

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY 2018

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Today we have a pastoral letter from His Grace the Archbishop. In it he speaks of today's Gospel, the Transfiguration of the Lord. When he mentions the many high places that there are in our Diocese, I know that he was impressed, when he came to us on Visitation, to go up to Biddulph Moor and Mow Cop to see the views over our parishes, the Cheshire plain and the Moorlands. Our Deanery is now coming to the end of its Visitation process. Week by week, the parishes have been visited by Bishop McGough, and the Archbishop has been with us, and this weekend is in Longton. The Visitation comes to its formal end at Mass on Friday 23rd March at Holy Trinity in Newcastle. You are again invited to turn



out in great numbers for this closing of the Visitation as you did for the opening. This past week, I had the winter session of the Society of St John Mary Vianney for priests of Germany and England. Our Moderator Fr Emeric also came from Ars. It was a very good couple of days down in Birmingham, and they all seemed to enjoy the time together. I was speaking with Fr Emeric about

launching the Lay Associates of the Society here in England, and have recruited a lay person to help me to run it. The idea is to include lay people in our Society of priests, to pray for vocations, and to help their own spiritual growth. We will be launching this

in the very near future with a day of prayer and fellowship. I hope a number of parishioners will feel called to become associated in this.

I hope that you are continuing to keep Lent with good purpose. It was great to see more people this week at the Friday morning Adoration and Mass. Is this something you could do? Could you get to Stations or to a weekday Mass this week?

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Bl Dominic Lentini 1770-1828



Bl Dominic was born in Lauria near Naples, and it is there that he lived, became parish priest and died. It shows that it is possible to achieve holiness in the places we already live. He was renowned for his charity to the poor, devotion to the Eucharist, and his preaching. He is

also known for his penitential practices of mortification in reparation for his own sins and for those of the world. It was his Lenten homilies and devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows which most touched the hearts of his people. He was beatified by St John Paul II, and is due to be canonised in the near future.

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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 | |
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| Saturday 24th | | | 6.30pm | | Holy Mass of Sunday | Patricia Convey |
| Sunday 25th Second Sunday of Lent | 9.00am 4.30pm | 11.00am 5.30pm | | 6.30pm | Holy Mass Holy Mass Stations of the Cross Reception of Body Holy Mass | Int Josie Gannon (90th Birthday) Sarah & Arthur Holmes Russell Whalley RIP People of the Parishes |
| Monday 26th Lenten Feria | | 1.15pm 6.00pm | 12noon | | Holy Mass Requiem Mass Holy Mass | Lisa Griffiths Russell Whalley RIP Stan & Mary Malpass |
| Tuesday 27th Lenten Feria | 9.15am | | 9.30am | 2.15pm | Holy Mass Morning Prayer Stations of the Cross | Thanksgiving (Ss Anthony & Rita) |
| Wednesday 28th Lenten Feria | | 5.30pm 6.00pm 6.30pm | | | Stations of the Cross Holy Mass Reception of Body | Margaret Hickson Winifred Maughan RIP |
| Thursday 1st St David | 6.00pm 7.00pm | 9.30am 11.00am | | | Holy Mass (in school) Requiem Mass Holy Mass Lenten Holy Hour | Int Bernadette McGough Winifred Maughan RIP Holy Souls |
| Friday 2nd St Chad <i>First Friday</i> | | 6.00am 7.00am | 9.30am 10.00am | 6.00pm | Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass Holy Mass Stations of the Cross Holy Mass | Private Intention Ellen & George McHugh Holy Souls |
| Saturday 3rd Lenten Feria | 9.15am | | 6.30pm | | Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday | Holy Souls Peter & Brigid Maguire |
| Sunday 4th Third Sunday of Lent | 9.00am 4.30pm | 11.00am | | 6.30pm | Holy Mass Holy Mass Stations of the Cross Holy Mass | Robert Snr & Robert Jnr Sellars Stephen Holmes People of the Parishes |

Sanctuary Lamps

This week the lamps are dedicated for:

St Joseph's: Special Intention (MM)

St John's: Clare Leech (BC); Marianne Slack (CT)

If you would like to dedicate the sanc-

tuary lamps at our churches for an intention, please see Fr Julian. Minimum donation £5.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

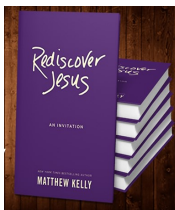


You are invited to come and share in the Stations of the Cross during Lent in our churches. Here are the times and places where we will pray the Stations of the Cross

during Lent:

- Sunday 4.30pm English Martyrs'
- Tuesday 2.15pm St Patrick's
- Wednesday 6.30pm St Joseph's
- Friday 10.00am St John's

Your Invitation to
Rediscover Jesus



For those who wish, parishioners at St John's invite you to come on Mondays of Lent. There will be tea and coffee and the opportunity to share what you have discovered in the book *Rediscover Jesus*. Begins at 10.30am and ends by 11.45am. Copies of the book are available free of charge from Fr Julian or the parish office.

LENT HOLY HOURS



This Lent we are inviting people to come together on Thursday evenings for an hour of led prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. If you never know how to pray in Eucharistic Adoration or how to pray in silence, come along and learn how to spend time with the Lord. Each Holy Hour begins at 7pm

- 1st March at English Martyrs'
- 8th March at St John's
- 15th March at St Patrick's
- 22nd March at St Joseph's

O come let us adore him!

Men's Disciple Group We will meet on Friday 2nd March instead, at 7pm. All men are welcome to come along, especially new comers.

ST PATRICK'S DAY



Come and celebrate the Feast of St Patrick at St Patrick's church, Packmoor on Saturday 17th March.

Holy Mass at 11.30am followed by Bring and Share Buffet Lunch.

ST JOSEPH'S DAY



St Joseph's Day is on Monday 19th March. Come to St Joseph's Church to celebrate the Feast of our Patron Saint.

Holy Mass in church with St Joseph's Academy at 9.30am

Holy Mass at 6pm

A great opportunity for our church communities to come together.

For each feast day, a visit to the respective church can gain a Plenary Indulgence, with Confession, Holy Communion and prayer for the Pope's intentions.

The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club is our monthly meeting for older people. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 27th February, 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.



On Fire

Set the world ablaze!

You are invited to be part of our great Pentecost Festival, On Fire! Apologies for the late cancellation of last week's meeting. All who are interested in helping with the Mission—publicity, organisation, hospitality, celebration—please come to a meeting at St Joseph's on Wednesday 21st March at 7pm.

PARISH REGISTERS

Deaths

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Mary (Maisie) Dunning. The funeral Service will be on Monday 26th February at 11.20am at Bradwell Crematorium.

Please pray also for the soul of Russell Whalley. Requiem Mass will be offered at St Joseph's on Monday 26th February at 1.15pm, followed by committal at Bradwell crematorium. Reception of body on Sunday 25th at 5.30pm.

Please pray also for the soul of Winifred Maughan. Requiem Mass will be offered at St Joseph's on Thursday 1st March at 11am, followed by committal at Keele cemetery. Reception of body on Wednesday 28th at 6.30pm

Please pray also for the soul of Margaret Fallon. Requiem Mass will be offered at St Joseph's on Friday 9th March at 10.30am, followed by committal at Tunstall cemetery. Reception of body on Thursday 8th at 6pm.

Please pray also for the soul of Alice Edwards. Requiem Mass will be offered at St Joseph's on Monday 12th March at 1.30pm, followed by committal at Tunstall cemetery. Reception of body on Sunday 11th at 5.45pm

Please pray also for the soul of William (Bill) Johnson. Requiem Mass will be offered at St John's on Friday 16th March at 1pm, followed by burial at Tunstall cemetery.

Requiescant in Pace.

Alpha The course is running at St Joseph's once again, on Sunday afternoons at 3pm, finishing at 4.45pm. Why not try out one of these sessions as a taster?

On Fire!

19th to 24th May 2018
St Joseph's Goldenhill

Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal

FUNDRAISING

Collections

Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £365.00, Non Gift Aid £168.23. Total £533.23.

Goldenhill Gift Aid £236.00, Non Gift Aid £214.32. Total £450.32.

Kidsgrove Gift Aid £269.00, Non Gift Aid £155.27. Total £424.27.

Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200

Club Draw Weekly :1st Prize £20, No.47 P Waring; 2nd Prize £10, No.169 B Cunningham; 3rd Prize £5, No.8 P Chappell. Monthly: 1st Prize £75, No.157 M Kirkham; 2nd Prize £50, No.124 J Cooper; 3rd Prize £25, No.39 P McGough. Weekly and Monthly subs are due next week.

LENTEN ALMS

There will be a second collection for Lenten Alms each Sunday of Lent. The alms given will go to the following charities:

25th Feb CAFOD

4th March St Chad's Cathedral

11th March Friends of the Holy Land

18th March Aid to the Church in Need

25th March Holy Places

The collection for St Francis' Leprosy Guild was £411.74. Many thanks!

DEANERY & BEYOND

Volunteers with Marriage Care

Marriage Care in North Staffordshire is looking for volunteers to train as marriage preparation facilitators locally. There will be an information evening in St Gregory's Longton meeting room, on 11th April at 7pm, if you would like to know more about the role and what it involves.

You can also visit:

www.marriagecare.org.uk for more details.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2018

You are warmly invited to a service at Biddulph Methodist Church, Station Road at 1.30pm on Friday 2nd March. The theme is 'All God's creation is Good'. The prayers will be for Suriname and the environment. The service will be led by women from all the Biddulph churches. Refreshments will be served and there will be a play area for pre-school children.

Archdiocese of Birmingham

Pilgrimage to Lourdes The dates for this year's pilgrimage are Saturday 26th May to Friday 1st June. There are various hotel options; the cheapest is £715 by Air for 6 nights (single room supplement £150) or £434 by

coach for 5 nights (single room supplement £125). This year we are not arranging a parish group. If you wish to go with the Diocese, please ask Teresa in the parish office for details and booking forms.

Ministers of Holy Communion

All Ministers are invited to come to training evenings being organised for our Deanery. They are on Tuesday 27th February and 6th March, led by priests of the Deanery. They will be held at Holy Trinity Community Centre, London Rd, Newcastle at 7.30pm, for one hour each.

Pilgrimages to Medjugorje

Pilgrimages will be leaving from Birmingham from 10th to 17th June and 18th to 25th September, price £589. 7 nights half board, with flights and transfers. For more information please call Stephen Griffith on 07599 024019

Parish Priest's Open House

The next Parish Priest's Open House, when Fr Julian can be seen, is on Monday 5th March from 6.30 to 7.30pm at St Joseph's Presbytery. There will be an open house most Mondays at the same time. Please call to confirm on the day to ensure that the open house is on.

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

Preparing the Gospel

KEY VERSE: "Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up" (v.20).

TO KNOW: The Temple in Jerusalem was the centre of worship and sacrifice for the Jews, the visible sign of God's presence among the people. When Jesus went to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover, he was angered by the profane use of the Temple. A key role of the Messiah was to purify the Temple and worship of God. Jesus replaces the old religion with the new covenant of God's grace and mercy. The Temple would be replaced by the "new Temple of God," the risen body of Jesus Christ in the Church.

TO LOVE: Am I willing to speak and act against injustice no matter what it may cost?

TO SERVE: Lord Jesus, help me to show reverence in your Father's House