

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

FIFTEENTH & SIXTEENTH SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 15TH & 22ND JULY 2018

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

I have had a marvellous ten days away on holiday in North Devon with my mother. It is really a beautiful part of the country. As you know, I'm getting ready—like some of the other men from the parish—to go and walk the Camino to Santiago in October, so I took up the opportunity to walk around the area in Devon. As it was hot, I got up at first light and did between four and a half and seven and a half miles walking most mornings. Each day I took a portion of the coastal path, and then turned inland to complete the day's circular route by passing through dense woodlands, picturesque villages, as well as climbing a few hills and crossing farmer's fields. The stunning beauty of the sun rising over the rugged coast-

line, and the experience of seeing seals on the shore, and a fawn leaping across the moorland, really made me consider how great is God's creation, and how blessed we are because of it.

Back here in the parish, we come to the end of yet another school year. This week we will have the end of year Masses, which are thanksgiving for First Holy Communion, as well as leavers' Masses for Year 6. We will also say farewell to Mrs Thomas, who has led St Joseph's Academy for over five years. We are very grateful for her work at St Joseph's and wish her a very happy retirement. Her work has been recognised by the Archbishop, who awarded her the *Ubi Caritas* medal recently. This term we also said

farewell to Mrs Butters from St John's. She will be beginning work at a new school in September. But we thank her for all the work she did at St John's for so many years. She recently returned to school for a 'thank you' presentation from the parents who were able to wish here well. We keep in our prayers Mr Barlow, who has already taken over at St John's, and Mrs Hamilton, who will be taking over at St Joseph's in September.

A final word of encouragement to all of you to come and join me in celebration on Sunday 22nd from 1pm. This is an opportunity to come together, not for fundraising or any other motive, but simply to enjoy time together and to thank you for your support as parishioners.

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 Bonaventure 1221-1274

An Italian Franciscan, and personal follower of St Francis, Bonaventure was a student of philosophy in Paris before joining the Order. He used his skill in argument to defend the Franciscans against critics. When he was in his 40s, he was chosen to become the Archbishop of York, but he

was never consecrated as bishop and resigned the appointment. Instead, he became the head (or minister) of the Franciscan Order. St Bonaventure is remembered mainly for his works of philosophy and theology. He used his reason, but also his devotion in writing, making his writings very spiritual. He is a Doctor of the Church.

	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 14th			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Peter & Joan Jackson
Sunday 15th Fifteenth Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am 12.30pm		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Baptism Holy Mass	Maureen Barnett Holy Souls People of the Parishes
Monday 16th Our Lady of Mt Carmel						
Tuesday 17th Feria			9.30am	2.15pm	Morning Prayer Holy Rosary	
Wednesday 18th Feria		9.30am 6.00pm			Holy Mass Holy Mass	Holy Souls Winifred Maughan
Thursday 19th Feria	9.15am		2.15pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Holy Souls Private Intention
Friday 20th Feria				6.00pm	Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Saturday 21st Our Lady	9.15am		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Private Intention Margaret Coates
Sunday 22nd Sixteenth Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Robert Simms Tessie Barreto People of the Parishes
Monday 23rd St Bridget of Sweden		6.00pm	12noon		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Private Intention Holy Souls
Tuesday 24th St Charbel Makhluf			9.30am	2.15pm	Morning Prayer Holy Rosary	
Wednesday 25th St James		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Thursday 26th Ss Joachim & Anne	6.00pm				Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Friday 27th Feria			9.30am	2.00pm 5.30pm 6.00pm	Holy Mass Day of Prayer begins with Eucharistic Adoration Rosary and Benediction Holy Mass	Private Intention Holy Souls
Saturday 28th Our Lady	9.15am		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Private Intention Welsh & Waring Families
Sunday 29th Seventeenth Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Tom Longshaw & Andrew Sturgess Thanksgiving (YB) People of the Parishes

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! This isn't a fundraising opportunity. It's just a great opportunity to come together for a party! Everyone welcome!

Biddulph Churches Together Open Café

10am to 12noon
Every Saturday of July



Biddulph Churches Together are running the Open Café at the Town Hall again this year. Everyone is welcome to just pop in for tea/coffee and homemade cakes each Saturday. We also need volunteers for serving and making cakes: the last Saturday in July is English Martyrs' day.

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. Our current Alpha sessions are on Sunday afternoons from 4pm to 5.45pm at St Joseph's. Why not come and try a taster session this week?

Sanctuary Lamps

This week the lamps are dedicated for:

St John's: Vince Mannion; July Birthdays (TG)

St Joseph's: Tony Ryan

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

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

at St Patrick's, Packmoor



Come and pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life on Friday 27th July at St Patrick's

2.00pm Eucharistic Adoration begins

5.30pm Rosary & Benediction

6.00pm Holy Mass

The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club is our monthly meeting for older people. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 31st July, 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 normally available on Monday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at St Joseph's Presbytery Goldenhill for all enquiries but the regular Monday evening have now stopped for the summer. There will be an Open House only once a month during the summer months: Monday 23rd July and Monday 13th August. If you need to see Fr Julian more urgently, then please call the presbytery.

Care Home Prayer Services



Kidsgrove Our monthly prayer service for the elderly will be at Ravenswood, The Avenue on Tuesday 24th July at 11am.

We would love to see more parishioners coming and bringing the light of faith to residents. Come and meet us at the home.

Biddulph The next prayer service for our Biddulph Churches Together group is on Sunday 12th August at 3pm at Tall Oaks Home. We welcome everyone to come and join us.

Our Lady of Grace Partnership Safeguarding Team

Each of our churches has a dedicated safeguarding representative, though all of our reps meet and work together alongside the Parish Priest. If you have a concern about the welfare or safety of a child or vulnerable adult during a parish event or activity, please contact one of the safeguarding reps, or alternatively contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office on cpo@rc-birmingham.org or call 0121 230 6240. Our reps in each church are:
English Martyrs: Mary Lomas St John's: Brenda McGough/Denise Hewitt
St Joseph's: Suzanne Meakin St Patrick's: Peter Whitehouse
Their contact details are available on the noticeboard. If you are ever concerned for the immediate safety of a child or vulnerable adult please call the police.

Summer Mass Times Some parishes of the Deanery have cut down on the number of Masses to be offered during the summer months, to enable priests to cover one another when they get away. Our parishes are unaffected by these changes, as we already have only one Mass per Sunday per Church. However, there is a list of the Masses available in other parishes during the summer on the noticeboard of each of our churches, for your reference.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

Welcome to the family of the Church to Nyle Layton Andrew Jones who will be baptised at St Joseph's Church today.



FUNDRAISING

Collections

01/07/2018: **Biddulph/Packmoor**

Gift Aid £389.46, Non Gift Aid £228.45, Total £617.91. **Goldenhill** Gift Aid £134.00, Non Gift Aid £283.45, Total £417.45.

Kidsgrove Gift Aid £170.90, Non Gift Aid £200.28, Total £371.18.

08/07/2018: **Biddulph/Packmoor**

Gift Aid £346.50, Non Gift Aid £143.39, Total £489.89. Apostleship of the Sea £97.08. **Goldenhill** Gift Aid £249.32, Non Gift Aid £136.53, Total £385.85. Apostleship of the Sea £18.70.

Kidsgrove Gift Aid £132.85, Non Gift Aid £117.28, Total £250.13. Apostleship of the Sea £70.43.

Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200

Club Weekly Draw 08/07/17 1st Prize £20, No.63 B Sumsion; 2nd Prize £10, No.27 C Leech; 3rd Prize £5, No.80 C Hancock. **15/07/17** 1st Prize £20, No.180 C Taylor; 2nd Prize £10, No.97 J Green; 3rd Prize £5, No.36 L Lyth.

St Patrick's Garden Party Thanks to everyone who helped to prepare for, and to put on, the Garden Party this year. The total funds raised will be published in the next bulletin.

DEANERY & BEYOND

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.

Rosary Rally The Annual Rosary Rally to pray for World Peace and Young People will take place at Mount St Bernard Abbey, Leicestershire on Sunday 26th August at 2pm. Bring a picnic lunch and it is advisable to take a folding chair or stool. If you want further information about this event please contact Anne Gartland

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Sunday 22nd July: Mark 6:30-34

The apostles re-joined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

Sunday 29th July: John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hamper with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

Preparing the Gospel

KEY VERSE: "He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd" (v 34).

TO KNOW: As a wise shepherd of his flock, Jesus knew that his disciples must tend to their bodily as well as their spiritual needs after their mission. He invited them to come with him to a secluded place in order to rest. The crowd guessed where they were going and got there first. Instead of being annoyed by this inconvenience, Jesus took pity on them for they were "like sheep without a shepherd." Ignoring his own need for rest, Jesus began to "teach them many things" (v. 34).

TO LOVE: Do I ensure that I have time for rest and for prayer.

TO SERVE: Lord Jesus, help me to be sensitive to the needs of those whom I serve.

KEY VERSE: "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world" (v.14).

TO KNOW: The miracle of the multiplication of bread is told by all four Gospels, which indicates its importance for the early Church. St John says the miracle took place near Passover, the Jewish unleavened bread feast. When the Israelites were wandering in the wilderness and dying of hunger, God fed them with manna. Jesus declared that he himself was the bread that came "down from heaven". When they say Jesus is the prophet, the one who is to come into the world, it refers to the "prophet like Moses" who was anticipated in the final days. The people's expectation, though, was for a warrior Messiah. Jesus escapes to the hills, as he is not this sort of Messiah.

TO LOVE: In what ways do I help provide "bread" for the poor?

TO SERVE: Lord Jesus, strengthen me with your body and blood in the Eucharist.