

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2018

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Last Sunday, we kept Remembrance Sunday, and I must thank all our parishioners who took part in the remembrance in each of our parishes. Parishioners from Biddulph attended the act of remembrance with the other churches at the bottom of the High Street. Kidsgrove parishioners joined with local people to honour the dead at our own war memorials outside the church. And at Goldenhill a very good group of us joined together with the vicar and other local people at the memorial outside the Anglican church, before moving down to church for Holy Mass. At Goldenhill, this was the first time we have done this. I hope this will become the way we honour and pray for the dead of the wars each year.

I would like to thank everyone who has taken part in the English Martyrs' and St Patrick's Autumn Fayre. It is an important help to our fundraising. But it is more important as an event to bring people to work together. As it was such a nice day, there was no shortage of people coming through the doors. That was good to see.

Many of you will remember that a group of parishioners went to the Divine Renovation conference in London last year. It was a great conference and has been a help to many of us in envisioning our mission in the parish. Next year's conference will be taking place in Birmingham. I asked that it should move out of London. I don't know if my voice was heard but it does give an

easier opportunity for us to attend. Please see the details on the back page of the bulletin, and consider whether you can come. The cost is £200. If you want to go but can't afford it, please let me know. We do need to renew our parishes' mission, and we need people who will be part of that. Please let me know if you are interested.

Finally: Fr Paul Dean, who has been with us for the last four years, is going to be moving next week. He is going to move nearer to his family, and will be priest-in-residence at St George & St Teresa's parish in Dorridge, near Solihull. We wish him well in his move, and settling into his new home. We also thank him for the help he has given in our parishes over the past four years.

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

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SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Théophane Vénard 1829-1861

St Theophane was a French missionary priest, from the Paris Foreign Missions Society. After ordination, he was sent to Northern Vietnam. At the time when he arrived, the Church was tolerated. Fr Theophane became the librarian at the seminary. But soon a new royal edict began the per-

secution of Catholics, and Fr Venard was forced into hiding. He was found and arrested and tried before a mandarin. He refused to trample on the crucifix and reject the Lord. He was sentenced to be beheaded. Before sentence was carried out, he was kept in a cage, where he joyfully sang hymns. He is one of the Martyrs of Vietnam.

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 6pm	
Saturday 17th			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Julius Kaminskas
Sunday 18th Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Norton & Moran families November List Winifred Maughan
Monday 19th Feria		6.00pm	9.30am 10.00am		Holy Mass Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	November List For the sick
Tuesday 20th Feria	9.15am		9.30am	2.15pm	Holy Mass Morning Prayer Holy Rosary	November List
Wednesday 21st Our Lady's Presentation						<i>Fr Julian will celebrate the November List Mass outside the parish today</i>
Thursday 22nd St Cecilia	5.00pm 6.00pm	9.30am			Holy Mass (in school) Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	November List John A Lacey
Friday 23rd St Columbanus			9.30am	6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass	November List Patrick Dempsey
Saturday 24th The Vietnamese Martyrs	9.15am		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	November List Arnold Jones & family & friends
Sunday 25th CHRIST THE KING	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	November List Terry Chappell Special Intention (VM)



PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SOULS

As well as being the patron saint of cats, St Gertrude was a great visionary who was given the grace of private revelations of the love of Jesus for her as a nun, but also for the whole world and especially those in need. She was assured by the Lord that he wanted us to pray in love for the Holy Souls, especially the most abandoned souls in purgatory. Here is the prayer of St Gertrude which you can make your own in this month of November:

*Eternal Father,
I offer You the most precious blood of thy Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses said throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,
for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the universal Church,
for those in my own home,
and in my family. Amen.*

AUTUMN CATECHESIS

Come and Listen

to the announcement of the Good News

Mondays and Thursdays at 7.30 pm

STARTING Monday 8th of October

**At St Joseph's, Goldenhill
High Street
Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 5RD**



Care Home Prayer Services



Kidsgrove The next prayer service will be at Ravenswood, The Avenue at 11am on Tuesday 20th November. 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 prayer service for our Biddulph Churches Together group is on Sunday 9th December at Tall Oakes Care Home at 3pm. We welcome everyone to come and join us. It would be great to have some new people come along!

Sanctuary Lamps

This week the lamps are dedicated for:

English Martyrs: Warnock Family
St John's: John Escombe

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

Fr Julian is available to be seen on most Monday evenings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the Presbytery at Goldenhill. There is no need to book, just turn up. Please call the parish office on any Monday to confirm that the Open House is happening.

The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club is our monthly meeting for older people. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 27th November, at the usual time of 2pm at Kidsgrove Town Hall. We always welcome new people, so come and give it a try.

Biddulph Christmas Lights The big 'switch on' is on Saturday 24th November. Biddulph Churches Together are leading the procession with a live nativity. *You are invited to come and be part of the live nativity.* We need people dressed as shepherds, inn keepers, angels... old and young. Please let Fr Julian or Tess Hall know if you or family members can come and join the procession. The more the merrier, and the bigger the impact it makes. Carol singers are also needed.

November List There is still time to include deceased family and friends on the November List. Please place your list in the purple box.

PARISH REGISTERS

Deaths

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Terry Kelly. The funeral service will be on Thursday 22nd November at Bradwell Crematorium at 11.20am.

And also for the soul of Justine Killeen. Requiem Mass will be offered for the repose of her soul at St John's Church on Wednesday 28th November at 12.30pm, followed by committal at Carmountside Crematorium. Her body will be received into church on Tuesday 27th at 4pm.

And also for the soul of Maureen Kent. A funeral service will be celebrated to pray for her soul at St John's Church on Friday 30th November at 1.45pm, followed by interment at Audley cemetery.

Requiescant in Pace

ADVENT EMBER DAYS

Come and join in our three day Advent retreat evenings and give time to the Lord in preparation for Christmas.

The retreat evenings are at St Patrick's, Packmoor

Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th December 2018

We will be showing videos of talks given by Bishop Robert Barron, on Wednesday & Thursday from the Adoremus Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool, and on Friday from the World Meeting of Families.

6.30pm Holy Mass

7.00pm Bishop Barron talk

Wednesday: On the Mass

Thursday: Sainthood and what makes us holy

Friday: Living as the Image of God

8.00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour & Benediction

Each evening ends at 9.00pm

¡Camino!

Following the great success of our October Camino to Santiago, we are planning TWO Caminos for the coming year. Are you going to come and make the pilgrim way?

The English Camino

For young people aged 18+, we will walk the Camino Inglés from Ferrol to Santiago. Wednesday 3rd to Wednesday 10th July 2019. Return flights from Gatwick to Santiago. Probable cost will be about £400. To secure a place please let Fr Julian have £100 non-returnable deposit for the flights.

The Portuguese Camino

For all parishioners, we will take the pilgrim route from just inside Portugal, and walk to Santiago, Saturday 31st August to Saturday 7th September 2019. The distance is 118 km (75 miles). Return flights from Manchester to Porto. Probable cost will be about £500. To secure a place, please let Fr Julian have £200 non-returnable deposit for the flights.

FUNDRAISING

Collections

Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £376.80, Non Gift Aid £190.63, Total £567.43. **Goldenhill** Gift Aid £221.00, Non Gift Aid £136.09, Total £357.09. **Kidsgrove** Gift Aid £222.50, Non Gift Aid £139.70, Total £362.20.

Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Weekly Draw: 1st Prize £20, No.122 T Madden; 2nd Prize £10, No.185 M Cope; 3rd Prize £5, No.26 T Giannasi.

Christmas Raffles

St Patrick's Hampers

Tickets will be going on sale soon for the Hamper Raffle. There will be a list in the porch for items to be donated for the hampers.

St John's

If you have any new unwanted gifts, bottles of wine, whisky etc and would like to donate to the raffle please bring to church and hand to Hilary Kent or collection can be arranged by ringing the parish office.

Tickets will be on sale soon.

All the money raised for both raffles will go towards church funds, please support in whatever way you can.

Thank you.

APF Red Boxes Box holders at Kidsgrove are requested to bring their boxes to church for counting during November. Thank you for your continued support.

DEANERY & BEYOND

Celebrating Marriage Week 2019 As part of the marriage week, which runs from 7th to 14th February, a Thanksgiving Mass will be held at St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 3rd February at 11am. If you are celebrating a milestone marriage and would like to attend the Thanksgiving Mass please email lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org marking the email 'Marriage Week'. Even if you are not able to attend, the Archdiocese would still like to hear from anyone who has been married a long time.

Carol Singing at the Royal Stoke University Hospital



The Hospital Chaplains would like to invite local congregations to come and sing carols around some of the hospital wards. It will take place on Monday 17th December, meeting at the Prayer centre, Main Building, Lower Ground 2 at 5.30pm for a 6pm start. If this is something you would like to do please give your name to Fr Julian or ring the parish office before 7th December.

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The Divine Renovation
Conference 2019

comes to Birmingham!

7th to 8th February

Bethel Convention Centre
Birmingham

Parishioners are invited to attend this exciting event helping us to move in our parishes from maintenance to mission.

Fr James Mallon, together with priests and lay leaders from parishes using the Divine Renovation model, will share their stories, experience and wisdom through a range of keynotes, seminars and interviews, interspersed with prayer and worship.

Cost is £199 (£175 for early bookers).

There will be a choice to stay in Birmingham overnight at extra cost, or to travel down each day.

If you have any questions, or would like to book for this exciting event please see Fr Julian as soon as possible.

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

KEY VERSE: "My kingdom does not belong to this world"

TO KNOW: For Israel, kingship belonged to God alone who rules eternally. In Jesus time, there was no king, nor was there a kingdom as Israel formerly knew. Israel awaited the "Day of the Lord" when God would free them from political oppression and reign over the whole universe. Jesus announced that God's kingdom had arrived in his person, his message and his ministry. At his resurrection, Jesus received "*dominion, glory, and kingship*" from God (Dn 7:14). When Jesus spoke of his kingdom not belonging to the "world", he spoke of the realm of sin, selfishness, hatred, violence of Pilate, Caesar, and Herod. Jesus' reign was not an earthly kingdom, but a spiritual relationship between God and humankind. Jesus needed no throne, no crown, no royal robes. He needed no geographical boundaries to establish his realm and no armies to protect his domain. Jesus' kingdom lies in the hearts of those who love as he loves them.

TO LOVE: What do I need to do to build up God's reign in my life?

TO SERVE: Lord Jesus, you are my sovereign forever.