

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 6TH MAY 2018

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST



On Fire Set the world ablaze!

We are getting very close to On Fire! - the Pentecost festival at St Joseph's. It is only two weeks away. I ask all parishioners in all of our communities to come together to pray for, and take part in, this mission event. There are three things I am asking you all to do:

- Take part in the Pentecost Novena.
- Plan, so that you can come to as much of On Fire! as possible.
- Invite others to come especially to the evening services.

First of all the Novena, which begins on Friday. Today you will receive a little booklet with Bible passages and prayers for each day of the Novena. You will also receive a red card with the Novena prayers. To take part, read the page in the booklet for each day. Then pray the Novena prayers. The best thing is to come to the Novena Mass at St Joseph's each day if you can (11.30am on weekdays—on Sunday at the end of the 11am Mass). If you cannot come to the Novena Mass,

please read and pray the prayers yourself. Maybe you can't come to the Novena Mass every day? Come when you can.

Then there's the On Fire! week itself, beginning with the Feast of Pentecost. Please try to plan to come to the evening mission services if you can at 7pm each evening.

And finally, don't forget to invite. Missions are especially great for those who do not normally come. Please invite family and friends, Catholic and non-Catholic. Use the flyers which are freely available.

Please take the opportunity that On Fire! gives us to allow our faith to grow, and to bring others to know the joy of believing in the Risen Lord. Come Holy Spirit!

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SAINT OF THE WEEK



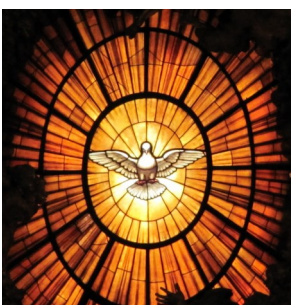
St John of Avila 1500-1569

Known as the Apostle of Andalucia, in Spain, John started out as a law student at Salamanca University, but failed to gain his degree. His piety drew a Franciscan to advise him to go to Madrid to study philosophy and theology. After this, he was ordained priest. He was set to go to

the Americas on mission, but his piety drew the Archbishop of Seville to ask him to remain in Spain as a missionary. He became known as a fiery preacher, and drew crowds. He was imprisoned for a while because he upset the rich in his sermons. He influenced other saints, and was declared a Doctor of the Church by Benedict XVI.

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 5th			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	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
Monday 7th Feria of Easter		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Stephen Edwards
Tuesday 8th Feria of Easter	9.15am 10.00am 6.00pm				Holy Mass Adoration Day begins Benediction	Thanksgiving (St Anthony) Adoration all day until 5.00pm
Wednesday 9th Feria of Easter				6.30pm	Vigil Mass of the Feast	Thanksgiving (St Anthony & St Rita)
Thursday 10th ASCENSION OF THE LORD <i>Holy Day of Obligation</i>	11.00am	9.30am 6.30pm	2.15pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Alice Edwards People of the Parishes Welsh & Waring Families Winifred Maughan (SVP)
The Pentecost Novena begins						
Friday 11th Feria of Easter		11.30am	9.30am		Holy Mass Pentecost Novena Mass	Ellen & George McHugh Alice Edwards
Saturday 12th Feria of Easter		11.30am		6.30pm	Pentecost Novena Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Winifred Joyce Johnson (SVP) Denis & Bridget Culhane
Sunday 13th Seventh Sunday of Easter	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass & Novena Prayers Holy Mass	John Orme Michael Meaney & Family People of the Parishes



PENTECOST NOVENA

The nine days between the Ascension and Pentecost recall the time when “All the Apostles, with one accord, devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers” (Acts 1:14). In 1897, Pope Leo XIII wrote: “We decree and command that throughout the whole Catholic Church, this year and in every subsequent year, a Novena shall take place before Whit-Sunday, in all parish churches”. To prepare for our Mission, we are keeping this Novena, beginning the Friday. Everyone is asked to take and use the little Novena booklet and the Novena prayer card. If you are able, come and join in the Novena prayers at the daily Novena Mass at St Joseph’s.

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

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!

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!



On Fire
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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.

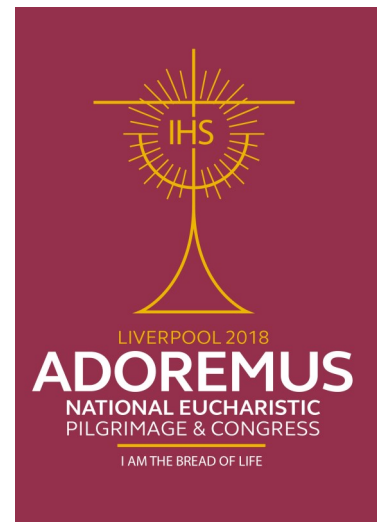
We will need volunteers with leafleting, providing refreshments, meals and other tasks. There will be parishioners looking for volunteers today. Please be generous in your help!

There will be a meeting for everyone who wants to be involved, and for those who have already promised to help, on Wednesday 16th May at 6.30pm at St Joseph's.

Ascension Thursday This Thursday is Ascension Day and is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Masses which fulfil the Obligation in our churches are: Wednesday (Vigil Mass) St Patrick's 6.30pm; Thursday St Joseph's 9.30am; English Martyrs' 11am; St John's 2.15pm; St Joseph's 6.30pm.

Prayer Ministry One of the things we will be offering to people after over the course of the On Fire! Pentecost Mission week is to pray with people. The Lord promised us that, where two or three are gathered in his name, he is there. Physically praying with people, rather than just promising to pray for someone, is very powerful. If you would like to find out if this is something you could help with, please come to a training session at St Joseph's on Wednesday 16th May at 7.30pm. No previous experience required, and no obligation!

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 contact the parish office.

FUNDRAISING

Collections

Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £394.50, Non Gift Aid £185.89. Total £580.39.

Goldenhill Gift Aid £228.00, Non Gift Aid £220.67. Total £448.67.

Kidsgrove Gift Aid £245.20, Non Gift Aid £168.64. Total £413.84.

Second Collections: Next week we will have collection for Catholic Communication.

Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Weekly Draw 1st Prize £20, No.189 M Smith; 2nd Prize £10, No.75 M Twomey; 3rd Prize £5, No.144 C Fell. Monthly Subs are due this week.

APF Red Boxes Could box holders at Kidsgrove bring their boxes to church for counting over next two Sundays. Thank you

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Welcome to the family of the church to Milenna Jade Stanway who was baptised at English Martyrs' on Saturday.

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:

English Martyrs: Maria Williams
St John's: Kath Bailey (BC); Winnie Maughan; Mary & Frank Welsh
St Joseph's: Kenneth Jones

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

There is no Open House this Monday, as it is a Bank Holiday. The next Parish Priest's Open House, when Fr Julian is available to be seen, is on Monday 14th May 6.30 to 7.30pm at St Joseph's Presbytery.

Pilgrimage to Walsingham

The Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage is on Saturday 12th May. A coach, organised for the N Staffs deanery, will depart from Holy Trinity, Newcastle at 7am and arrive back at approx. 10pm. The cost is £15 per person and will need to be paid in advance. To book a place and for details of other pick up points please ring Justin Emery 01782 616031 or Piers James 01538 752539.

'Thy Kingdom Come'

Join fellow Christians in an ecumenical prayer gathering on Sunday 13th May at 6.30pm at Longton Central Hall, The Strand ST3 2JH. Included in the clergy leading the prayers will be Bishop David McGough. Parts of the service will be recorded by BBC Radio Stoke for later broadcast.

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 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full. I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.'

Preparing the Gospel

KEY VERSE: Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us (v.11b).

TO KNOW: On the threshold of his eternal glory in heaven, Jesus prayed an intimate prayer to his Father. It was his final prayer before his passion and death. The Church calls it the "High Priestly Prayer" as Jesus interceded on behalf of his "friends" (Jn 15:14). Just as Jacob and Moses gave a last benediction to the Twelve Tribes of Israel (Gn 49; Deut 33), so too, Jesus blessed the Twelve Apostles, the new people of God. Jesus completed the work assigned to him by making God known to his followers. Just as the Father sent Jesus into the world, so too Jesus sent his disciples into the world as his apostles (those who are sent). The Apostles were "consecrated" for this work, that is, they were set apart and made holy. Yet they were not removed *from* the world, but must do Christ's work *in* the world. God commanded the people of Israel to be holy (Lv.19:2). God's holy people in the Church are a means of sanctification for the entire world.

TO LOVE: Do I radiate God's holiness to others?

TO SERVE: Risen Lord, protect me from evil as I do your work in the world.