

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

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 2018

## A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST



The Feast of Christ the King brings our Church Year to an end, once again. The Church wants us to remember that the last word, like the first word breathed by God at the creation of the world, will be the Word who has been made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. That means that there is nothing in this world which can claim final dominion over God. It is a great consolation to us that, whatever the Church suffers in this world, and

whatever things afflict us, not one of them has the power to separate us from the love of God made visible for us in the life, death and resurrection of the Lord. There is no victory for any empire, government, power, authority other than his. Glory to him for ever!

Very often we have to keep coming back to these truths of the Faith. Especially when we look at our parishes, our families, the situation in our country and around the world. The victory and kingship of Jesus Christ should give us hope. Not a far distant hope of future glory. Rather, it is the hope that sustains us every day in faith.

In my life as a priest, I often feel myself journeying between moments of feel-

ing that all our efforts are in vain, and moments when I am filled with confidence and trust in God. The moments of doubt are as nothing compared to the moments of hope, though. And so I encourage all of you to trust in Jesus Christ. Whatever are the things which bring you down in your daily life, trust in his power and victory. Do not be downhearted, but rejoice, even when you feel least like doing so.

As I said last week, this week we shall say farewell to Fr Paul Dean, who is going to be priest in residence in Dorridge in the West Midlands. He has written a personal word to you all on page 2. Let us keep him and his family in our prayers as he lives our parishes.

## 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 Francis Fasani 1681-1742

St Francis Fasani was a Franciscan priest, who spent all of his ministry in his home town of Lucera. He became a teacher of philosophy and a Master of Novices in his Order, and became the provincial superior. Fr Fasani dedicated himself with particular zeal to the administration of the

Sacraments, most particularly to hearing confessions and devotedly celebrating the Holy Mass. He heard many confessions and always did so with great joy. He was charitable and welcoming, and excused his attitude by hoping to say to the Lord one day: "I was indulgent, I don't deny it, but it was you who taught me to be so."

## 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 24th</b>			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Arnold Jones & family & friends
<b>Sunday 25th</b> <b>CHRIST THE KING</b>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	November List Terry Chappell Special Intention (VM)
<b>Monday 26th</b> Feria		6.00pm	9.30am 10.00am		Holy Mass Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	November List Sarah & Arthur Holmes
<b>Tuesday 27th</b> Feria	9.15am		9.30am 4.00pm	2.15pm	Holy Mass Morning Prayer Holy Rosary Reception of Body	November List Justine Killeen RIP
<b>Wednesday 28th</b> Feria		6.00pm	12.30pm		Requiem Mass Holy Mass	Justine Killeen RIP November List
<b>Thursday 29th</b> Feria	5.00pm 6.00pm	9.30am			Holy Mass (in school) Eucharistic Adoration Holy Mass	November List Sarah Baker
<b>Friday 30th</b> <b>St Andrew</b>			9.30am 1.45pm	6.00pm	Holy Mass Funeral Service Holy Mass	Margaret Coates Maureen Kent RIP November List
<b>Saturday 1st</b> <b>St Edmund Campion</b>	9.15am		1.00pm 6.30pm		Holy Mass Wedding Service Holy Mass of Sunday	Michael Cullen, relations & friends Liam Rigby & Louisa Keeling Maureen Kent
<b>Sunday 2nd</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	In Thanksgiving (TnT) Int John Martin Barbara Heath

God <sup>be</sup> with you

till we meet again;  
 By his counsels guide,  
 uphold you;  
 With his love securely  
 hold you.  
 God be with you  
 till we meet again.

### *A Word from Fr Paul Dean*

I can't quite believe that more than four years have passed since I arrived in Goldenhill. I would like to express my sincere thanks to you for your kind welcome when I first came here, and for your kindness and generosity towards me throughout my time in this partnership of parishes, especially at the celebration of my Silver Jubilee. I shall certainly miss you when I leave North Staffordshire, and I promise to remember you all in my prayers. No doubt Father Julian will keep me up to date with all your news!

*Father Paul*

**Christmas Mass Times**

Here are the Christmas Mass times for our Partnership of Parishes this year:

**Christmas Eve**

4.00pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's, Goldenhill

6.30pm Night Mass at English Martyrs', Biddulph

**Christmas Day**

9.00am Dawn Mass at St Patrick's, Packmoor

10.30am Day Mass at St John's, Kidsgrove

**Care Home Prayer Services**

**Kidsgrove** The next prayer service will be at Ravenswood, The Avenue at 11am on Tuesday 20th November. 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 prayer service for our Biddulph Churches Together group is on Sunday 9th December at Tall Oakes Care Home at 3pm. We welcome everyone to come and join us. It would be great to have some new people come along!

**Sanctuary Lamps**

*This week the lamps are dedicated for:*

English Martyrs: Warnock Family  
St John's: John Escombe

**If you would like to dedicate the sanctuary lamps at our churches for an intention, please see Fr Julian. Minimum donation £5.**

**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 book, just turn up. Please call the parish office on any Monday to confirm that the Open House is happening.

The Friendship Club is our monthly meeting for older people. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 27th November, at the usual time of 2pm at Kidsgrove Town Hall. We always welcome new people, so come and give it a try.

The Friendship Club are also holding their Christmas party on Tuesday 11th December from 1pm to 4pm at Kidsgrove Town Hall. Buffet, refreshments, entertainment, raffle, Bingo, and a visit from Santa! If you would like to come to the Christmas party, please contact Teresa in the Parish Office. Please book tickets early to avoid disappointment.

**PARISH REGISTERS****Baptism**

Welcome to the family of the Church to Molly Till, who was baptised at St Joseph's Church last Sunday.

**Marriage**

Congratulations to Liam Rigby and Louisa Catherine Keeling who were married at St John's Church on Saturday.

**Deaths**

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Justine Killeen. Requiem Mass will be offered for the repose of her soul at St John's Church on Wednesday 28th November at 12.30pm, followed by committal at Carmountside Crematorium. Her body will be received into church on Tuesday 27th at 4pm.

And also for the soul of Maureen Kent. A funeral service will be celebrated to pray for her soul at St John's Church on Friday 30th November at 1.45pm, followed by interment at Audley cemetery.

*Requiescant in Pace*

**ADVENT EMBER DAYS**

Come and join in our three day Advent retreat evenings and give time to the Lord in preparation for Christmas.

The retreat evenings are at St Patrick's, Packmoor

Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th December 2018

We will be showing videos of talks given by Bishop Robert Barron, on Wednesday & Thursday from the Adoremus Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool, and on Friday from the World Meeting of Families.

6.30pm Holy Mass

7.00pm Bishop Barron talk

*Wednesday: On the Mass*

*Thursday: Sainthood and what makes us holy*

*Friday: Living as the Image of God*

8.00pm Eucharistic Holy Hour & Benediction

Each evening ends at 9.00pm

**¡Camino!**

Following the great success of our October Camino to Santiago, we are planning TWO Caminos for the coming year. Are you going to come and make the pilgrim way?

**The English Camino**

For young people aged 18+, we will walk the Camino Inglés from Ferrol to Santiago. Wednesday 3rd to Wednesday 10th July 2019. Return flights from Gatwick to Santiago. Probable cost will be about £400. To secure a place please let Fr Julian have £100 non-returnable deposit for the flights.

**The Portuguese Camino**

For all parishioners, we will take the pilgrim route from just inside Portugal, and walk to Santiago, Saturday 31st August to Saturday 7th September 2019. The distance is 118 km (75 miles). Return flights from Manchester to Porto. Probable cost will be about £500. To secure a place, please let Fr Julian have £200 non-returnable deposit for the flights.

## FUNDRAISING

### Collections

**Biddulph/Packmoor** Gift Aid £376.80, Non Gift Aid £190.63, Total £567.43. **Goldenhill** Gift Aid £221.00, Non Gift Aid £136.09, Total £357.09. **Kidsgrove** Gift Aid £222.50, Non Gift Aid £139.70, Total £362.20.

**Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Weekly Draw:** 1st Prize £20, No.122 T Madden; 2nd Prize £10, No.185 M Cope; 3rd Prize £5, No.26 T Giannasi.

### Christmas Raffles

#### St Patrick's Hampers

Tickets will be going on sale soon for the Hamper Raffle. There will be a list in the porch for items to be donated for the hampers.

#### St John's

If you have any new unwanted gifts, bottles of wine, whisky etc and would like to donate to the raffle please bring to church and hand to Hilary Kent or collection can be arranged by ringing the parish office.

Tickets will be on sale soon.

#### St Joseph's SVP

The SVP will be holding their Christmas raffle, with tickets on sale on 2nd and 9th December. The draw will be after Mass on the 9th. Any prizes please hand to the SVP.

**APF Red Boxes** Box holders at Kidsgrove are requested to bring their boxes to church for counting during November. Thank you for your continued support.

## DEANERY & BEYOND

### Celebrating Marriage Week

**2019** 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 Archdiocese would still like to hear from anyone who has been married a long time.

### Carol Singing at the Royal Stoke University Hospital



The Hospital Chaplains would like to invite local congregations to come and sing carols around some of the hospital wards. It will take place on Monday 17th December, meeting at the Prayer centre, Main Building, Lower Ground 2 at 5.30pm for a 6pm start. If this is something you would like to do please give your name to Fr Julian or ring the parish office before 7th December.

## DR 19

The Divine Renovation  
Conference 2019

comes to Birmingham!

7th to 8th February

Bethel Convention Centre  
Birmingham

*Parishioners are invited to attend this exciting event helping us to move in our parishes from maintenance to mission.*

Fr James Mallon, together with priests and lay leaders from parishes using the Divine Renovation model, will share their stories, experience and wisdom through a range of keynotes, seminars and interviews, interspersed with prayer and worship.

Cost is £199 (£175 for early bookers).

There will be a choice to stay in Birmingham overnight at extra cost, or to travel down each day.

If you have any questions, or would like to book for this exciting event please see Fr Julian as soon as possible.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

### Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. 'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

**KEY VERSE:** "When these things take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand. "

**TO KNOW:** Jesus often used the phrase "Son of Man" to refer to himself, calling to mind Christ's human nature. Although he came as a man, Jesus is also the divine Son of God who will come again in glory. Luke used apocalyptic language from the Hebrew Scriptures to describe the signs that would accompany Christ's return at the end of time. The universe would be shaken in anticipation of God's redemptive power. In the book of Daniel, one "like a Son of Man" ascended to the clouds of heaven to the throne of the "Ancient of Days". This imagery depicted the exaltation of the oppressed Jewish people, and later described the fullness of God's saving power present in the Messiah. Jesus' disciples should not fear these events; they must stand erect, like those preparing for the Exodus, confident that their redemption was near. Advent is a time to prepare ourselves for Christ's daily arrival in our lives.

**TO LOVE:** As you light the First Candle of the Advent Wreath pray for someone who needs Christ's light in his or her life.

**TO SERVE:** Lord Jesus, help me to be alert to the signs of your