

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

TRINITY SUNDAY

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 2019

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST



Today is Trinity Sunday. As it happens, this year, because of the Confirmation at St John's, and Fr Prabhakar being back, I will only get to celebrate one Mass and preach once. You might think that I arranged it this way on purpose, as the Holy Trinity is notoriously the Sunday when many priests they feel most challenged by preaching. That's not the case though! The Trinity is

only difficult to preach on if we treat it as a problem to be solved, rather than as a mystery to accept. By that I don't mean that we just hold up our hands and say "it's a mystery", and give up on trying to speak about it. What I mean is that the Holy Trinity is a doctrine which has one thing at its heart: the Love of God.

The Feast of the Holy Trinity coincides, this year, with June, the month of the Sacred Heart. The Sacred Heart is the ultimate symbol of the Love of God, made real and accessible for us in the Heart of Jesus. Coming to know and love Jesus' Heart allows us not to explain the Trinity, but to enter into it. The Heart of Jesus is our gateway into the Trinity, and we enter in through

finding the personal love which Jesus has for us, and giving him personal love in return.

Please pray for the children who are being confirmed this Saturday evening. My prayer for them is that they might find and accept this love that Jesus has for them. Pray for their families too. It is always good to see Bishop McGough, and I know he likes coming to this part of the Diocese.

I pray for all parishioners too, that we may all come to find this personal relationship with God. Our Faith and the Catholic Religion are not so much a call to be good, as a call to make friendship with God. I invite you all to pray the Novena of the Sacred Heart (page 2), and make this one of your intentions: to grow in that friendship.

CHURCHES

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Packmoor St Patrick's Church, Mellor Street, Packmoor, Stoke-on-Trent, ST7 4SN

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SAINT OF THE WEEK



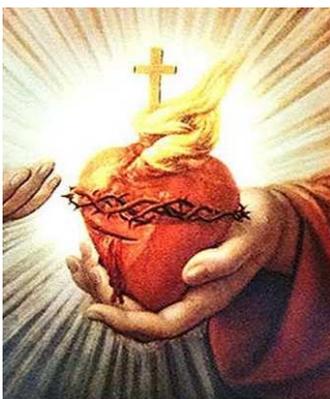
St Juliana Falconieri 1270-1340

Juliana's uncle was one of the founders of the Servite Order. She became a tertiary of the Order, and in 1305 gathered a group of other women in a house of their own. This became the first convent of the Servite sisters. They remained a 'tertiaries' so that they could dedicate themselves

to care of the sick and the works of mercy, rather than just to prayer. She daily cared for the sick in the streets and hospitals. She was fearless in helping those with infectious diseases, caring nothing for her own safety. In prayer, she would often go into hours of ecstasy. She was immediately honoured as a saint after her death.

MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Kidsgrove	Packmoor	The Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions) Biddulph Sun 8.30am Goldenhill Sun 10.30am Kidsgrove Sat 6pm Packmoor Sun 6pm	
Saturday 15th			6.30pm		Vigil Mass of the Feast	Int John Martin
Sunday 16th Trinity Sunday	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Cecil Aston Christine Shaw Int Mary & Roy Jervis (Wedding Anniversary)
Monday 17th Feria		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Tuesday 18th Dedication of St Chad's Cathedral	9.15am	6.00pm	9.30am	2.15pm	Holy Mass Morning Prayer Holy Rosary Holy Mass	Bill Johnson Winifred Maughan
Wednesday 19th St Romuald		6.00pm 7.30pm			Holy Mass UCM Holy Hour	Holy Souls
Thursday 20th St Alban, First Martyr of England	6.00pm	9.30am 7.30pm			Holy Mass (in school) Holy Mass Faith Formation Community	Holy Souls Jim & Sarah Baker
Friday 21st St Aloysius Gonzaga			9.30am	6.00pm	Holy Mass (in church) Holy Mass	Holy Souls Velma Rose
Saturday 22nd Ss John Fisher & Thomas More	10.30am		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Holy Souls Mark Foden
Sunday 23rd CORPUS ET SANGUIS CHRISTI	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	John Orme People of the Parishes Int Baby Erin Primrose



SACRED HEART NOVENA

The Feast of the Sacred Heart will be on Friday 28th June. The Novena of the Sacred Heart begins on Wednesday this week. To make the Novena, use the prayer below on each of the days from 19th to 27th June:

Divine Jesus, who said, "Ask and you shall receive", I kneel at your feet.

From whom shall I ask if not from you, whose heart is the source of all blessings.

With a lively faith in you, I come to ask... *Share your petitions silently with the Sacred Heart.*

I admit I am most unworthy of your favours, Jesus, but this is not a reason for me to be discouraged. You are the God of mercies and you will not refuse a contrite heart. Look with pity on me, I beg you, and your compassionate Heart will find in my weakness a motive for granting my request. Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on me. Amen.

FAITH FORMATION COMMUNITY

Faith Formation Community is the name of our weekly event, which brings people together who want to learn more about following Jesus. We gather in friendship, prayer and a desire to learn from the Word of God.

Have you been on Alpha, or feel that you want to go deeper into the Faith and come to know Jesus better?

Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic?

Then the Faith Formation Community is for you!

Each week we begin at 7.30pm ending about 9pm.

Prayer Group

Our partnership of parishes' prayer group meets in order to pray for our parishes and their mission to our area, for our families and for the intentions people ask us to pray for. The prayer group is on Tuesday evenings, every other week so the next one will be on the 25th June at 8pm at English Martyrs' in Biddulph. Everyone is welcome. IF YOU HAVE PRAYER REQUESTS please put a note of your prayer intention in the pink box at the back of any of our churches.

Parish Priest's Open House

Open House is when Fr Julian is available to meet parishioners for any need. The next Open House will be on Monday 24th June from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. There will be no Open House on 17th June.

First Confession & Communion

Any children in Year 3 can begin the preparation for these Sacraments in the parish. There will be a meeting for all the families with children, wishing to begin preparation, on Wednesday 26th June at 6pm in St Joseph's Academy. This is for both children and parents. If your child is not in one of our parish schools, then please see Fr Julian in advance.

Care Home Prayer Services



Kidsgrove The next prayer service will be at Maple Tree Court, Gloucester Rd, on Tuesday 18th June at 10.30am.

Biddulph The prayer service for our Biddulph Churches Together group is on 14th July at Springbank at 3pm.

We welcome everyone to come and join us.

**Summer Fayre
at
St Joseph's Catholic Academy,
Goldenhill
on Friday 5th July at 3.30pm**

The money raised at the fayre helps towards extra funds for things such as play equipment so your support is much appreciated. If you would like to help at the fayre please contact the school office on 01782 235393.

The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club is a monthly meeting for older people, organised by Fr Hudson's Care. The next meeting is on Tuesday 25th June, at the usual time of 2pm at Kidsgrove Town Hall. New people are always welcome, so come and give it a try. If you need more details or would like to arrange transport please ring 01782 269990

Day of Prayer for Vocations at St Joseph's



The day of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (which is on the Diocesan poster as 17th June) will now be on **Monday 8th July** beginning at 10am.

10am to 12noon Children from the school take part in Adoration with led prayers

12noon to 5.45pm Silent Adoration

5.45pm Benediction

6pm Holy Mass

PARTNERSHIP OF PARISHES BBQ!

You are invited to come to our Partnership of Parishes Summer BBQ.

This year we will have the BBQ on Sunday 11th August in the Presbytery Garden at St Joseph's Goldenhill, 1pm to 3pm.



Burgers & Sausages and hot & cold drinks provided (Donations gratefully received)

Please bring side dishes, salads and

desserts. And pray for fine weather!

There will also be a raffle for parish funds. Any prizes gratefully received.

Everybody is welcome.

Men's Group

A group of men are doing 'Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible' by Jeff Cavins. It's not too late to join us. Our next session is on Monday 24th June at St Joseph's Goldenhill at 7.00pm. All men welcome!

Sanctuary Lamps

This week the lamps are dedicated for:

St John's: Louisa & Reg Hughes; Confirmandi

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

PARISH REGISTERS

Deaths

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Anthony Doyle. The funeral service will be at St Joseph's on Thursday 27th June at 1pm, followed by committal at Bradwell Crematorium.

Requiescat in Pace

FUNDRAISING

Collections

Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £353.00, Non Gift Aid £183.53, Total £536.53. **Goldenhill** Gift Aid £234.05, Non Gift Aid £161.76, Total £395.76. **Kidsgrove** Gift Aid £177.00, Non Gift Aid £116.61, Total £293.61.

Goldenhill and Kidsgrove 200

Club This weeks draw: 1st Prize £20, No.147 M Bayley; 2nd Prize £10, No.138 V Finn; 3rd Prize £5, No.78 K Chappell.

DEANERY & BEYOND

Dowry Tour The statue of Our Lady of Walsingham is making a pilgrimage tour around the Catholic Cathedrals of England. From 5pm on Thursday 20th June to 1.30pm on Saturday 22nd June, the Statue will be at St Chad's Cathedral, will a whole programme of events. North Staffs Walsingham Association are organising a coach so as to take part in the Saturday morning events which includes a talk on the Dowry of Mary by Mgr John Armitage, the Rector of the shrine of Walsingham, and Mass celebrated by Bishop McGough. The coach will leave Newcastle at 8am and arrive back around 3.30pm. The

cost of the coach is £10. All enquiries or bookings to Justin Emery on 616031.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Sacred Heart

Once again this year there will be the open air Mass and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament in honour of the Sacred Heart will take place on Sunday 30th June, 3pm at the Maryvale Institute. For more information Tel: 0121 360 8118.

Rosary Rally

You are invited to the 33rd Rosary Rally at Mount St Bernard's Abbey near Coalville in Leicestershire to pray for World Peace and young people. It is on Sunday 1st September beginning with Mass at 2pm. The celebrant is Fr Colin Patey. After picnics and refreshments there will be the Crowning of the Statue of Our Lady, Rosary Procession, Blessing of the Sick and Benediction. For more information contact Anne Gartland on 01530 451007 anne.gartland@yahoo.co.uk

CAFOD Rally

CAFOD are organising a rally in London about climate change, "The Time is Now" on Wednesday 26th June. If you are interested to go, there is a coach leaving Holy Trinity, Newcastle, departing at 7am. The cost of travel is £20. If you want to book or have more details please contact Phil May-

land on 660229. For more details about the rally look on the CAFOD website www.cafod.org.uk/campaign/climate/climate-lobby where you can also sign up.

Hednesford Pilgrimage

This year is the 50th Annual pilgrimage to the Diocesan shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford. It takes place on Sunday 7th July led by His Grace the Archbishop. 12noon Procession. Picnics. Rosary. Confessions. 4pm Holy Mass with Anointing of the sick

Celebrate! is a Catholic Charismatic Conference for everyone: young and old, families and individuals. It takes place on 6th and 7th July at Oscott College. For more information and bookings please go to the website: www.celebrateconference.org and click on the Birmingham event.

CAFOD Climate Petition

There will be the opportunity to sign the CAFOD petition to the government to make climate change a priority, this week and next week.

Hospital Chaplaincy

If you or a relative are going into hospital, please notify the chaplain. For the Royal Stoke, please call 676400, or contact the Parish Office.

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Luke 9:11-17

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

KEY VERSE: "They all ate as much as they wanted" (v.17).

TO KNOW: The feeding of the five thousand is the only miracle story mentioned in each of the four Gospels, which emphasizes its importance as foreshadowing the Eucharist. When Jesus sent his disciples out to proclaim the reign of God, he told them to "take nothing for the journey" (Lk.9:3). Just as Israel had to learn to depend on God for their daily needs, Jesus' disciples must trust in God's providence. As a parable in action, Jesus multiplied the bread in the wilderness and fed the multitude. Jesus' four Eucharistic acts sum up every aspect of his life. Just as he takes, blesses, breaks, and shares the bread with the people, Jesus takes God's revelation, blesses it by his words and deeds, offers his body and blood on the cross, and shares God's life with the world. Jesus is our daily bread, our nourishment on our journey to God's kingdom. His precious blood sacrificed on our behalf gives us everlasting life.

TO LOVE: In what ways does our parish care for the hungry poor?

TO SERVE: Lord Jesus, fill me with your life-giving food so that I may feed others.