

## MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 15

<b>Vigil</b> 7.00	<b>15th Sunday in OT</b> <i>Elizabeth Prescott</i>	<b>11 July</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Our Lady of Mount Carmel</b> Patron of Salford Diocese	<b>16 July</b>
<b>Sun</b> 9.30 11.00 6.30	<b>15th Sunday in OT</b> <i>The Parish</i> <i>Special Intention</i> <i>James Darven</i>	<b>12 July</b>	9.30	<i>Intentions of Mothers Prayer Group</i>	
<b>Fri</b>			<b>Fri</b>		<b>17 July</b>
9.30	<i>James &amp; Letitia Harold</i>		9.30		
<b>Mon</b>	<b>St Henry</b>	<b>13 July</b>	<b>Sat</b>		<b>18 July</b>
9.30	<i>Frank Ogden</i>		9.30	<i>Mary Christina McGinty</i>	
<b>Tues</b>	<b>St Camillus of Lellis</b>	<b>14 July</b>	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>16th Sunday in OT</b>	<b>18 July</b>
9.30	<i>Special Intention</i>		7.00	<i>Bill Harrison &amp; Margaret Dixon</i>	
<b>Weds</b>	<b>St Bonaventure</b>	<b>15 July</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>16 Sunday in OT</b>	<b>19 July</b>
9.30	<i>In Thanksgiving : 25th anniversary of Fr Mark's ordination</i>		9.30	<i>Joan Whittle</i>	
			11.00	<i>Eileen Stirrup—return of good health</i>	
			6.30	<i>The Parish</i>	

Please respect all the current safety guidelines.

Church open for private prayer: Monday to Friday: 5pm to 6pm.

Online Holy Rosary: Each Day 8pm

Confession: Sat: 10-10-30 outside in the churchyard by the back door of the sacristy, weather permitting or by appointment.

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. Joseph, Reddish, for Fr. Philip Caldwell, their parish priest, and for its parish primary school. Pray also for all our clergy at this difficult time



**HOPE**  
IN THE FUTURE

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

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## ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

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### Prayer intention of Pope Francis for July:

The family ought to be protected.

It faces many dangers: the fast pace of life, stress...

Sometimes, parents forget to play with their children.

The Church needs to encourage families and stay at their side, helping them to discover ways that allow them to overcome all of these difficulties.

Let us pray that today's families may be accompanied with love, respect and guidance, and especially, that they may be protected by the State.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

12 July 2020

## TODAY: 15TH SUNDAY YEAR A

Today we hear the parable of the sower: the grace of God is scattered freely and lands in all types of different ground; we are called to try to maintain rich soil in our lives so that when that grace can be active in the very depths of our being. What steps might I make to do some “weeding” in my life?

### Resuming Public Masses:

The Church wants to ensure that the safety of people is paramount so we will proceed with small steps and will require some trial and error. **Thus, there is no rush to return to Mass; the Sunday Mass obligation is still dispensed while we try to implement a safe way for us to celebrate.** Every church building must have a risk assessment and a calculation made as to how many people it can hold observing 2 metre social distancing. Smaller buildings may apply the “1 metre+” principle but then people have to wear face coverings.

We have resumed having public Mass since last Monday and all seems to have gone smoothly. Many thanks to the stewards who have helped so much in guiding and then remaining to clean all the pews and “touch areas” after each Mass. We could not open without this great service. Different churches and dioceses are applying the guidelines to suit their situations. Please note the following for our situation:

St Mary’s Brownedge can accommodate approx 80 individual people with 2 metre safe distancing (3 people per alternate pew) This number increases with every household or bubble being able to sit together. Please indicate to the stewards at the door how many you are and they will show you where to sit. We do not think it will be necessary to have a booking system at the moment. If we do reach capacity a steward will take your name and number and we will call you so that you can reserve a seat at an upcoming Mass If you are able to come to

weekday Mass that might spread the numbers so that everyone could get to Mass once a week at some point. Please respect the guidance of our stewards. You are asked **not to kneel down** as this may reduce a safe distance to someone sitting 2 rows in front.

The hosts will be covered with a pall while on the altar to reduce risk of any droplets while the priest prays the consecration. The priest or minister will sanitise their hands immediately before and after distributing Holy Communion. Some churches are distributing Holy Communion at the very end and people are asked to make their way out immediately. This is not ideal as a theology of communion and we do not believe this is necessary in our church: you will be guided to Holy Communion section by section and receive only in the hand with arms outstretched across a table; you will be asked to return to your place by a circuitous route.

The Mass will be kept quite short; there will be no communal singing, any Mass sheets are single use only and you should take them away with you; you might want to bring your own missal or tablet with you. There will be no offertory collection or procession of gifts; there will be a collection box by the entrance and exit; you are asked to put your offertory money in as you enter or leave, or you may continue the practice of putting it through the presbytery letterbox.

We will continue to have Mass at 9.30am each day during this time and Rosary at 8pm. The online celebrations will continue as they have done; we know that one of the bless-

### 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, Tony Wilkinson, Margaret Cherry, **Recently Died:** Irene Parkinson, Mary Christina McGinty, Fr Arthur Neary, Mgr Georg Ratzinger

ings to arise out of this pandemic is that we can bring the church into our homes in a very special way: **we are the church.** We will try to remember to include the prayer for spiritual communion for those at home as we have done throughout the time of closure.

**Opening for Private Prayer:** Those who are uncomfortable about coming to Mass may prefer to call in for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. We will continue a holy hour between 5 & 6pm from Monday to Friday. Thanks again to the stewards who have volunteered to be present to facilitate this.

**Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals:** these can now be celebrated in church but are subject to different rules enforced by the government with a limit of 30 people.

**Confession:** it is now possible for priests to hear confessions but it is recommended that this is done outdoors. A priest will be available in the churchyard by the back door of the sacristy on Saturdays from 10-10.30, if the weather permits, or by appointment with one of the priests.

**Fr Mark’s Silver Jubilee:** Fr Mark is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on 15 July. We had hoped to have a parish celebration but, like so many other social gatherings in these times, we will postpone it until we are able to gather and celebrate properly. We will mark it at the 9.30am Mass this Sunday. On Wednesday, 15 July, Fr Mark will offer a Mass of thanksgiving; there will be a limit to the numbers who can come but you may wish to join online.

**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. Thank

you to many of you who have set up standing orders during this time or increased your donation. We now have 49 standing orders which is fantastic. There is also an easy way of making online donations via the donate button on our website: [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/)

**Virtual Coffee Morning:** Saturday mornings at 10.30am using “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)

**Parish Logo Competition:** We have received quite a few suggestions for a parish logo. These will be assimilated and put onto a sheet for people to view and give some opinions. Once people see them they may inspire some further little changes to come up with the best option.

**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:** We now have 700 followers on Facebook; Let’s try to reach 1000. Suggest to family and friends that they follow our page. 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.

**Tender Nursing Care:** The charity, based in Bamber Bridge at the Ryan Medical Centre, offers overnight support if you are caring for someone at home with care needs. Tender Nursing Care offers a service, at no cost to the person, for up to 3 nights a week with a team of dedicated nurses and health support workers. If you feel you could benefit from this service, please call: Theresa Swan, Manager, tel. 07897 199101