

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

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

FIFTH & SIXTH SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 4TH & 11TH FEBRUARY 2018

## A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Once again we have a two week bulletin. The reason on this occasion is because I am going away this week for a few days of holiday. In fact, the people at St Patrick's won't be seeing on the 4th, because I'll already be on my way to northern Spain. Thanks to Fr Walsh who is supplying for me to help me get away. I won't be back until Friday. So that I don't have to get another bulletin together as soon as I land back, you have a double edition.

The mention of Spain might make you think of sunny beaches and warmth. Well, it won't be like that. The temperatures on the north coast next week look to be much like back in England. However, I am looking forward to going to cities like Bilbao,

Santander, and Vitoria, as well as the coastal towns, and the mountains. I'm hoping to get to say Mass in the shrines of Our Lady of Covadonga and of St Turibius of Liebana, and to visit the Monastery of Cobreces. I'm sure I'll be able to find some good winter fare too!

Last week we had the great book giveaway. If you didn't manage to get a copy of *Rediscover Jesus* we have a few left. But once they have gone, they have gone. This week we are distributing *Walk With Me* booklets and calendars. These are all for Lent, which begins on Wednesday 14th. Try to plan to get to Mass or a service with ashes on that day. Also think through what you are going to do for Lent. Giving something up is often all

people think about. Yes, do that. But take something up too. Maybe a Friday early morning Mass on the way to work, or Stations of the Cross, or come to a Holy Hour. It is a really important time of year, so how about trying to make this the best Lent ever?

Sunday 11th February is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is the World Day of Prayer for the Sick and Suffering. If you know someone who cannot usually come to Mass because of illness or frailty, why not offer to bring them to Mass on that day? This year I am not organising any pilgrimages. It is my aim to organise a pilgrimage to Poland in April 2019, so if you are interested...watch this space!

God bless you all.

## 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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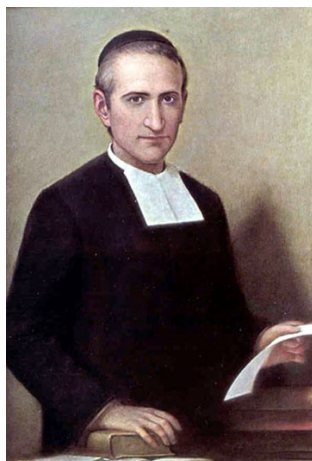
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## SAINT OF THE WEEK



### St Miguel Febres Cordero 1854-1910

Br Miguel was a De la Salle brother from Ecuador, who finished his life in Spain, but remains a national hero in his homeland. He had to battle with disability and with the opposition of his family to his vocation. After entering the Order, he became

known as a gentle and dedicated teacher, with great devotion to the Sacred Heart and Our Lady. He wrote textbooks which were widely used, and became renowned in education. He also gave retreats and was a great catechist. He was sent to Europe to translate his textbooks to French, but caught pneumonia and died

	<b>Biddulph</b>	<b>Goldenhill</b>	<b>Kidsgrove</b>	<b>Packmoor</b>	<b>The Sacrament of Forgiveness (Confessions)</b> <b>Kidsgrove</b> Sat 6pm <b>Biddulph</b> Sun 8.30am <b>Goldenhill</b> Sun 10.30am <b>Packmoor</b> No Confessions this week. Next week Sun 6pm	
<b>Saturday 3rd</b>			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Donald Green
<b>Sunday 4th</b> <b>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	11.00am 12.30pm		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Baptism Holy Mass	Int Tony & Teresa Dutton (40th Wedding Anniversary) Alan Stanley Michael Fleming
<b>Tuesday 6th</b> St Paul Miki & Companions			9.30am	2.15pm	Morning Prayer Holy Rosary	
<b>Saturday 10th</b> St Scholastica	9.15am		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Thanksgiving (Ss Rita & Anthony) John Gibson
<b>Sunday 11th</b> <b>Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Emile Feix Michael Meaney & Family People of the Parishes
<b>Monday 12th</b> Feria		9.00am 5.45pm 6.00pm	12noon		Day of Prayer for Vocation—Eucharistic Adoration all day Benediction Holy Mass	Holy Souls Margaret Coates
<b>Tuesday 13th</b> Feria	9.15am		9.30am	2.15pm	Holy Mass Morning Prayer Holy Rosary	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 14th</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <i>Day of Fasting &amp; Abstinence</i>	11.00am	9.30am 6.30pm	2.15pm	7.00am	Holy Mass Liturgy of the Word Holy Mass Liturgy of the Word Holy Mass	Private Intention Holy Souls Glenda Bennett (SVP)
<b>Thursday 15th</b> Feria	6.00pm				Holy Mass	Doreen Howles
<b>Friday 16th</b> Feria		7.00am	9.30am 10.00am	6.00pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Stations of the Cross Holy Mass	People of the Parishes Ellen & George McHugh Special Intention
<b>Saturday 17th</b> Feria	9.15am		6.30pm		Holy Mass Holy Mass of Sunday	Thanksgiving (Ss Rita & Anthony) Mark Foden
<b>Sunday 18th</b> <b>First Sunday of Lent</b>	9.00am 4.30pm	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Stations of the Cross Holy Mass	David Pooley Simon Doherty & Maughan Family Glenda Bennett

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**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
 Ash Wednesday is on 14th February this year. It is a day of obligatory fasting and abstinence. Everyone who is able, should also come to church to receive the ashes. It is not a Holy Day of Obligation—so Mass is not obligatory. We are distributing ashes at these times and places on Ash Wednesday.  
 7.00am Mass at St Patrick's  
 9.30am Liturgy of the Word at St Joseph's  
 11.00am Mass at English Martyrs'  
 2.15pm Liturgy of the Word at St John's  
 6.30pm Mass at St Joseph's  
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**DAY OF ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS**  
 You are invited to make Monday 12th February a day which gives honour to Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Blessed Sacrament, and to pray for Vocations to the priesthood and religious life. This day of prayer is at St Joseph's Goldenhill  
 9.00am Adoration begins with Morning Prayer of the Church  
 Adoration throughout the day, with visits by the school children mid-morning.  
 5.45pm Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
 6.00pm Holy Mass for Vocations  
*Please sign up on the watching list at the back of church.*

**ALPHA**  
 Alpha is up and running at St Joseph's once again, on Sunday afternoons at 3pm, finishing at 4.45pm. Afternoon tea, video presentation and discussion are what are involved. Friendship and welcome are included too. Maybe try out one of these sessions as a taster?

in Biddulph on Wednesday 28th February at 7pm. The event has now ***sold out*** on the website. However, if you have missed out on getting tickets, and would like to go, then we have a few tickets. Please see Tess Hall, or ask Fr Julian. But be quick!

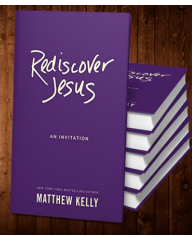
**Men's Disciple Group** At the moment we are doing a short course on the Eucharist in the Bible, with video presentations every few weeks. We next meet at St Joseph's on Friday 16th February at 7pm. All men are welcome to come along.

**Watoto Children's Choir Event**  
 The Ugandan children's choir are performing at James Bateman school


**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  

 You are invited to come and share in the Stations of the Cross during Lent in our churches. Here are the times and places where we will pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent:  
 Sunday 4.30pm English Martyrs'  
 Tuesday 2.15pm St Patrick's  
 Wednesday 6.30pm St Joseph's  
 Friday 10.00am St John's  
*Stations of the Cross begin on the first Friday of Lent.*

**On Fire!**  
 19th to 24th May 2018  
 St Joseph's Goldenhill  
*Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal*

  
**On Fire**  
**Set the world ablaze!**  
 You are invited to be part of our great Pentecost Festival, On Fire! We need people who are willing to help with the practical side of the event. We also need ideas for outreach—inviting as many people as possible to be part of it. Our next meeting will be on Ash Wednesday, 14th February, at St Joseph's at 7.30pm.

**Your Invitation to ..... Rediscover Jesus**  

 Last week we handed out copies of Matthew Kelly's *Rediscover Jesus*. There are a few copies remaining. For those who wish, parishioners at St John's invite you to come on Mondays of Lent, beginning on 19th February. There will be tea and coffee and the opportunity to share what you have discovered. Begins at 10.30am and ends by 11.45am.

**FRIDAYS OF LENT**  
 The Fridays of Lent are the weekly remembrance of the Passion and Death of the Lord. It is a day when we should try to do something extra. This year we offer especially to those going to work the opportunity to get the day off to a good start.  
 6am to 7am Eucharistic Adoration in St Joseph's  
 7am Mass at St Joseph's followed by light breakfast (tea & toast)  
 9.30am Mass at St John's  
 10am Stations of the Cross at St John's  
 6pm Mass at St Patrick's

**LENT HOLY HOURS**  

 This Lent we are inviting people to come together on Thursday evenings for an hour of led prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. If you never know how to pray in Eucharistic Adoration or how to pray in silence, come along and learn how to spend time with the Lord. Each Holy Hour begins at 7pm  
 22nd February at St Joseph's  
 1st March at English Martyrs'  
 8th March at St John's  
 15th March at St Patrick's  
 22nd March at St Joseph's

## FUNDRAISING

### Collections

**Biddulph/Packmoor** Gift Aid £326.00, Non Gift Aid £224.06. Total £550.06.

**Goldenhill** Gift Aid £304.00, Non Gift Aid £168.60. Total £472.60.

**Kidsgrove** Gift Aid £198.05, Non Gift Aid £144.54. Total £342.59.

**Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Draw** Weekly: 1st Prize £20, No.53 S Robinson; 2nd Prize £10, No.193 M Crompton; 3rd Prize £5, No.33 M Lovatt. Reminder the monthly subs are due this week.

**Cake Sales** Goldenhill UCM will be having a cake sale after Mass on Sunday 11th February at **St Joseph's**.

**Biddulph & Packmoor 125 Club** The 125 club subs are due in February. You can either pay £51 for the year or split it and pay £26 now and £25 in August. Cheque payments should be made payable to 'English Martyrs' Church, Biddulph'. The total raised to date is £54,501 so thank you for your continued support. There are numbers available if you would like to join, please phone Mary on 514829.

**APF Red Boxes** If you have a red box from Biddulph or Packmoor, then please bring them to church during February to be emptied and counted. Thank you.

## DEANERY & BEYOND

**Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage to Lourdes** The dates for this year's pilgrimage are Saturday 26th May to Friday 1st June. There are various hotel options; the cheapest is £715 by Air for 6 nights (single room supplement £150) or £434 by coach for 5 nights (single room supplement £125). This year we are not arranging a parish group. If you wish to go with the Diocese, please ask Teresa in the parish office for details and booking forms

**Vocations Mass** Everyone is invited to come to the annual Deanery Vocations Mass. It is going to be at St Giles' church in Cheadle on Tuesday 6th February at 7pm. The celebrant and preacher is Fr Michael Dolman, the Diocesan Vocations Director.

**The Great Commandment** The Dominican sisters are organising a St Thomas Aquinas Residential Study Weekend at St Dominic's Convent, Stone starting on Friday 23rd February and ending on Sunday 25th. The cost is £150 for the whole weekend (all meals included) or £25 (Saturday only, includes lunch). To book a place contact Sr Valery Tel: 01785 81209 or email: valeryewalker@yahoo.co.uk

### Parish Priest's Open House

The next Parish Priest's Open House, when Fr Julian can be seen, is on Monday 12th February from **6.30 to 7.30pm** at St Joseph's Presbytery. There will be an open house most Mondays at the same time. Please call to confirm on the day to ensure that the open house is on.

### Sanctuary Lamps

*This week the lamps are dedicated for:*

English Martyrs: Ellen O'Sullivan RIP

St John's: Lisa Griffiths; John Gibson; Pat Dodd (JC)

St Joseph's: Kathleen Steele

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

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

Welcome to the family of the church to Zachary Paul Moran who is to be baptised today at St Joseph's.

### Reception & Confirmation

Welcome to full communion with the Catholic Church to Daniel Horton. Congratulations to Daniel and to Jennifer Smart who were confirmed on Thursday at English Martyrs'.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

### Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

### Preparing the Gospel

Recognising Jesus to be a holy man, the leper did the unthinkable; he rushes up and approaches Jesus. He believes Jesus can heal him, but he was not sure if Jesus will want to heal him. "If you wish, make me clean." Then Jesus does the unthinkable, he stretches out his hand and touches the untouchable thereby incurring ritual uncleanness. Jesus tells the rejected man: "Of course I want to heal you. Be made clean." Jesus' touch heals the man not only on a physical level but also on a social and spiritual level. He no longer feels rejected by the community or by God. The leper is told not to tell anyone about his healing—but how does one contain wonderful good news? So he runs off and tells everyone. The man is told to go to the priest so he can get a certificate declaring himself clean, enabling him to once again mix with the community and worship with them.