

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

The beginning of September always feels like a new year, probably even more so than New Year in January. The summer comes to an end, families return from holidays, schools begin again, the retired go away on holiday, and the nights really start to draw in. September is a new pastoral year, as schools, sacramental preparation and other parish initiatives start up again.

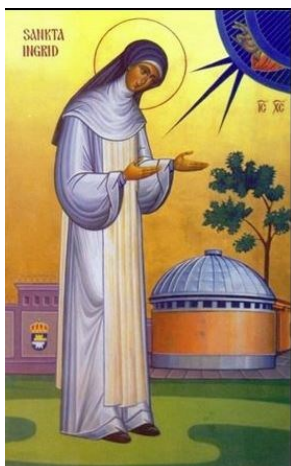
We begin to set our sights on the next Jubilee Year which will be in 2025. In preparation for that celebration, the Holy Father wants the Church to focus on prayer—not just saying prayers but going deeper with prayer, as a community and as individuals. That will be our focus over the next couple of years in our parishes.

Many of you will know that two parishioners—Fiona and Sara—and I myself have not only done the Prayer and Life Workshops, which a number of you have done, but have gone further and have done the year of preparation to become Prayer Guides, able to lead the Workshops and other retreats and prayer initiatives. The three of us will be commissioned on Saturday 9th September in Stone—you will see the invitation for any of you who wish to come to the Mass and celebration on that day on page 3 of the bulletin. Fiona and Sara are starting their work with a parish retreat day called 'Transfiguration' on the following Saturday. It would be great if lots of parishioners would be able to come to that retreat day, whether you have

already done the Workshops or not.

September is, as I have said on other occasions, a great Marian month. While May and October are dedicated to Our Lady, there are actually more feast days of Our Lady in September than in other months. Let us therefore consecrate the life of our parishes to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady of Grace. We will need her intercession as we pursue the amalgamation of our parishes as one parish and the proposed closure of churches. I hope that in the next few weeks, a timeline of when all of this may come about will be specified. The important thing is that we remain faithful as Catholics in a time of change, and remain faithful to the sacramental life and prayer.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Ingrid of Skänninge c. 1220-1282

St Ingrid was from the highest Swedish nobility. Notably she was the great aunt of St Brigid of Sweden. Ingrid married a nobleman who died in 1271. Together with her sister, she formed a group of pious women who had a Dominican priest as Spiritual Director, Fr Petrus de

Dacia. He left a testimony to Ingrid's spiritual life and mystical revelations. Within a year this small group of women became the founding members of an informal Dominican community, formally becoming a convent nine years later—called Skänninge Abbey. Ingrid was a pilgrim to Santiago de Compostela, Jerusalem and Rome.

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.stjite.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.

Parish Website

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

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 2nd			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Kenneth Harding
Sunday 3rd Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Fr Anthony De Vere Tessie Barretto People of the Parishes
Monday 4th Feria		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Bernard Cunningham
Tuesday 5th Feria	9.15am			2.15pm	Holy Mass Holy Rosary	Special Intention
Wednesday 6th Feria		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Special Intention
Thursday 7th Feria	12noon	6.00pm	9.30am		Holy Mass (in school) Holy Mass Heart to Heart	Special Intention
Friday 8th Nativity of Our Lady		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Dec of the Maughan family
Saturday 9th St Peter Claver			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Thanksgiving (MW)
Sunday 10th Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Jack Shufflebotham Tom Bailey Int Mary Jervis
Monday 11th Feria		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Peter Convey
Tuesday 12th Most Holy Name of Mary	9.15am			2.15pm	Holy Mass Holy Rosary	Special Intention
Wednesday 13th St John Chrysostom						
Thursday 14th Exaltation of the Cross	12noon	9.30am 6.00pm			Holy Mass (in school) Holy Mass Heart to Heart	People of the Parishes Special Intention
Friday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Special Intention
Saturday 16th Sts Cornelius & Cyprian	12noon		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Private Intention Kath & Brian Wakefield
Sunday 17th Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Evangelium Gaudii Sunday</i>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Fr George Grynowski Mary Hewitt People of the Parishes



Retreat: “Transfiguration”

by Fr Ignacio Larrañaga O.F.M CAP

Place: **English Martyrs Catholic Church**
Church Road, Biddulph, Stoke-On-Trent, ST8 6NE
Saturday 16th September 2023
Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Contact: Fiona Keane – 07887397074
Bring a packed lunch

Adult Enquirers We will soon be beginning, once again, our preparation sessions for adults wishing to explore becoming Catholics. If you are interested please contact Fr Julian or send an email to the parish office to register your interest.

Red Mission Boxes Would all parishioners with a box from St Joseph's please bring their box in to be counted during September please?

Brass cleaning Please come along and help to clean the brasses at St Joseph's on Wednesday 6th September at 9.30am. Any help would be gratefully received.

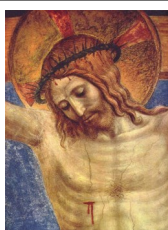
Welcoming Space Our Welcoming Space, where you can just drop in for tea, coffee and a chat, begins again on Tuesday 12th September from 10am to 12noon. It is at St Joseph's Academy, Mobberley Road. Everyone is welcome to come and drop in!

Care Home Outreach Parishioners are invited to come and join in a prayer service which we are organising at Lawton Rise Care Home, Goldenhill on Wednesday 20th September at 11am. Everyone is welcome to come along and join in!

Discussion Evening The Area Pastoral Council has organised a discussion evening on “The Catholic Church and Moral Issues” at Holy Trinity Community Centre, Newcastle, on Friday 15th September at 7pm. The discussion will be led by Mgr Timothy Menezes. Tea and coffee will be available.

Welcoming Church Event Father Hudson's Care would like to invite you to a face-to-face Welcoming Church event to be held on Saturday 16th September at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Bristol Road, Birmingham B5 7BE at 10 am. The individual sessions will talk about how parishes can support older people, refugees people with disabilities and those who are homeless, creating a plan to make real change. If you would like to learn more please email kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk or call 01675 434000.

Talk on St Teresa of Calcutta Fr Michael Miners continues his series on the spirituality of great women saints and mystics with a talk on St Teresa of Calcutta on Tuesday 3rd October at 7pm in St Wulstan's School, Wolstanton.



HEART TO HEART

Heart to Heart is back! 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! Heart to Heart is on Thursday evenings at St Joseph's Church beginning at 6pm.

Come, let us adore Him!

PARISH GIVING

We have received notification that the branch we use for banking will be closing in the autumn. It means that Hanley and Newcastle are the only remaining branches, making it more difficult to bank money. It would be a great help to the Parishes if more parishioners would pay their weekly/monthly collection money by Standing Order. It means we receive your offertory even when you are unable to be at Mass! Please use the form here: <https://tinyurl.com/uqsttlr> or pick up a copy at church and deliver/post to St Joseph's presbytery. Please remember that your parish has seen bills rise too, particularly fuel bills. If you are able, please increase your regular giving by changing or making an additional Standing Order. And please remember to make a Gift Aid declaration if you are a UK income tax payer.



Oscott College During Term time on Sunday evenings from 5 pm – 6 pm, the seminary community gathers, in the main chapel, for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Solemn Evening Prayer of the Church and Benediction. All are welcome to join us for this hour of prayer and reflection with Our Lord, starting Sunday 17th September.

Philippino Community Mass This is an advanced notice, that the next Philippino community Mass will take place at Holy Trinity, Newcastle on Sunday 27th November at 3pm.

KENELM TRUST SUMMER CAMP 2023

By Dan and Will Amison

Each summer, the Kenelm Youth Trust (formerly the Birmingham Diocesan Youth Department) organise a summer camp for teenagers in collaboration with LifeTeen, an international Catholic youth movement. This summer, two of our young parishioners, Daniel and William Amison attended the residential summer camp at Alton Castle. They were sponsored by the Partnership of Parishes using funds allocated for work with young people. Here is their report:



We recently attended the Kenelm Youth Trust Summer Camp at Alton Castle. Fortunately, the weather was good for most of the week, as we were kept busy with many outdoor activities. In between the Alton Castle hallmarks of trekking, cycling, climbing, messy games and crate stacking, we took part in discussions centred around the Gospel readings that had been read in the Masses held during the week, and also on this year's theme of "Real Presence". There was a chance to experience the Real Presence in silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; to witness total silence without background music or images is something we don't often experience as teenagers in a busy family household with lots of distractions, and it truly reinforced the message of Real Presence.



The main gathering space was constructed from three conjoined tepees, which brought a youthful, festival atmosphere to the worship sessions, meetings and talks held inside. The music throughout the week was in an uplifting style and included modern hymns as well as traditional hymn lyrics over modern accompaniments.



We were slightly apprehensive beforehand as we didn't know anyone who would be there, but we quickly made friends with others from as far afield as Scotland and Germany. We enjoyed a couple of excursions with our newfound buddies to Chester Zoo and Alton Towers. We highly recommend the camp to any young people in the parish – the food was nice, just don't expect to get any sleep!

We are very grateful that the Father Julian and the Parish supported us to go and are really looking forward to going again next year.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Congratulations and welcome to the family of the Church to Rome Thomas Bentley who will be baptised at St John's today.

And to Jacob Oliver Dicker who will be baptised at St John's next Sunday.

Deaths

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Margaret Whalley. Funeral arrangements will be given later.

Also for the soul of Maureen Johnson. Funeral service at Bradwell Crematorium on Friday 16th September at 2.40pm.

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 beginning Monday 3rd September starting at 6.30pm, and on all Mondays when Fr Julian is not away thereafter. If in doubt call the Parish Office.

Sanctuary Lamp Dedications

Week beginning 3rd Sept:

St John's: Peter Convey; Janet Convey (BC); Convey family (BC)

St Joseph's: Winifred Maughan and family

St Patrick's: John & David Jones

Week beginning 10th Sept:

St John's: Connor Young; Paul McGough; Clare Leech & family

St Joseph's: Private Intention

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.

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.