul McGough Kathleen Flatley
<b>Friday 30th</b> First Martyrs of Rome						
<b>Saturday 1st</b> Our Lady			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Peter Convey
<b>Sunday 2nd</b> <b>Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Maria Williams Tom Bailey People of the Parishes
<b>Monday 3rd</b> <b>St Thomas, Apostle</b>						
<b>Tuesday 4th</b> St Elizabeth of Portugal				2.15pm	Holy Rosary	
<b>Wednesday 5th</b> St Modwen		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Winifred Maughan
<b>Thursday 6th</b> St Maria Goretti	12noon				Holy Mass	Dec of Child family
<b>Friday 7th</b> Feria <i>First Friday</i>						
<b>Saturday 8th</b> Our Lady			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Robert Johnson
<b>Sunday 9th</b> <b>Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Barbara & George Connell & Karol Groluk Angela Crowley People of the Parishes

**Congratulations and Prayers** go to Bishop Stephen Wright, the auxiliary Bishop in Staffordshire and the Black Country, who has visited us recently and celebrated Confirmation for our children. The Holy Father has appointed him to be the Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle in the north-east of England. He will be installed as Diocesan Bishop there on 19th July.

**Holy Day of Obligation** This Thursday, 29th June, is the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Masses which fulfil the obligation are 2.15pm at St John's School, Gloucester Road and 6.30pm at St Patrick's Packmoor on Wednesday. Then on Thursday 9.30am at St Joseph's Goldenhill and 11am at English Martyrs' Biddulph.

**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?

**English Martyrs' Mini Fayre** Thanks to everyone who helped to put on and run the mini-Fayre and to those who supported the event. It raised £774 for parish funds. It is great to get some fundraising done again!

**Lawton Rise Prayer Service** Thanks to everyone who came to the prayer service for residents at Lawton Rise on Wednesday. It was a great success. We look forward to further outreach events for residential homes.

**Diocesan Vision** The last of the evenings, at which parishioners from parishes across the whole of the Deanery meet together to discuss the way forward for our parishes in responding to the Diocesan Vision, will take place on Wednesday 28th June at St Teresa's Trent Vale from 7pm to 8.30pm. The theme of the meet-

ing is "My commitment and prayer".

**Feast of St Thomas** The Keralan Syro-Malabar community will be celebrating their Patron saint, St Thomas the Apostle, on Sunday 2nd July. It takes place at the Cooperative Academy in Burslem. The celebration of the Holy Qurbana (Mass) will be at 10am celebrated by Bishop Joseph Srampickal, Bishop of the Syro-Malabar eparchy of Great Britain. There will then be a solemn procession around the school compound at 12.30pm. There will then be lunch and performances by parishioners until 5.30pm.

**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.

**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 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 Castle and all its facilities, there will

### 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.

**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 26th June at St Joseph's Presbytery from 6.30 to 7.30pm.

### Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

#### Week beginning 25th June:

St John's: John Martin

St Joseph's: McGough family

#### Week beginning 2nd July:

St John's: Int Jean Hodgkinson

St Joseph's: Winnie Maughan & family

*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.*

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.kenelm youth trust.org.uk/summer-camp.html](http://www.kenelm youth trust.org.uk/summer-camp.html) for more details.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel** Join the family of Carmel in prayer together with Mary, the mother of Jesus, the Queen Beauty of Carmel on Thursday 13 - Saturday 15 July, 7-8pm daily. A Triduum Retreat in preparation for the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel exploring Mary in the light of Sacred Scripture and the Carmelite tradition. Online only. Led by the Carmelite Retreat Team. Suggested donation: £40 (online). For more information and registration go to <https://www.carmelite.uk.net/online-talks-retreats/lady-of-mount-carmel-triduum-2023/>