

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

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

THIRD & FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 15TH & 22ND APRIL 2018

## A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Today we have heard the Gospel of the road to Emmaus. It reminds us that the Lord is with us when we do not even recognise his presence. It also reminds us that we walk the path of discovering the presence of the Lord accompanying one another. Let us pray and commit ourselves again to working together in our parish communities to look for and discover the presence of the Lord and his desires for us.

Once again we have a two week bulletin, for the simple reason that I will be away on holiday from Monday to Saturday this week. As you can imagine, it is quite a big job to get a bulletin finished and printed, and it would be impossible to get another one out on my return. This is even

more true, as next week we welcome Bishop McGough to come and celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the young people of the parish who have been prepared to receive it. Please remember them in your prayers.

There is a lot in the bulletin this week, with lots of events coming up too. I find that the summer creeps up on you, and then suddenly we have all the annual events as well as, this year, our mission week at Pentecost. It is quite an exciting prospect. You will find the arrangements for the English Martyrs' feast day and May Procession. You will also see that the date for the Biddulph and Packmoor Spring Fayre has changed—this is to avoid clashes with the Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage

and the Royal Wedding. One other event which is happening this year is my 50th Birthday. No, I can't believe it either! To celebrate, I'll be inviting parishioners to an open celebration on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd July. It will involve food, as you might guess. So keep the day free if you can. All are welcome.

One particular invitation is to all the readers in our parishes. I would be grateful if all readers could attend one of the sessions which have been arranged especially for readers across the Deanery by the pastoral council. The details are on the back page. It is only one hour and there is a choice of dates. Would readers please make every effort to attend one of these please?

## 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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## SAINT OF THE WEEK



### St Benedict Joseph Labré 1748-1783

Although he was born in France, St Benedict Joseph is most associated with Rome, and is called the 'Beggars of Rome'. As a young man, he tried to enter three monastic orders, but was refused by each. At the age of 22, he set off to make a pilgrim-

age, walking to all the major shrines of Europe. At the end of his four year pilgrimage he arrived in Rome and stayed there. He is often called a recluse hermit, but he was actually a street beggar, sleeping in the Colosseum. He suffered from mental illness, but was famed for his holiness and devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Kidsgrove	Packmoor	The <b>Sacrament of Forgiveness</b> (Confessions) <b>No Confessions next Sunday (4th of Easter)</b> <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 14th</b>			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Florence Robinson
<b>Sunday 15th</b> <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	11.00am	1.00pm	6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Baptisms Holy Mass	Shirley Potts Margaret Fallon People of the Parish
<b>Monday 16th</b> Feria						
<b>Tuesday 17th</b> Feria of Easter			9.30am	2.15pm	Morning Prayer Holy Rosary	
<b>Wednesday 18th</b> Feria of Easter		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Winifred Maughan
<b>Thursday 19th</b> Feria						
<b>Friday 20th</b> Feria						
<b>Saturday 21st</b> Feria of Easter			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday & Confirmation	Marjorie Spruce
<b>Sunday 22nd</b> <b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Good Shepherd Sunday</i>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass & Confirmation Holy Mass & Confirmation Holy Mass	Marie Reilly Anthony Stephen Baretto People of the Parishes
<b>Monday 23rd</b> <b>ST GEORGE</b>		10.45am 6.00pm			Requiem Mass Holy Mass	Charlotte Thom RIP Barney Doherty
<b>Tuesday 24th</b> Feria of Easter	9.15am		9.30am	2.15pm	Holy Mass Morning Prayer Holy Rosary	Bill Johnson
<b>Wednesday 25th</b> <b>St Mark</b>		6.30pm			Holy Mass	Paul Derry Johnson
<b>Thursday 26th</b> Feria of Easter	6.00pm	9.30am			Holy Mass (in school) Holy Mass	Alice Edwards (SVP) In Thanksgiving (NB)
<b>Friday 27th</b> Feria of Easter			9.30am	6.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Sick & Suffering Hurley Family
<b>Saturday 28th</b> Feria of Easter	9.15am		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	George & Winifred Hall Winnie McQuade
<b>Sunday 29th</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Adam Ostrowski Alice Edwards People of the Parishes

GOLDENHILL  
COMMUNITY  
CENTRE  
OPEN DAY

Thursday 26th April  
1pm to 7pm

*Come along and give your views and ideas for the future of the Goldenhill Community Hub*

**Free light refreshments throughout the day**

**Free activities for children 1 to 4pm: Facepainting, entertainment and gifts**

**Meet a Stoke City player and Pottermus 5 to 7pm**

*This event is for the whole community—so please let everyone know!*

**Men's Disciple Group** The last session of the Eucharist in the Bible will be on Friday 27th April at 7pm at St Joseph's.

**Flowers at St Joseph's** We need people to take on doing flowers for church on a rota. Please let Fr Julian know if you are willing to be part of this.

**Counters** For English Martyrs' and St Patrick's, we need a pair of people prepared to count once a month. Our auditors prefer this not to be a married couple or relatives. Please see Fr Julian if you can help.

**Care Home Prayer Service**

Our monthly prayer service for the elderly will be at Maple Tree Court, Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove on Tuesday 24th April at 10.30am. Come and join us at the home.

The Friendship Club is our monthly meeting for older people. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 24th April, 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.

FEAST OF THE ENGLISH  
MARTYRS



Come and join our celebration of the Feast of the English Martyrs, the patronal feast of Biddulph church and parish.

The Mass for the Feast will be on Friday 4th May at 7.00pm.

We will have a bring and share buffet supper afterwards in the parish meeting room. (There is no restriction on meat as it is a Solemnity in the parish!)

**DIVINE RENOVATION DAY**

Fr Mallon will be in London on Wednesday 9th May for a day conference, 9am to 5pm. If you would like to go, please see Fr Julian. The day is free of charge but there will be transport and food costs.

It would be great to have people go on this day and hear the message of Divine Renovation! Let Fr Julian know soon as places are limited.

*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 good saleable items and bottles—please bring them to church.

ST PATRICK'S PACKMOOR  
**MAY PROCESSION**

IN HONOUR OF OUR  
BLESSED LADY

This year the May Procession is on Sunday 6th May 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*



**On Fire**

Set the world ablaze!

**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 will begin with a Novena of the Holy Spirit, from 11th to 19th May, inviting all our parishioners to pray this Novena, whether in church or at home.

Each day there will be a Novena Mass at 12noon with the Novena prayers.

The Festival begins 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 and other tasks, so please come to our meeting on Wednesday 11th April at 7pm at St Joseph's.

## FUNDRAISING

### Collections

**01/04/18: Biddulph/Packmoor** Gift Aid £349.41, Non Gift Aid £0. Total £349.41. **Goldenhill** Gift Aid £379.00, Non Gift Aid £110.10. Total £489.10. **Kidsgrove** Gift Aid £260.50, Non Gift Aid £59.10. Total £319.60.

**08/04/18: Biddulph/Packmoor** Gift Aid £414.00, Non Gift Aid £198.43. Total £612.43. **Goldenhill** Gift Aid £167.00, Non Gift Aid £198.24. Total £365.24. **Kidsgrove** Gift Aid £220.90, Non Gift Aid £138.78. Total £359.68.

**Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Draw** Weekly: **08/04/18** 1st Prize £20, No.10 R Bennison; 2nd Prize £10, No.33 M Lovatt; 3rd Prize £5, No.50 C Deady. **15/04/18** 1st Prize £20, No.108 G Hodgkinson; 2nd Prize £10, No.50 C Deady; 3rd Prize £5, No.74 M Twomey.

**Camino Raffle** The raffle to help the seminarians do the Camino raised £467 and together with other donations from parishioners the total was £554. The money raised will pay for flights and other costs. The winners of the raffle were: 1st Prize Case of

wine, Gill Hodgkinson (Yellow 451); 2nd Prize Box of Chocolates, Paul McGough (Pink 633); 3rd Prize Box of Biscuits, Winnie Farrell (Yellow 511; 4th Prize Bottle of Whisky, Alf Spruce (Blue 564).

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

### Second Collections

On Sunday 22nd April there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund.

The Maundy Thursday collection for Foodbank toiletries raised £117.50. Thank you.

### Sanctuary Lamps

*This week the lamps are dedicated for:*

St John's: Jim Carr; Special Intention (JM); Winnie Maughan

St Joseph's: Kathleen Steele

*Week commencing 22nd April:*

St John's: Winnie Maughan; Wendy & Michael Smithson; Blood Family

St Joseph's: Mary Heath

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

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

Welcome to the family of the Church to Grace Linda & Sofia Lexy Cartledge and Lydia Amanda Alison Casey who will be baptised at St John's church today.

### Deaths

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Charlotte Thom. Requiem mass will be offered at St Joseph's Church on Monday 23rd April at 10.45 followed by committal at Keele cemetery.

*Requiescat in pace*

### Parish Priest's Open House

The next Parish Priest's Open House, when Fr Julian is available to be seen, is on Monday 23rd April at 6.30pm at St Joseph's Presbytery.

**Proclaiming God's Word** North Staffs Deanery & APC are organising an evening for Readers. All the readers in our churches are asked to attend this at St Teresa's Trent Vale on either 17th with Canon John Gilbert or 24th April with Fr Rob Taylerson. The sessions run from 8 to 9pm.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

### John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. 'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd. 'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

### Preparing the Gospel

**KEY VERSE:** "I came that they might have life and have it to the full" (v.10).

**TO KNOW:** The figure of God as a shepherd who guides and protects the flock was taken from Israel's pastoral life. Sheep that belonged to various shepherds were brought together in a sheepfold at night. At daybreak, the watchman would open the gate. The shepherd knew his own sheep and he would call each one by name as he led them out of the sheepfold. The sheep recognized the shepherd's voice and would follow no one else. The shepherd would walk ahead of his flock as they followed him to a place where they would be safe from thieves who might come to "steal and slaughter and destroy" (v.10). Jesus is the "gate for the sheep" (v.7). Those who enter through him will be saved.

**TO LOVE:** Do I pray for the Pope who shepherds God's people?

**TO SERVE:** Risen Lord, help me to follow you as you guide me day by day.