

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 10TH JUNE 2018

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

First of congratulations to the children who have made their First Holy Communion at St Joseph's today. This is the first of two Masses at St Joseph's where first Holy Communion is being given this year.

We are back into Ordinary Time this Sunday, with no Feast day or particular celebration. It reminds us that the Lord is not just present in the special, but also in the ordinary. Every day is an opportunity to encounter the Lord, and to be faithful to him.

On Friday, we celebrated the Solemn Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As you heard, in last week's pastoral letter from His Grace, the Archbishop, he is calling on us to make the time between this year's celebration of the Sacred Heart, and next year's, a



special 'Year for Priests'. The idea is to pray for priests, and for vocations to the priesthood during this whole year. I have printed the prayer which the Archbishop has composed on page 2 of the bulletin, and invite you all to say this prayer each day during the coming year.

On Friday, we began the Year for Priests with a Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration. The Eucharist and the Priesthood always go

hand in hand. We have let our practice of Eucharistic Adoration slip in recent times. During this year, I propose that we have an hour of Adoration in each of our churches—at least in principle—every week. However, I would like to hear from parishioners when would be a good time to have it. I was most moved by the way people came together in the early mornings during the Mission at St Joseph's for silent Adoration. Maybe an early morning, or an evening, either before or after a Mass, or standing alone. You tell me when is the best time for you.

Our new Alpha begins this afternoon at St Joseph's. I really do urge you to come if you have not yet been to an Alpha, and don't forget to invite friends and family

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St John of Sahagun 1419-1479

Like many privileged young men who took the path into the Church's ministry, John already held many 'benefices' (paid positions within the Church) by the time he was ordained at the age of 26. He was even already a Canon! However, he came to realise that this was a

very bad situation, as these positions really existed to serve souls. And so he resigned from all his benefices, and went to study in Salamanca. He became known as a great spiritual guide, and preacher. He joined the Augustinians, and was fearless in denouncing evil. He had miracles attributed to him and could 'read souls'.

CHURCHES

Biddulph English Martyrs' Church, Church Road, Biddulph, ST8 6NE

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Kidsgrove St John the Evangelist's Church, The Avenue, Kidsgrove, ST7 1AE

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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	
Saturday 9th			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Julius & Iris Kaminskas
Sunday 10th Tenth Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Int Paula Paskin Rose Teece People of the Parishes
Monday 11th St Barnabas		6.00pm	12noon		Holy Mass Holy Mass	Special Intention (FB) Kieron Mahoney
Tuesday 12th <i>Feria Votive - Sacred Heart</i>	9.15am		9.30am		Holy Mass Morning Prayers	Maria Williams & loved ones
Wednesday 13th St Anthony of Padua	12.30pm	6.00pm 7.00pm			Funeral Service Holy Mass UCM Holy Hour	Robert Simms RIP James Callan
Thursday 14th <i>Feria</i>	6.00pm	9.30am			Holy Mass (in school) Holy Mass	Holy Souls Private Intention
Friday 15th <i>Feria Votive - Sacred Heart</i>			9.30am	6.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Welsh & Waring families Private Intention
Saturday 16th Our Lady	9.15am		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Private Intention Russell Walley
Sunday 17th Eleventh Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Alice Edwards Culshaw & Fryer family People of the Parishes


DIOCESAN YEAR FOR PRIESTS—DAILY PRAYER

God our Father, we praise you for the gift of the priesthood in your Church, and for the ministry of priests in service of your people. We thank you for the precious gift of your Son, received at the hands of your priests. We pray for all the priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. May they find inspiration and encouragement from the laity, deacons and religious, and from each other. We recall, with gratitude, the priests who have been a source of grace in our lives. [We pray especially for Fr...] Be watchful over your priests, Lord, we pray. Give courage to those who serve you, and grant them their eternal reward. Have mercy on those who have struggled to stay close to you. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place all priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham under your protection. Be present in the hearts of all our priests. May their hearts burn with love for you. We pray that all priests experience the joy of the Gospel in their lives, and are constantly enriched by your Word. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, renew all priests in their service of God. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, guide all priests along the right path. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, grant all priests patience and fortitude. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, teach us compassion and understanding for our priests. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, open our hearts to respond to our own call to your service. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, nurture vocations to the priesthood in our families, parishes and schools. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, bless the priests and people of our parishes, and fill our hearts with your mercy. Amen.

Garden Party
at St Patrick's
Saturday 14th July
2pm to 4pm

Please put the date in you diary and consider how you can help. As St Patrick's is a small community they would very much appreciate help from across the parishes, especially the day before with the setting out of the stalls.

ALPHA

 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 Sundays at 4pm at St Joseph's. The first session will be on Sunday 10th June. We have invitation postcards which to use to invite others along.

UCM Holy Hour The Union of Catholic Mothers' Holy Hour is on Wednesday at 7pm at St Joseph's followed by light refreshments. It is open to all ladies from across the parishes who wish to join them.

PARISH REGISTERS

Marriages

Congratulation to Karl Barnett and Kelsie Watts who were married at St John's yesterday.

Deaths

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Robert Simms. Funeral Service will be at English Martyrs' on Wednesday 13th June at 12.30pm followed by committal at Bradwell crematorium.

Also for Thomas Mannion. Funeral arrangements later.

Requiescant in pace



SJMV Lay Associates

Fr Julian is a member of the priestly association, the Society of St John Mary Vianney, which is for Diocesan priests. The SJMV has, in its statutes, a place for lay people to become associates. The aim of the associates is to:

- Pray for vocations to the priesthood.
- Pray for priests, especially those in difficulties.
- Support priests in any way through active collaboration
- Personal spiritual growth

We are launching the Lay Associates in England, and are inviting anyone who feels called to these objectives to come to a launch day at St Joseph's Goldenhill on Saturday 23rd June from 10.30am to 4pm. Please bring some food to share at lunchtime.

"The Priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus"

Goldenhill & Sandyford Community Litter Pick

Thursday 14th June

We are all tired of seeing litter on the streets in Goldenhill especially around St Joseph's Church, so as a response we have organised a litter pick. We will meet outside the church at 10am to collect the grabbers and bags. Bring your own gloves. If you want to get involved contact Teresa on 782121 during Parish Office hours (see front page).

Fr Julian invites...

All the parishioners to celebrate with him his 50th Birthday. We will have a hog roast and parish party in the presbytery garden on Sunday 22nd July from 1pm to 5pm. Please bring salads, side dishes and desserts to share. The hog and the drinks will be provided! Everyone welcome.

The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club is our monthly meeting for older people. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 26th June, 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

Care Home Prayer Service



Our monthly prayer service for the elderly will be at Maple Tree Court, Gloucester Rd, Kidsgrove on Tuesday 26th June 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 Churches Together Open Café

10am to 12noon
Saturdays 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th July

As part of the Biddulph Festival, Biddulph Churches Together will be running their Open Café at the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to just pop in for tea/coffee and homemade cakes each Saturday. We also need volunteers for serving and making cakes.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week the lamps are dedicated for:
English Martyrs: Hosey & O'Reilly Families
St John's: Tom Kelly (BB); Domenico Gemma
St Joseph's: John & Mary Leese

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

FUNDRAISING

Collections

Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £342.50, Non Gift Aid £230.50. Total £573.00.

Goldenhill Gift Aid £216.00, Non Gift Aid £174.92. Total £390.92.

Kidsgrove Gift Aid £239.00, Non Gift Aid £148.06. Total £387.06.

Second Collection: Next Sunday for the Day for Life.

Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Weekly Draw 1st Prize £20, No.197 M Bayley; 2nd Prize £10, No.187 E Mannion; 3rd Prize £5, No.162 N Cook.

Biddulph & Packmoor Gift Aid Due to a clerical error box numbered 55 has been given out by mistake. Could the owner of this box kindly get in touch with Mary Jervis on 514829.

Parish Priest's Open House

Fr Julian is available this Monday from 6.30pm **but only until 7pm** at St Joseph's Presbytery Goldenhill for all enquiries. The following Monday, 18th June, Fr Julian will be available for the full hour, 6.30 to 7.30.

DEANERY & BEYOND

Station Mass There will be a Deanery Station Mass at St John the Evangelist, Chesterton on Wednesday 20th June at 7pm. The celebrant will be Fr Dominic Chukka, Parish Priest.

Hednesford Pilgrimage The afternoon pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford will take place on Sunday 1st July, starting at 1pm. There will be a coach leaving St John's, Kidsgrove at 12noon followed by other pick ups at Newcastle and Meir. If you would like to book a place on the coach please speak to John Coates for St John's and St Joseph's parishioners and Pam Colclough for English Martyrs and St Patrick's.

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 to book your place.

'Share the Journey' North Staffordshire 'Share the Journey' is a walk organised by CAFOD in response to the refugee Crisis. The walk, which is about a mile, will be led by Bishop David McGough on Saturday 16th June starting at 10am at Sacred Heart Church, Hanley. For more information on Share the Journey go to www.sharejourney.org. For more information on the walk, speak to John Walsh at English Martyrs', or to Fr Julian.

England and Rome: Anglo-papal relations This one day conference exploring the relationship between the Papacy and England from the Middle Ages to the 19th Century. The conference will take place at Cathedral House (Grimshaw Room), Birmingham on Monday 25th June, 10.45am to 4pm. The cost is £20 including buffet lunch (students £15). To book a place call 01926 428255 or email jjs_1spa@btinternet.com



NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Mark 4:26:34

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

Preparing the Gospel

KEY VERSE: "With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it" (v.33).

TO KNOW: Jesus taught his followers by means of parables, stories that illustrated Christian truths using examples from everyday life. The images of farmers, grain, seeds and plants invited Jesus' followers to discover the nature of God's reign. Although a farmer did his work in planting the seed, it grew according to its own timetable. Jesus compared the irrepressible nature of the kingdom to a mustard seed that is small when it is sown, but which grew to the height of a tree when the plant matured. So too the kingdom moves steadily forward toward its fulfilment. Jesus' disciples were greatly encouraged; their own inadequacies would not hinder the coming of the reign of God, which would grow imperceptibly until fully established at the final judgment.

TO LOVE: In what ways do I see the growth of the spiritual seeds I have sown?

TO SERVE: Lord Jesus, help me to trust that you will triumph over difficult situations in my life.