

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

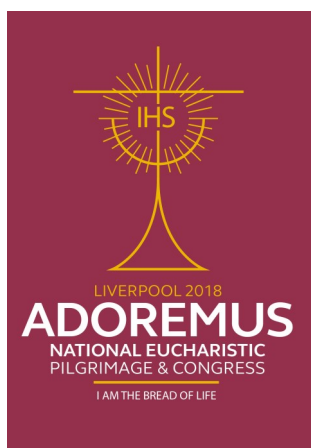
SUNDAY BULLETIN

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2018

A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

This weekend, the National Eucharistic Congress *Adoremus* is taking place in Liverpool. Some of our parishioners have been there, taking part. A Eucharistic Congress only really achieves its goal if it results in an increase in devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. That is something which I have been encouraging over the past few weeks. I have, personally, been impressed by the way in which the small act of reverence—the profound bow or genuflection—before receiving Holy Communion has transformed that part of the Holy Mass in our parishes these past few weeks. For me, administering the host in Holy Communion, it has been marvellous to see how this small act of devotion gives honour to our Lord and makes Holy



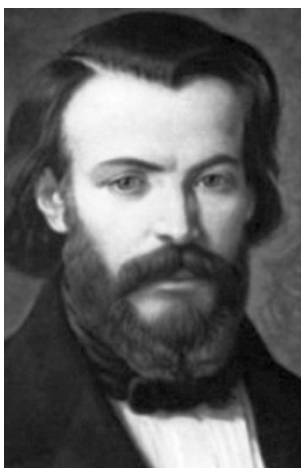
Communion a much more recollected and reverent time. Thank you for doing this. Keep it up! I think that, together with the encouragement to pray silently in preparation for Holy Mass, using the Welcome to Mass sheets, this is a great step forward.

The other thing which has been noticeable is how people have been coming to the times of Eucharistic

Adoration in our churches each week, and coming in silent prayer before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. I know that this is a powerful devotion, and I want to encourage everyone in our parishes to come and be part of this. I cannot explain to you the wonderful encouragement it gives to me personally to be joined by lay people kneeling in adoration of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

Today I am inviting you to come to a Holy Hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at 4.30pm at St Joseph's as our participation in the Congress. I am also really looking forward to the Ember retreat days which are coming up in a couple of weeks. Please try to come along to those days of retreat.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



Bl Frederic Ozanam 1813-1853

Although experiencing doubts about the Catholic Faith during his youth, Frederic was influenced by a good priest, Fr Noiro, and he began writing tracts for the Association for the Propagation of the Faith. He went to study law in Paris. He engaged other students in debate to bring

them to faith. In one debate, he was challenged about what good the Church was doing for the poor. As a response, Frederic brought together a group of young men, calling them the Society of St Vincent de Paul, to serve the poor. He used friendship as the means of his apostolate. He died at the young age of 40.

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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 8th			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Jean Finn
Sunday 9th Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am 4.30pm		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Eucharistic Holy Hour Holy Mass	Marie-José Gannon Int Bernadette McGough (ES) People of the Parishes
Monday 10th Feria		6.00pm	9.30am 10.00am		Holy Mass Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	Ellen & George McHugh Holy Souls
Tuesday 11th Feria	9.15am		9.30am	2.15am	Holy Mass Morning Prayer Holy Rosary	Special intention
Wednesday 12th The Holy Name of Mary		6.00pm 6.30pm			Holy Mass Eucharistic Adoration	Int John Martin
Thursday 13th St John Chrysostom	5.00pm 6.00pm	9.30am			Holy Mass (in school) Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	Holy Souls Special Intention
Friday 14th Exaltation of the Cross			9.30am	6.00pm	Holy Mass (in school) Holy Mass	Holy Souls Special Intention
Saturday 15th Our Lady of Sorrows	9.15am		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Special Intention Deceased of the Maughan Family
Sunday 16th Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Bill Adams Barbara Fawkes Kath Wakefield



SEPTEMBER: A VERY MARIAN MONTH

We all know that May is the month of Our Lady, and October is the month of the Rosary. September comes a close third as another month of Our Blessed Lady. In this month we celebrate the Birth of Our Lady on the 8th. On Wednesday this week we will keep the Holy Name of Mary, and then on Saturday, the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. Later in the month, on 24th September, we will keep the English feast of Our Lady of Walsingham, which is also the feast of Our Lady of Ransom. So, all in all, this is a very Marian month! September is also the month when lots of things start up again. It is the beginning of the new school year. Lots of our young people are off to University and College, or starting work for the first time. In our parish, we begin a new pastoral year. What a great opportunity to ask Our Blessed Lady to help us, to help our young people, and to be the guide of all that we do during this coming year.

EMBERTIDE
PARISH RETREAT DAYS

The Ember Days are part of the traditional Christian calendar, and mark the four seasons of the year. They were taken out of the liturgical calendar at the reform of the liturgy after Vatican II. They are a quarterly opportunity to be renewed in grace through penance, fasting, prayer and thanksgiving.

In our partnership of parishes we are renewing the spirit of the Ember Days by inviting parishioners to come to a parish-based retreat each quarter.

The first Ember Days Retreat will be at St John's Kidsgrove from Wednesday 19th to Friday 21st September.

All our parishioners from across our parishes are invited to come together for three days of spiritual renewal. Each day of the retreat, Wednesday to Friday, there will be the following programme:

6.00am Eucharistic Adoration

7.00am Holy Mass

9.30am Holy Mass with Homily

6.00pm Eucharistic Adoration

7.00pm Retreat Evening

"Lent is our annual retreat, while the Ember Days serve as quarterly check-ups. A grave and earnest mood comes over Mother Church, but there are no tears or mourning. Fasting is not so much an expression of penitence and sorrow as a joyous tithe to God, and an incentive to almsgiving." (Fr Pius Parsch)

**THE WALSINGHAM
ASSOCIATION**

North Staffs Walsingham Association have a number of events coming up in the near future. Everyone is invited to come along, and even join the Association.

Feast Day Mass The Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham is on Monday 24th September at 7.00pm. The Mass will be at St Joseph's Goldenhill, and the celebrant and preacher will be Fr Julian Green, the new chaplain to the North Staffs branch.

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.

Pilgrimage The annual pilgrimage to Walsingham for the North Staffs branch will be from Wednesday 27th to Saturday 30th March 2019. More details to come. If you are interested

in going, please see Pam Colclough, John Coates, or let Fr Julian know, and we'll make sure you receive full details when they are available.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

Welcome to the family of the Church to Lilly Marie Crofts, who was baptised last Sunday at St Patrick's.

Marriages

Congratulations to David O'Brien and Tiffany Porter who were married at St Joseph's last Saturday.

And to Charles Ward and Amanda Maughan who were married at St Joseph's last Sunday.

Deaths

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Bridget (Bridie) Holland, who died recently. Funeral arrangements later.

Requiescat in pace



The Friendship Club is our monthly meeting for older people. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 25th September, 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 next available to be seen on Monday 10th September. It will not be for the full hour, so please come at 6.30pm and not later to St Joseph's Presbytery Goldenhill for all enquiries.

Retreat Day at Colwich Abbey

There is a retreat day for all ladies organised by the UCM on Sunday 23rd September. If you would like to go please contact Cathy Hancock on 07929 213849/01782 853941 no later than 14th September. There will be a coach leaving Goldenhill; pick up times to be advised. The cost for the day is £12 (inc. coach).

Care Home Prayer Services



Kidsgrove The next prayer service will be at Ravenswood at 11am on the 25th September.

There will be no service in August as previously advertised. 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 today, Sunday 9th September, at 3pm at Tall Oaks Home. We welcome everyone to come and join us. It would be great to have some

FUNDRAISING

Collections

26/08/18: Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £323.50, Non Gift Aid £164.81, Total £488.31. **Gold-**

enhill Gift Aid £180.00, Non Gift Aid £158.93, Total £338.93. **Kidsgrove** Gift Aid £297.20, Non

Gift Aid £171.64, Total £468.84.

02/09/2018: Biddulph/Packmoor Gift Aid £346.43, Non Gift Aid £216.88, Total £563.31. **Gold-**

enhill Gift Aid £193.00, Non Gift Aid £178.02, Total £371.02. **Kidsgrove** Gift Aid £186.40, Non

Gift Aid £141.75, Total £328.15.

Second Collections: Next week

Collection for Catholic Evangelisation (home missions) **23rd September** Collection for Fr Hudson's Society.

Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200

Club Here are the results of the great **Annual Draw** 1st Prize

£1000, No.47 P Waring; 2nd Prize £500, No.190 J Moran; 3rd Prize

£250, No.91 J Clarke. **Weekly Draw 2nd September** 1st Prize

£20, No.194 J Crompton; 2nd Prize £10, No.187 E Mannion; 3rd Prize

£5, No.147 M Bayley. **9th September** 1st Prize £20, No.99 M Smith;

2nd Prize £10, No.24 V Finn; 3rd

Prize £5, No.164 M Cook.

Newspaper Price Increase

From the 7th September the Universe will go up from £1.30 to £1.50.

Sponsored Walk

Eugene Menzies would like to thank everyone who supported the charity walk for the Jordan Burndred memorial fund for CRY. We had a magnificent response, raising £260 from our parish in a total of over £900. Thank you!

DEANERY & BEYOND

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. It is at St Thomas More Catholic School in Nuneaton 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.

Apostleship of the Sea

Apostleship of the Sea invite you to a Mass in honour of their patron Stella Maris, Our Lady Star of the Sea on Saturday 15th September at 4.30pm at St Chads, Birmingham. Archbishop

Longley will celebrate the mass, followed by reception.

Pilgrimage of the Sick

The pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford will take place on Sunday 16th September starting at 2pm. There will be afternoon teas served in the parish hall afterwards.

Prayer Vigil for the Care of Creation

CAFOD have organised a prayer vigil followed by the film 'Global Healing' on Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 7pm at the Holy Trinity, Newcastle.

Family Prayer Campaign

The Legion of Mary are organising a Family Prayer Campaign in memory of Fr Paton. The launch event for the prayer campaign will be held at St Thomas More, Sheldon, Birmingham on Saturday 6th October at 2pm. Everyone is welcome!

Sanctuary Lamps

This week the lamps are dedicated for:

English Martyrs: Eugene & Denis O'Sullivan

St John's: The Crotty, Davenport & Howle families

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 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Preparing the Gospel

KEY VERSE: "Who do people say that I am?" (v 27).

TO KNOW: Jesus took his disciples to the area of Caesarea Philippi in northern Israel, where a temple had been built to honour Caesar, the Roman Emperor, who was regarded as a god by the pagans. Against this background, Jesus asked his disciples what people were saying about him. They told him the popular notions of the Messiah. Then Jesus put the question to them, "Who do you say that I am?" And through the gift of faith, Peter proclaimed that Jesus is the Messiah, the One who would bring salvation to the world. Jesus then explained the true meaning of being God's anointed one: He would suffer, be put to death on a cross, but would rise again. Peter could not comprehend a suffering Messiah and he reproached Jesus for saying this. But Jesus rebuked Peter. Peter was allowing Satan to cloud his understanding and impede God's will. Anyone who wished to follow Jesus must take up the cross, and share in Jesus' struggles and sufferings.

TO LOVE: Answer Jesus question for yourself: "Who do you say that I am?"

TO SERVE: Lord Jesus, help me to judge by your standards and not those of the world.