

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 14TH OCTOBER 2018

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

I hope that, by the time you read this, Storm Calum has passed, and that the winds have calmed down. We have seen some quite extreme weather this past week. I was shocked to see the floods in Mallorca, very close to the places I have been in recent years. Meanwhile, in Wales with my mother this week (we had a couple of nights away for her birthday), we had glorious sunshine and warmth. It was odd to have better weather in Wales than Mallorca! We should pray for those affected by extremes of weather, or by other natural disasters, like the Tsunami in Indonesia.

This week, I'll be preparing, together with the group of men, mostly from our parish, for the walking pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, which begins

next Saturday. If you have any prayer intentions, let me have the as soon as possible, please. Otherwise, please remember us in your prayers, that our feet hold up, and that we arrive safely at our destination.

Our Holy Father has reminded us that praying the Rosary is so important for the Church in the month of October. He has asked every Catholic to pray the Rosary each day this month for the Holy Church, together with the *Sub Tuum Praesidium* and prayer to St Michael. You will find these prayers on page 2—as, unfortunately, they are not well known. Even if you can only pray one mystery of the Rosary, then do that for the good of the Church.

It was good to see so many of you come along this

week to the Catechesis which is being offered to our parishes by the Neo-Catechumenal way. It is not too late to start coming. Once again, they will be here on Monday and Thursday evenings this week to give their catechesis. The sessions are quite short. So, please be encouraged to come along.

If there is anyone who is interested in becoming a Catholic, then I would be pleased to hear from them as soon as possible. Maybe you are someone who comes to Mass regularly already, or simply just interested in finding out more. Come to the Open House, give me a call or drop me a line.

Finally, my mother would like to thank everyone who sent her birthday greetings for her 90th this week.

CHURCHES

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

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SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Isaac Jogues 1607-1646

Isaac is one of the North American martyrs, missionaries who went to evangelise native American tribes in the 17th century. He was a French Jesuit, ordained priest at the age of 29. As a priest, Fr Isaac was sent with a group of other missionaries to the Huron people in modern

day Quebec. These tribes welcomed the message of the Gospel initially. However, the influence of other settlers to the south turned the tribes against the missionaries. On a journey he was captured by Iroquois, who tortured him horribly. After a brief spell in France, he returned to Canada, but was martyred soon after by Mohawks.

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 13th			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Marie Twomey
Sunday 14th Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am 12.30pm		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Baptism Holy Mass	Helen Manifold (SVP) Kevin Barry Price People of the Parishes
Monday 15th St Teresa of Avila		6.00pm 7.30pm	9.30am 10.00am		Holy Mass Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass Catechesis	In Thanksgiving Joan Marrow
Tuesday 16th St Margaret Mary	9.15am		9.30am	2.15pm	Holy Mass Morning Prayer Holy Rosary	Special Intention (EH)
Wednesday 17th St Ignatius of Antioch		6.00pm 6.30pm			Holy Mass Eucharistic Adoration	Charlie O'Connell
Thursday 18th St Luke	5.30pm	7.30pm	9.30am		Holy Mass (in school) Holy Mass Catechesis	Stephen Holmes Winifred Maughan
Friday 19th St Paul of the Cross			9.30am	6.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass	In Thanksgiving (PJC) Helen Manifold
Saturday 20th Our Lady			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Winefride & Leonard Atherton
Sunday 21st Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	David Pooley Dec of Plant & Bailey Families Special Intention (VM)



THE HOLY FATHER CALLS US ALL TO JOIN IN THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER

The Holy Father has decided to invite all the faithful, of all the world, to pray the Holy Rosary every day, during the entire Marian month of October, and thus to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God, in asking the Holy Mother of God and Saint Michael the Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other. The Holy Father invites the faithful to conclude the recitation of the Rosary with the ancient invocation “Sub Tuum Praesidium”, and with the prayer to Saint Michael Archangel that he protect us and help us in the struggle against evil. The prayer – the Pontiff affirmed a few days ago, on 11 September, is the weapon against the Great Accuser, the devil. Only prayer can defeat him. The Russian mystics and the great saints of all the traditions advised, in moments of spiritual turbulence, to shelter beneath the mantle of the Holy Mother of God saying the “Sub Tuum Praesidium”.

Sub Tuum Praesidium

We fly to thy patronage, O holy Mother of God; despise not our petitions in our necessities, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin Mary.

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel (Pope Leo XIII)

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust down to hell Satan, and all evil spirits, who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. 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



The Holy Rosary is prayed 20 minutes before all Sunday Masses during the month of October. Today we have prayed the Luminous Mysteries. Next week it will be the Sorrowful Mysteries. Please consider volunteering to lead the Rosary—see Fr Julian.

Month of the Dead November is coming very soon again. Once again this year, we will have the November list in each church, with Mass celebrated each day of the month for all those on the lists in our four churches. Next week, we will have the forms and envelopes available. Last year we had enough offerings to be able to have Masses for the November List throughout the year.

Care Home Prayer Services



Kidsgrove The next prayer service will be at Maple Tree Court, Gloucester Rd at 10.30am on the 23rd October. We would love to see more parishioners coming and bringing the light of faith to residents. Come and meet us at the home.

Biddulph There is a prayer service for our Biddulph Churches Together group today (Sunday), at 3pm at Springbank. We welcome everyone to come and join us. It would be great to have some new people come along!

English Martyrs & St Patrick's

Come and be part of our
Autumn Fayre
which will be on

Saturday 17th November

10am to 12noon

at Biddulph Town Hall

Grand Prize raffle tickets are now on sale

We need volunteers to help with the stalls and to provide refreshments. Also if you are able to provide a raffle prize it would be much appreciated.

ARMISTICE DAY 2018

This year, we commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War on Sunday 11th November at 11am at St Joseph's Goldenhill.



11am Gather at the cenotaph in the churchyard at St John's Goldenhill, for the two minutes' silence.

Process in silence to St Joseph's Church for Solemn Requiem Mass for the dead of the World Wars.

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 reserve a time, just turn up. Fr Julian is available this Sunday, but there will be no Open House on Monday 22nd October. Please call the parish office on any Monday to confirm that the Open House is happening.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

Welcome to the family of the Church Isabel Susan O'Neill who was baptised on Saturday at St John's Church.

Welcome also to Lillie Brook Pender who will be baptised today at St Joseph's Church.

Deaths

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Patrick Joseph Michael Dempsey. Requiem Mass will be offered for the repose of his soul at St Patrick's Church on Friday 26th October at 11am. His body will be received into church on Thursday at 6pm.

Requiescat in Pace

The Friendship Club

The Friendship Club is our monthly meeting for older people. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 30th October, 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 more details or would like to arrange transport please ring 01782 269990

FUNDRAISING

Collections

Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £352.03, Non Gift Aid £241.02, Total £593.05. CAFOD £194.95.

Goldenhill Gift Aid £236.45, Non Gift Aid £180.40, Total £416.85. CAFOD £146.80.

Kidsgrove Gift Aid £216.60, Non Gift Aid £165.32, Total £381.92. CAFOD £283.19.

Second Collections Next week the collection will be for APF World Missions.

Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Weekly Draw: 1st Prize £20, No.71 E Hogan; 2nd Prize £10, No.14 K Holmes; 3rd Prize £5, No.95 B Smithson. There are still a few annual and quarterly subs not yet paid. In the short time the club has been running we have managed to raise around £13,000; so even if you have never won, by being a member you are helping to boost the church funds. Please consider joining.

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

DEANERY & BEYOND

Combined Schools Mass On Thursday this week, the annual Combined Schools Mass for North Staffordshire is being celebrated at St Gregory's, Longton. All who are associated with schools—teachers, governors, parents and children—are invited to come along. The Mass is at 7pm, and the celebrant and preacher this year is Fr Julian.

October Devotions The Walsingham Association's devotions in honour of Our Lady of Walsingham for the month of the Rosary will take place at English Martyrs' Biddulph on Tuesday 30th October at 7.00pm. All are welcome to come.

Celebrating Marriage Week 2019 Milestone marriages are to be celebrated by the Archdiocese and the hunt is now on to find the longest married couple. 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 mass the Archdiocese would still like to hear from anyone who has been married a long time (If you are emailing on behalf of a couple please make sure you get their permission).

Vacancy The Painsley Catholic Academy are seeking to appoint a Principal for St Mary's Catholic Academy, Leek. Group 2 salary range L13 -19. For further details, contact Mrs J. Stewart-Lilly on 01538 714944 or email HR@painsley.staffs.sch.uk Closing date 18th October 2018.

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.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week the lamps are dedicated for:

St John's: Winnie Maughan & Family

St Joseph's: Kathleen Steele

St Patrick's: Jean Green (Birthday)

English Martyrs': Angela Doherty

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 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.' When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

KEY VERSE: "For the holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what you should say" (v. 12).

TO KNOW: Jesus encouraged his disciples to be fearless in their proclamation of the gospel. The disciples need not worry about how they should defend themselves when brought before the authorities. The Holy Spirit would enlighten and strengthen them as they bore witness to their faith. Jesus did not promise to save them from suffering, or even death, but he did guarantee that he would testify to their fidelity before God. Jesus warned his followers of blaspheming against the Holy Spirit. These are sins that despair of salvation, presume on God's mercy, envy another's spiritual good, resist known truths of faith, and are obstinate in sin and impenitent at death. Although each sin put an obstacle in the way of God's mercy, God's grace could overcome even these sins. But if the unrepentant refused God's power to save them, they also denied the possibility of mercy and forgiveness by Jesus.

TO LOVE: Thank God for the grace of faith.

TO SERVE: Holy Spirit, strengthen me when I am too