

## MASSES AND SERVICES

<b>Vigil</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>		<b>Thu</b>		<b>2 Apr</b>
7.00	Bernard Dixon		9.10	Tom Jolly	
			11.00	SCH No Mass	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5th Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>29 Mar</b>	<b>Fri</b>		<b>3 Apr</b>
9.30	The Parish		9.10	Robert, Nellie & Joseph Delaney	
11.00	Franciska Ambrazeviciene		4.00	Stations of the Cross	
6.30	Roy Singleton				
<b>Mon</b>		<b>30 Mar</b>	<b>Sat</b>		<b>4 Apr</b>
9.10	Peter Maddocks		9.30	Birthday memories of Mary Stead	
<b>Tue</b>		<b>31 Mar</b>	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	
9.10	Stephen Mercer (Sick)		7.00	Winifred Pattinson	
<b>Wed</b>		<b>1 Apr</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	<b>5 Apr</b>
9.10	John Taylor		9.30	Tom & Hannah Spicer	
			11.00	Dec'd Members of Brownedge Club	
			6.30	The Parish	

**Exposition:** Each Day 4.00-5.00pm; Sat 10.00—10.30

Holy Rosary: Each Day 8pm

### Spiritual Communion:

Since Pius X encouraged more frequent reception of communion in the 1920's the practice of "spiritual communion" has become less well known. However, in his final encyclical as Pope, St. John Paul II explained that the practice of spiritual communion has "happily been established in the Church for centuries and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life. Saint Teresa of Jesus wrote: 'When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you'" (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 34).

### Prayer for Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

### This Week's Prayers for Salford Diocese:

We pray for the people of the parish of St. Mary, Oswaldtwistle, and Fr. Sean O'Brien, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and for Mount Carmel High School.



HOPE

IN THE FUTURE

*Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!*

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## ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

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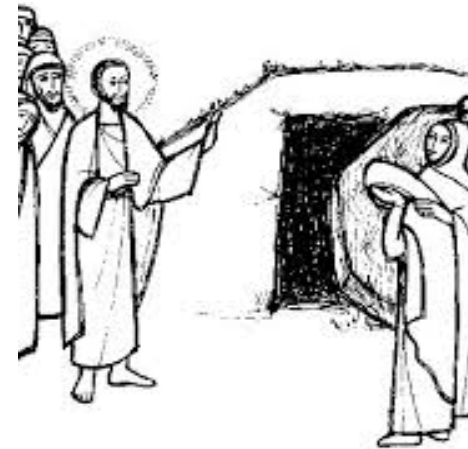
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### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**James Darwen, Raymond Garratt** lately dead

**The sick, and the housebound of the parish and those who care for them,** especially

Margaret Roxburgh, Eddie Gough, Joyce Crook, Brenda Towers,

Margaret Riley, Ryan Womack, Terry Heaney,

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time,** Kathleen Hunt, Joseph Brian Boyes,

Elizabeth Cuerden, Margaret Mary Johnson, William Burgess, Denis Shaw

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

29 March 2020

**TODAY:  
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

The Gospel at this Sunday's Mass is the raising of Lazarus from the dead. The key part in this gospel is not so much the miracle of raising Lazarus but the miracle of the encounter between Martha and Jesus: just like in the past 2 Sundays we have seen the encounter the woman at the well and the blind man at the pool of Siloam the healing is much deeper than just physical it is a healing of their very being which enables them to proclaim Jesus as their Lord: 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.'

This Sunday throughout the country each Church is rededicating our land as **"The Dowry of Mary"**.

**Offerings**

**Please try to post your offertory donations and any Mass intentions through the Letterbox of the Priory which is locked inside**

**200 Club**— draw will take place this weekend.

**Cycle of Prayer: Lent** : We are asked to pray for Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers; Survivors of Sexual Abuse.

**Special Prayer Intention:** We pray for all those affected by the corona virus at this time; may those who are infected be healed quickly and may those who are living in isolation know the support and love which surround them. We pray for doctors, nurses, scientists and all who working so hard to be given the strength and courage they need to respond to

this crisis. We pray that the spread of the virus will soon be brought under control.

**Next Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord: 3 Apr**

We are looking into what way we might be able to celebrate the liturgies of Holy Week. We will try to keep you informed via the online streaming, Facebook page and the website.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** Our parish pilgrimage to the Holy Land has been rescheduled for 14-21 Sept.

**Parish Website:** our new website is now available: [www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk) We hope to be able to add news and updates more easily very soon.

**Streaming:** Our live streaming service is available on our website or via [www.churchservicestv.org](http://www.churchservicestv.org)

**Facebook:** Our parish Facebook page carries many important and interesting updates, from the parish, the diocese and the church throughout the world. If you use Facebook, please "like" our page and share some of the items on your own Facebook page: a simple but effective way to do your bit of evangelisation.

**Women's Refuge:** could you please help to get 35 Easter Eggs for the children? These can be left in the porch of St Benedict's Monastery.

**Festival:** Brownedge Festival Committee regrets to announce that Festival 2020, which was due to be held at St Mary's Brownedge from 2-8 May 2020 will now be cancelled. Cheques sent for flowers will be shredded.

**Food Bank:** This will try to continue as best we can. The stocks are running low here too! We are trying to move to a delivery service. If you are able to donate any non-perishable food please bring it to the porch of St Benedict's Monastery where deposits will be checked regularly. Many of the helpers are in the vulnerable category themselves so more help may be required in order to continue.

**Cancellation of Public Liturgies and closure of Churches:** It is with great sadness that the decision has been taken to cancel all public Masses and Liturgies and to keep all Churches closed in this time of crisis. This applies to the whole of the UK and Ireland and many other parts of the world. These are unprecedented times and we have tried to implement some ways to cope. Obviously, these may evolve over the next few days and weeks.

**Mass:** the obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday is dispensed. It is **not** a sin because you are unable to attend. Fr Mark and Fr Colin will continue to celebrate Mass in communion with each of you, the Church throughout the world and all the angels and saints in heaven. You can view these masses on the parish website or: [www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge](http://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge)

**Mass Sheets and Newsletters:** These will be posted on the website and on the Facebook page along with other notices and prayer resources.

**Holy Hour:** we will try have an hour of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 4pm—5pm each day, available on live streaming.

**Holy Rosary:** we will try to continue the practice of praying the rosary in church each evening at 8pm, available on live streaming

**Spiritual Communion:** When you are not physically present at Mass you can make a spiritual communion. An explanation of this is on the back of the newsletter.

**Sick Visits:** These must be limited to only essential visits. Eucharistic Ministers should try to stay in touch via a phone call and pray the prayers which they would normally do over the phone. Priests will visit in serious cases to administer anointing and viaticum.

**Offerings:** Please try to continue your financial support of the church. You can make your offertory contribution by putting your envelope

through the letterbox of the Priory or if you normally give loose money, put it in an envelope and put it in the letterbox. If you would like details of the parish account to donate by online banking please send an email or phone message and we will pass on the details.

**Confessions:** It is not possible at the moment to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation. Pope Francis has issued the following statement: "I know that many of you go to confession before Easter; many will say: 'I cannot leave the house and I want to make my peace with the Lord. I want Him to embrace me; How can I do that unless I find a priest?' Do what the catechism says. It is very clear. If you don't find a priest to go to confession, speak to God. He is your Father. Tell Him the truth: 'Lord, I did this and this and this. Pardon me.' Ask His forgiveness with all your heart with an act of contrition, and promise Him, 'afterward I will go to confession.' You will return to God's grace immediately. You yourself can draw near, as the catechism teaches us, to God's forgiveness, without having a priest at hand."

**Baptisms:** These are deferred for the present except in urgent cases.

**Funerals:** These can only take place at the graveside or at the Crematorium. They can only be a short service with close family and friends. We will offer a private Mass on the day enabling family and friends to join us online in prayer. We will hold more fitting memorial masses when this crisis has passed.

**Keeping in touch:** If you would like to receive a regular email from the parish, including the bulletin, please send in an email to Fr Mark: [mark.harold@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:mark.harold@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Phone a Friend:** if you would welcome a phone call for a chat please leave your name & number via a note, phone or email. Likewise those who would be willing to be "phone buddies".