

MASSES AND SERVICES: Easter Week Two

Vigil 7.00	2nd Sunday of Easter Bill Harrison & Margaret Dixon	18Apr	Thurs 9.30	St George, Martyr Peter Haythornthwaite	23 Apr
Sun 9.30	2nd Sunday of Easter The Parish	19 Apr	Fri 9.30	St Adalbert Jack & Gerty Woods	24 Apr
11.00	Baron Family		10.30	Burial of Terrance Stuart	
6.30	Songs of Praise		Sat 9.30	St Mark, Evangelist	25 Apr
Mon 9.30		20 Apr	Vigil 7.00	3rd Sunday of Easter Elizabeth Prescott	25 Apr
	John & Ellen Holt & James Robert Holme		Sun 9.30	3rd Sunday of Easter The Parish	26 Apr
Tues 9.30	St Anselm Jim & Kathleen Hudson	21 Apr	11.00	De'cd Members of Baron Family	
Weds 9.30		22 Apr	6.30	Songs of Praise	
	Mass for Primary School Francis John & Elizabeth Dowbakin				

Exposition: Each Day 4.00-5.00pm; **Holy Rosary:** Each Day 8pm

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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Message from Pope Francis

In the midst of our tempest, the Lord invites us to reawaken and put into practice that solidarity and hope capable of giving strength, support and meaning to these hours when everything seems to be floundering. The Lord awakens so as to reawaken and revive our Easter faith. In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side. The Lord asks us from his cross to rediscover the life that awaits us, to look towards those who look to us, to strengthen, recognize and foster the grace that lives within us. Let us not quench the wavering flame (cf. Is 42:3) that never falters, and let us allow hope to be rekindled.

From a homily on "the calming of the storm".

Urbi et Orbi 27 March 2020



Doubt no longer, but believe

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

19 April 2020

TODAY:

2nd Sunday of Easter

Today the Gospel tells us how Jesus appeared to the disciples on the evening of Easter Sunday but Thomas was not there and would not believe them. He appeared 8 days later (i.e. today) and Thomas was there. He saw and he believed. We ask the Lord to reveal Himself to us in times of doubt.

He is Risen, Alleluia!

This Week

We enter a 4th weekend where we are unable to attend Mass in person. This causes us great sadness but perhaps it is also an opportunity: everyone around us is thinking deeply about their lives and what is important; encourage our families and friends to engage with their spiritual lives. Let them know you are praying at home by attending Mass online. Invite them to join you. Even to pay a visit to church anytime during the day or night for a moment of reflection.

We will continue to have Mass at 9.30am each day during this time. Also a hour hour of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament from 4-5pm and Rosary at 8pm (Thursday at 8.05pm to join the appreciation of the NHS staff).

Try to join us online or watch the recording later in the day.

This year is like no other Easter Season which 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**. 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.

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 4 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.

200 Club: Thanks to all who support the 200 club. The organisers have passed on to the parish £5000 raised over the past six months or so. Your continued support is Much appreciated in these difficult days.

Special Prayer Intention: We pray for all those affected by the coronavirus 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 strength and courage to respond to this crisis. We pray that the spread of the virus will soon be brought under control.

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, Lesley Morris

Recently Died: Terence Stuart, Margaret Lloyd, Anne Hocking, Anne Stewart, Mary Turner and Francis Hardacre **and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

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 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. Make a regular and sincere act of contrition to receive the forgiveness we need. Go back and pray online the Reconciliation Service of Weds 8th April.

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”.

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. Many thanks to Morrisons in Bamber Bridge who have made weekly donations during this time.

Thanks: Many thanks for the many messages which we have received about the online services which we have been providing. If there is a devotion or event that you would like us to consider doing please let us know. The camera in church is obviously one-way but if someone is willing to organize a “Zoom” coffee morning where we can converse with each other as a group, or join in prayer together, please get in touch.

School Mass: We will have an “online Mass” for primary school children on Wednesday morning at 9.30am. This is for children and families of our primary school but others from elsewhere may like to join us—let them know about it.

Parish Website: our new website is now available www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk Watch live streaming here or on www.churchservices.tv We will post things on here to help stay in touch.

Facebook: Our parish Facebook page carries many 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.