

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

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

PENTECOST SUNDAY

SUNDAY 20TH MAY 2018

## A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST



### On Fire Set the world ablaze!

At last it's here. The On Fire! Pentecost Festival mission week has arrived, and we welcome today our Mission Team: Fr Bernard, Sr Faustina, Sr Antonia, and Br Joshua. I know you will make them welcome, and will pray for them during the time they are with us.

I have been praying, and really hoping that this will be a great time of grace for our parishes, and especially for St Joseph's where the

events are taking place. Although we have been together for almost six years as a partnership of parishes, there is still some reluctance to cross the boundaries and go to each other's churches. I want to invite everyone, from all four communities, to come together this week, to hear the message presented by the team, and to invite the Holy Spirit into the life of our partnership of parishes. We exist, not for ourselves, but for God, and

for his purpose, to bring all people to himself. I ask you to take part in this mission by inviting most especially those who are most distant from the life of the Church, to come this week

For those of you who are able, as well as the Mission services at 7pm, Monday to Thursday, I want to invite you to come and pray with the team. We have a morning Mass at 9.30am, Monday to Wednesday, at which Fr Bernard will preach a short homily. There is also a chance to meet the team afterwards. For those going to work, or early risers, try to come and join us for silent prayer from 6am, or for Mass at 7am, Monday to Wednesday. Let us make the most of this week, and really call on the Spirit: Come Holy Spirit.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK



### St Bernardine of Siena 1380-1444

At the age of 17, Bernardine joined the Confraternity of Our Lady which served the sick in the local hospital, during an outbreak of plague. His experience drew him to want to consecrate his life and he joined the Franciscans, aged 23. Although he did not have a good voice, he

became one of the greatest preachers of his time, using a simple style. To be able to access people who were far from God, he would preach in the market places. He promoted the devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus, and preached about the power of the name of Jesus. His sermons brought about great conversions in the lives of his hearers.

## 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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234216*

## 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 19th</b>			6.30pm		Vigil Mass of the Feast	Winefride & Leonard Atherton
<b>Sunday 20th</b> <b>PENTECOST</b> <b>SUNDAY</b>	9.00am	11.00am 3.30pm		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Youth Gathering Holy Mass	Mary Nixon Bailey & Plant Families People of the Parishes
<b>Monday 21st</b> Our Lady, Mother of the Church		6.00am 7.00am 9.30am <b>7.00pm</b>			Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass Holy Mass <b>Mission Service</b>	Holy Souls Private Intention
<b>Tuesday 22nd</b> Feria (Mass of the Holy Spirit) (Mass Readings week 7 Year B)		6.00am 7.00am 9.30am <b>7.00pm</b>		2.15pm	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Rosary <b>Mission Service</b>	Holy Souls Private Intention
<b>Wednesday 23rd</b> Feria (Mass of the Holy Spirit)		6.00am 7.00am 9.30am <b>7.00pm</b>			Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass Holy Mass <b>Mission Service</b>	Holy Souls Private Intention
<b>Thursday 24th</b> <b>Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest</b>		7.30am <b>7.00pm</b>			Eucharistic Adoration <b>Mission Mass</b>	<b>People of the Parishes</b>
<b>Friday 25th</b> St Bede the Venerable	9.15am				Holy Mass followed by Rosary Procession	William Close
<b>Saturday 26th</b> St Philip Neri	9.15am		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Elaine Simmell Sharon Wood
<b>Sunday 27th</b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b>	9.00am 4.00pm	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Hour to pray for Vocations Holy Mass	Julia Biggane Russell Whalley Tony Jervis

Veni Sancte Spiritus

On Fire!

19th to 24th May 2018

St Joseph's Goldenhill

*Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal*

It's here. We have begun our Pentecost Festival, On Fire! Here is the programme of the Mission:



**On Fire**

Set the world ablaze!

Saturday 19th May

6.30pm Pentecost Vigil Mass at St John's Kidsgrove

Sunday 20th May

9.00am Pentecost Sunday Mass at English Martyrs' Biddulph

11.00am Pentecost Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Goldenhill

3.30pm Young People's gathering with the Mission Team at St Joseph's

6.30pm Pentecost Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Packmoor

*At all the Masses, Fr Bernard Murphy will be the Preacher.*

Monday 21st May

6.00am Eucharistic Adoration

7.00am Mass

9.30am Mass with Homily followed by refreshments with the Mission team

Visits to the primary schools

7.00pm Mission Service: 'The Father who loves'

Tuesday 22nd May

6.00am Eucharistic Adoration

7.00am Mass

9.30am Mass with Homily followed by refreshments with the Mission team

Mission Team in St Margaret Ward

7.00pm Mission Service: 'The Father who forgives'

Wednesday 23rd May

6.00am Eucharistic Adoration

7.00am Mass

9.30am Mass with Homily followed by refreshments with the Mission team

Mission Team in St Margaret Ward

7.00pm Mission Service: 'The Father who heals'

Thursday 24th May

7.30am Eucharistic Adoration

7.00pm Mission Service: 'The Father who forgives'

Followed by bring and share refreshments

**MASS & PROCESSION**

**IN HONOUR OF**

**OUR LADY OF GRACE**

Our Lady of Grace is the patroness of our partnership of parishes, and of our school in Biddulph.

To honour her, and to celebrate the feast, we invite you to come to a Mass at English Martyrs' Church on Friday 25th May at 9.15am, followed by a Rosary Procession to Our Lady of Grace School where we will renew the School's consecration to Our Lady.

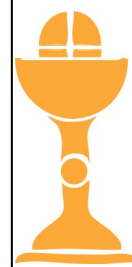
**Care Home Prayer Service**



Our monthly prayer service for the elderly will be at Ravenswood, The Avenue, Kidsgrove on Tuesday 22nd May 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.

**Chalice Prayer Programme**



During this month, the Deanery wooden chalice and print of the call of St Matthew are in English Martyrs' Church as a focus to pray for vocations. We have already had a very good day of Adoration for Vocations. We will have a Holy Hour to pray for Vocations on Sunday 27th May at 4pm at English Martyrs'. Please take a prayer card and use the prayer at home.

**Rosary before Mass** During the month of May, we pray the Rosary in Church before our Saturday evening and Sunday Masses.



We need volunteers! If you are willing to lead, then please see Fr Julian. Next week: The Glorious Mysteries.

**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!



**ALPHA**

Once again, 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 Sunday afternoons at 4pm at St Joseph's. The first session will be on Sunday 10th June. We have invitation postcards which you can use to others along too.

## FUNDRAISING

### Collections

**Biddulph/Packmoor** Gift Aid £404.00, Non Gift Aid £225.87. Total £629.87. Catholic Communications £74.41.

**Goldenhill** Gift Aid £241.00, Non Gift Aid £196.86. Total £437.86. Catholic Communications £40.34.

**Kidsgrove** Gift Aid £219.51, Non Gift Aid £143.65. Total £363.16. Catholic Communications £119.39.

**Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Weekly Draw** 1st Prize £20, No.20 P Pender; 2nd Prize £10, No.123 G Hussey; 3rd Prize £5, No.151 S Robinson.

**APF Red Boxes** Could box holders at Kidsgrove bring their boxes to church for counting? Thank you.

## DEANERY & BEYOND

**Catechists' Workshops** Organised by Maryvale Institute and open to all Parish Catechists the aim of the evening is to share lots of practical help and advice and provide resources. The next workshop will be Parish Preparation for Confirmation Candidates, on Tuesday 22nd May at Holy Trinity, Newcastle, 7pm - 9pm.

**Volunteer Gardeners** Fr Hudson's are appealing for volunteers to cut



The Friendship Club is our monthly meeting for older people. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 29th May, 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 transport please contact Matt Ford on 07587034299.

lawns for older people in the local area. They have seen an increase in the numbers needing this service so even if you can only do one garden a week it would make a difference, enabling people to stay in their homes. If you'd like to volunteer please call the young at heart team on 01782 269990. Expenses and equipment will be provided.

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.

### Our Lady of Stone Pilgrimage

Everyone is invited to go 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.

### Parish Priest's Open House

There is no Open House this Monday nor the following. The next Parish Priest's Open House, when Fr Julian is available to be seen, is on Monday 4th June 6.30 to 7.30pm at St Joseph's Presbytery.

### Sanctuary Lamps

*This week the lamps are dedicated for:*  
English Martyrs: In Thanksgiving (Elsie); Hosey & O'Reilly Families  
St John's: Sharon Wood  
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.***

## NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

### Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

### Preparing the Gospel

**KEY VERSE:** "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" (v. 19).

**TO KNOW:** The so-called "Great Commission" in Matthew's Gospel is Christ's command to his disciples to baptize disciples in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Thus it summarizes the three major themes of Matthew's Gospel: (1) Supreme and universal authority has been given to Jesus by his heavenly Father; therefore he far surpasses every other human being and deserves the exalted titles given to him. (2) The disciples are to share their faith with all people, including non-Jews. (3) The promise of Jesus' continuing presence with the disciples and their successors brings to fulfilment the name "Emmanuel" ("God is with us") given to Jesus at conception (Matt 1:23; Isaiah 7:14). Jesus reassured his disciples that he would sustain them in their mission to preach the gospel to all nations. The Father's love, and the Spirit of the Risen Christ continues be with the Church to guide and protect it until the end of time.

**TO LOVE:** How is the Trinitarian love of God manifested in my life?

**TO SERVE:** Father, Son and Spirit, help me to reverence your Holy Name.