

## MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 9

<b>Vigil</b> 7.00	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> <i>Michael Jones</i>	<b>30 May</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ</b> <b>Eternal Priest</b>	<b>4 June</b>
<b>Sun</b> 9.30	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> <i>The Parish</i>	<b>31 May</b>	9.30	<i>Sergeant &amp; Knight Families</i>	
6.30	Songs of Praise		<b>Fri</b>	St Boniface	<b>5 June</b>
<b>Mon</b> 9.30	Mary, Mother of the Church <i>Mollie &amp; Colin Boyes</i>	<b>1 June</b>	9.30	<i>Gordon Watling (Ann)</i>	
<b>Tues</b> 9.30	Ss Marcellinus & Peter <i>Lesley Morris</i>	<b>2 June</b>	<b>Sat</b>	St Norbert	<b>6 June</b>
<b>Weds</b> 9.30	St Charles Lwanga & Companions <i>Peter Haythornthwaite</i>	<b>3 June</b>	9.30	<i>Maurice Cookson</i>	
			<b>Vigil</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>6 June</b>
			7.00	<i>Mary McCormack</i>	
			<b>Sun</b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>7 June</b>
			9.30	<i>The Parish;</i>	
			6.30	<b>Songs of Praise</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:** We pray for the people of the parishes of St. Ann and St. Hugh, Stretford, and for Fr. Gerald Murphy, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for St. Anthony's Catholic College, and for the Faithful Companions of Jesus.



**HOPE**  
IN THE FUTURE

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



### Pentecost

Today, more than ever, it is necessary to implore the Holy Spirit to pour forth into our hearts the life of God, who is love. Indeed, if there is to be a better future, our hearts must change for the better.

Today, our world is experiencing a tragic famine of hope. How much pain is all around us, how much emptiness, how much inconsolable grief.

Let us, then, become messengers of the comfort bestowed by the Spirit. Let us radiate hope, and the Lord will open new paths as we journey towards the future.

*Pope Francis ecumenical address for "Thy Kingdom Come". 31 May 2020*

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**31 May 2020**

## TODAY:

### Pentecost Sunday

Today, 1987 years ago, in an upper room in Jerusalem, a group of followers of Jesus who had been in continuous prayer for 9 days since the Lord's Ascension, were transformed from being a fearful group with no sense of purpose into **the Church**; a people inspired with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit who would go out and through the power of that Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth with message of the Gospel. Today is the birthday of the founding of the Church and as members of that church we should all rightly celebrate our birthday and be reinvigorated with a sense of purpose to renew the face of the world in our day. Happy birthday everyone!

### This Week

We come to end of the Easter Season. We enter back into Ordinary Time at least in our weekday calendar but three of the next four Sundays are taken up with feasts which occur as a consequence of the birth of the church: The Blessed Trinity, Corpus Christi, & Ss Peter & Paul. So we begin the 9th week in Ordinary Time but we don't get many "ordinary" Sundays in June. The month of June is also the month of special devotion the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**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.** 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 Songs of Praise:** Sunday 6.30pm

**Pentecost Novena:** Thanks to those who prayed the Novena. Let us now allow its effects to be seen in our lives and in our world.

**Reopening Churches:** The leaders of all faith communities are in dialogue with the government. Our bishops are trying to show that we have the means of coping with a safe reopening. Salford have proposed a phased reopening of a handful of churches for private prayer to see how things might work. St Mary's will be one of first group of churches to try out these measures but it may be another few weeks before this can happen. We need 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.

**Sunday Mass:** During this period we will have a Vigil on Saturday evening at 7pm and a Sunday morning Mass at 9.30am. If you cannot join live, you are able to watch "as live" at any time from approx one hour after the conclusion, as with all our services.

**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, Michele De Souza, Gerald Ward, Isa Gani Asilia, George Boland,

Margaret Lomax, Monica Cox

Anniversaries: Michael Jones, Gordon Watling, Christopher Chapman, Muriel May.

**First Holy Communion:** A big thank you to all the families who were able to take part in the video "Passing on the light of Christ". It is available on our Facebook page. For the next unit we are asking parents to collect the workbooks from the Priory and we will prepare a video session for the parents.

**Women's Refuge:** A request for colouring books, paper, pencils and craft items for children. Can be left at 13 Brown Lane or in the Monastery porch. Many thanks.

**Virtual Coffee Morning:** Saturday mornings 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!

**Song for Mary:** Thanks to everyone who supported our May "Songs for Mary". There was a very good response from near and far and perhaps it has reminded us that when we are able travel again to look out for the many images of Our Lady which are honoured in so Catholic communities throughout the world. We hope to put an article on the website about the various images and hymns we used.

**Parish Logo Competition:** Still lacking any entries for the logo design. Please pass the word on to family and friends who may be 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 Brownedge". 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.

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

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

[www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbrownedge.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.

**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 Brownedge"

**CAFOD:** Many parts of the world do not have our resources to combat Covid 19. Cafod have a special Coronavirus appeal to help. You can donate at [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) Many thanks for all your continued support.