

## MASSES AND SERVICES: Easter Week Seven

<b>Vigil</b> 7.00 <i>Bernard Dixon</i>	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> <i>The Parish</i>	<b>23 May</b>	<b>Thurs</b> 9.30 Lesley Morris	<b>28 May</b>
<b>Sun</b> 9.30 6.30 Songs of Praise	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> <i>The Parish</i>	<b>24 May</b>	<b>Fri</b> 9.30 Margaret Lomax	<b>29 May</b>
<b>Mon</b> 9.30 <i>Keith Carter</i>	<b>St Bede the Venerable</b> <i>Keith Carter</i>	<b>25 May</b>	<b>Sat</b> 9.30 Isa Gani Asilia	<b>30 May</b>
<b>Tues</b> 9.30 Christopher Chapman & Muriel May	<b>St Philip Neri</b> Christopher Chapman & Muriel May	<b>26 May</b>	<b>Vigil</b> 7.00 Michael Jones	<b>30 May</b>
<b>Weds</b> 9.30 Florence Spicer	<b>St Augustine of Canterbury</b> Florence Spicer	<b>27 May</b>	<b>Sun</b> 9.30 <i>The Parish</i> ; 6.30 Songs of Praise	<b>31 May</b>

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### ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

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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. Ambrose, Chorlton, and for Fr. John Hitchen and Fr. Michael Deas. We pray for their parish primary school.



**HOPE**  
IN THE FUTURE

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



#### Ascension

Salute the last, and everlasting day,  
Joy at the uprising of this Sun, and Son,  
Ye whose true tears, or tribulation  
Have purely wash'd, or burnt your drossy clay.  
Behold, the Highest, parting hence away,  
Lightens the dark clouds, which He treads upon;  
Nor doth he by ascending show alone,  
But first He, and He first enters the way.  
O strong Ram, which hast batter'd heaven for me!  
Mild lamb, which with Thy Blood hast mark'd the path!  
Bright Torch, which shinest, that I the way may see!  
O, with Thy own Blood quench Thy own just wrath;  
And if Thy Holy Spirit my Muse did raise,  
Deign at my hands this crown of prayer and praise

*John Donne - 1571-1631*

7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

24 May 2020

## TODAY:

### 7th Sunday of Easter

There are 9 days which lie between last Thursday's Feast of the Ascension and next Sunday's Feast of Pentecost. The disciples were left bereft and bewildered. What did they do? The first reading today tells us at the beginning of the Acts of the Apostles: they went to the Upper Room and the "prayed continuously". The foundation of the Church is built on prayer. That is what we are called to do in these 9 days.: Pray continuously and the something remarkable will happen as a result.

### 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.

**Pentecost Novena:** Please collect a copy of the Novena from the Priory or download from the website. It will be said in church each day this week at 4pm.

**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, Isa Gani Asilia, Teresa Cooper & Margaret Mahon, Cliff Turner.

**Virtual Coffee Morning:** Following on from this week's coffee morning we will hold another one next Saturday, 30 May at 10.30am 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.

**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. Spread the word!

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

**Parish Website:** Visit our website. This newsletter, announcements, live streaming and other resources can be found here:

[www.stmarysbrowndedge.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbrowndedge.org.uk)

**Facebook:** Please "like" our parish Facebook page and share with family and friends some of the things on it Also, when you share suggest to friends that they follow our page. 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.

**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)

**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:

**GIFT AID:** A big thank you to all those who Gift Aid their collection. As a result the parish will receive £10,589.22 from the Inland Revenue for the tax year 2019/20. This is a marked increase on previous years so thank you everyone who has signed up.

Remember you must have paid at least the same amount of tax to cover the reclaimed Gift Aid amount. i.e. if you give £10 per week that equals £520 per year and the parish claims £130, so you must have paid at least £130 tax in the year.

If anyone would like to know how much tax has been claimed from their Gift Aid donations, has any questions or wishes to start Gift Aiding, please contact John Kirkwood, Gift Aid Co-ordinator, 01772 312793.

**Syrian Refugee Group:** we are still trying to raise funds to support a family to come and live in our community. If you can help, please send in your donation in an envelope marked "Syrian Group Browndedge"

**Catholic Herald:** This is now a monthly magazine. Also available in a digital format if you subscribe: [www.catholicherald.co.uk](http://www.catholicherald.co.uk)