

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2019

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Maybe you realised I was away on holiday last week? I have been away in the beautiful and lively Spanish city of Valencia. At its centre, the Basilica of Our Lady of the Helpless, houses the statue of Our Lady who is depicted looking down on her children. I was also thrilled to go and visit the new City of Arts and Sciences. It is a huge complex and houses the fascinating Oceanographic centre. To see the colourful, majestic, great and tiny creatures who inhabit the seas is a reminder of the glory of creation. I was also very pleased to go to visit the city of Cuenca, which I had always wanted to visit since seeing a photo of its hanging houses in a text book at school. The houses are put in the shade by the Cathedral and the construction of the city

above a breath-taking gorge.

Tomorrow we are going to be celebrating the Canonisation of our new saint, St John Henry Newman, with a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Joseph's (Monday at 10am). It is doubly exciting as we will have the children of our three parish schools together for the celebration. I hope parishioners will come and participate too!

This week I am back in the parish, but at the same time am giving the talks at a retreat for priests in Crewe. Please pray for that to go well. I will also be preaching at the Deanery Mass of Thanksgiving for the Canonisation of Cardinal Newman at Holy Trinity, Newcastle on Tuesday evening, and urge you to come to that too.

I am very pleased that the sponsorship for my Camino in support of Teenage Cancer Trust, in memory of Jack Shufflebotham, has almost reached £1000. Most of those who have donated online are not parishioners, but people I know from outside the parish. I would encourage you to sponsor me online, as it makes it far easier administratively, and it makes it easier to Gift Aid, if you are a tax payer. I will be distributing envelopes and gift aid forms to those of you who do not have internet access, or who prefer not to use that method. I will wait until we have done the November List, however, so as not to confuse everyone with two envelopes at the same time. Please help to make my fundraising a success.

CHURCHES

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

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

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

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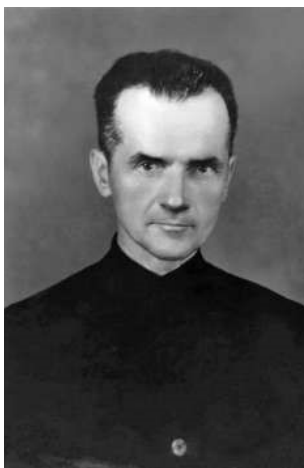
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SAINT OF THE WEEK



Bl Oleksa Zaryckyj 1912-1963

Oleksa Zaryckyj was born in the village of Bilco in the Ukraine. In 1931 he entered the seminary in Lviv and five years after he was ordained to the priesthood as a diocesan priest. In 1948 he was captured by the Bolsheviks and was sentenced to ten years in prison and deported to

Kazakhstan. Released early in 1957, Oleksa was appointed Administrator of Kazakhstan and Siberia, but did not have time to be ordained bishop. Shortly after, he was interned in a concentration camp, where he died a martyr of the faith in 1963. He was beatified by St John Paul II along with 24 other victims of the Soviet regime.

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 19th			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Int John Martin
Sunday 20th Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am	1.00pm	6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Baptism Holy Mass	Cecil Aston & Dec of Burton fam Kevin Potts People of the Parishes
Monday 21st Feria		10.00am 6pm			Thanksgiving Mass for the Canonisation of St John Henry Newman Holy Mass	Jack Shufflebotham Maureen & Ken Green
Tuesday 22nd St John Paul II	9.15am		9.30am	2.15pm	Holy Mass Morning Prayer Holy Rosary	Bob & Jean Sutch
Wednesday 23rd Feria		6.00pm			Holy Mass	Kevin Potts
Thursday 24th St Anthony Mary Claret	6.00pm				Holy Mass	Special Intention
Friday 25th Feria			9.30am	6.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Special Intention Valerie Rogers
Saturday 26th Our Lady	9.15am	9.00am	6.30pm		ALPHA Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Special Intention Thanksgiving (test results)
Sunday 27th Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Special Intention (J&N) Int John Martin People of the Parishes



NOVEMBER, MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Once again, this year, we will have our November List of the Dead. You are invited to take time before the month begins to make a list of all the Departed whom you would like to have included in our prayer for the Holy Souls. Put the list in the November List envelope. You are also invited to put a donation in the envelope. The offerings go to provide Mass stipends, to celebrate Mass each day through the month of November for all who are on the list across the four churches of our Partnership of Parishes. Usually, each year, the donations are enough to mean we have Masses throughout the year for the Holy Souls.

Please take an envelope; make a list; put in a donation; pray each day in November for the Holy Souls.

Please note If you wish to have individual Masses for family members, then please use a normal Mass offering envelope. Masses cannot be guaranteed to be celebrated during the month of November.

Come and celebrate...



The Canonisation of Bl John Henry Cardinal Newman with the children of our primary schools

Our primary schools—Our Lady of Grace, Biddulph; St John’s, Kidsgrove & St Joseph’s, Goldenhill—are all part of the Newman Catholic Collegiate. We are bringing together the children of the three schools for a Mass to give thanks for the Canonisation of Cardinal Newman. You are invited to come and join them.

**Monday 21st October, 10am
St Joseph’s Church, Goldenhill**

HEART TO HEART



Come and know the Lord heart to Heart in the Blessed Sacrament and the Word of God!

On Thursday evenings at 7.30pm at St Joseph’s, we have an hour of prayer, based on the Gospel, before the Blessed Sacrament.

Heart to Heart is not taking place in October. We begin again on Thursday 7th November. Make it a date!

Care Home Prayer Services



Kidsgrove The next prayer service will be at Maple Tree Court, Gloucester Rd, on Tuesday 22nd October at 10.30am.

Biddulph The prayer service for our Biddulph Churches Together group is on 10th November at Park lane at 3pm.

We welcome everyone to come and join us.

AUTUMN FAYRE

English Martyrs’ & St Patrick’s Autumn Fayre is on Saturday 23rd November at Biddulph Town Hall from 10am to 12noon.

Raffle tickets are being distributed at Mass. Please be generous in taking these are selling them.

We need volunteers to help to hold stalls, set up, take down, make refreshments, etc.

And make it a date—and see you there!

**Biddulph Food Bank
Fresh Veg Initiative**

Thank you to everyone who showed interest in the work of the foodbank and especially those who have signed up for the weekly vegetable packs at English Martyrs. There will usually be some available to buy on an ad-hoc basis after the 9am Sunday Mass. We are running this without using plastic, so please bring your own bag or return the bag the veg arrives in. We will try to keep the cost down to supermarket levels. Any profit from this initiative will go towards buying fresh food for our foodbank clients.

Parish Priest’s Open House

Open House is when Fr Julian is available to meet parishioners for any need on Mondays, 6.30pm to 7.30pm at St Joseph’s Presbytery in Goldenhill. The next Open House will be on Monday 4th November.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

Welcome to the family of the Church to Vinnie Peter Turner, who will be baptised at St John’s today.

Deaths

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Terry Clarke. Requiem Mass for the repose of his soul will be offered at St John’s Kidsgrove on Wednesday 30th October at 10.30am, followed by cremation at Carmountside Crematorium. His body will be received into St John’s church at on Sunday Tuesday 29th October.

Also for the soul of Paul Crofts whose funeral was at St Joseph’s last week.

Requiscant in Pace

Prayer Group

Our 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 at 8pm at English Martyrs’ in Biddulph. Everyone is welcome. Next meeting is on Tuesday 29th October. Give it a try!

Sanctuary Lamps

This week the lamps are dedicated for:
St John’s: Terry Clarke RIP
Sanctuary lamps can be dedicated. Minimum donation £5. Please make a note of intention and preferred church.

ALPHA IS UP AND RUNNING



Our new Alpha series has begun. Our weekly meeting is at 9am on Saturdays at St Joseph’s Goldenhill. Each week we gather to share breakfast together, watch the video, and chat together about what we think of it.

It is for everyone: Catholic or not; young or old; believer or unsure.

Come and join us

This week’s theme is: **Why and how do I pray?**

FUNDRAISING

Collections

06/10/19: Biddulph/Packmoor

Gift Aid £396.15, Non Gift Aid £172.92, Total £569.07. CAFOD £409.67.

Goldenhill Gift Aid £239.98, Non Gift Aid £126.20, Total £366.18. CAFOD £133.25.

Kidsgrove Gift Aid £184.50, Non Gift Aid £114.33, Total £298.83. CAFOD £314.52.

13/10/19: Biddulph/Packmoor

Gift Aid £453.30, Non Gift Aid £168.12, Total £621.42.

Goldenhill Gift Aid £199.00, Non Gift Aid £119.05, Total £318.05.

Kidsgrove Gift Aid £214.00, Non Gift Aid £105.97, Total £319.97.

Goldenhill and Kidsgrove 200 Club Last Week Draw

1st Prize £20, No.45 D Bailey; 2nd Prize £10, No.155 P Convey; 3rd Prize £5, No.152 W Peacock. **This Week** 1st Prize £20, No.68 C Hewitt; 2nd Prize £10, No.162 N Cook; 3rd Prize £5, No.79 H Brown.

Red Mission Boxes All box holders from both

Goldenhill and **Kidsgrove** are kindly asked to bring their boxes

to Church during November for emptying and counting. Thanks for your continued support!



In memory of Jack Shufflebotham, Fr Julian is going to walk the *Vía de la Plata* and Camino Sanabrés from Seville to Santiago de Compostela this year. The whole route is 1000km and he will be doing it in chunks of five days/120km through the year. Please sponsor Fr Julian in aid of Teenage Cancer Trust. You can do this at www.justgiving.com/fundraising/frjuliancamino Alternatively, there will be sponsor forms available at the end of October

DEANERY & BEYOND

Canonisation of Blessed John

Henry Newman There will be a Deanery Mass of Thanksgiving for the canonisation of Cardinal Newman on Tuesday 22nd October at 7pm at Holy Trinity, Newcastle. The celebrant will be Bishop McGough and the preacher is Fr Julian Green. The canonisation is on Sunday 13th October. Everyone is invited to come.

Visions of Education

There will be a day conference for teachers and those involved in education on what the ideas of Cardinal John Henry Newman can teach us today. The conference concludes with dinner, and will be held at Thornycroft Hall, Macclesfield, SK11 9JN on Saturday 26th October, 2.30-9 pm. Cost: £50. Details at thornycroftHall.org.uk (conferences).

October Devotions The North Staffs Walsingham Association invite you to their October Rosary Devotions at St John's Kidsgrove on Tuesday 29th October at 7pm.

Oberammergau & Lake Garda

You are invited to take part in the pilgrimage being organised by St Gregory's Longton and St Teresa's Trent Vale to see the Passion Play at Oberammergau and visit Lake Garda from 20th to 25th July 2020. The cost is £1,270 plus flights based on shared twin or double room. No single rooms available. Places available are limited, so please obtain more information and booking forms either from St Gregory's on 01782 658063 or St Teresa's on 01782 313796 or office@longtoncatholic.org.uk

DIVINE RENOVATION CONNECT



A Divine Renovation conference is a great way to refresh the vision of a parish. It provides the support to know that, with vision, we can move forward.

You are invited to come to Divine Renovation Connect at St Edward's Church in Runcorn on Saturday 16th November, 9.45am to 4pm.

If you would like to go on the Conference please see Fr Julian.

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else: 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The second parable that Jesus tells in Luke 18 addresses attitude in prayer. In contrasting the prayer of the Pharisee with the prayer of the tax collector, Jesus teaches his disciples to pray in humility before God. Jesus again surprises his listeners by showing the tax collector as the example of faith, rather than the Pharisee. Remember that Pharisees were members of a sect of Judaism active in Jesus' time. They taught an oral interpretation of the Law of Moses as the basis for Jewish piety. If anyone would be a model for prayer, a Pharisee was a likely candidate. In contrast, Jesus offers the tax collector as a model for prayer. Tax collectors were collaborators with the Roman authorities in a system that allowed the tax collectors to line their own pockets by charging in excess of the defined taxes. Yet, in this parable, Jesus offers the humility of the tax collector as a model for the prayer of a disciple. The parable reminds us that when we pray, we must remember our need for God in our lives. If we are too full of ourselves, there is too little room for God's grace to work in us.