

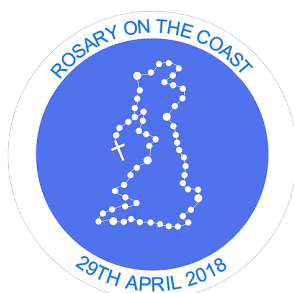
THE CATHOLIC PASTORAL PARTNERSHIP OF
BIDDULPH, GOLDENHILL, KIDSGROVE & PACKMOOR
UNDER THE PATRONAGE AND PROTECTION OF OUR LADY OF GRACE

SUNDAY BULLETIN

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 29TH APRIL 2018

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST



Today, Catholics will be gathering around the coast of Britain, at various locations, and praying the Rosary for faith, life and peace in our country. It is the initiative of a friend of mine, Bishop John Keenan of Paisley. The idea is to surround our country with the prayers of Our Blessed Lady, and ask for the conversion and protection of our land. We are not on the coast! But I do ask you all to join your intentions to those who are gathered around at locations around Britain this Sunday after-

noon at 3pm. It would be a wonderful thing if, in our homes, either alone or as families, we could say the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary at 3pm this afternoon as part of this wonderful prayer initiative.

There is a lot coming up in the near future in our parishes. This week we will be celebrating the Feast of the English Martyrs with Mass and buffet on Friday evening in Biddulph. Come and join us! The same day, in the afternoon, the children of St John's school will be celebrating the old feast of St John before the Latin Gate as their school feast day in St John's Church. Again please do come along and join us. Next Sunday we have the May Procession at St Patrick's. Again please plan to come

and join us. These feast days are great opportunities for us to get together from across our parishes and celebrate as a partnership of parishes.

In the very near future we have the On Fire! Pentecost festival. This is a parish mission being run by the Franciscan friars and sisters from Bradford and Leeds. We will welcome Fr Bernard, Br Jacob, Sr Faustina and Sr Antonia from 19th to 24th May. We need people to provide refreshments at various times during the week, and to provide meals for the mission team. Please sign up at the back of St Joseph's church today. If you are from another church and would like to help or be involved, please see me or phone Teresa in the parish office this week.

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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SAINT OF THE WEEK



**Bl Ceferino Giménez
Malla
1861-1936**

Ceferino was a Spanish gypsy, and is the patron saint of travelling people. He was a married man, but he and his wife, Teresa, had no children. He became known for his charitable nature. One day a local landowner collapsed because of TB in the street.

Ceferino, heedless of the danger of catching the disease, put him on his shoulders and carried him home. The man rewarded Ceferino by giving him money to start a business buying and selling mules. He gave the profits from his business to help poor travellers. He died defending a Catholic priest against the Reds in the Civil War.

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 28th			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Winnie McQuade
Sunday 29th Fifth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	11.00am 1.00pm		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Baptism Holy Mass	Adam Ostrowski Alice Edwards People of the Parishes
Monday 30th St Pius V		6.00pm	2.15pm		Holy Mass (in school) Holy Mass	Mary Dunning Margaret Fallon (SVP)
Tuesday 1st St Joseph the Worker	9.15am	12.15pm	9.30am	2.15pm	Holy Mass Morning Prayer Requiem Mass Holy Rosary	Thanksgiving (Ss Rita & Anthony) John Clowes RIP
Wednesday 2nd St Athanasius		6.00pm	1.30pm		Funeral Service Holy Mass	Frank Elden RIP Roy Marsh
Thursday 3rd St Philip & St James	6.00pm				Holy Mass	Sick Person (AC)
Friday 4th THE ENGLISH MARTYRS <i>First Friday</i>	7.00pm		2.15pm		Holy Mass (School's St John's Day) Holy Mass	Private Intention Alice Edwards
Saturday 5th Feria of Easter	9.15am		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Special Intention Thomas Finn
Sunday 6th Sixth Sunday of Easter	9.00am	11.00am		3.00pm 6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass May Procession Holy Mass	Charlotte Thom Cheryl & Clare Potts People of the Parishes



MAY: OUR BLESSED LADY'S MONTH

May has been linked with Our Blessed Lady since the 13th Century. May Devotions really spread throughout the Church in the 19th Century, encouraged by the Popes. Today, May is firmly fixed in the minds of Catholics as the month of Mary. In our parishes, we will have the Holy Rosary prayed before Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday throughout the month, starting next Sunday, with the Joyful Mysteries. We will also have the joy of the May Procession in St Patrick's next Sunday afternoon. Why not make a special effort to consecrate every day of May to Our Lady, by praying the Rosary, or at least a part of it, each day? The oldest prayer to Our Lady, apart from the Hail Mary is the Sub Tuum Praesidium. Why not say this each day and learn it by heart?

We fly to your patronage, O holy Mother of God. Despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us from all dangers, O ever glorious and blessed Virgin.

FEAST OF THE ENGLISH MARTYRS



Come and join our celebration of the Feast of the English Martyrs, the patronal feast of Biddulph church and parish.

The Mass for the Feast will be on Friday 4th May at 7.00pm.

We will have a bring and share buffet supper afterwards in the parish meeting room. (There is no restriction on meat as it is a Solemnity in Biddulph parish!)

ST PATRICK'S PACKMOOR
MAY PROCESSION
IN HONOUR OF OUR
BLESSED LADY

This year the May Procession is on Sunday 6th May at 3pm.

Come and honour Our Blessed Mother Mary, in this most beautiful traditional May Procession, with Crowning of the Statue and Re-consecration of our parishes to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart.

Please bring and share refreshments for afternoon tea after the Procession

English Martyrs & St Patrick's
Spring Fayre

The *new date* for our spring fayre is
Saturday 9th June
10am to 12noon
at Biddulph Town Hall

We need volunteers to help with the stalls and to provide refreshments. We also need raffle prizes. Please sign up on the lists at the back of church. We also need saleable items.

Most of all **we need bottles** for the bottle stall. Please bring a bottle (drinks or anything in a bottle) to English Martyrs or St Patrick's next Sunday!

Please help make the Fayre a great success!



On Fire
Set the world ablaze!

On Fire!
19th to 24th May 2018
St Joseph's Goldenhill

Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal

You are invited to be part of our great Pentecost Festival, On Fire! We begin with Sunday Masses on 19th & 20th May and an invitation to the young people of our parishes on Sunday afternoon.

From 21st to 24th May, we will have a daily programme including early morning Adoration and Mass (6am to 7.30am), morning Mass with 'meet the team' (9.30am), and the evening services (7pm) with the following themes:

Monday: 'The Father who loves'

Tuesday: 'The Father who forgives'

Wednesday: 'The Father who heals'

Thursday: 'The Father who sends'

During the rest of the days, the team will go into our schools and work with the children and young people.

We will need volunteers with leafleting, providing refreshments, meals and other tasks. There will be parishioners looking for volunteers today. Please be generous in your help!

PENTECOST NOVENA

We are going to prepare for On Fire! by joining in a Novena (Nine Days) of prayer to the Holy Spirit. We begin on the day after Ascension, Friday 11th May. There will be daily 11.30am Mass with the Novena Prayers at St Joseph's

DAY OF ADORATION
FOR VOCATIONS



You are invited to come to English Martyrs' Church on Tuesday 8th May to give honour to Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Blessed Sacrament, and to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

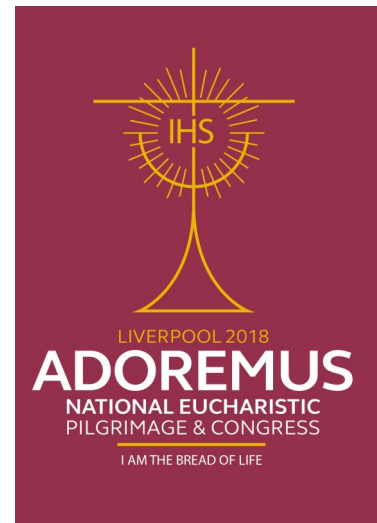
9.15am Mass and the beginning of the Adoration

Adoration throughout the day, with visits by the school children mid-morning.

6.00pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

O come, let us adore him!

Flowers at St Joseph's We are looking for people to take a part in a rota to do the altar flowers at St Joseph's. The more volunteers, the less often you will have to do them. If you are willing to help please let Fr Julian know as soon as possible.



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 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 to book your place. Or

FUNDRAISING

Collections

15/04/18: Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £356.60, Non Gift Aid £189.70. Total £546.30. **Goldenhill** Gift Aid £226.00, Non Gift Aid £168.09. Total £394.09. **Kidsgrove** Gift Aid £192.50, Non Gift Aid £190.68. Total £383.18.

22/04/18: Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £366.00, Non Gift Aid £178.64. Total £544.64. Clergy Training Fund £150.87. **Goldenhill** Gift Aid £224.00, Non Gift Aid £280.50. Total £504.50. Clergy Training Fund £60.20. **Kidsgrove** Gift Aid £221.50, Non Gift Aid £197.83. Total £419.33. Clergy Training Fund £122.88.

Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Draw 22/04/18 Weekly: 1st Prize £20, No.178 M Booth; 2nd Prize £10, No.157 M Kirkham; 3rd Prize £5, No.147 M Bayley. **29/04/18 Weekly:** 1st Prize £20, No.18 M Maughan; 2nd Prize £10, No.164 M Cook; 3rd Prize £5, No.113 G Woodward. **Monthly:** 1st Prize £75, No.168 B Cunningham; 2nd Prize £, No.106 D Latham; 3rd Prize £25, No.194 J Crompton.

Practical Workshops for Catechists

Tuesday 1st May - Parish Preparation for 1st Holy Communion candidates

Tuesday 22nd May - Parish Preparation for Confirmation candidates

Both workshops will take place at Holy Trinity, Newcastle, 7pm - 9pm.

Organised by Maryvale Institute and open to all Parish Catechists the aim of the evenings is to share lots of practical help and advice and provide resources.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week the lamps are dedicated for:
St John's: Special Intention (JM); Kevin Moran (JH); Winnie Maughan
St Joseph's: Special Intention (MM)

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

Parish Priest's Open House

The next Parish Priest's Open House, when Fr Julian is available to be seen, is on Monday 30th April at 6.30pm at St Joseph's Presbytery.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Welcome to the family of the church to Leo George Walker who will be baptised at St Joseph's church today.

Deaths

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of John Clowes. Requiem Mass will be offered at St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 1st May at 12.15pm followed by committal at Carmountside crematorium.

Also for the soul of Frank Elden. Funeral Service will be at St John's Church on Wednesday 2nd May at 1.30pm followed by committal at Burslem Cemetery

Requiescant in pace

Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Stone

Everyone is invited to come to the annual day pilgrimage to Stone, on Saturday 26th May at St Dominic's Convent, Stone starting at 10.45am. There will be a Rosary Procession at 2pm followed by Vigil Mass for Sunday at 3.15pm. Pilgrims will need to bring their own picnic lunch but tea and coffee will be provided.

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Preparing the Gospel

KEY VERSE: "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you" (v.12).

TO KNOW: Jesus taught his disciples about the intimate unity that existed between him and his Father. Everything that Jesus said and did was in obedience to his Father's word. The Father's love so filled Jesus that it overflowed to his followers through the Spirit. His disciples would remain in Jesus' love if they were obedient to his "new" command: to love one another as he loved them. Jesus' commandment to love God and to love one's neighbour as oneself fulfilled and summed up all the other commandments. There was no other commandment greater than these (Mk 12:31b). Jesus' disciples were loyal to the mission that he entrusted to them when they revealed his love to the world. They were his "friends" (Jn 15:14) if they demonstrated that love by their readiness to lay down their lives as he did. Jesus did not ask his followers to do anything that he himself was unwilling to do. He would prove his love on Calvary by offering his life for the sake of his friends (John 15:13).

TO LOVE: In what ways have I shown sacrificial love to my friends?

TO SERVE: Risen Lord, help me to love others as you do.