

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 17TH JUNE 2018

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

I hope that you still feel uplifted by the Parish Mission we had in Pentecost week. As I have already written, it was more of a retreat than a mission, as it was people from our regular congregations who came along. This is something I see as good, and really satisfying a need we have. It is easy to go along from week to week and day to day with our normal 'practice' of the Faith, but sometimes we need to be called back to faithfulness, and into greater depth.

I was talking about this in the week with some parishioners and came up with an idea I had some time ago. Those of you who are older may remember, in the old Catholic calendar, days which were called 'Ember Days'. These were three days,

roughly every three months, which marked the seasons of the year in the Church's calendar. The idea was to call people back to repentance, faithfulness and intercession. And so, as a follow up to the Mission, I propose to have, in each of our four churches, over the coming year, four 'Ember' retreats. These will consist of the early morning Adoration and Mass, as we had in the Mission, and an evening retreat service. Each of these will be for three days, Wednesday to Friday, around the days which are the Ember Days in the old calendar. The first of these will be in September, and will be at St John's, then in Advent at St Patrick's, in Lent at English Martyrs', and finally around Pentecost back at St Joseph's.

If you are someone who uses email, I am sure you will have become aware of GDPR—the new data protection laws which came into force last month. If you are dealing with people's details on behalf of the parish, such as gift aid organisers, or SVP members, or for any other reason, then we really need you to come to the GDPR training evening a week on Monday in Clayton.

We had a really good meeting of Biddulph Churches Together on Monday. The best part was that I handed on the chairmanship! I will be inviting Biddulph parishioners to come to a meeting about providing Christian outreach to care homes alongside other Christians. If you feel called to help, please let me know.

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

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SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Aloysius Gonzaga 1568-1591

Aloysius was born into an aristocratic Italian family. As eldest son, he was due to succeed his father as Marquis. As a child he suffered illnesses. He read the lives of saints, and grew in prayer and holiness. He received first Holy Communion from St Charles Borromeo. To his father's

fury, he expressed the wish to be a priest. Once his father relented, he wanted him to at least be a secular priest, but Aloysius became a Jesuit and gave up his worldly goods and title. He was sick during his novitiate, but volunteered to care for victims of the plague. He succumbed to the disease and died just before his 23rd birthday.

MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Kidsgrove	Packmoor	The Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions) Kidsgrove Sat 6pm Biddulph Sun 8.30am Goldenhill Sun 10.30am Packmoor Sun 6.00pm	
Saturday 16th			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Russell Walley
Sunday 17th Eleventh Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am 1.00pm		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Baptism Holy Mass	Alice Edwards Culshaw & Fryer Family People of the Parishes
Monday 18th Dedication of the Cathedral		5.00pm 6.00pm	2.15pm		Holy Mass (in school) Reception of Body Holy Mass	Holy Souls Thomas Mannion RIP Winifred Maughan
Tuesday 19th Feria	9.15am	11.00am	9.30am	2.15pm	Holy Mass Morning Prayers Requiem Mass Holy Rosary	Thanksgiving (NB) Thomas Mannion RIP
Wednesday 20th St Alban		6.00pm 6.30pm			Holy Mass Eucharistic Adoration	Holy Souls
Thursday 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga	6.00pm				Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Friday 22nd Ss John Fisher & Thomas More				6.00pm	Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Saturday 23rd Our Lady		12noon 2.00pm	6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Hour Vigil Mass of the Feast	Private Intention Mark Foden
Sunday 24th NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Michael Flatley Michael Meaney & Family People of the Parishes



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is when we take the Blessed Sacrament from the tabernacle, where it is normally kept, and place it in the monstrance on the altar. We do this so that we can prolong the action of the Mass through silent prayer. In the Mass we pray in four ways:

- Adoration—we adore the Lord simply for being God. This is the purest form of prayer.
- Reparation—through sorrow, we repair the harm done by our sins and those of the world.
- Thanksgiving—we give thanks for all Jesus has done for us
- Intercession—we pray for our needs and those of the whole world.

Come and join us this week for Eucharistic Adoration!

SJMV Lay Associates

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 these objectives to come to a launch day at St Joseph's Goldenhill on Saturday 23rd June from 10.30am to 4pm. Please bring some food to share at lunchtime.

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"

ALPHA



Last week we started 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 post-cards which to use to invite others along.

St Patrick's Garden Party



Saturday 14th July

2pm to 4pm

Our annual garden party is coming around again. This is a lovely event to bring people together from across our parishes in the beautiful garden at St Patrick's. Make it a date...and pray for fine weather!

**Biddulph Churches Together
Open Café**

10am to 12noon
Saturdays 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th July

As part of the Biddulph Festival, Biddulph Churches Together will be running their Open Café at the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to just pop in for tea/coffee and homemade cakes each Saturday. We also need volunteers for serving and making cakes.

Care Home Prayer Service



Our monthly prayer service for the elderly will be at Maple Tree Court, Gloucester Rd, Kidsgrove on Tuesday 26th June at 10.30am. We would love to see more parishioners coming and bringing the light of faith to residents. Come and meet us at the home.

Fr Julian invites...

...all 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.

The Friendship Club



The Friendship Club is our monthly meeting for older people. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 26th June, at the usual time of 2pm at Kidsgrove Town Hall. We always welcome new people, so come and give it a try. If you need more details or would like to arrange transport please ring 01782 269990

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. Following this week's Open House, the regular Monday evening stops for the summer. There will be an Open House only once a month during the summer months: Monday 23rd July and Monday 13th August.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week the lamps are dedicated for:

St Joseph's: Gladys Summerfield
St Patrick's: Susan Burke

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

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Welcome to the family of the Church Nevaeh Mary Flint who will be baptised at St Joseph's Church today.

Deaths

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Thomas Mannion. Requiem Mass will be offered at St Joseph's on Tuesday 19th June at 11am, followed by committal at Tunstall cemetery. Reception of body on Monday at 5pm.

Requiescat in pace

FUNDRAISING

Collections

Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £452.50, Non Gift Aid £203.34. Total £655.84.

Goldenhill Gift Aid £233.00, Non Gift Aid £210.73. Total £443.73.

Kidsgrove Gift Aid £223.41, Non Gift Aid £155.45. Total £378.86

Second Collection Next Sunday will be the Peter's Pence Collection which supports the Pope and the Holy See in its work and ministry.

Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Weekly Draw 1st Prize £20, No.149 C Hulme; 2nd Prize £10, No.99 M Smith; 3rd Prize £5, No.56 P Jones.

Spring Fayre Last weeks Spring Fayre raised in total £1470. Thank you to all who helped and supported this event.

DEANERY & BEYOND

GDPR Training Our Deanery's training for GDPR and how it affects our parishes will be at Our Lady & St Werburgh's, Clayton on Monday 25th June at 7pm. All parishioners who deal with people's details on

behalf of the parishes should attend. Please let Teresa in the Parish Office know that you are attending.

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.

England and Rome: Anglo-papal relations This one day conference exploring the relationship between the Papacy and England from the Middle Ages to the 19th Century will take place at Cathedral House (Grimshaw Room), Birmingham on Monday 25th June, 10.45am to 4pm. The cost is £20 including buffet lunch (students £15). To book a place call 01926 428255 or email jjs_lspa@btinternet.com

Hednesford Pilgrimage The afternoon pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford will be on Sunday 1st July, starting at 1pm. There will be a coach leaving St John's, Kidsgrove at 12noon with other pick ups at Newcastle and Meir. To book a place on the coach please speak to John Coates or Pam Colclough (or call the parish office).

Recharge & Revive Retreat Day Maryvale Institute invite you to a

Summer retreat Day on Saturday 14th July: a time out from the stresses of daily life for peaceful, restful, spiritual reflection. The day will begin at 10am with Mass at 12noon followed by lunch and ending with Adoration and Benediction at 4pm. The cost is £30 and you will need to book in advance by ringing 0121 360 8118 or email feedmin@maryvale.ac.uk

Adoremus The 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 and Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Go to www.birminghamdiocese.org/adoremus to book your place.

Knock Pilgrimage A fully escorted pilgrimage to the Knock Shrine in Ireland on 10th September for 4 nights. The cost is £599 per person sharing, HB with flights from Liverpool or Birmingham. For more information contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Luke 1:57-66, 80

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy. Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him. Meanwhile the child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.

Preparing the Gospel

KEY VERSE: "With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it" (v.33).

TO KNOW: Jesus taught his followers by means of parables, stories that illustrated Christian truths using examples from everyday life. The images of farmers, grain, seeds and plants invited Jesus' followers to discover the nature of God's reign. Although a farmer did his work in planting the seed, it grew according to its own timetable. Jesus compared the irrepressible nature of the kingdom to a mustard seed that is small when it is sown, but which grew to the height of a tree when the plant matured. So too the kingdom moves steadily forward toward its fulfilment. Jesus' disciples were greatly encouraged; their own inadequacies would not hinder the coming of the reign of God, which would grow imperceptibly until fully established at the final judgment.

TO LOVE: In what ways do I see the growth of the spiritual seeds I have sown?

TO SERVE: Lord Jesus, help me to trust that you will triumph over difficult situations in my life.