

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

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 13TH MAY 2018

## A WORD FROM THE PARISH PRIEST

On Wednesday, this week, I was in London to attend the Divine Renovation day with Fr James Mallon. The day took place at Holy Trinity, Brompton, the place where Alpha was begun and where its HQ is. I was asked to do an interview on stage for ten minutes during the morning to talk about some of the aspects of Divine Renovation. About 650 people were there, and it was exciting to be at the heart of a crowd of people who are looking for the renewal of the Church in our country through the renewal of parishes.

Unfortunately, we don't really have parishes any more. I don't mean the bricks and mortar, nor do I mean the area, or territory, of parishes. What I mean is that most Catholic

parishes in our country are now merely Mass centres. They consist of churches which open for Mass, but little else. And yet a parish, understood as a cell of the Church, should be a lively place, which serves as a centre not only for prayer but for Catholics to come together to help one another in fidelity to God, and to serve others through witness and charity.

I am praying that our present Novena and then the On Fire! mission will begin a new movement of the Holy Spirit among us: to wake us up, to live fully as the Church in our parishes. The message of Our Lady of Fatima, whose feast day is today, is simple: prayer and penance. These are the things which will draw the Holy Spirit to us, and fire us up.

We have begun the Novena already. I would love to see more of you come to the Novena Masses each day, and to come together in this prayer, calling on the Holy Spirit to come to us, to begin the 'New Pentecost' of which Pope St John speaks in his prayer.

To prepare for the Mission, we need people to deliver the leaflets to people's homes. On the table at the back of St Joseph's there are piles of leaflets ready to be taken out. This table needs to be cleared and all the leaflets delivered this week! We have our final planning meeting for the Mission—everyone is invited—on Wednesday at 6.30pm and the training for 'prayer ministry' at 7.30pm. I am quite excited about the Mission, and hope you are too!

## 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 Simon Stock 1165-1265

Simon was born in Aylesford in Kent. Nothing is known of his life until he went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land as a young man with some Carmelites, which drew him to the Order. However, he brought about a change in the Carmelites, making it a more community based

Order, founding houses in Oxford, Cambridge, and other University towns in Europe. While in Cambridge, Simon received an apparition of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, who gave him the brown scapular, and promised that whoever would wear it devoutly would be assured of salvation. The scapular is still popular with Catholics.

## MASSES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

	Biddulph	Goldenhill	Kidsgrove	Packmoor	The <b>Sacrament of Forgiveness</b> (Confessions) <b>Kidsgrove</b> Sat 6pm <b>Biddulph</b> Sun 8.30am <b>Goldenhill</b> Sun 10.30am <b>Packmoor</b> Sun 6.00pm	
<b>Saturday 12th</b>			6.30pm		Holy Mass of Sunday	Denis & Bridget Culhane
<b>Sunday 13th</b> <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	11.00am	1.00pm	6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass & Novena Prayers Baptism Holy Mass	John Orme Michael Meaney & Family People of the Parishes
<b>Monday 14th</b> <b>St Matthias</b>		11.30am 6.00pm			Pentecost Novena Mass Holy Mass	Holy Souls Alice Edwards
<b>Tuesday 15th</b> Feria of Easter	9.15am	11.30am	9.30am	2.15pm	Holy Mass Morning Prayers Pentecost Novena Mass Holy Rosary	Int Josie Gannon Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 16th</b> Feria of Easter		11.30am			Pentecost Novena Mass	Holy Souls
<b>Thursday 17th</b> Feria of Easter	6.00pm	11.30am			Pentecost Novena Mass Holy Mass	Holy Souls Bill Johnson
<b>Friday 18th</b> Feria of Easter		11.30am		6.00pm	Pentecost Novena Mass Holy Mass	Holy Souls Winifred Maughan
<b>Saturday 19th</b> Feria of Easter <i>Vigil of Pentecost</i>		11.30am	6.30pm		Pentecost Novena Mass Vigil Mass of the Feast	Holy Souls Winefride & Leonard Atherton
<b>Sunday 20th</b> <b>PENTECOST</b> <b>SUNDAY</b>	9.00am	11.00am		6.30pm	Holy Mass Holy Mass Holy Mass	Mary Nixon Bailey & Plant Families People of the Parishes



### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. The thirteenth of May 1917 was the first day on which Our Lady appeared to the three little shepherds—Lucia Santos, and her cousins St Francisco and St Jacinta Marto. Our Lady then appeared to them on the 13th day of each month (with the exception of August, when the children were detained by local authorities) until 13th October. In the course of the apparitions, Our Lady appealed to everyone to pray the Rosary and to fast. In addition, Our Lady also called on people to be devoted to her Immaculate Heart, to turn away from sin, and to pray for the Conversion of Russia. The prayer we say between the decades of the Rosary “O my Jesus” is the prayer Our Lady of Fatima asked to be prayed.

**On Fire!**

19th to 24th May 2018

St Joseph's Goldenhill

*Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal*

It's only a week until the beginning of our Pentecost Festival, On Fire! Here is the programme of the Mission:

Saturday 19th May

6.30pm Pentecost Vigil Mass at St John's Kildgrove Sunday 20th May

Sunday 20th May

9.00am Pentecost Sunday Mass at English Martyrs' Biddulph

11.00am Pentecost Sunday Mass at St Joseph's Goldenhill

3.30pm Young People's gathering with the Mission Team at St Joseph's

6.30pm Pentecost Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Packmoor

*At all the Masses, Fr Bernard Murphy will be the Preacher.*Monday 21st May

6.00am Eucharistic Adoration

7.00am Mass

9.30am Mass with Homily followed by refreshments with the Mission team

Visits to the primary schools

7.00pm Mission Service: 'The Father who loves'

Tuesday 22nd May

6.00am Eucharistic Adoration

7.00am Mass

9.30am Mass with Homily followed by refreshments with the Mission team

Mission Team in St Margaret Ward

7.00pm Mission Service: 'The Father who forgives'

Wednesday 23rd May

6.00am Eucharistic Adoration

7.00am Mass

9.30am Mass with Homily followed by refreshments with the Mission team

Mission Team in St Margaret Ward

7.00pm Mission Service: 'The Father who heals'

Thursday 24th May

6.00am Eucharistic Adoration

7.00pm Mission Service: 'The Father who forgives'

Followed by bring and share refreshments

**On Fire**

Set the world ablaze!

**MASS & PROCESSION****IN HONOUR OF****OUR LADY OF GRACE**

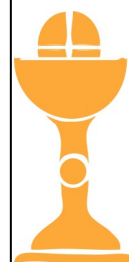
Our Lady of Grace is the patroness of our partnership of parishes, and of our school in Biddulph.

To honour her, and to celebrate the feast, we invite you to come to a Mass at English Martyrs' Church on Friday 25th May at 9.15am, followed by a Rosary Procession to Our Lady of Grace School where we will renew the School's consecration to Our Lady.

**Care Home Prayer Service**

Our monthly prayer service for the elderly will be at Ravenswood, The Avenue, Kildgrove on Tuesday 22nd May at 11am. We

would love to see more parishioners coming and bringing the light of faith to residents. Come and meet us at the home.

**Chalice Prayer Programme**

During this month, the Deanery wooden chalice and print of the call of St Matthew are in English Martyrs' Church as a focus to pray for vocations. We have already had a very good day of Adoration for Vocations. We will have a Holy Hour to pray for Vocations on Sunday 27th May at 4pm at English Martyrs'.

**Rosary before Mass** During the month of May, we pray the Rosary in Church before our Saturday evening and Sunday Masses. We need volunteers! If you are willing to lead, then please see Fr Julian. Next week: The Sorrowful Mysteries.

**English Martyrs & St Patrick's****Spring Fayre**The *new date* for our spring fayre is**Saturday 9th June**

10am to 12noon

at Biddulph Town Hall

We need volunteers to help with the stalls and to provide refreshments.

We also need raffle prizes. Please sign up on the lists at the back of church. We also need saleable items.

Most of all **we need bottles** for the bottle stall. Please bring a bottle (drinks or anything in a bottle) to English Martyrs or St Patrick's next Sunday!

**Prayer Ministry** One of the things we will be offering to people after over the course of the On Fire! Pentecost Mission week is to pray with them. The Lord promised us that, where two or three are gathered in his name, he is there. Physically praying with people, rather than just promising to pray for someone, is very powerful. In the Alphas we have had, you will have experienced this type of prayer. If you would like to find out if this is something you could help with, please come to a training session at St Joseph's on Wednesday 16th May at 7.30pm. No previous experience required, and no obligation!

## FUNDRAISING

### Collections

**Biddulph/Packmoor** Gift Aid £,415.50 Non Gift Aid £221.22. Total £632.72.

**Goldenhill** Gift Aid £171.00, Non Gift Aid £189.22. Total £360.22.

**Kidsgrove** Gift Aid £215.00, Non Gift Aid £103.31. Total £318.31.

**Second Collections:** This week we will have collection for Catholic Communication.

**Goldenhill & Kidsgrove 200 Club Weekly Draw** 1st Prize £20, No.6 M Aylward; 2nd Prize £10, No.8 P Chappell; 3rd Prize £5, No.85 W Walley.

**APF Red Boxes** Could box holders at Kidsgrove bring their boxes to church for counting. Thank you.

### Sanctuary Lamps

*This week the lamps are dedicated for:*

English Martyrs: John Orme  
St John's: Richard Twomey; Sharon Wood; Howle, Davenport & Crotty Families

St Joseph's: Kenneth Jones

*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

The next Parish Priest's Open House, when Fr Julian is available to be seen, is on Monday 14th May 6.30 to 7.30pm at St Joseph's Presbytery. There will be no Open House on 21st May because of the Mission, nor on 28th May because of the Bank Holiday.

### Practical Workshops for Catechists

Organised by Maryvale Institute and open to all Parish Catechists the aim of the evening is to share lots of practical help and advice and provide resources. The next workshop will be Parish Preparation for Confirmation Candidates, on Tuesday 22nd May at Holy Trinity, Newcastle, 7pm - 9pm.

### Volunteer Gardeners

Fr Hudson's are appealing for volunteers to cut lawns for older people in the local area. They have seen an increase in the numbers needing this service so even if you can only do one garden a week it would make a difference, enabling people to stay in their homes. If you'd like to volunteer please call the young at heart team on 01782 269990. Expenses and equipment will be provided.

The **Adoremus** National Eucharistic Congress is taking place from 7th to 9th September in Liverpool. There are still tickets available to be part of this national event in honour of the Blessed Sacrament. The cost of the tickets for Friday or Saturday is £40.

The Friday and Saturday sessions include inspiring talks including by Bishop Robert Barron, of the Catholicism video series, and Cardinal Vincent Nichols.

Go to [www.birminghamdiocese.org/adoremus](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org/adoremus) to book your place.

### Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Stone

Everyone is invited to come to the annual day pilgrimage to Stone, on Saturday 26th May at St Dominic's Convent, Stone starting at 10.45am. There will be a Rosary Procession at 2pm followed by Vigil Mass for Sunday at 3.15pm. Pilgrims will need to bring their own picnic lunch but tea and coffee will be provided.

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

Welcome to the family of the church to Daimon Charlie Moore who will be baptised at St John's today.

## NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

### John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes,  
whom I shall send to you from the Father,  
the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father,  
he will be my witness.  
And you too will be witnesses,  
because you have been with me from the outset.  
'I still have many things to say to you  
but they would be too much for you now.  
But when the Spirit of truth comes  
he will lead you to the complete truth,  
since he will not be speaking as from himself  
but will say only what he has learnt;  
and he will tell you of the things to come.  
He will glorify me,  
since all he tells you  
will be taken from what is mine.  
Everything the Father has is mine;  
that is why I said:  
*All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'*

### Preparing the Gospel

**KEY VERSE:** "You too will be my witnesses"

**TO KNOW:** : The great harvest that Jesus promised (Lk 10:2) had begun at Pentecost, which the Jews dedicated to the gathering and offering of the first fruits (in Hebrew *Shavuot*, 50 days after Passover). The Christian feast of Pentecost, which occurs 50 days after Easter, marks the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples (Acts 2:1-4). The Gospel passage we read on Pentecost Sunday this year is from the 'farewell discourses', the words Jesus speaks to his disciples on the night he was betrayed, as recorded in St John's Gospel. Jesus tells his disciples that he will be leaving them very soon, but that in his place will come the 'Advocate' (in Greek, Paraclete which is the word for a barrister or advocate, someone called upon to assist us). This Advocate is the Holy Spirit which comes from God the Father. It is the Holy Spirit who witnesses to what Jesus has said and done, and will remind the disciples of all that Jesus said, did and will teach them what they have not yet learned. In turn he will empower the disciples to go and be witnesses to Jesus.

**TO LOVE:** In what ways has the Holy Spirit empowered my life?

**TO SERVE:** Holy Spirit, help me to bring peace and forgiveness to others.