

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

TWENTY-NINTH & THIRTIETH SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 21ST & 28TH OCTOBER 2018

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

People have been asking me for weeks now: when's your walk? They are referring to the walking pilgrimage to Santiago that I am doing, together with 11 other men, mostly from our parishes, starting from Ferrol, and following the medieval English Way. Well, it's here. In fact, by the time you read this, we will have already started. The route is about 120 km (80 miles), beginning on the north coast, where ships from England would have docked in the past, and following the way through the beautifully green Galician countryside to the ancient pilgrimage site, dedicated to St James the Apostle. The route isn't the most arduous, but the length is a challenge to someone like me, who doesn't have a long history of walking at distance. So

some prayers for our safety and endurance would be appreciated.

Pilgrimages remind us that all of us are on a pilgrimage through life, which has moments of exaltation, low moments, and the rest of the time, which is the daily trudge through the ordinary moments. The Christian way of living this pilgrimage is with joy. That doesn't mean happy all the time, but living with trust in God and in his mercy. This brings a freedom of heart which is the essence of joy. I would urge all of you to consider coming on a pilgrimage some time. Either a walking pilgrimage, such as this one, which I hope to repeat, or on the pilgrimage to Walsingham, coming up in Lent, or Lourdes in May.

As this is a two week bulletin, some of you may be picking this up and reading it when I'm already back. I would like to remind you that during the second week of this bulletin, we have the Feast of All Saints, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. We also have the commemoration of All Souls on the Friday. I would urge you to come to both, to rejoice with the saints in glory, as well as pray for the souls in purgatory. Make sure to pick up your slip of paper and envelope for the November Holy Souls list. Take time to fill it in, praying for those whose names you are writing. Also please include an offering in the envelope, which goes to provide for the daily Mass in November offered for the November list as well as Masses through the year.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St Anthony Mary Claret 1807-1870

Anthony was an archbishop and founder of the Claretians. The son of a weaver, he took up weaving but then studied for the priesthood, desiring to be a Jesuit. Ill health prevented his entering the Order, and he served as a secular priest. In 1849, he founded the Claretians and the Claretian nuns. From 1850 to 1857, Anthony

served as the archbishop of Santiago, Cuba. He returned to the court of Queen Isabella II as confessor, and went into exile with her in 1868. In 1869 and 1870, Anthony participated in the First Vatican Council. He died in 1870 in southern France. Anthony had gifts of prophecy and even performed miracles. He was opposed by the liberal forces of Spain and Cuba and endured many trials.

CHURCHES

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

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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 20th			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Winefride & Leonard Atherton
Sunday 21st	9.00am				Holy Mass	David Pooley
Twenty-Ninth		11.00am			Holy Mass	Dec of Plant & Bailey Families
Sunday of the Year				6.30pm	Holy Mass	Special Intention (VM)
Tuesday 23rd			9.30am		Morning Prayer	
Feria				2.15pm	Holy Rosary	
Thursday 25th				6.00pm	Reception of Body	Patrick Dempsey RIP
Feria						
Friday 26th Feria				11.00am	Requiem Mass	Patrick Dempsey RIP
Saturday 27th Feria			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Maureen Giannasi
Sunday 28th	9.00am				Holy Mass	K Grolik, George & Barbara Connell
Thirtieth Sunday of		11.00am			Holy Mass	Michael Meaney
the Year			1.00pm		Baptism	
				6.30pm	Holy Mass	People of the Parishes
Monday 29th			9.30am		Holy Mass	Philip Bentley
Feria			10.00am		Eucharistic Adoration	
		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Int John Martin
Tuesday 30th	9.15am		9.30am		Holy Mass	Helen Manifold
Feria				2.15pm	Morning Prayer	
	7.00pm				Holy Rosary	
					Walsingham Association Holy Hour	
Wednesday 31st Feria				6.30pm	Vigil Mass of Feast	People of the Parishes
Thursday 1st		9.30am			Holy Mass	Audrey Duskin & Family
ALL SAINTS' DAY	11.00am				Holy Mass	November List
			6.30pm		Holy Mass	Richard Twomey
Friday 2nd			9.30am		Holy Mass	November List
All Souls' Day	11.00am				Holy Mass	Holy Souls
<i>First Friday</i>		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Pope's Intentions
Saturday 3rd	9.15am				Holy Mass	November List
St Martin de Porres			1.00pm		Nuptial Mass	Anthony Quinn & Josie Carr
			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Int Arnold Jones
Sunday 4th	9.00am				Holy Mass	John Biggane
Thirty-First Sunday		11.00am			Holy Mass	Dec of Plant & Bailey Families
of the Year				6.30pm	Holy Mass	November List

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 Sorrowful Mysteries. Next week (27/28th) it will be the Glorious 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. Please pick up your paper and envelope for the list from church. Last year we had enough offerings to be able to have Masses for the November List throughout the year.



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

**Children!
Families!**

You are invited to our
Alternative Halloween
(no fancy dress!)

Inflatable Party
at Biddulph Youth Zone
(next door to English
Martyrs' Church)

Wednesday 31st October
6pm to 7.30pm

Tickets are £3

Available from Our Lady of
Grace Academy or ask Tess
Hall at church

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 is on Sunday 11th November at Park Lane Care Home at 3pm. We welcome everyone to come and join us. It would be great to have some new people come along!

English Martyrs & St Patrick's

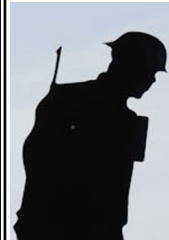
Come and be part of our
Autumn Fayre
which will be on
Saturday 17th November
10am to 12noon
at Biddulph Town Hall

Grand Prize Draw Tickets are now on sale

We need volunteers to help on the stalls and items to sell. 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. There will also be a Requiem at each of our churches that weekend.

Congratulations!

Congratulations go to St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy Garden Club, the children, staff and volunteers. They were delighted to receive the RHS Heart of England and the Newcastle in Bloom Gold Awards for achievement in gardening teamwork and growing together in the garden.

Thankyou to our parishioners and neighbours for their generous support, for the fund raising to help with buying plants. As well as being a place for having fun and keeping fit the garden is used in all of the school subjects from science to RE.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

Welcome to the family of the Church Beatrix Brienne Baker who will be baptised at St John's Church on Sunday 28th October.

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

FUNDRAISING

Collections

Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £383.60, Non Gift Aid £186.61, Total £570.21.

Goldenhill Gift Aid £240.00, Non Gift Aid £211.46, Total £451.46.

Kidsgrove Gift Aid £219.50, Non Gift Aid £189.50, Total £409.30.

Second Collections There will be a second collection for the Johnson association on the 3rd/4th November.

Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Weekly Draw: 1st Prize £20, No.129 S Hill; 2nd Prize £10, No.159 N Cook; 3rd Prize £5, No.176 J Edwards. 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

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.

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. There will be no Open House on Monday 22nd October. The next is on 29th October. Please call the parish office on any Monday to confirm that the Open House is happening.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week the lamps are dedicated for:

St John's: Maureen Giannasi

St Joseph's: Gladys Summerfield

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 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

KEY VERSE: "Master, I want to see" (v 51).

TO KNOW: As Jesus and his disciples journeyed to Jerusalem, they passed through Jericho, the city of Israel's triumphant victory over their enemies through God's intervention (Joshua 6:20). Jesus had been teaching his disciples about the necessity of renunciation and of his sacrificial death (Mk 9:43-10:45). But they still did not understand the meaning of Jesus' words and were blind to his message and mission. As they entered Jericho, a blind beggar cried out to Jesus for pity, according him the Messianic title "Son of David." Although some people ordered him to be quiet, Bartimaeus called out all the more. His faith was rewarded when Jesus beckoned him to come. Casting aside his cloak, his sole position, Bartimaeus rushed to Jesus for healing, and he was cured immediately. Indeed, the blind man had greater faith than Jesus' disciples, and he followed him on "the way" (v 52, an early name for the Christian faith).

TO LOVE: What prevents me from seeing Jesus today?

TO SERVE: Lord Jesus, open my eyes to your presence in my life.