

MASSES AND SERVICES: Easter Week Five

Vigil 7.00	5th Sunday of Easter Richard Worden	9 May	Thurs 9.30	St Matthias May & Frank Hewitt	14 May
Sun 9.30 6.30	5th Sunday of Easter The Parish Songs of Praise	10 May	Fri 9.30	Agnes & Paul Morcello	15 May
Mon 9.30	Intentions of Josie Francis	11 May	Sat 9.30	Jayne Horsfield	16 May
Tues 9.30	NHS Staff	12 May	Vigil 7.00	6th Sunday of Easter Elizabeth Prescott	16 May
Weds 9.30	Our Lady of Fatima Kathleen Bowman	13 May	Sun 9.30 6.30	6th Sunday of Easter The Parish; Songs of Praise	17 May

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: We pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady and St. John, Chorlton, and for Fr. Patrick McMahon, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and St. John Vianney school.



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!

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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.

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

*I am
the Way,
the Truth
and the
Life*

John 14:6

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 May 2020

TODAY:

5th Sunday of Easter

Jesus is giving his final discourse in the gospels over these couple of weeks. Today we hear 2 of the disciples, Thomas and Philip asking questions. It should be encouraging for us that the disciples sometimes questioned Jesus, not really understanding his meaning. Sometimes we all question God; do not be afraid of doing so; question Him rather than walk away from Him. But we must also remember to be patient as we try to understand the answer we receive.

He is Risen, Alleluia!

May Crowning of Mary: Today at our 9.30 Mass we will have a “virtual” crowning of Our Lady for the month of May. The crowning was done outside during the week both at St Mary’s and St Gerard’s with just a few people present but we will show the recording at Mass and make the recordings available on the websites. This was also due to be a special Mass for children and families on the sacramental programme so our readings have been prepared on video by some of our young people—A big thank you to them!

This Week

We hope that perhaps soon we may be able to return to Church in some form, even if only for private prayer. In the meantime please continue the practise as our faith as best we can. 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 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.

Song for Mary: Fr Mark and Fr Joe will do an acoustic guitar session with hymns and reflections on Our Lady this Sunday evening at 6.30pm. 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.

Sunday Mass: 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. 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.

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/

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: Ann Biddy, Alcie O’Malley, Helen Sharp, John Turner, Kathleen Bowman, Phyllis Kendall, Keith Carter, Brenda McHugh

Anniversaries: Winifred Farran

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.

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.

Parish Logo Competition: Calling budding artists or graphic designers: We would to have a logo which we can use on our parish information/letterheads. It might be just an image or could incorporate the title “St Mary’s Browndedge”. If you would like to submit any ideas for this please send them to Fr Mark. There will be a prize for the winning entry.

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 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: Many thanks for the continued generous donations to the Food bank. Please leave 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