

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

SEVENTEENTH & EIGHTEENTH SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 29TH JULY & 5TH AUGUST 2018

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Today we hear the Gospel of the feeding of the five thousand from St John's Gospel. This break from hearing from St Mark's Gospel continues for several weeks, during which we will follow through the teaching of Jesus in John chapter 6 about the Bread of Life. This year, the reading of this very Eucharistic text coincides with the preparations for the National Eucharistic Congress, Adoremus, which takes place in Liverpool in September. While most of us will not be attending the Congress, we should all join in the focus on the Eucharist during this period of time. For this reason, I will preach at all the Masses from next week on the subject of the Holy Eucharist, and how we should receive, adore and reverence this most sacred

gift. I will start this series by preaching about Eucharistic Adoration. Starting in August we will have more opportunities for silent Eucharistic Adoration each week.

Speaking of feeding the five thousand I would like to thank everyone who came to the hog roast party last week, and all who contributed food, time and energy. It was a marvellous celebration. Thanks also to everyone for all the cards and presents and for the generous presentation and monetary gifts totalling £1875! Thanks also to all the volunteers from English Martyrs' who have participated in the Open Café on the various weeks of July, whether as bakers or servers, or even as consumers of tea, coffee and cake!

As you know, my membership of the Society of St John Vianney takes me to Ars at this time of year, for the summer session together with all the other priests of the Society. I will be flying over today and flying back early on Friday, so that I can travel to Swansea to be at the ordination of Matthew Roche-Saunders, whom I have known since he was a teenager coming to the Youth2000 retreats. It will be a great joy to see him ordained. Please pray for him and for all who have been or are to be ordained priest this summer. Remember to pray for seminarians, and also for priests during this Year of Priests. Thanks to Fr Anton Madej of Clayton and Bishop McGough who are covering Masses in my absence at Packmoor and Kidsgrove.

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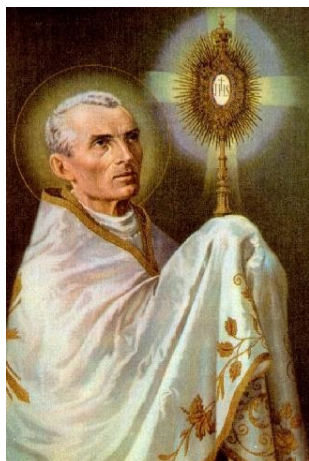
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SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Peter Julian Eymard 1811-1868

Called by St John Paul II the 'Apostle of Eucharistic Adoration', Peter Julian was the founder of the Blessed Sacrament Fathers. His vocation journey saw him ordained priest in the Diocese of Grenoble, then joining the Marist Fathers. He established the lay Third Order of Mary,

which St John Vianney joined. But eventually, it was the sense that he was called to promote Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament that led him to found the Blessed Sacrament Fathers. Through daily Adoration they sought to make reparation and to draw others to the know and love the Eucharistic presence of Jesus.

	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Kidsgrove	Packmoor	The Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions) Kidsgrove Sat 6pm (not 4th August) Biddulph Sun 8.30am Goldenhill Sun 10.30am Packmoor On request	
Saturday 28th			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	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
Monday 30th Feria						
Tuesday 31st St Ignatius of Loyola			9.30am		Morning Prayer	
Wednesday 1st St Alphonsus de Ligouri						
Thursday 2nd Feria						
Friday 3rd Feria <i>First Friday</i>						
Saturday 4th St John Mary Vianney			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Frank Welsh (EC)
Sunday 5th Eighteenth Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Alan Briggo Leontina Tarnavean Barbara Heath
Monday 6th Transfiguration of the Lord		6.00pm	9.30am 10.00am		Holy Mass Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	Holy Souls John, Alice & Stephen Edwards
Tuesday 7th St Sixtus II & Comps	9.15am		9.30am		Holy Mass Morning Prayer	James Baker
Wednesday 8th St Dominic		6.00pm 6.30pm			Holy Mass Eucharistic Adoration	Holy Souls
Thursday 9th St Teresa Benedicta	5.00pm 6.00pm				Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Friday 10th St Lawrence			9.30am	6.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int Brenda Crotty Holy Souls
Saturday 11th St Clare	9.15am		12.30pm 6.30pm		Holy Mass Wedding Service Holy Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls Ashley Lawson & Louisa McCormack Maura Maguire & Christine Tully
Sunday 12th Nineteenth Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Thanksgiving (St Anthony) Margaret Fallon People of the Parishes

Weekday Schedule From the beginning of September, the school Mass at St John's Gloucester Road site will move from Monday afternoon to alternate Friday mornings. So the Friday morning 9.30am Mass will either be in Church or in School on alternate weeks. The Monday lunchtime Mass at St John's Church will move to the morning at 9.30am. It will be clear from the bulletin each week where the Mass will be on each occasion. Parishioners are always welcome to come to Mass at the school.

Eucharistic Adoration Having let the practice of silent Adoration slip recently, in order to mark the National Eucharistic Congress we are going to make sure we have a time of Adoration in each of our parish churches each week starting in August. The times will be as follows:
St Joseph's: Wednesdays 6.30pm
St John's: Mondays 10am
English Martyrs': Thursdays 5pm
There is no reason why these can't go ahead even when the priest is absent, as Extraordinary Ministers can expose and repose the Blessed Sacrament. Fr Julian will arrange with ministers to allow these times of prayer to go ahead even in his absence.

Sharing the Journey

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has asked people to make a walk in their own area to express solidarity with refugees and those seeking asylum from war, persecution, natural disasters and poverty. A record of all the walks will be made centrally, and all the miles added together. The original aim was to reach 24,800 miles—the circumference of the world—but it has already reached 38,000 miles. We are inviting you to come and join in a walk around Biddulph on Saturday 11th August at 10am. We will begin at English Martyrs' Church and then go to St John's Knypersley and Biddulph Methodist Church, before turning back to English Martyrs'. At certain points we will have a refugee story and a prayer. Come and walk with us!

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 during the summer: Monday 13th August. If you need to see Fr Julian more urgently, then please call the Parish office.

Care Home Prayer Services



Kidsgrove Our monthly prayer service for the elderly will be at Maple Tree Court, Gloucester Road on Tuesday 21st August 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.

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.

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

Sanctuary Lamps

This week the lamps are dedicated for:

St John's: Janet Convey (PD), Winnie Maughan, Family & Baby Patrick; Joan Coates

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.

Safeguarding in the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Archbishop Bernard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices to ensure that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. The review is being conducted by an independent charity called Social Care Institute for Excellence (SCIE). As part of the review, SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. **If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207.**

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 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629).

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.

FUNDRAISING

Collections

15/07/2018: Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £381.90, Non Gift Aid £142.65, Total £524.55. **Goldenhill** Gift Aid £241.00, Non Gift Aid £188.00, Total £429.00.

Kidsgrove Gift Aid £179.50, Non Gift Aid £87.73, Total £267.23.

22/07/2018: Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £408.50, Non Gift Aid £170.51, Total £579.01. **Goldenhill** Gift Aid £237.00, Non Gift Aid £183.83, Total £420.83.

Kidsgrove Gift Aid £191.95, Non Gift Aid £137.23, Total £329.18.

St Patrick's Garden Party The amount raised at the garden party was £729.03. Thanks to everyone

who helped to run the Garden Party and to those who attended.

Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Weekly Draw 22/07/17 1st Prize £20, No.81 A Davis; 2nd Prize £10, No.78 K Chappell; 3rd Prize £5, No.17 K Holmes. **29/07/17** 1st Prize £20, No.4 M Aylward; 2nd Prize £10, No.141 S Eardley; 3rd Prize £5, No.96 B Smithson. **Monthly Draw 29/07/18** 1st Prize £75, No.106 D Latham; 2nd Prize £50, No.51 C Screen; 3rd Prize £25, No.107 J Rigby.

DEANERY & BEYOND

Harvington Hall Pilgrimage The pilgrimage to the shrine of the Eng-

lish Martyrs will take place on Sunday 2nd September, starting at 1.45pm with confessions followed by mass at 3pm. Parking is free and there is a picnic area with tea & coffee available; please bring your own chairs. There will be free tours of the Hall which can be booked on the day.

Prayer Petitions for the Pope His Grace the Archbishop is inviting everyone to send in prayer petitions to be presented to Pope Francis on his visit to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families this month. If you would like a petition presented to the Pope, please write it on a piece of paper and place it in an envelope and mark it 'Papal Prayer Intention', then hand it to Fr Julian or to Teresa in the Parish office by 5th August.

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Sunday 5th August July: John 6:24-35

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'

Sunday 12th August: John 6:41-51

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other. 'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. 'I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Preparing the Gospel

Commentary for John 6: 41-51

KEY VERSE: "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (v.51).

TO KNOW: The people claimed to know Jesus' human origin, but they did not understand his divine origin. When Jesus declared: "I am the bread that came down from heaven" (John 6:41), they murmured against him. In a similar way, their ancestors grumbled against Moses when they were hungry on their exodus journey, and he fed them with "bread from heaven" (Ex 16:2-8). The bread in the wilderness was only a foretaste of the true bread, Jesus, who came from God, his Heavenly Father. The Israelites had eaten the manna in the desert, but they all died. Jesus is the life-giving bread who eternally sustains those who believe in him. All who respond to God's grace and believe in Jesus have the fullness of divine revelation. By partaking of this "living bread" (v.51), God's people are nourished by Jesus who eternally feeds them on life's journey.

TO LOVE: When have I experienced the life-giving power of the Sacrament of the Eucharist?

TO SERVE: Lord Jesus, your body and blood gives me strength on my journey through life.