

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2017

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

This week, I will be going to St Mary's University in Twickenham for the two day Divine Renovation conference. Those of you who joined in the reading groups, reading the book by Fr James Mallon *Divine Renovation* will know something of this, and it behind our own Renovation initiative which I hope you read about each week on page 3 of the bulletin. The conference will bring together 200 people from around the country who are eager to hear from Fr Mallon and his team about how to put into practice what he has done in his parish in Canada. It will be an exciting week. The parishioners who are going are Andy & Lorraine Connell, Fiona Keane, Gill Hussey, Tim McGough, together with Teresa Harding, our parish secretary, and Jonny

Leybourne, our parish youth pastor. We will also be joined by Sean Gough, the seminarian from Oscott, and a priest from the Society of St John Vianney from France, Fr Laurent Roudil. Fr Richard, who is the other member of the SJMV in England, will also be there with a small group from his parish. It promises to be a great occasion.

The Bishops of England and Wales are calling us to take part in the National Eucharistic Congress next September. The Congress will be taking place in Liverpool, and the details are on page 2 of the bulletin. Please consider going on the Saturday. It will be a great day, and a wonderful event to be part of. As tickets are very limited, please let me know straightaway if you wish to

go and represent our parishes.

The Visitation is coming quite soon. Please note the invitation on page 3 to come to afternoon tea and Benediction with the Archbishop at St John's on the afternoon of Sunday 5th, as well as to the Masses on that weekend.

Next Saturday I will be off on the pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi. As usual I will accept petitions and Mass intentions/offerings for the pilgrimage. Please let me have these before Friday.

Thanks to everyone who came and supported our day of prayer for vocations on Friday at St John's. Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is so powerful, and is something we will look to promote more in the coming weeks.

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Kidsgrove St John the Evangelist's Church, The Avenue, Kidsgrove, ST7 1AE

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SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Gerard Majella 1726-1755

Gerard was born into a poor family in Muro, Italy. After his father died, when Gerard was 12, he was sent to do an apprenticeship as a tailor, later employed as a servant by the Bishop. He gave half his earnings to his mother, and the rest to the poor and in offerings for the Holy Souls, and spent his spare time in prayer

with fasting. He applied to join the Capuchins, but they twice refused on the grounds of his health. In the end, the Redemptorists took him on as a lay brother. He became well known not only for piety and wisdom, but also for miracles attributed to him. His renown for helping women with difficult labours made him the patron saint of expectant mothers.

MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Kidsgrove	Packmoor	The Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions) Biddulph Sunday 8.30am Goldenhill Sunday 10.30am Kidsgrove Saturday 6pm Packmoor Sunday 6pm You may also request Confession from one of the priests at other times outside these advertised times.	
Saturday 14th			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Winefride & Leonard Atherton
Sunday 15th Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am 1.00pm		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Baptism Holy Mass	Deceased of Thompson Family Stephen Holmes People of the Parishes
Monday 16th St Margaret Mary		6.00pm	2.15pm		Holy Mass (in school) Holy Mass	Private Intention Morgan Kelleher
Tuesday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch	8.30am 9.15am		9.30am	2.15pm	Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass Morning Prayer Holy Rosary	Thanksgiving (Ss Anthony & Rita)
Wednesday 18th St Luke						
Thursday 19th St Paul of the Cross						
Friday 20th Feria			9.30am	6.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Sheila Barron Private Intention
Saturday 21st Our Lady	9.15am		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Private Intention Thanksgiving (MW)
Sunday 22nd Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Maryanne Phelan Mary Lowe & Dec of Jones Family Thanksgiving (MJJ)

ADOREMUS—NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2018



The Bishops of England and Wales are calling us to be part of a National Eucharistic Congress, which will take place in Liverpool from 7th to 9th September 2018. What is a Eucharistic Congress? It is an event in the life of the Church where we gather to study, learn about, celebrate and adore the Lord's presence in the Holy Eucharist, so as to bring renewal to the Church. The central event is the Congress taking place in Liverpool. The first day, Friday 7th, will be a day for theological reflection, and is especially for catechists, teachers, chaplains, and ministers of Holy Communion. The main day is Saturday 8th, which is going to be a great celebratory day with speakers, Mass, Adoration, etc. TICKETS ARE LIMITED. IF YOU WISH TO GO TO THE SATURDAY EVENT PLEASE LET FR JULIAN KNOW BY FRIDAY. On Sunday there will be a Eucharistic Procession and Mass.

RENOVATION

Getting ready for Alpha The next Alpha will begin on Saturday 4th November at 9am. It will run through Christmas to the 6th January. Maybe this is the time for you to do Alpha? All of us need to have a personal relationship with Jesus. Do you have that yet? It could be the time for you to do Alpha. But Alpha is also for those who have fallen away from the Faith or for whom Faith has meant little. Do you know someone who needs Alpha? Pray for that person, and then invite them. Why not come along with them too? Alpha is a relaxed environment, and great fun.

Parish Mission Please pray for the Mission which will be taking place at St Joseph's, led by the Franciscans of

the Renewal, 19th to 24th May 2018. Fr Bernard Murphy and the Franciscan Sisters from Leeds will lead this. The Mission starts on Pentecost Sunday. We will keep the novena of the Holy Spirit for the nine days between Ascension and Pentecost, to pray for the Mission.

Welcome Ministry at St John's

We have mentioned welcome ministry before. Now is the time to start to put it into action. We are going to start with St John's. So we need a team who will be prepared to welcome people at the beginning of Mass. If you feel called to be part of this please let Fr Julian or Brenda McGough know. We'll then arrange a meeting to start preparing it.

Prayer Still got those yellow prayer cards we handed out last year? Pick

those up again and start praying. This week you could pray for these intentions:

For the group of parishioners at the Divine Renovation conference in London and for the new things which may come from that.

For the new Alpha coming up and those who will respond to it, for the leaders and participants.

For the forthcoming parish Mission in Goldenhill.

For the bringing together of a welcome ministry team in St John's.

For all of our parishioners to experience a new outpouring of grace and a renewal in their own lives of faith.

For yourself, to be part of the renewal of our parishes.

PASTORAL

Month of the Rosary Before Sunday Masses we will have the Rosary throughout the month of October. Volunteers are needed to lead the Rosary starting 20 minutes before each Mass. Please see Fr Julian to volunteer to lead. This Sunday we pray the Luminous Mysteries. Next Sunday it will be the Sorrowful Mysteries.

Church Cleaning at St John's We are looking for volunteers to help with the church cleaning at St John's, even if you can only do one hour a week once a month. More information from Clare Leech on 772160.

Care Home Prayer Service The next prayer service will be at Maple Tree Court, Gloucester Road, Kidsgrove on Tuesday, 24th October at 10.30am. Any parishioners who feel called to come and share the joy of faith are most welcome.

Blessing of Graves The blessing of graves at Tunstall cemetery this year will be on Saturday 11th November at 3pm, and at Biddulph cemetery on Sunday 12th November at 3pm. You are especially invited if you have family buried in these cemeteries.

SOCIAL & OUTREACH

Christmas Party The Friendship Club Christmas Party will be on Tuesday 12th December. Everyone is welcome, whether you usually come to the Friendship Club or not. Save the date!

Biddulph & Packmoor Autumn

Fayre This year the fayre will be on Saturday 18th November and will be back at Biddulph Town Hall. We are appealing for donations towards the cash prize and other raffle prizes and we are in need of volunteers to help in the kitchen. Also, please ensure you have some Grand Prize Draw tickets to sell. The draw will be at the Fayre.

Friendship Club The next Friendship Club for older people is on Tuesday 31st October, 2pm to 3.30pm. The cost per session is £2. If you need transport please contact Matt Ford on 07587034299.

YOUNG PEOPLE

Cake Sale There will be a cake sale at St Patrick's on Sunday 22nd October (change of date) as part of the fund raising for the youth pilgrimage.

VISITATION

His Grace the Archbishop will come to our parishes on the 4th and 5th November. He will preach at each Mass and will want to meet with parishioners during the visit. As it is important that we be present for the Visitation, parishioners are asked to try to keep this time free so as to be able to come to Mass. In addition to our Masses, which will be at the normal times, all parishioners are invited to come and meet the Archbishop face to face. We will have afternoon tea at 4pm on Sunday 5th November at St John's Kidsgrove, followed by Benediction in the Church at 5pm. Everyone is invited, so do come along and be part of the Visitation!

Parish Priest's Surgery

The next Parish Priest's surgery hour, when Fr Julian can be seen for any arrangements or enquiries, is on Monday 16th October at 7pm at St Joseph's Presbytery. Fr Julian will not be available on 23rd October. Please telephone the parish office on Monday if you wish to confirm that the Surgery hour is on any particular Monday.

FUNDRAISING

Collections

Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £353.50, Non Gift Aid £176.50. Total £530.00.

Goldenhill Gift Aid £285.50, Non Gift Aid £235.05. Total £520.55.

Kidsgrove Gift Aid £282.50, Non Gift Aid £145.45. Total £427.95.

Second Collections: Next Week

The collection will be for the APF World Missions.

Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Goldenhill & Kidsgrove

This week's draw: 1st Prize £20, No.150 J Callan; 2nd Prize £10, No.139 B Lockett; 3rd Prize £5, No.32 A Sproston.

St John's Autumn Raffle Tickets for the Autumn Raffle are on sale this week.

APF Red Boxes Could the Goldenhill Parishioners bring their Red Boxes to church during October so that they can be counted. Please hand to Paul Pender? Thank you.

DEANERY & BEYOND

Scripture Day This is a day talking about 'The Old Testament in the Life and Mission of the Church' led by Fr Zbigniew Zieba, part of the Oscott Seminary Formation team. It will

take place on Saturday 28th October at Holy Trinity, Newcastle, starting at 10.30am and finishing with benediction at 2.30pm. Tea and coffee available but please bring a packed lunch.

RE Teacher Required St Thomas More Catholic Academy are looking for a temporary part time RE teacher for January. For more information, please look at the website www.stmca.org.uk and to apply please send an up to date CV to jbeardmore@stmca.org.uk. Applications close on Monday 16th October, at noon.

Tour of Westminster A coach trip to London and a private tour of Westminster has been organised by Karen Bradley MP for Staffordshire Moorlands Constituents. The coach will depart at 9am on 16th November from Robin Hood Travel, Leek. The tour is free but the cost of the

coach is £18. If interested contact Jamie on 01538 382421.

PARISH REGISTERS

Deaths

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Marie Twomey, who died on Friday. Funeral arrangements will be made later.

Requiescat in Pace

Sanctuary Lamps

This week the lamps are dedicated for:

St John's: Steven Walker; Ernie Beckett; Angelo Giannasi

St Joseph's: John & Mary Leese

English Martyrs': Mary Lomas

All the sanctuary lamps at our four churches are available for dedication. The lamp burns all week—minimum donation £5. Please see Fr Julian (or Tony Giannasi for St John's) to arrange.

Our Lady of Grace Partnership Safeguarding Team

Each of our churches has a dedicated safeguarding representative, though all of our reps meet and work together alongside the Parish Priest. If you have a concern about the welfare or safety of a child or vulnerable adult during a parish event or activity, please contact one of the safeguarding reps, or alternatively contact the Diocesan Safeguarding Office on cpo@rc-birmingham.org or call 0121 230 6240. Our reps for each church are:

English Martyrs: Mary Lomas

St John's: Brenda McGough

St Joseph's: Suzanne Meakin

St Patrick's: Peter Whitehouse

Their contact details are available on the noticeboard. If you are ever concerned for the immediate safety of a child or vulnerable adult please call the police.

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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THIS SUNDAY'S LITURGY

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Psalm Response: In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Gospel Acclamation: [Alleluia, alleluia.] The Word was made flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. [Alleluia.]

Nicene Creed

Preface Ordinary Sundays III *Eucharistic Prayer* III

Acclamation: When...

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Thinking about the Gospel

Matthew 22:1-14

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history. God is the king, Jesus is the bridegroom, the feast is the salvation and eternal life. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets. For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies. Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people—good and bad alike—to the feast of His kingdom. We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ. But are we dressed for the feast, clothed in the garment of righteousness? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received.