

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

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 7TH OCTOBER 2018

## A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Today is the Feast Day of Our Lady of the Rosary, in the month dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The feast day first came about after the defeat of the Turks at Lepanto by Christian forces seeking to maintain the freedom of Christian enclaves in the Mediterranean. Pope St Pius V had organised a Rosary procession in the streets of Rome to pray for the victory, and, when it came, he made the day of the victory, 7th October, the Feast of Our Lady of Victories, or Our Lady of the Rosary. This is why we still keep October as the month of the Rosary.

Our Holy Father has called on all Catholics to join him in praying the Rosary every day through this month of October, together with the *Sub Tuum Praesidium* and the



Prayer to St Michael. He is asking us to do this because at the moment we are seeing the devil making merry with the Church in so many ways—through the revelations of abuse, and the failure of bishops to address it. We also see people turning away from Jesus and the Church, and going their own way. Let us join in praying the Rosary. As St Dominic said, with the Rosary, Our Lady will have the victory.

Tomorrow we begin the Catechesis which is being given by members of the Neocatechumenal Way. I want as many of you to come as possible to this, and to bring people who are lapsed from the Church and non-Catholics. It is for everyone. So come to St Joseph's at 7.30pm on Mondays and Thursdays. It is an investment of time and energy which will be of great profit, I am very sure.

## CHURCHES

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

**Goldenhill** St Joseph's Church, High Street, Stoke-on-Trent, ST6 5RD

**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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## SAINT OF THE WEEK



### St Daniel Comboni 1831-1881

Daniel was the founder of the Verona Fathers, who became the first Bishop of Central Africa. He discovered his vocation to the priesthood while at school in Verona, and felt drawn to the missions to Africa. After ordination at the age of 23, he prepared for the mission, and three years

later departed with five other priests arriving in Sudan. He contended with the poverty, disease, the death of companions...but all these things just spurred him on with greater zeal. After returning to Italy to put together a new missionary strategy, Daniel returned to central Africa as bishop, dying four years later of exhaustion.

## MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Kidsgrove	Packmoor	The Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions)	
					<b>Kidsgrove</b> Sat 6pm <b>Biddulph</b> Sun 8.30am <b>Goldenhill</b> Sun 10.30am <b>Packmoor</b> Sun 6pm	
<b>Saturday 6th</b>			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Denis Culhane
<b>Sunday 7th</b> <b>Twenty-Seventh</b> <b>Sunday of the Year</b>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Jean & Bob Sutch Int Maureen Meaney Special Intention (R&MJ)
<b>Monday 8th</b> Feria		6.00pm	9.30am 10.00am		Holy Mass Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	Int John Martin  Lynn Dobson
<b>Tuesday 9th</b> <b>Blessed John Henry</b> <b>Newman</b>	9.15am		9.30am	2.15pm	Holy Mass Morning Prayer Holy Rosary	Marie-José Gannon
<b>Wednesday 10th</b> Feria						
<b>Thursday 11th</b> St John XXIII	6.00pm				Holy Mass	Int Jean Green (90th Birthday)
<b>Friday 12th</b> St Wilfrid			9.30am 10.30am 4.40pm		Holy Mass (in school) Day of Prayer — Eucharistic Adoration continues until Rosary & Benediction	Special Intention
<b>Saturday 13th</b> Our Lady	9.15am		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Special Intention Marie Twomey
<b>Sunday 14th</b> <b>Twenty-Eighth</b> <b>Sunday of the Year</b>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Helen Manifold (SVP) Kevin Barry Price People of the Parishes

### 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 pronouncing the invocation “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



**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. Please call the parish office on any Monday to confirm that the Open House is happening.

**St Joseph's Catholic Academy  
Goldenhill**

The Directors of the Newman Catholic Collegiate are seeking to appoint a Vice Principal (LS 5 to 9) for St Joseph's, Goldenhill from January 2019. For further details of the position and an application pack please contact the Academy Manager, Mrs Laura Philps, on 01782 235393 or lphilps@sjnewman.co.uk. Closing date for applications Thursday 11th October at 12noon. Interviews will be on Wednesday 17th October. Candidates are encouraged to visit the school in advance.



**ADORATION  
DAY FOR  
VOCATIONS**

Come and pray for more vocations to the priesthood and the religious life!

The Day of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer for vocations at St John's Kidsgrove is on Friday 12th October 10.30am to 5.00pm

Please sign up for a watching slot on the list provided.

**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** The next prayer service for our Biddulph Churches Together group is on Sunday 14th October, at 3pm at Springbank. We welcome everyone to come and join us. It would be great to have some new people come along!

**N STAFFS WALSINGHAM  
ASSOCIATION**

The Annual Pilgrimage to the Walsingham will be from Wednesday 27th March to Saturday 30th March 2019.

The cost of the pilgrimage is £176 for a standard room, or £205 for en suite, based on two people sharing. The cost includes transport by accessible coach, and full board at Elmham House.

For more details and for bookings please contact Justin Emery on 01782 616031. All bookings are made on a first come first served basis secured by a £30 non-returnable deposit.

**English Martyrs & St Patrick's**

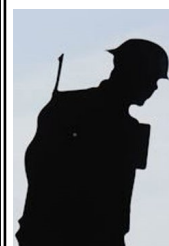
Come and be part of our  
**Autumn Fayre**  
which will be on  
**Saturday 17th November**  
10am to 12noon  
at Biddulph Town Hall

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.*

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

## FUNDRAISING

### Collections

**Biddulph/Packmoor** Gift Aid £391.00, Non Gift Aid £146.77, Total £537.77.

**Goldenhill** Gift Aid £163.00, Non Gift Aid £169.44, Total £332.44.

**Kidsgrove** Gift Aid £200.00, Non Gift Aid £147.11, Total £347.11.

**Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Weekly Draw:** 1st Prize £20, No.32 A Sproston; 2nd Prize £10, No.56 P Jones; 3rd Prize £5, No.9 T Moran. There are quite a few spare numbers at the moment. If anyone would like to subscribe, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

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

## DEANERY & BEYOND

**Diocesan Celebration Day** The Archbishop invites you to a Celebra-

tion Day, celebrating our involvement in the World Meeting of Families in Dublin, the National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool, and the canonisations of Pope Paul VI and Oscar Romero. **Please note the change of venue.** It is at Cardinal Wiseman School in Coventry (Potters Green Road, CV2 2AJ) on Sunday 14th October from 10am to 4pm. Free entry, but booking is essential. Book online at [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/diocesan-celebration-day](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/diocesan-celebration-day) or call 0121 230 6286.

**October Devotions** The 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.

**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](mailto: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).

**A Message...**for all those who have said they wish to go to the **Jo Boyce & Friends** concert on Sunday evening: Please meet at St John's Church Kidsgrove at 5.45pm to depart in good time.

### Sanctuary Lamps

*This week the lamps are dedicated for:*

St John's: Ernie Beckett

St Joseph's: John & Mary Leese

St Patrick's: 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 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth. Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.' Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

**KEY VERSE:** "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven" (v.21).

**TO KNOW:** A rich man approached Jesus and asked what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus told him that the answer could be found in the Mosaic Law, a reflection of God's righteousness. The man answered that he had kept the law all of his life. Jesus then invited him to take another step on his spiritual journey. By sharing his wealth with the poor, the man would be rewarded with even greater treasures in heaven. But the rich man was unable to part with his possessions. Saddened, he departed. Jesus warned his disciples that wealth could be an obstacle to the kingdom of God. Jesus' followers should not be so weighed down with material goods that they were unable to pass through heaven's gate.

**TO LOVE:** What do I do to help the poor?

**TO SERVE:** Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous with the gifts you have given to me