A Word from the Parish Priest

“Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May” are the words we sing in honour of Our Lady today. It is a most beautiful tradition that we keep this month as Mary’s month: a whole month dedicated to the motherhood of the Blessed Mother.

Next Sunday afternoon we will be honouring our Blessed Lady with the May Procession at St Patrick’s. I do hope that as many of you as possible will be planning to come along to that. The world needs the love of Mary today more than ever. So many are the pains and sufferings of the world, that we need to have the love of our Heavenly Mother to help to soothe and heal the wounds caused by sin.

It is a month to turn back to the Rosary. The Rosary is a form of prayer which has an immense power. Recently a Bishop in Nigeria said that he had a dream in which Our Lady had told him to get the Catholics in his Diocese to pray the Rosary each day to defeat the evil of Boko Haram, the Islamist terrorist organisation. We can commit to pray the Rosary each day for persecuted Christians. Don’t forget that we have our Novena Mass each Monday evening at St Joseph’s, to ask the intercession of Our Lady Undoer of Knots. We ask her to undo the knotted problems of our lives. In our parishes, the first thing we should think of when a problem arises in our families is to bring it to Our Lady and make the nine week Novena for the intention of resolving this problem.

Finally, congratulations to the staff and pupils of St Joseph’s Academy in Goldenhill for being given ‘Good’ in all the categories of their OFSTED inspection. It is a good reward for much hard work.

Saint of the Week

St John Houghton
1486-1535

Smithfield in London was the site of the medieval Carthusian monastery. The Carthusians are the strictest monastic order in the Church. St John Houghton, the Prior of the Charterhouse, even before his martyrdom, was known for his holiness and his community for their strict observance of the Rule and way of life of the monastery. When Henry VIII separated from Rome and made himself head of the Church of England, he knew that if the Carthusians took the oath of supremacy, others would follow their example. St John and three companions refused, and were martyred for the Faith at Tyburn on 4th May 1535.
## Masses & Services This Week

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**Catholicism Course** We have resumed the Catholicism course series using the DVDs by Fr Robert Barron on the Catholic Faith. Each week’s session stands alone, and so it’s worth coming even if you can only make one session.

**This week’s presentation is “The Fire of his Love—Prayer and the Life of the Spirit”**

St Joseph’s Church Goldenhill, Friday at 7pm (the series continues each week on Friday evening through to 29th May). Includes: Viewing the 50 minute programme, explanation and discussion on the contents, light refreshments, prayer.
Pastoral

**May Procession** This year’s May Procession at St Patrick’s Packmoor will be on 17th May at 3pm. There will be a buffet afternoon tea after the procession and devotions. Please come along and also bring something to share for the tea. Also Volunteers are required to help carry the statue of Our Lady around the grounds, anyone interested in volunteering should contact Peter Whitehouse on 512567.

**Church Cleaning** Please come along to St Patrick’s Church to help with cleaning, after Rosary this Tuesday, 12th May, in preparation for the May Procession.

**Day of Solemn Adoration** The day of Adoration at English Martyrs’, to pray for Vocations and other intentions, will be Tuesday 19th May. Adoration will be from 10am to 5.30pm, ending with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. There will be a sign up list next Sunday to volunteer to cover a slot during the day.

**First Holy Communion** If there are any children who need to be prepared for First Holy Communion, then their parents need to contact Fr Julian this week as preparation is beginning the following week. First Holy Communion will be given at the following Masses:
- Sunday 21st June 9am English Martyrs’ Biddulph (this is a new date)
- Saturday 4th July 6.30pm St John’s Kidsgrove
- Sunday 5th July 11am St Joseph’s Goldenhill

**Sanctuary Lamps** at St John’s are burning this week in dedication for Howle, Davenport & Crotty Families and Moss & Potts Families. Please remember them in your prayers.

**Parish Priest’s Surgery** Fr Julian is available to see parishioners for any need, such as baptism or wedding enquiries on Mondays, 7 to 8pm at St Joseph’s Presbytery, Goldenhill.

Social & Outreach

**Cuppa and Chat plus Cake Sale and Bring and Buy** to be held Monday 11th May at 7 Tilstone Close, Kidsgrove from 10.30am. Everyone is more than welcome. This event has been jointly organised by Goldenhill and Kidsgrove SVP so all money raised will be split between the two funds. For lift or more information please ring Janet 782410 or Jean 772983.

**Tuesday Lunch Club** Everyone is invited to the Tuesday lunch club at English Martyrs’. Open from 11.00am to 1.00pm. Cost £2.50. NB The Lunch Club will be closed on the 19th May for the Adoration Day.

**Kidsgrove Friendship Club** The next meeting is on Wednesday 27th May at 2pm at Kidsgrove Town Hall.

**Friendship Club Coach Trip** Bookings are now being taken for a coach trip to Liverpool on Tuesday 9th June. Departs Kidsgrove Town Hall at 9.45am and returning 5.30pm. Contact Matt Ford on 07587034299 to book a place. Cost is £9.

**Kidsgrove Gardening Scheme** The service for the elderly and disabled will provide low cost basic gardening including lawn mowing and weeding in the Kidsgrove area. To qualify you must own or rent your own property, be in receipt of benefits and have no one to do your gardening for you. The cost is £5. For more information please contact Matt Ford on 07587034299.

**Foodbank** This week there is no Thursday evening Mass at English Martyrs’ and the Foodbank will operate at the back of Church, as the meeting room is being used as a polling station.

**Children’s Liturgy**
- This week: Kidsgrove, Goldenhill & Packmoor
- Next week: Kidsgrove, Biddulph & Goldenhill

Parish Registers

**Deaths**

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Kathleen Patterson, from Biddulph. The funeral service will be at Bradwell Crematorium on Tuesday 19th May at 1.20pm.

_Requsitum in pace._

Young People

**July Youth Mission** We are preparing for the Youth Mission led by the group FOCUS who will come for two weeks from 12th to 25th July.

At this stage we need volunteers who will host two of our visitors. All that is needed is a spare room with two mattresses. Hosts are asked to provide breakfast too. If you are willing to be a host, please let Fr Julian know. We also need to have people who will volunteer an evening to cook for the missionaries and students who are coming. Please be generous with hospitality to our visitors for the USA. Please pray for the success of the Youth Mission.

**St Teresa speaks**

It is a wonderful comfort to see an image of Our Lady, to whom we are devoted, for that greatly awakens devotion.

**Partnership Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Ars & Paris**

- 24th to 31st October 2015
- Four nights in Lourdes, two nights in Ars (St John Vianney) and one night in Paris
- Travel by executive coach, with no overnight travel. The cost is £569. Single rooms supplement £146.
- Booking forms are available at each Church. Please include deposit of £100 with your booking form.
- Cheques payable to St Joseph’s Church, Goldenhill.
**FUNDRAISING**

**Collections last week**

- **Biddulph/Packmoor** Gift Aid £354.50, Non Gift Aid £153.12. Total £507.62.
- **Goldenhill** Gift Aid £250.75, Non Gift Aid £142.45. Total £393.20.
- **Kidsgrove** Gift Aid £244.10, Non Gift Aid £137.60. Total £381.70.
- **Nepal Disaster Collection** £685.14. Thank you.
- **Marie Curie** daffodil sale at English Martyrs raised £10.
- **Biddulph Talents** Just a reminder to anyone who took part in this initiative and who received the £10 investment. The money needs to be returned together with profits on Pentecost Sunday. So if you have them buried it is time to dig them up!

**Biddulph Spring Fayre** The Spring Fayre for Biddulph and Packmoor is at Biddulph Town Hall 10am to 12noon **this Saturday**! Please come along and support this important event. We need manpower (or womanpower) at the Town Hall from 8.30am, helping to unload cars for the ladies (especially the bric-a-brac) and again at 12noon to help with the packing up. Don’t forget the donations of plants and cakes on the day. Thank you.

**Goldenhill Spring Fayre** The Goldenhill Spring Fayre is **this Saturday** at Goldenhill Community Centre starting at 12noon. We are still appealing for more donations of bottles for the bottle stall i.e. Wine, Spirits, non alcoholic drinks; all in date and unopened. It isn’t to late if you have unwanted nearly new items that can be sold at the fayre; collection of bulky or heavy items can be arranged by ringing Sue Woodward on 817092.

**125 Club** Numbers 46 & 110 are available, if anyone is interested please ring Mary Jervis on 01782 514829.

**THE DEANERY AND BEYOND**

**Fr Anthony Dykes Silver Jubilee**

This year is Fr Dykes’ silver jubilee of priestly ordination. The anniversary day is 7th July but he will be celebrating a Mass of thanksgiving on Sunday 5th July at the 10.30am Mass at St Wulstan’s, Wolstanton. The parishioners have let us know that everyone is invited to the Mass.

**Days of Prayer for Vocations** As well as the day of prayer at Biddulph there will also be one at St Augustine’s, Meir on Thursday 21st May. Mass at 9.25am followed by Exposition until 3.00pm.

**March for Life**

Come and join the March for Life to make a stand for the dignity of the life of the unborn. The March is on Saturday 16th May starting at St Chad’s Cathedral Birmingham. Pre-march activities begin at 10am with the march at 1pm. Speakers will be His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley and Gianna Jessen. For more information go to marchforlife.co.uk or call Isabel on 07773 501721.

**Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Stone**

The annual pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Stone at the Dominican priory in Stone will be on Saturday 30th May. The pilgrimage begins at 10.30am and there will be a talk on ‘Mary Mother of the Church’ by Sr Ann Catherine Swailes OP. The Rosary Procession is at 2pm and the day ends with a Mass at 3.15pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

**SVP Shop in Hanley** The SVP shop needs more volunteers. So if you can spare just one or two hours a week (more would be great) please contact Janet on 782410 for more details.

**6 Mile Mud Run**

Sunday 28th June starting from Alton Towers at 11am, to help raise funds for Father Hudson’s and Kenelm Youth Trust. Individuals & Groups can enter (Registration fee £25 and raise a minimum of £50 sponsorship). For more information contact Annette on annette-thomas@fatherhudsons.org.uk.

**THIS SUNDAY’S LITURGY**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**Response to the Psalm:** The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

**Gospel Acclamation:** [Alleluia, alleluia.] Jesus said: ‘If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.’ [Alleluia.]

**Apostles’ Creed**

**Preface of Easter V Eucharistic Prayer III**

**Communion Antiphon:** If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

**Thinking about the Gospel**

Today’s Gospel: John 15:9-17

In the Church, each of us has been begotten by the love of God. But the Scriptures today reveal that this divine gift brings with it a command and a duty. We are to love one another as we have been loved. We are to lay down our lives in giving ourselves to others—that they too might find friendship with Christ, and new life through Him.