

MASSES AND SERVICES: Easter Week Four

Vigil 7.00	4th Sunday of Easter Ena Blackledge	2 May	Thurs 9.30	Lucy Winifred Golding	7 May
Sun 9.30	4th Sunday of Easter The Parish	3 May	3.00	Graveside Funeral: Win Golding	
11.00	Simon Fender		Fri 9.30	Special Intention	8 May
6.30	Songs of Praise		Sat 9.30	Special Intention R& DS	9 May
Mon 9.30	The English Martyrs Michael Taylor (L/D)	4 May	Vigil 7.00	5th Sunday of Easter Richard Worden	9 May
Tues 9.30	Teresa Sagar (anniv)	5 May	Sun 9.30	5th Sunday of Easter Crowning of Our Lady; The Parish;	10 May
Weds 9.30	Robert, Nellie and Joseph Delaney	6 May	6.30	Songs of Praise	

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

Confession: make a sincere examination of conscience and act of contrition.
Watch the recorded Reconciliation service from Weds 8 April at 7pm

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:

Let us pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady, Moss Side, and St. Alphonsus, Old Trafford, for Fr. Pat Deegan, their parish priest, for their primary school and Loreto College, for the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Apparition and for the work of Cornerstone.



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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.



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

3 May 2020

TODAY:

4th Sunday of Easter

This is known as Good Shepherd Sunday and is the Day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and the religious life. The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is one of the most powerful images of the gospels. Today we hear an iconic line from the gospel of St John: “I have come that they may have life and have it to the full”. The reference is one of the easiest to remember: John: 10:10. In other words, to get full marks (ten out of ten) listen to this line and believe it. Live in the way mapped out for us by Jesus and we have life to the full—we get full marks! *He is Risen, Alleluia!*

This Week

We enter a 6th 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). The camera is on 24/7—pop in for a quiet moment of prayer at any time. Try to join us online or watch the recording later in the day.

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; prepare a sacred space in your home

with a crucifix, candle, bible, icon or some other religious article which you may have.

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.

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Easter 10 May: We will try to arrange for the statue of Our Lady to be crowned during the week and for it to be recorded. We hope to show the recording as part of our 9.30 Mass next Sunday. Please tell your friends so that they can join us. For the rest of this period we will only have one Mass on Sunday morning at 9.30am. This should come online to be viewed “as live” from approx one hour after the conclusion, as with all our services. Thus, there will not be a live Mass at 11am.

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. The diocese have set up an easy way of making online donations. There is a link to this on the page of the live stream.

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/>

200 Club: April Winners: 1st Prize: Joan Lees; 2nd: Dave Gorman; 3rd: Mary Loft-house. Your continued support is much appreciated in these difficult days.

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: Mary Ashton, Josephine Simmonds, Eunice Green, Nancy Maxwell, Fr Paul Dillon, Michael Taylor, Margaret Donnelly **and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time**

Pope Francis, the Month of May: 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.

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 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.

Thanks: Many thanks for the many messages which we have received about the online services which we have been providing. Messages have arrived this week from Houston, Colombia, Tanzania, Costa Rica, South Africa, Coventry, Burntwood, Blackburn, Glasgow as well as other various parts of the UK and Ireland; apologies if we cannot reply to everyone immediately but all messages are greatly appreciated and encourage us in continuing our prayer for all of us. If there is a devotion or event that you would like us to consider doing please let us know. The camera in church is 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.

Bidding Prayers: If anyone is willing to compose bidding prayers for Sunday Mass please contact Fr Mark.

School Masses Thanks to all who helped make the Masses for the primary school and the High School such a success. Watch on “catch up” recordings 22 & 29 April.

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

Facebook: Please “like” our parish Facebook page and share to your own page any articles which you find interesting. This is a really effective and simple way to do your bit of evangelisation. It can help to build up a real interest locally in our parish and the work of the Church in building the Kingdom of God. We all know how a virus can reach to places we think we have had no contact with—let’s spread the good news instead.

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.

SVP: The SVP send a big thankyou to all the parishioners who have donated to the SVP and especially to the very generous anonymous donor. The donations are extremely welcome since they are helping us to supply food and essentials to quite a number of families during the lockdown.

Podcasts: Fr Chris Gorton and John Griffin from the diocesan formation department have recorded a virtual pilgrimage to Rome with our own Fr Mark Harold this week. It is an audio recording which lasts about 50 mins. You can listen here: www.anchor.fm/ramblewiththesaints The episodes, “The Good News of Easter” and “Following the Example of St Joseph” also feature Fr Mark.

Catholic Press: Catholic Voice of Lancaster: There is no printed edition this month but you can find an electronic copy on our website. **The Universe and Catholic Times** have merged as one paper as from this week