

THE PARISH OF OUR LADY OF GRACE
KIDSGROVE, BIDDULPH & GOLDENHILL

SUNDAY BULLETIN

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

SUNDAY 28TH JULY 2024

NOTICES

Fr Julian is away this week on the annual summer meeting of the priests of the Society of St John Mary Vianney in Ars, France. Please pray for the priests and seminarians of the Society, and pray for the growth of the Society here in England. Next weekend we welcome Fr Kevin Stokes who will be celebrating our Masses.

Red Boxes If you hold a red mission box, please bring it to church during the month of July for emptying. Thank you.

Our Lady of Grace Ladies Our parish ladies enjoyed meeting together at St Patrick's last week. There will not be a meeting during August. The next meeting will be on Monday 9th September at 7pm at St Joseph's.

Men's Prayer Circle The Circle is for men who have done the Prayer & Life Workshop. The next meeting is on Saturday 10th August at 9am at the Presbytery.

Young at Heart Club, The Young at Heart club for senior citizens, takes place at Kidsgrove Town Hall on the last Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on Tuesday 30th July from 2pm to 4pm. Everyone welcome! £3 to at-

tend. There will be no meeting in August.

Filipino Community There will be a Mass for the Filipino community in North Staffs on Sunday 4th August at 3pm at Holy Trinity, Newcastle.

Harvington Hall Pilgrimage This year's pilgrimage is on Sunday 1st September. Mass begins at 3pm, and the Principal Celebrant is Rt Rev Paul Gunter OSB, Abbot of Douai. Free timed tours of the hall are available on the day. Confessions from 1.45pm. Please bring your own chair and packed lunch. North Staffs Area Pastoral Council has organised a coach which will pick up at Holy Trinity at 9.20am, cost £17 for adults and £10 for under 16s. Please speak to the Parish office if you would like a place.

March for Life The annual March for Life in London will take place on Saturday 7th September. It will begin with Mass at 11am at St George's Cathedral Southwark. There will be a pro-life health summit till 1pm, and the March begins at 1.30pm. For more information see www.marchforlife.co.uk

Silver Jubilee Sr Felita IHM, who runs the Com-

passion Kitchen at Sacred Heart Hanley, is celebrating her Silver Jubilee of religious profession this year. Everyone is invited to join her for a celebration Mass on Saturday 24th August at 10am at Sacred Heart, Hanley.

Baptism Welcome to the family of the Church to Alisha Jineshraj, who will be baptised at St Joseph's today.

Lamp Dedications The sanctuary lamps in our churches are dedicated as follows: **Week beginning 28th July** St Joseph's: Les Jones 98th birthday thanksgiving **Week beginning 4th August** St Joseph's: Kevin Potts; St Patrick's: John Martin. If you would like to dedicate a lamp for any intention please place the donation (minimum £5) in an envelope with the intention and preferred church written on the envelope.

Parish Office & Open House There is no Open House with Fr Julian during the whole of August. Any urgent requirements, please contact the Parish Office or email Fr Julian. If you need the Parish Secretary, then please phone the Presbytery during the advertised office hours.

CHURCHES

Biddulph English Martyrs' Church, Church Road, Biddulph, ST8 6NE

Goldenhill St Joseph's Church, High Street, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 5RD

Packmoor St Patrick's Church, Mellor Street, Packmoor, Stoke-on-Trent, ST7 4SN

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Safeguarding

The Parish of Our Lady of Grace 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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	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Packmoor	Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions) During August Confessions on request before Mass only	
Saturday 27th			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	Pam Heathcote
Sunday 28th Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	People of the Parish Frank & Betty Smithson
Monday 29th Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus					
Tuesday 30th St Peter Chrysologus			2.15pm	Holy Rosary	
Wednesday 31st St Ignatius Loyola					
Thursday 1st St Alphonsus Liguori					
Friday 2nd St Peter Julian Eymard					
Saturday 3rd Our Lady			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	Glenis Bettany
Sunday 4th Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Mary Jervis Stan Grandfield
Monday 5th Ded of St Mary Major					
Tuesday 6th The Transfiguration				<i>No Rosary at St Patrick's during August</i>	
Wednesday 7th St Sixtus II		5.45pm 6.00pm		<i>Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Paddy Maughan
Thursday 8th St Dominic	12noon			Holy Mass	Dec of Child family
Friday 9th St Teresa Benedicta		5.00pm 6.00pm		<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Vespers</i> Holy Mass	Lorraine Brooks
Saturday 10th St Lawrence			5.30pm	Holy Mass of Sunday	Peter Convey
Sunday 11th Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		Holy Mass Holy Mass	People of the Parish Joan Sadler

AUGUST: MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

In the Catholic Church there grew over time specific “devotions” that were assigned to each month of the year. For example, the month of June became associated with the Sacred Heart of Jesus because the feast of the Sacred Heart always falls within that month. August became known as a month dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, but currently it is difficult to know why this is the case. During World War II, Pope Pius XII dedicated the world to the Immaculate Heart, in response to the call at Fatima. He established 22nd August as the Feast day. However, after Vatican II, the Immaculate Heart was put on the day after the Sacred Heart, and 22nd August became the Feast of the Queenship of Our Lady, the Octave Day of the Assumption.