

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

SUNDAY BULLETIN

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2018

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

It is now only a week until the Autumn Catechesis begins, and I am getting quite excited about it. I was able to meet with the team from the Neo-Catechumenal Way during the week, and it was great to hear how they have been touched by the grace of God through following the Way. They came on a busy Friday evening from Preston, Manchester, and Bishops Stortford, just to be able to meet with me in preparation for the Catechesis. Indeed, they will be travelling those distances each week to be with us, and to give the Catechesis. And so I really do want to invite you to come and listen each Monday and Thursday evening at 7.30pm starting a week on Monday. The team themselves will be with us next Saturday evening and Sun-

day for all our Masses to invite you personally. You will then be able to see their enthusiasm and openness to God, which brings them to us on mission. Their catechesis will be for everyone—practising and non-practising Catholics as well as for non-Catholics. So please invite others to come as well. And please remember to pray for the team.

I believe that the catechesis, just like Alpha, is something which we need in the Catholic Church right now. I invite you to look around the church when you come to Sunday Mass. Please note the average age of those at Mass. Also look at the number, or rather lack, of not only young people, but also children, and younger families. It is not surprising in

an age which is so forgetful of God, and it is the same in most parishes in our country. Does that mean we should simply be content to let the life of our parishes decline, excusing ourselves because it's happening everywhere? We could try and make the Church more popular, by cheap gimmicks, or devaluing the liturgy. But those things never really work. And I have a firm faith that the message of the Gospel, and the power of the Holy Spirit, are as potent as ever they were. I have faith that through a renewal of true fidelity to Jesus and his Church, we can not only assure our own eternal salvation, but also draw other souls to God. Let us pray for our whole partnership of parishes to become truly missionary in outlook.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Bl Isidore of St Joseph 1881-1916

Isidore came from a Belgian farming family. He had considered a religious vocation and the priesthood. After a mission in a local parish, he joined the Passionists at the age of 26. He overcame difficulties of language, and was able to make his solemn vows after a year of novitiate. He was

put to work as a gardener and cook. In 1911 he developed a painful tumour and had his right eye removed. As the First World War began, he was made porter, greeting the many visitors who came seeking assistance, with charity. But the cancer spread and he died in great pain and suffering in 1916. He was beatified by St John Paul II.

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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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 | |
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| Saturday 29th | | | 6.30pm | | Holy Mass of Sunday | Mary Steele & Ellen McHugh |
| Sunday 30th Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year | 9.00am | 11.00am | | 6.30pm | Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass | Marie-José Gannon Pat Holmes People of the Parishes |
| Monday 1st St Therese of Lisieux | | 6.00pm | 9.30am 10.00am | | Holy Mass Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass | Ellen & George McHugh Special Intention (PC) |
| Tuesday 2nd The Guardian Angels | 9.15am | | 9.30am | 2.15pm | Holy Mass Morning Prayer Holy Rosary | Thomas Murray |
| Wednesday 3rd Feria | 1.00pm | 6.00pm 6.30pm | | | Requiem Mass Holy Mass Eucharistic Adoration | John Anthony Lacey RIP Lynn Dobson |
| Thursday 4th St Francis of Assisi | 5.00pm 6.00pm | 9.30am | | | Holy Mass (in School) Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass | Pat Holmes Holy Souls |
| Friday 5th Feria <i>First Friday</i> | | | 9.30am | 6.00pm | Holy Mass Holy Mass | Margaret Coates Helen Manifold |
| Saturday 6th Our Lady | 9.15am | | 6.30pm | | Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday | John Lacey Denis Culhane |
| Sunday 7th Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year | 9.00am | 11.00am | | 6.30pm | Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass | Jean & Bob Sutch Int Maureen Meaney Special Intention (R&MJ) |

THE LITTLE WAY OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

St. Therese once wrote that she could not understand how anyone could be afraid of a God who became a child. She went to God as a child approaches a parent with open arms and a profound trust. St. Therese translated "the little way" in terms of a commitment to the tasks and to the people we meet in our everyday lives. She took her assignments in the convent of Lisieux – as sacristan, serving in the refectory and laundry - as ways of manifesting her love for God and for others. She tried to show a love for all the nuns in the community, especially the ones she found difficult. Her life sounds so routine and ordinary, but it was steeped in a loving commitment that knew no breakdown. It is called a little way precisely by being simple, direct, yet calling for amazing fortitude and commitment. In living out her life of faith she sensed that everything that she was able to accomplish came from a generous love of God in her life. Her "little way" seems to put holiness of life within the reach of ordinary people. Live out your days with confidence in God's love for you. Recognise that each day is a gift in which your life can make a difference by the way you choose to live it. Put hope in a future in which God will be all and love will consume your spirit. Choose life, not the darkness of pettiness and greed. St. Therese knew the difference love makes by allowing love to be the statement she made each day of her life.

AUTUMN CATECHESIS

The Neo-Catechumenal Way is an organisation within the Church, started in Madrid in 1964. The aim was to reach out to the many who had been baptised but did not have an adult understanding of the Faith and did not truly follow Jesus as disciples. It has been tremendously successful in bringing the faith alive for people throughout the world, and has produced many vocations. Today there are 40,000 neo-catechumenal communities around the world, and about a million Catholic members.

A team from the NCW will be with us next Saturday evening and Sunday to invite parishioners to the catechesis which will be on Mondays and Thursdays at 7.30pm beginning on 8th October and continue till the end of November.

Please listen to their invitation and come and be part of the catechesis.

The team of Neo-Catechumenate members who are coming to give the catechesis is made up of David & Leslie, Miguel & Bea, Tuloch, Kathy and Fr Carlos.

Please keep them in your prayers.

The catechesis is for absolutely everyone, Catholic or not, practising or not.



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!

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 will be on sale shortly

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.



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

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 Philips, on 01782 235393 or lphilips@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.

PARISH REGISTERS

Deaths

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of John Anthony Lacey. Requiem Mass will be celebrated for the repose of his soul on Wednesday 3rd October at 1pm at English Martyrs', to be followed by burial at Woodhouse Lane cemetery.

Requiescat in Pace

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.

FUNDRAISING

Collections

Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £357.96, Non Gift Aid £143.64, Total £501.60. Fr Hudson's Care £108.53.

Goldenhill Gift Aid £187.00, Non Gift Aid £165.16, Total £352.16. Fr Hudson's Care £41.75.

Kidsgrove Gift Aid £255.00, Non Gift Aid £131.88, Total £386.88. Fr Hudson's Care £114.42.

Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Weekly Draw: 1st Prize £20, No.34 G Lovatt; 2nd Prize £10, No.107 J Rigby; 3rd Prize £5, No.114 P Dobson. **Monthly Draw:** 1st Prize £75, No.152 W Peacock; 2nd Prize £50, No.159 N Cook; 3rd Prize £25. No.1 C Moss. 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.

CAFOD Harvest Fast Day is on Friday this week. There will be a second collection for CAFOD next Sunday at the end of Mass.

DEANERY & BEYOND

Deanery Station Mass There will be a Deanery Mass in honour of Bl John Henry Newman, organised by the Area Pastoral Council, on Friday 5th October at St Teresa's Trent Vale at 7.30pm. The Celebrant will be Fr Michael Glover, the new Parish Priest of Trent Vale.

Diocesan Celebration Day The Archbishop invites you to a Celebration 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 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.

How Can We Keep From Singing?
AN EVENING WITH
JO BOYCE & FRIENDS

SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER, 6:30pm
St Gregory's Catholic Church
Heathcote Road // Longton // ST3 2JH
STOKE-ON-TRENT
Local Ticketline: 01782 318796

advance tickets: £6.00 (£7.00 on the door)
tel: 01675 466254 www.cjmmusic.com/tickets

If anyone is interested in going to the Jo Boyce concert in Longton, but have no transport to get there, or if you are planning on going and can offer someone a lift, please contact Gill Hodgkinson on 775106/07403 667562.

Sanctuary Lamps

This week the lamps are dedicated for:

English Martyrs: Nellie Windle

St John's: Kath Wakefield

St Joseph's: Special Intention (MM)

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 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.' People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

KEY VERSE: "So they are no longer two but one flesh" (v 8)

TO KNOW: As Jesus journeyed toward the cross, his teachings made radical demands of his disciples. Some Pharisees tested Jesus regarding his fidelity to the Mosaic Law regarding marriage. At the time of Jesus, there was disagreement on the grounds for divorce. Jesus said that God's original intent for a couple was to be "one flesh". He urged his disciples to strive for this ideal. The union between husband and wife must not be destroyed by capricious human will. Following this teaching, some people brought their children to be blessed by Jesus. When his disciples interfered, Jesus became indignant. These little ones represented the attitude of openness and trust needed to enter God's reign.

TO LOVE: Do I bear witness by my commitment to my vocation?

TO SERVE: Lord Jesus, bless and embrace my family with your love.