

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

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY 25TH MARCH 2018

## A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

Last Sunday was blighted once again by the 'beast from the east'. Snow on Saturday and Sunday meant that Masses (except at St Patrick's) were not so well attended. It is absolutely right that older and less able parishioners should not come out in this sort of weather. Let us pray that Holy Week and Easter will not be affected by a return of cold weather.

I had invited Teresa Kehoe from Aid to the Church in Need last week, thinking that by this time all the bad weather would be over. She was able to come, and through collections and sale of goods did make almost £1000. We will have a further collection for ACN later in the year as the work they do is so good for persecuted Christians around the world.

This week is the greatest week of the Church's year, and I ask you particularly to make effort and sacrifice to come and be part of it. The great liturgies of Holy Week, especially at the end of the week, proclaim very dramatically the passion and death of our Saviour. There are other types of service that we are offering this year. I would especially like to invite parents and families to come to the two evening services we are having in St Joseph's and English Martyrs' on Tuesday and Wednesday. There will be a gift for each of the children who come to the services. These will be relaxed but devotional, and I hope that you will be able to invite members of your family who would not normally come to church to these. We also have the

family Stations of the Cross at midday on Friday, and it will be great to see children there too, at St John's.

We are taking our faith out onto the streets this week. On Thursday we will make the Stations of the Cross on Biddulph High Street. It is a sad sight to see a small group doing this. So please, come from all parts of our parishes to this, and make this a real witness to our faith. Also on Friday, we will have a walk of witness around Kidsgrove, as we did last year. Again, good numbers please for this public witness.

I look forward to seeing you all this week. Please take a Holy Week leaflet to remind you of what's on. Plan your week so that it doesn't simply pass like any other week!

## 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

## CLERGY & STAFF

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## SAINT OF THE WEEK



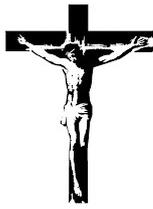
### St Peter Regalado 1390-1456

Peter was from Valladolid in Spain. He came from a pious and noble family. After his father died, he was admitted to the Franciscans at the age of 13. He entered the friary at Aguilera, where he lived a devout life. Soon after he was ordained priest, he became the superior of that

community. The friars outdid each other in a life of poverty and service. Peter particularly excelled in fasting, living on bread and water, and charity, caring for the hungry and sick. It is said that as long as Peter kept giving food to the poor, the bread never ran out. His body was found incorrupt 36 years after his death.

|  | Biddulph                            | Goldenhill                  | Kidsgrove         | Packmoor         | The <b>Sacrament of Forgiveness</b> (Confessions)<br><b>Kidsgrove</b> Sat 6pm, Fri 12.30pm<br><b>Biddulph</b> Sun 8.30am, Tue 10am, Thu 8.45pm, Fri 7pm<br><b>Goldenhill</b> Sun 10.30am, Mon 5.30pm, Fri 2pm<br><b>Packmoor</b> Sun 6.00pm, Sat 12.30pm                              |  |
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| <b>Saturday 24th</b>                           |                                     |                             | 6.30pm            |                  | Holy Mass of Sunday   | Teresa & Mark Foden  |
| <b>Sunday 25th</b><br><b>PALM SUNDAY</b>       | 9.00am<br><br>4.30pm                | 11.00am                     |                   | 6.30pm           | Holy Mass<br>Holy Mass<br>Stations of the Cross<br>Holy Mass  | Special Intention<br>Alice Edwards<br><br>People of the Parishes                                   |
| <b>Monday 26th</b><br>Holy Monday              | 11.00am                             | 12.15pm<br>6.00pm<br>6.30pm |                   |                  | Stations of the Cross led by the School<br>Funeral Service<br>Holy Mass<br>Stations of the Cross  | Winifred Jackson RIP<br>Margaret Hickson (SVP)   |
| <b>Tuesday 27th</b><br>Holy Tuesday            | 9.15am                              | 7.00pm                      | 9.30am<br>2.15pm  | 2.15pm           | Holy Mass<br>Morning Prayer<br>Holy Mass<br>Stations of the Cross<br>Holy Week Service  | Thanksgiving (Ss Anthony & Rita)<br><br>Mary Dunning   |
| <b>Wednesday 28th</b><br>Spy Wednesday         | 7.00pm                              | 9.30am                      |                   |                  | Holy Mass<br>Holy Week Service  | Canon JJ Welch   |
| <b>Thursday 29th</b><br><b>Maundy Thursday</b> | 12noon<br><br>7.30pm<br><br>10.00pm | 9.30am                      |                   |                  | Stations of the Cross led by the School<br>Stations of the Cross Biddulph Town Centre (Town Hall)<br><br><b>THE SOLEMN PASCHAL TRIDUUM</b><br><br><b>Mass of the Lord's Supper</b><br>Watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight<br>Holy Hour (Led prayer at the Altar of Repose) | Frank Smithson   |
| <b>Friday 30th</b><br><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>       | 6.00pm                              | 8.30am<br><br>3.00pm        | 10.30am<br>12noon | 7.30pm           | Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br>Kidsgrove Walk of Witness<br>Stations of the Cross for Families<br><b>Solemn Liturgy of the Passion</b><br><b>Liturgy of the Passion</b><br>Stations of the Cross  |  |
| <b>Saturday 31st</b><br><b>Holy Saturday</b>   |                                     | 8.30am                      |                   | 12noon<br>8.00pm | Office of Readings & Morning Prayer<br>Seven Sorrows of Our Lady Devotion<br><b>Easter Vigil Mass</b>   | People of the Parishes   |
| <b>Sunday 1st</b><br><b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>      | 9.00am                              | 11.00am                     |                   | 6.30pm           | <b>Holy Mass &amp; Blessing of the Font</b><br><b>Holy Mass &amp; Blessing of the Font</b><br><b>Holy Mass</b>  | Karol Grolik, George & Barbara Connell<br>Michael & Val Fryer & Culshaw Family<br>Winifred Maughan |

HOLY WEEK SERVICES



Do you want to...

Hear the message of Holy Week made simple?

Come to Church, but not sure about the long Holy Week services?

Bring your children and family to church at this important time?

Then come to one of our Holy Week Services

St Joseph's Goldenhill, Tuesday 27th March at 7pm

English Martyrs' Biddulph, Wednesday 28th March at 7pm

There will be a gift for all the children

And tea, coffee, and hot cross buns for all

A great opportunity to invite people to come to church!

*On the Street with Jesus*



Once again this Maundy Thursday we will go out on the streets of Biddulph for Stations of the Cross

Bring the Cross to the people of Biddulph, inviting them to pray a station or two with us as we make the Way of the Cross on the High Street. Meet outside the Town Hall for a prompt start at 12noon.

***Come and walk with Him!***

**Parish Priest's Open House**

The next Parish Priest's Open House, when Fr Julian is available to be seen, is on Monday 26th March at St Joseph's Presbytery from **7.00pm to 7.30pm (a change to the normal time)**. After that, the next Open House will be on Monday 23rd April at 6.30pm.

PARISH REGISTERS

**Deaths**

Of your charity please pray for the soul of Winifred Jackson. The funeral service will be at St Joseph's on Monday 26th March at 12.15pm, followed by burial at Burslem cemetery.

*Requiescat in Pace.*

The Friendship Club is our monthly meeting for older people. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 27th March, 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 transport please contact Matt Ford on 07587034299.

**Men's Disciple Group** We are coming to the end of our present series of men's discipleship meetings, looking at the Eucharist in the Bible. Our next meeting will be on Friday 6th April at 7pm at St Joseph's. All men are welcome to come.

**Thank you** to all who brought food for the bring and share lunch for St Patrick's day. It was marvellous!

DIVINE RENOVATION DAY

*...with Fr James Mallon*

You will all have heard of Divine Renovation, the book by Fr James Mallon, and at the heart of the new initiatives we are following in our churches. Fr Mallon will be in London on Wednesday 9th May for a day conference, 9am to 5pm. If you would like to go, please see Fr Julian. The day is free of charge but there will be transport and food costs.

It would be great to have people come along on this day and hear the message of Divine Renovation!

**On Fire!**

19th to 24th May 2018

St Joseph's Goldenhill



**On Fire**

*Set the world ablaze!*

*Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal*

You are invited to be part of our great Pentecost Festival, On Fire!

We will begin with a Novena of the Holy Spirit, from 11th to 19th May, inviting all our parishioners to pray this Novena, whether in church or at home.

Each day there will be a Novena Mass at 12noon with the Novena prayers.

The Festival begins with Sunday Masses on 19th & 20th May and an invitation to the young people of our parishes on Sunday afternoon.

From 21st to 24th May, we will have a daily programme including early morning Adoration and Mass (6am to 7.30am), morning Mass with 'meet the team' (9.30am), and the evening services (7pm) with the following themes:

Monday: 'The Father who loves'

Tuesday: 'The Father who forgives'

Wednesday: 'The Father who heals'

Thursday: 'The Father who sends'

During the rest of the days, the team will go into our schools and work with the children and young people.

We will need volunteers with leafleting, providing refreshments and other tasks, so please come to our meeting on Wednesday 11th April at 7pm at St Joseph's.

**PLEASE NOTE:** The minimum donation for large 24 hour votive candles has now gone up to £1. For the small 2 hour it remains 20p.

## FUNDRAISING

### Collections

**Biddulph/Packmoor** Gift Aid £323.50, Non Gift Aid £177.07. Total £500.57.

**Goldenhill** Gift Aid £204.00, Non Gift Aid £118.87. Total £322.87.

**Kidsgrove** Gift Aid £125.50, Non Gift Aid £69.70. Total £195.20.

**Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Draw** Weekly: 1st Prize £20, No.158 N Cooke; 2nd Prize £10, No.137 T Clarke; 3rd Prize £5, No.89 M Kilgariff. Monthly: 1st Prize £75, No.47 P Waring; 2nd Prize £50, No.140 J Cliff; 3rd Prize £25, No.149 C Hulme. Reminder the monthly subs are due on the 1st April.

**Biddulph & Packmoor 125 Club** If you don't already have a number please consider subscribing. You pay £1 a week, collected quarterly or half yearly, for your chance to win a weekly & monthly cash prize. For more details contact Mary Jarvis on 514829.

**Collection Envelopes** The new boxes of envelopes for English Martyrs' & St Patrick's are available to collect at Mass today.

## DEANERY & BEYOND

**Evening for Parish Readers** All the readers in our churches are asked to attend a Deanery training session at St Teresa's Trent Vale on *either* 17th *or* 24th April at 7.30pm.

**Study Weekend** There will be a St Thomas Aquinas study weekend at St Dominic's Convent, Stone on 13th to 15th April. The cost is £150 if residential (£80 for low income) or £15 with lunch for non residential. For more details on the weekend contact Sr Valery on 01785 812091 or email: [valerywalker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:valerywalker@yahoo.co.uk)

**Divine Mercy Sunday**  
8th April 2018



*When Jesus appeared to St Faustina he asked that a Feast of Mercy be held on the Sunday after Easter.*

You are invited to keep Divine Mercy Sunday at St Augustine's Meir. Exposition and Benediction at 2.30pm. Confessions from 1.30pm.

## LENTEN ALMS

**Last week** The collection for Aid to the Church in Need raised £604.66 and a further £394.00 from sales.

We received a letter from the Leprosy Guild asking to convey their gratitude and appreciation for the collection we sent.

### Volunteer with Fr Hudson's Young at Heart Team

Can you help our Young at Heart team reach more isolated older people in North Staffordshire. We are looking for befrienders to visit people at home and keep them company for a while. All volunteers will be given training, travel expenses, a regular newsletter and ongoing support. If you'd like to get involved call the team on 01782 269990

### Sanctuary Lamps

*This week the lamps are dedicated for:*  
St John's: Frank & Bernard Smithson  
St Joseph's: John & Mary Leese

*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

### John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

### Preparing the Gospel

**KEY VERSE:** "He saw and believed" (v.8).

**TO KNOW:** The night was over and the morning light of the new creation was beginning to dawn. In the garden of the resurrection, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb while it was still dark, grieving over the death of her beloved Lord. When she discovered that the stone closing the entrance to the tomb had been rolled away, she feared that the body of Jesus had been stolen. Mary ran to tell Peter and John, and the two disciples raced to the tomb to see for themselves. John (the "disciple whom Jesus loved," Jn 20:2), arrived first and peered into the empty tomb. The shroud was still there; the body had not been stolen. Then John allowed Peter, the elder Apostle, to enter the tomb first and see for himself. Peter was slow to understand the meaning of the empty tomb, but John was convinced of Christ's resurrection; he "saw and believed" (v.8). Like John, we see no physical evidence of the Risen Christ, yet we know in faith that he is alive in the world and in the hearts of all who believe in him.

**TO LOVE:** Where will I discover the Risen Lord today?

**TO SERVE:** Risen Lord, thank you for bringing your light into the darkness of our world.