

MASSES AND SERVICES

Holy Week

Vigil	Palm Sunday	4 Apr
7.00	Winifred Pattinson	
Sun	Palm Sunday	5 Apr
9.30	Tom & Hannah Spicer	
11.00	The Parish	
6.30	Songs of Praise	
Monday of Holy Week		6 Apr
9.10	Elizabeth Ormerod	
Tuesday of Holy Week		7 Apr
9.10	Kath & Diane Harvey	
Wednesday of Holy Week		8 Apr
9.10	Richard Worden	
7.00	Service of Reconciliation	

Exposition: 4.00-5.00pm; (each day except Good Friday & Holy Saturday)
Holy Rosary: Each Day 8pm

Easter Triduum

Maundy Thursday	9 Apr
9.30	Office of Readings
7.00	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday	10 Apr
9.30	Office of Readings
10.00	Stations of the Cross
3.00	The Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday	11 Apr
9.30	Office of Readings
8.00pm	The Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday	12 Apr
9.30	Easter Mass; The Parish
11.00	Easter Mass; Ann & Charles Sergeant
6.30	Easter Songs of Praise

All Services can be viewed live or on playback at any time on
www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk or www.churchservices.tv

Ask friends or family to set it up for you. You can usually plug a PC into your TV to watch it the big screen or with a Smart TV save the site in TV web browser

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.

Prayers for Salford Diocese:

Pray for our Bishop, John and all our clergy, especially those isolated and unable to minister in these days. Pray for all our people, especially those most vulnerable in our communities.



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

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 all those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time

The Donkey:

When fishes flew and forests walked
 And figs grew upon thorn,
 Some moment when the moon was blood
 Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
 And ears like errant wings,
 The devil's walking parody
 On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
 Of ancient crooked will;
 Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
 I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
 One far fierce hour and sweet:
 There was a shout about my ears,
 And palms before my feet.

GK Chesterton

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

5 April 2020

TODAY:

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Jesus makes his entry into Jerusalem being hailed as a King. So begins the most important week in our history. This Great Week the Son God enters the Holy City to face the evil of the world head on: to encounter it, to be betrayed, arrested, beaten, humiliated and put to death. This is our God who does not abandon us to the pains and evils of this world but takes them on and defeats them for us. Make the journey with Jesus this week; He is with us, he is doing this for us; can we remain with Him throughout this.

This Great Week

Holy Week is a time when we are usually at back and forward to Church many times for the great liturgies. This year will be like no other week any of us have ever experienced. We are called to be church in new and different ways. We cannot come to church but the church can enter our homes in a very special way to remind that **we are the church**. Celebrate this most sacred of times as best as you can. Timetable your own spiritual celebration of the ceremonies: join us at church online; perhaps watch some of the ceremonies from Rome of the Holy Father on vaticannews.va We need to nurture our faith more than ever in times which are very challenging. May this be a truly graced time for all of us and our families. Keep the Faith!

Songs of Praise: On Sunday evening at 6.30pm we will have a service of "Songs of praise" where will play recordings of some peoples' favourite hymns. If you want a hymn to be considered please send in an email or phone message. Mass is available on a recording from the morning Mass.

Reconciliation: We will hold a service of Reconciliation online on Wednesday at 7pm. This will enable examine our conscience and intercede for a spiritual forgiveness of our sins. A good preparation for Easter.

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

We are grateful to those who have put their weekly offering in over past 2 weeks, when we have not been able to come to Sunday Mass. Inevitably, the weekly collection is reduced to about a quarter of what it usually is so we do ask those who are able to donate to do so. If you use online banking please contact us for bank details. We are considering the best way to set up a charitable online giving scheme

200 Club: March winners: £200 Keith & Christine Morris; £60 Margot Ashe; £40 Shirley Fender. **Easter Draw Winners:** £200 Alf Taylor; £50 David Rowland; £25 Marie Craven. Winning cheques sent by post.

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.

Parish Website: our new website is now available: www.stmarysbrowndedge.org.uk Watch live streaming here or on www.churchservices.tv We hope to be able to add news and updates more easily very soon.

Women's Refuge: Many thanks for the donation of 48 Easter Eggs for the children.

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.

Mass: the obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday is dispensed as is the need to make "Easter Duties". 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 still "attend" Mass online. **Mass Sheets and Newsletters:** These will be on the website and on the Facebook page along with other notices and prayer resources. Also available outside the Priory.

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.

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 & Weddings: 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: 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".

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 way to do your bit of evangelisation.

Food Bank: Please leave donations for the Food Bank in the porch of St Benedict's Monastery where deposits will be checked regularly. We are grateful to those who are helping deliver food parcels.

Thanks: Many thanks for the many messages which we have received about the online services which we have been providing. It is very strange to say Mass in an empty church, especially one as large as ours! However we know it not empty. The stats suggest almost 2000 people tuned in for mass last Sunday. Messages have come from San Diego, Oregon, Majorca and places across the UK and Ireland. The rededication of England as the Dowry of Mary attracted such traffic that the servers could not cope. Our providers have been working to increase capacity this week.