

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

THIRTEENTH & FOURTEENTH SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 1ST & 8TH JULY 2018

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Congratulations to the children who are receiving their First Holy Communion at the Masses today. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

I cannot remember such a long period of good weather such as this for quite some time. And it is certainly a great time to get out and about in the countryside. I have been enjoying a few walks out in the country on my days off recently, getting in training for the Camino to Santiago in October. If you were at Mass for Ss Peter & Paul's Day, you will have heard of my disagreement with a tree branch. Fortunately, there seems to be no lasting damage!

Of course, the very warm weather isn't welcome for everyone. Many elderly people, who are house-

bound, find it very difficult. If you have neighbours who are elderly, why not knock on the door, and just see if there is anything that they need? It could be something very simple to make their life a bit more manageable. Don't be put off by thinking it might be treated as an invasion of privacy.

As you will see from this two week bulletin, and the lack of Masses during the week, I am going away on holiday for ten days. I am going with my mother to Devon, for our annual break together. If you need a priest while I am away, please contact one of the local parishes. Of course, if you have any difficulty, you can phone the parish office, where Teresa is on duty at her normal times throughout my absence.

Bishop McGough is graciously covering for me on the Saturday evening and Sunday of my absence. We are very grateful to him for his assistance.

Don't forget that my birthday celebration is coming up in a few weeks, on 22nd July (not the actual date, which is 24th July). I hope that you will all feel welcome to come to the celebration on that afternoon at the Presbytery. The garden is big, and there should be plenty of food. We will need help with the 'extras' - that is, the side dishes and alternatives to the hog roast and sausages (though there will be a vegetarian alternative provided).

If you are going on holiday yourselves during this month, I wish you safe travels and an enjoyable time.

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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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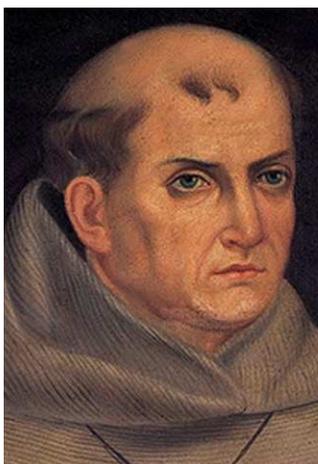
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SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Junipero Serra 1713-1784

Born in Majorca, he became a Franciscan, and taught in Padua, until he was 36. The following year he arrived in Mexico, and spent the rest of his time as a missionary, working for the people of the New World. After the expulsion of the Jesuits, Fr Junipero took over their missions in

California, and was responsible for setting up the Church on the west coast of America. He brought the Faith to the native tribes, as well as practical farming methods, arts and crafts. In his personal life, he lived a life of poverty and great piety. His definitive biography was written by Archbishop Maurice Couve de Murville.

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 On Request only during the summer (There will be no confessions on 7th & 8th July)	
Saturday 30th			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Frank Welsh
Sunday 1st Thirteenth Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am 1.00pm		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Baptism Holy Mass	David Pooley Arthur & Sarah Holmes People of the Parishes
Monday 2nd Feria		9.30am			Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Tuesday 3rd St Thomas			9.30am	2.15pm	Morning Prayer Holy Rosary	
Wednesday 4th St Elizabeth of Portugal						
Thursday 5th St Modwen						
Friday 6th <i>First Friday</i> St Maria Goretti						
Saturday 7th Our Lady			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Kath Wakefield
Sunday 8th Fourteenth Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Liam Jennings Culshaw & Fryer Family People of the Parishes
Monday 9th Feria						
Tuesday 10th Feria			9.30am	2.15pm	Morning Prayer Holy Rosary	
Wednesday 11th St Benedict						
Thursday 12th Feria						
Friday 13th Feria			9.30am		Holy Mass	Ellen & George McHugh
Saturday 14th Our Lady	9.15am		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Private Intention Peter & Joan Jackson
Sunday 15th Fifteenth Sunday Of the Year	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Maureen Barnett People of the Parishes Private Intention



ALPHA
We have started 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 are eight weekly meetings on Sundays at 4pm at St Joseph's. The first session started on Sunday 10th June. Why not come along and try a session this Sunday?

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS
at St Patrick's, Packmoor
Come and pray for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life on Friday 27th July at St Patrick's



2.00pm Eucharistic Adoration begins
5.30pm Rosary & Benediction
6.00pm Holy Mass

Summer Mass Times Some parishes of the Deanery have cut down on the number of Masses to be offered during the summer months, to enable priests to cover one another when they get away. Our parishes are unaffected by this. However, there is a list of the Masses available in other parishes during the summer on the noticeboard of each of our churches, for your reference.

Fr Julian invites...
...all 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!

St Patrick's Garden Party



Saturday 14th July
2pm to 4pm

Our annual garden party is coming around again. This is a lovely event to bring people together from across our parishes in the beautiful garden at St Patrick's. We do need bottles, good saleable items, and cakes and scones on the day.

Care Home Services We had a meeting with members of other churches in Biddulph on Thursday and have offered to join members of two other churches in leading a service at the care homes in Biddulph during on a rota basis. There will be one service a month that we are being asked to participate in. The first of these will be on Sunday 8th July at Springbank in Knypersley at 3pm. The service is about 30 minutes and very simple. If you are able to come and participate in this, please let Teresa know in the Parish Office.

Deanery Penitential Evening



On Friday 13th July, there will be a Penitential Service for the whole Deanery at St Theresa's Church in Trent Vale at 7pm. There will be a number of priests to hear confessions available during the service. It is a great way to make this Sacrament a more regular part of your spiritual life.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Welcome to the family of the Church to Margaret Philomena Ward who will be baptised at St Joseph's Church today.

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 a month during the summer months: Monday 23rd July and Monday 13th August. If you need to see Fr Julian more urgently, then please phone the Parish office.



St Joseph's Academy Summer Fayre

Please come and support the school's summer fayre, which is taking place on Friday 6th July at 3.30pm at the school.

Biddulph Churches Together Open Café

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

Biddulph Churches Together will be running their Open Café at the Town Hall again this year. Everyone is welcome to just pop in for tea/coffee and homemade cakes each Saturday. We also need volunteers for serving and making cakes: the last Saturday in July is English Martyrs' day for taking charge.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week the lamps are dedicated for:

St John's: Winnie Maughan & Family & Baby Patrick; Joan Prince; Kath Wakefield

St Joseph's: Kathleen Steele

St Patrick's: Susan Burke

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 £377.50, Non Gift Aid £201.01, Total £578.51. Peters Pence £128.04.

Goldenhill Gift Aid £270.00, Non Gift Aid £152.23. Total £422.23, Peters Pence £59.29.

Kidsgrove Gift Aid £229.60, Non Gift Aid £133.51, Total £363.11. Peters Pence £80.76.

Second Collections Next week there will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea.

Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Weekly Draw 1st Prize £20, No.29 P Moran; 2nd Prize £10, No.157 M Kirkham; 3rd Prize £5, No.150 J Callan. Monthly subs are due this week.

DEANERY & BEYOND

Recharge & Revive Retreat Day

Maryvale Institute invite you to a retreat Day on Saturday 14th July. The day will begin at 10am with Mass at 12noon followed by lunch and ending with Adoration and Benediction at 4pm. The cost is £30 and you will need to book in advance by ringing 0121 360 8118.

Adoremus The 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 and Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Go to

www.birminghamdiocese.org/adoremus to book your place.



Job Vacancy Mens's Outreach Worker

Father Hudson's Young at Heart project, Stoke on Trent, has become aware that less men participate in social activities in their communities. To address this issue they have started a new Young at Heart Men's project and are looking for an enthusiastic and self motivated person to work on the project. The vacancy is for 22.5 hours a week, fixed term for 3 years commencing on 3rd September 2018, starting salary £20716-£21865pa, pro rata. For an application form go to www.fatherhudsons.org.uk.

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

Preparing the Gospel

KEY VERSE: "A prophet is not without honour except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house" (v 4).

TO KNOW: When Jesus returned to his hometown of Nazareth, his neighbours were astonished by his teachings. They wondered where he acquired his wisdom and power. They asked many questions. Jesus was distressed that his neighbours were offended by him. Moses had promised that there would be a great prophet who would arise among their own kinsmen, and that they would listen to him. But Jesus declared, "Prophets are not without honour, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house". Like the prophets of old, Jesus was not accepted by those to whom he was sent. Because they lacked faith, Jesus was able to perform only a few miracles.

TO LOVE: Lord Jesus, help me to be open to your voice in my neighbours and family.

TO SERVE: Do I recognise the gifts of the people in my community?

KEY VERSE: "He summoned the Twelve and sent them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits" (v 7).

TO KNOW: Jesus had been rejected by his neighbours, yet he continued to teach in the area around Nazareth. He summoned his apostles, and sent them out "two by two". The apostles did not go on their own will, but under the power and authority of Jesus. Strengthened by one another, they must imitate Jesus by trusting in God's providence. If they were shown hospitality when they brought the good news, they should remain in that place. But if doors and ears were closed to their message, they must shake the dust from their feet when they left that place. Empowered by the Lord, the new missionaries went forth to announce God's reign, expel demons and heal the sick by anointing them with oil.

TO LOVE: Holy Apostles, help me to hear and act on Jesus' words in the Gospel.

TO SERVE: Does my life-style bear witness to the Gospel?