

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

TRINITY SUNDAY

SUNDAY 27TH MAY 2018

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

I would like to begin by thanking everyone who helped to make our Parish Mission a success. To those who helped in planning, delivering leaflets, hospitality including cooking for the mission team and providing refreshments for those attending, and to all who helped in any other way: THANK YOU.

I tried to avoid calling it a Parish Mission in the run up to the event. I called it a Pentecost Festival. But in reality, it was a parish retreat. Unlike a mission, it didn't drag in all and sundry—lapsed Catholics or non-Catholics. Most of the participants were practising Catholics from our parishes or other parishes. It was more like a retreat, because it helped us to focus once again on the love of God for us. This is

a necessary first step to real mission. For it is no use going out to draw others in, if there is no lively community of faith to receive them. I hope that the week we have had will be a foundation to greater spiritual depth in our parishes, and a new missionary impulse. That's not to say there weren't new people—there were a few! And hopefully we will be able to follow up with them.

The joy of having the friars and sisters with us—and who could fail to be influenced by their joy!—was tempered by the terrible news that Ireland had voted on Friday to abandon the eighth amendment to the Irish Constitution, which stops abortions being legal in Ireland. The vote on Friday now opens

the way for one of the last countries in Europe who still protected the unborn child to introduce some of the most liberal abortion laws in Europe. What has happened to Catholic Ireland? Well, it has disappeared, or is rapidly disappearing. What has already happened in the big cities of Ireland, will no doubt be followed by the rural areas, and true Catholicism will become a small minority in a country that, not long ago was identified so closely with the Church. What is most shocking is how a large association of priests refused to issue guidance to Catholics. This just shows us the need for the New Evangelisation—to purify the Church and ourselves as members of it, and prepare ourselves to restart the mission of Jesus in a new hostile world.

CHURCHES

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

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SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Justin Martyr 100-165

Justin was a pagan who converted to Christianity in the early second century. As a young man, he went around all the philosophical schools of his day, looking for an answer to the meaning of life which would satisfy him interiorly. He came upon an elderly Christian man from Syr-

ia who spoke to him of the inspiration of the prophets and the fulfilment of their prophecies in Jesus. He embraced this new faith, and became an advocate of it, defending it with 'apologies', writings which demonstrated the truth of the faith. One of these still exists. He was martyred for his refusal to sacrifice to the pagan Roman gods.

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 26th			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Sharon Wood
Sunday 27th Trinity Sunday	9.00am 4.00pm	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Vocations Holy Hour Holy Mass	Julia Biggane Russell Whalley Tony Jervis
Monday 28th Feria		9.30am			Holy Mass	Pat Croton
Tuesday 29th DEDICATION OF CONSECRATED CHURCHES	9.15am		9.30am	2.15pm	Holy Mass Morning Prayers Holy Rosary Holy Mass	Sick Person (MEG) Private Intention
Wednesday 30th Feria <i>Votive St Joseph</i>		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Alice Edwards
Thursday 31st Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6.00pm				Holy Mass	Kathie Keane
Friday 1st <i>St Justin First Friday</i>			9.30am	6.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Frank Welsh (BC) Private Intention
Saturday 2nd <i>Our Lady</i>	9.15am		12noon 6.30pm		Holy Mass Wedding Service Holy Mass of the Feast	Thanksgiving (St Anthony) Christopher Hancock & Beverley Tuck Welch & Waring Families
Sunday 3rd CORPUS CHRISTI	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	John Biggane Terry Chappell Bill & Mary Whitehouse



THE FEAST OF DEDICATION OF CONSECRATED CHURCHES

It has been the tradition of the Church to dedicate, or consecrate, churches since earliest times. The solemn consecration of the church, together with its principal altar, makes the building and altar holy, and hands them over exclusively to the service of God. At the consecration of the altar, relics of saints were deposited in the altar, and the altar was consecrated with the Sacred Oil of Chrism. The walls of the church are also consecrated with Chrism in twelve places. In our Partnership of Parishes, two of our churches are solemnly consecrated: St Joseph's (in 1968) and English Martyrs' (in 2016). The Feast of Consecration is not the actual day they were consecrated, but is the day on which the dedication of all consecrated churches in our Archdiocese is celebrated. It is actually the day on which the first church in our Diocese to be consecrated—the College Chapel at St Mary's Seminary Oscott.

St John's Catholic Academy

A letter went out to parents of the school on Thursday from Mrs Helen Butters, informing parents that, for personal reasons, she was stepping down from the position of Principal at St John's with immediate effect. Fr Julian, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Newman Catholic Collegiate, wrote to parents on Friday to let them know that, as of the first day of the new half term, Monday 4th June, Mr Mark Barlow, Principal of St Wilfrid's Academy in Tunstall, would be taking over St John's as Executive Principal (principal of the two schools). In due course, and before the beginning of the new academic year in September, he will appoint a Head of School to run St John's, alongside the current Vice Principal, Mr Philip Turner.



The Friendship Club is our monthly meeting for older people. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 29th May, 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.

Vocations Holy Hour

During this month, the Deanery wooden chalice and print of the call of St Matthew are in English Martyrs' Church as a focus to pray for vocations. Please come to the Holy Hour today (Sunday) at 4pm at English Martyrs'. Please take a prayer card for your own use too.

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 urgently need **volunteers** to help with the stalls and to provide refreshments.

We also need raffle prizes and saleable items. Please sign up on the lists at the back of church.

On the day of the fayre help will be needed loading and unloading cars and also plants and cakes to sell.

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.



SJMV Lay Associates

As you will be aware, 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 help priests and seminarians, through prayer and active help, as well as to pray for vocations, to come to:

SJMV Associates Launch Day

at St Joseph's Church, Goldenhill on Saturday 23rd June 2018

10.30am Welcome & Coffee
 11.00am The SJMV. Who are the Lay Associates?
 12noon Holy Mass
 1.00pm Shared Lunch
 2.00pm Holy Hour
 3.00pm Organising the lay association in England
 4.00pm Tea

PARISH REGISTERS

Deaths

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

Requiescat in pace

FUNDRAISING

Collections

Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £356.50, Non Gift Aid £180.87. Total £537.37.

Goldenhill Gift Aid £189.00, Non Gift Aid £187.20. Total £376.20.

Kidsgrove Gift Aid £223.50, Non Gift Aid £144.03. Total £367.53.

Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Weekly Draw 1st Prize £20, No.176 J Edwards; 2nd Prize £10, No.87 A Walker; 3rd Prize £5, No.85 W Walley. **Monthly Draw** 1st Prize £75, No.130 M Mannion; 2nd Prize £50, No.84 A Spruce; 3rd Prize £25, No.96 B Smithson.

Thank you on behalf of the Friars and Sisters for the generous donations given at the Thursday Mission Mass and also in today's Second collection.

DEANERY & BEYOND

Volunteer Gardeners Fr Hudson's are appealing for volunteers to cut lawns for older people in the local area. They have seen an increase in the numbers needing this service so even if you can only do one garden a week it would make a difference, enabling people to stay in their homes. If you'd like to volunteer

please call the young at heart team on 01782 269990. Expenses and equipment will be provided.

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.

Maryvale Pilgrimage Afternoon The annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus is on Sunday 10th June at 3pm at Maryvale, Birmingham B44 9AG. The afternoon consists of open air mass and Blessed Sacrament procession.

England and Rome: Anglo-papal relations This is a 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_Isa@btinternet.com

'Share the Journey' North Staffordshire 'Share the Journey' is a walk organised by CAFOD in response to the refugee Crisis. The walk will be led by Rt Rev. 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

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 4th June 6.30 to 7.30pm at St Joseph's Presbytery.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week the lamps are dedicated for:
English Martyrs: In Thanksgiving (Elsie); Hosey & O'Reilly Families
St John's: Carr & Smithson Family;
Winnie Maughan & Family
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.

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover. And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.' After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

Preparing the Gospel

KEY VERSE: He took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them, and said "Take it; this is my body" (v 22).

TO KNOW: Jesus celebrated the Passover meal with his disciples in Jerusalem. Passover was one of Israel's three principal feasts, along with Pentecost and Tabernacles. Passover commemorated Israel's departure from slavery in Egypt into the Promised Land. During the Passover meal, the host explained the sacred rituals. Jesus transformed these rites into the Christian Eucharist. The bread, blessed, broken and shared, became his body given up for the redemption of the world. The cup blessed and drunk was his blood shed for the forgiveness of sin. Jesus would seal the new covenant with his own body and blood on Calvary. After singing songs of praise, the disciples followed Jesus to his passion and death.

TO LOVE: Am I a willing member of the Body of Christ, broken and poured out for others?

TO SERVE: Lord Jesus, thank you for your life-giving bread and saving cup offered for us all.