

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

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

CORPUS CHRISTI

SUNDAY 3RD JUNE 2018

## A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Today is the wonderful feast day of Corpus Christi. According to the Missal, we are supposed to call it 'The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ', but I think the traditional Latin name means more to us, as a link with the generations of Catholics who have worshipped and adored the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar. It is a symptom of where we are as the Catholic Church today that the Blessed Sacrament is not treated with the awe and wonder that it once was. I want to invite you all not just to come to a deeper faith in the real presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, but also to show this through greater visible veneration to the Blessed Sacrament. This year, there will be the National Eucharistic Congress in September. Most



of us will not go to the Congress in Liverpool, though I do invite you to think about going if you are able. But the Congress gives us the opportunity to consider the way we demonstrate our faith in the Eucharist. I will come back to this theme over the course of the Sunday homilies in August, when we hear the series of Gospels from John chapter 6, which contains the teaching of Jesus about the Bread of Life.

This week is another full week, following the half term lull. I would like to invite you to come together on Friday evening for a time of Eucharistic Adoration, to celebrate the Feast of the Sacred Heart, and to pray especially for priests. I hope to see many of you on Saturday at the Spring Fayre at Biddulph Town Hall. On Wednesday, I'll be in London teaching men preparing for Ordination. So please keep that work also in your prayers.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK



### St Willibald 700-786

Willibald went from his native Wessex on pilgrimage to Rome with his father. His father died on the way, so Willibald continued to Jerusalem, where he was captured by Saracens. After his release he went back to Italy, to Monte Cassino where he stayed in the monastery for

ten years. On a visit to Rome, the Pope sent him to Germany to assist his cousin Boniface in the mission to evangelise the Germans. He was made Bishop of Eichstatt by St Boniface, and, aided by his brother and sister, St Winebald and St Walburgh, made it a great centre of mission and evangelisation. He was bishop for over 40 years.

## 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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## MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Kidsgrove	Packmoor	The <b>Sacrament of Forgiveness</b> (Confessions) <b>Kidsgrove</b> Sat 6pm <b>Biddulph</b> Sun 8.30am <b>Goldenhill</b> Sun 10.30am <b>Packmoor</b> Sun 6.00pm	
<b>Saturday 2nd</b>			6.30pm		Holy Mass of the Feast	Welch & Waring Families
<b>Sunday 3rd</b> <b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b>	9.00am	11.00am	1.00pm	6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Baptism Holy Mass	John Biggane Terry Chappell Bill & Mary Whitehouse
<b>Monday 4th</b> Feria		6.00pm	2.15pm		Holy Mass (in school) Holy Mass	Holy Souls Alice Edwards
<b>Tuesday 5th</b> St Boniface	9.15am		9.30am	2.15pm	Holy Mass Morning Prayers Holy Rosary	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 6th</b> Feria						
<b>Thursday 7th</b> Feria	6.00pm	9.30am			Holy Mass (in school) Holy Mass	John Killeen Private Intention
<b>Friday 8th</b> <b>THE MOST SACRED</b> <b>HEART OF JESUS</b>			9.30am	6.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Eucharistic Holy Hour	Ellen & George McHugh Sally Ward
<b>Saturday 9th</b> Immaculate Heart of Mary	9.15am		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Michael Cullen Julius & Iris Kaminskas
<b>Sunday 10th</b> <b>Tenth Sunday of the</b> <b>Year</b>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int Paula Paskin Rose Teece People of the Parishes

### JUNE: MONTH OF THE TWO HEARTS OF JESUS & MARY

The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is the feast of the marriage of Jesus Christ to his Church. In every good marriage, there is a heart to heart relationship. The point of meeting between the faithful and God is the Heart of Jesus. Indeed, this Heart symbolises, in itself, the meeting of God and man in love, for it is a human heart which beats with divine love. At every marriage there is a bridegroom. Jesus Christ is the bridegroom of the marriage of God and his people. Just like Adam, whose side was opened to give birth to his beloved, Eve, so the Heart of Jesus is opened on the Cross, so that the Church, his Bride, might come forth. The water and blood from the side of Jesus is the ocean of love which flows into the Sacraments of the Church: the water into baptism, and the blood into the Eucharist. It is from these sacramental signs that the Church is recreated in every generation. At every marriage, there is a bride. While it is the Church which is the bride of Christ, it is his Blessed Mother, Mary, who stands as the first and foremost member of that Body. The love of her Immaculate Heart is the perfect human response, aided by grace, to the spousal love of God in her Son. As she 'stored up all these things in her heart', she was filled with amazement at the ways of God coming about in her life. We too are called to be part of the same love story, and be amazed at what God can do with us, if we allow our lives to be drawn into the story of God's love.



*English Martyrs & St Patrick's***Spring Fayre**

The Spring Fayre is on

**Saturday 9th June**

10am to 12noon

at Biddulph Town Hall

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help at the fayre and to all the people who have donated items to sell.

On the morning of the fayre we still need people to transport the goods from church to the town hall and also cakes and plants to sell. If you can help with either of these please speak to Paula Paskin

**Garden Party**

at St Patrick's

**Saturday 14th July**

2pm to 4pm

Please put the date in you diary and consider how you can help. As St Patrick's is a small community they would very much appreciate help from across the parishes, especially the day before with the setting out of the stalls.

## PARISH REGISTERS

**Baptisms**

Welcome to the family of the Church Kai Harry Hodgkinson who will be baptised today at St John's.

**Marriages**

Congratulation to Christopher Hancock and Beverley Tuck who were married at St John's yesterday.

**Deaths**

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Robert Simms. Funeral Service will be at English Martyrs' on Wednesday 13th June at 12.30pm followed by committal at Bradwell crematorium.

*Requiescat in pace*

**ALPHA**

Following on from our Parish Mission, we are starting a new Alpha.

Alpha is an invitation to come and ask the most important questions of life, in a relaxed environment. We share some food, and share our ideas based on the video presentations. There will be eight weekly meetings on Sundays at 4pm at St Joseph's. The first session will be on Sunday 10th June. We have invitation postcards which to use to invite others along

*Goldenhill & Sandyford Community***Litter Pick**

**Thursday 14th June**

We are all tired of seeing litter on the streets in Goldenhill especially around St Joseph's Church, so as a response we have organised a litter pick. We will meet outside the church at 10am to collect the grabbers and bags. Bring your own gloves. If you want to get involved contact Teresa on 782121 during Parish Office hours (see front page).

FEAST OF THE  
SACRED HEART OF JESUS  
*Day of Sanctification for priests*

The Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus has been named a day of prayer and sanctification for priests. Please come and join our Evening Mass and Eucharistic Holy Hour at St Patrick's Packmoor.

*SJMV Lay Associates*

As you will be aware, Fr Julian is a member of the priestly association, the Society of St John Mary Vianney, which is for Diocesan priests. The SJMV has, in its statutes, a place for lay people to become associates. The aim of the associates is to:

- Pray for vocations to the priesthood.
- Pray for priests, especially those in difficulties.
- Support priests in any way through active collaboration
- Personal spiritual growth

We are launching the Lay Associates in England, and are inviting anyone who feels called to help priests and seminarians, through prayer and active help, as well as to pray for vocations, to come to:

*SJMV Associates Launch Day*

at St Joseph's Church, Goldenhill  
on Saturday 23rd June 2018

- 10.30am Welcome & Coffee  
11.00am The SJMV. Who are the Lay Associates?  
12noon Holy Mass  
1.00pm Shared Lunch  
2.00pm Holy Hour  
3.00pm Organising the lay association in England  
4.00pm Tea

*"The Priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus"*

*Fr Julian invites...*

All the parishioners to celebrate with him his 50th Birthday. We will have a hog roast and parish party in the presbytery garden on Sunday 22nd July from 1pm to 5pm.

Please bring salads, side dishes and desserts to share. The hog and the drinks will be provided! Everyone welcome.

## FUNDRAISING

### Collections

**Biddulph/Packmoor** Gift Aid £375.00, Non Gift Aid £207.28. Total £582.28.

**Goldenhill** Gift Aid £204.00, Non Gift Aid £186.95. Total £390.95.

**Kidsgrove** Gift Aid £174.50, Non Gift Aid £229.05. Total £403.55.

**Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Weekly Draw** 1st Prize £20, No.134 L Niewiadomski; 2nd Prize £10, No.75 M Twomey; 3rd Prize £5, No.185 M Cope. Monthly and Quarterly subs are due this week.

**Biddulph & Packmoor Gift Aid** Due to a clerical error box numbered 55 has been given out by mistake. Could the owner of this box kindly get in touch with Mary Jervis on 514829.

## DEANERY & BEYOND

**Station Mass** There will be a Deanery Station Mass at St John the Evangelist, Chesterton on Wednesday 20th June at 7pm. The celebrant will be Fr Dominic Chukka, Parish Priest.

**Hednesford Pilgrimage** The afternoon pilgrimage to the shrine of

Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford will take place on Sunday 1st July, starting at 1pm. There will be a coach leaving St John's, Kidsgrove at 12noon followed by other pick ups at Newcastle and Meir. If you would like to book a place on the coach please speak to John Coates for St John's and St Joseph's parishioners and Pam Colclough for English Martyrs and St Patrick's.

The **Adoremus** National Eucharistic Congress is taking place from 7th to 9th September in Liverpool. There are still tickets available to be part of this national event in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. The cost of the tickets for Friday or Saturday is £40. The Friday and Saturday sessions include inspiring talks including by Bishop Robert Barron, of the Catholicism video series, and Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Go to [www.birminghamdiocese.org/adoremus](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org/adoremus) to book your place.

**Maryvale Pilgrimage Afternoon** The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is on Sunday 10th June at 3pm at Maryvale, Birmingham B44 9AG. The afternoon consists of open air mass and Blessed Sacrament procession.

**'Share the Journey' North Staffordshire** 'Share the Journey' is a walk organised by CAFOD in response to the refugee Crisis. The walk will be led by Bishop David McGough on Saturday 16th June starting at 10am at Sacred Heart Church, Hanley. For more information on Share the Journey go to [www.sharejourney.org](http://www.sharejourney.org). For more information on the walk, speak to John Walsh at English Martyrs', or to Fr Julian.

### Parish Priest's Open House

Fr Julian is available this Monday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at St Joseph's Presbytery Goldenhill for all enquiries.

### Sanctuary Lamps

*This week the lamps are dedicated for:*  
English Martyrs: Hosey & O'Reilly Families

St John's: Cian Twomey; Winnie Maughan & Family

St Joseph's: Kenneth Jones

St Patrick's: Tony Jervis

*If you would like to dedicate the sanctuary lamps at our churches for an intention, please see Fr Julian. Minimum donation £5.*

## NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

### Mark 3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house. 'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

### Preparing the Gospel

**KEY VERSE:** "For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother" (v.35).

**TO KNOW:** News of Jesus' ministry reaches members of his family who have difficulty understanding his life-style as an itinerant preacher. They fear that he has lost his mind and could not handle his own affairs. Some scribes attributed Jesus' power over disease as coming from Beelzebul ('lord of the lofty dwelling,' the pagan god Baal of Syria). Jesus shows the foolishness of a divided kingdom. His every word and deed was an attack on Satan's domain. When Jesus was informed that his mother and relatives were looking for him, he said that more than blood relationship, it is in doing God's will that makes one his "brother and sister."

**TO LOVE:** Do my actions reflect my bond with other believers?

**TO SERVE:** Lord Jesus, thank you for making me a member of your family.