

MASSES AND SERVICES: Easter Week Three

Vigil 7.00	3rd Sunday of Easter Elizabeth Prescott	25 Apr	Thurs 9.30	St Pius V Sr Anna Greenfield	30 Apr
Sun 9.30	3rd Sunday of Easter The Parish	26 Apr	Fri 9.30	St Joseph the Worker Intentions of the Cherry Family	1 May
11.00	De'cd Members of Baron Family		Sat 9.30	St Athanasius Dec'd Members of the Gorman Family	2 May
6.30	Songs of Praise		Vigil 7.00	3rd Sunday of Easter Ena Blackledge	2 May
Mon 9.30		27 Apr	Sun 9.30	3rd Sunday of Easter The Parish	3 May
	Ann Sargeant		11.00	Simon Fender	
Tues 9.30	St Peter Chanel; St Louis de Montford	28 Apr	6.30	Songs of Praise	
	Harold & Ellen Dixon				
Weds 9.30	St Catherine of Siena Mass for High School	29 Apr			
	Nancy Maxwell L/D				

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

If you need help to set it up ask friends or family. You can usually plug a PC into your TV to watch it on the big screen. If you have a "Smart TV" save the site in the 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:

We pray for the people of the parish of St. Augustine, Manchester, with Mgr John Daly, their parish priest. We pray for the Jesuit community at the Holy Name and for the work of the chaplaincy to Manchester University, Manchester Metropolitan University and the College of Music, for the Daughters of Charity, and for the parish primary school.



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Message from Pope Francis

In the present tragic situation, we fly to you, Mother of God and our Mother, and seek refuge under your protection. Virgin Mary, turn your merciful eyes towards us amid this coronavirus pandemic. Mother of God and our Mother, pray for us to God, the Father of mercies, that this great suffering may end and that hope and peace may dawn anew. Protect those doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the frontline of this emergency, and are risking their lives to save others. Support their heroic effort and grant them strength, generosity and continued health. Mary, Consolation of the afflicted, embrace all your children in distress and pray that God will stretch out his all-powerful hand and free us from this terrible pandemic, so that life can serenely resume its normal course.

Extract from a Letter to all the Faithful on the Feast of St Mark, 25 April 2020.



3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

26 April 2020

TODAY:

3rd Sunday of Easter

Today the Gospel tells us about one of the most dramatic and inspiring of the resurrection appearances of Jesus: “The Road to Emmaus”. Two of the disciples leave Jerusalem despondent, the dream is over. They walk away. Someone walks with along the 7 mile road, listens to their story and then begins to explain things. “Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us along the road. And then they recognized Him at the breaking of bread. Do we recognize the presence God and have the courage to stop walking away and turn back to our true calling?”

He is Risen, Alleluia!

This Week

We enter a 5th 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; there are many things being offered around the world to support our journey of 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.

Offerings: Please try to post your offertory donations and any Mass intentions through the Letterbox of the Priory which is locked inside. 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. Also, thanks to one recent winner who donated their winnings back to the parish! 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: Terry Stuart, Eunice Green, Nancy Maxwell, Anne Hocking, Patricia Gallagher, Kevin Firth **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”. 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** 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. 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.

Funerals: These can only take place at the graveside or at the Crematorium. We will offer an online Mass enabling family and friends to join us online in prayer. We will hold more fitting memorial masses when this crisis has passed.

Song for Mary: Fr Mark and Fr Joe are proposing to do an acoustic guitar session with hymns and reflections on Our Lady. It will probably be outdoors so that we can maintain safe distancing We will reflect on some Images of Mary and sing some Marian Hymns. If you have a special Marian Devotion or an image of Mary which you find helpful, please share it with us. It might be a statue, an icon, a painting, or a prayer. We look forward to your suggestions.

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: Thanks to all who helped make Mass for the primary school a success. This Wednesday our Mass will be especially for members of our High School, Brownedge St Mary’s. Staff and students will participate with readings and music

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.

Pope Francis: The Holy Father has issued a letter inviting us all to pray the rosary during the month of May. He also added two prayers which we might like to pray at the end of the rosary. Part of one is on the front of this newsletter; you can find copies of the prayers on the website, Facebook page and outside the front door of the Priory.

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.