

## MASSES AND SERVICES: Easter Week Six

<b>Vigil</b>	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>16 May</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Ascension of the Lord</b>	<b>21 May</b>
7.00	<i>Elizabeth Prescott</i>		9.30	<i>Margaret &amp; Jack Biggins</i>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>17 May</b>	11.00	Funeral of Michele de Souza	
9.30	<i>The Parish</i>		2.00	Funeral of Lesley Morris	
6.30	Songs of Praise		<b>Fri</b>	<b>St Rita of Cascia</b>	<b>22 May</b>
<b>Mon</b>		<b>18 May</b>	9.30	<i>Lesley Morris</i>	
9.30	<i>Betty Russell</i>		12.00	Funeral of Gerald Ward	
<b>Tues</b>	<b>St Dunstan</b>	<b>19 May</b>	<b>Sat</b>		<b>23 May</b>
9.30	<i>Margaret Donnelly</i>		9.30	<i>Michele de Souza</i>	
4.30	Funeral of Michael Freeman		<b>Vigil</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>23 May</b>
<b>Weds</b>	<b>St Bernadine of Siena</b>	<b>20 May</b>	7.00	<i>Bernard Dixon</i>	
9.30	<i>Jack &amp; Annie Jenkins</i>		<b>Sun</b>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b>	<b>24 May</b>
			9.30	<i>The Parish;</i>	
			6.30	<b>Songs of Praise</b>	

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**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](http://www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://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

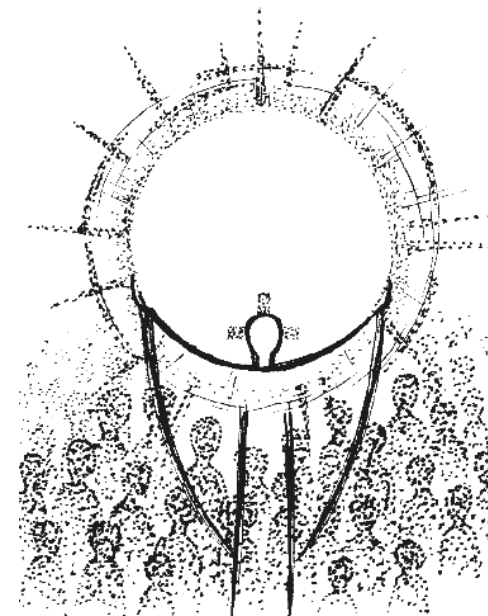
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly 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 St. John Henry Newman, Urmston, Davyhulme and Flixton, and for Fr. Kieren Mullarkey, their parish priest, and for Fr. David Quiligotti. We pray for their parish primary schools and for the chaplaincy to the Trafford Hospital.



**HOPE**  
IN THE FUTURE

*Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!*



### 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.*

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

17 May 2020

## TODAY:

### 6th Sunday of Easter

Today we hear a further part of Our Lord's final discourse to his disciples in John's Gospel. He tells the disciples they will not be left as orphans once he has returned to His Father: the Father will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth! It is interesting that He notes that world will not recognise the Spirit as the world does not live in relationship with God. Thus, it is by a **personal relationship with God** that we become fully alive.

**May Crowning of Mary:** A big thank you to everyone who helped put together our video of the crowning of Our Lady. It is on our website and Facebook page. Please share it with your friends.

### This Week

Please continue the practise of 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.

**Reopening Churches:** We hope that it may be possible to reopen churches soon, at least for private prayer. It is clear that there will have to be some restrictions and safeguards put into place. This will include, monitoring and controlling safe distancing, cleaning and disinfecting and perhaps other, as yet unknown, needs. We will be seeking to recruit volunteers to be trained and carry out these tasks for the parish. Please send in your name and contact details if you are willing and able to volunteer in one of these roles.

**Song for Mary:** Fr Mark and Fr Joe will do another session of 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.

**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:** Thank you for your financial support of the parish, especially at this challenging time for so many people. 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/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### The sick, and those who care for them:

Margaret Roxburgh, Eddie Gough, Joyce Crook, Brenda Towers, Margaret Riley, Ryan Womack, Terry Heaney, Giovanni Puzo, Jeremy Barton

**Recently Died:** Lesley Morris, Michael Freeman, Michele De Souza, Gerald Ward, Mollie Boyes, Canon John Duckett, Fr Peter Gooden

**Anniversaries:** May & Frank Hewitt, Letitia Harold

**Virtual Coffee Morning:** Next Saturday, 23 May at 10.30am we will try to hold an online coffee morning using the website or app “Zoom”. Anyone who would like to join please email our host, Charlotte Ledson with your email address or mobile phone number and she will send you an invitation to join: send emails to: [chocoholic130@hotmail.com](mailto:chocoholic130@hotmail.com) Any suggestions for discussion or ways of running a virtual raffle are most welcome!

**Thank you:** To everyone who continues to join us online for our services.

**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.

**Parish Logo Competition:** Calling budding artists or graphic designers: We would like 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.

**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](http://www.stmarysbrowndedge.org.uk) Watch live streaming here or on [www.churchservices.tv](http://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. 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. 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](http://www.anchor.fm/ramblewiththesaints) The episodes, “The Good News of Easter” and “Following the Example of St Joseph” also feature Fr Mark.

**Mass Intentions:** We cannot always fit Mass intentions into our regular parish schedule. These intentions have been received and will be celebrated in the coming days at Masses other than our parish mass: Mary Turner; Norbert Hardacre; Thanksgiving for successful surgery, Diane & Kath Harvey, Brenda McHugh, May Hewitt, Letitia Harold, Canon John Duckett, Joan Hindle, Intentions of the Cherry Family, Thanks for Sr Mary Clarke and all priests and nuns who have served our parish.