

MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 16

Sat 7.00	16th Sunday in OT <i>Bill Harrison & Margaret Dixon</i>	18 July	Thurs 9.30	St Bridget Of Sweden <i>Jim & Mary Darby, Judith Darby and Miles Thompson</i>	23 July
Sun 9.30 11.00 6.30	16 Sunday in OT <i>Joan Whittle</i> <i>Eileen Stirrup—return of good health</i> <i>The Parish</i>	19 July	11.00	Funeral Mass: <i>Christopher Nihil</i>	
Mon 9.30	St Apollinaris <i>Christine Humphrey</i>	20 July	Fri 9.30	St Sharbel Makhluf <i>Bert Keany</i>	24 July
Tues 9.30	St Lawrence of Brindisi <i>Frank & May Hewitt</i>	21 July	Sat 9.30	St James, Apostle <i>Sr Gertrude McSweeney RNDM</i>	25 July
Weds 9.30	St Mary Magdalene <i>In Remembrance (JS)</i>	22 July	Vigil 7.00	17th Sunday in OT <i>Livesey & Summer Families</i>	25 July
			Sun 9.30 11.00 6.30	17th Sunday in OT <i>The Parish</i> <i>Gerald Ward LD</i> <i>Lucy Goldring LD</i>	26 July

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 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 St. Kentigern, Fallowfield and English Martyrs, Whalley Range with Canon Michael Cleary, their Parish Priest, for its parish primary school and St. Bede's College.



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IN THE FUTURE

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!

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Silver Jubilee

Many thanks for so many kindnesses on the occasion of my 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.

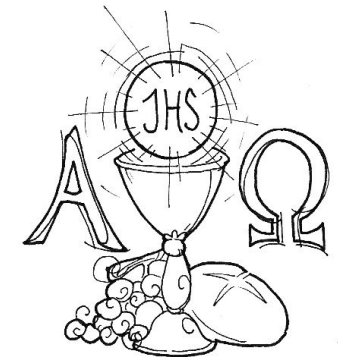
It would have been lovely to be able to celebrate in a fuller way with all of you and so many others who I have shared with at other stages of the journey but hopefully we can do that at a later date. I have been overwhelmed by so many beautiful cards, messages prayers, gifts and indeed the Papal Blessing from Pope Francis who is a constant encouragement to be, first and foremost, a servant in our ministry.

I have prayed in these days for all those people with whom I have celebrated the sacraments and ministered to in various ways over these 25 years and I thank God for them and that, despite my failings and weaknesses, He has in some way worked through me. I have been very blessed by those I have tried to serve.

In my cricketing days reaching a milestone figure such as 25 was a reminder to take a fresh guard and refocus and it is probably a good image for all of us as we strive to do the will of God in our lives.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church. (Eph 3:20).

God bless, Fr Mark.



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

19 July 2020

TODAY: 16TH SUNDAY YEAR A

Today St Paul in the 2nd reading gives us a little help how to pray: so often we don't know how to pray or to express in words that which lies deep within. St Paul says: "The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words". Take heart from these words and as we come to Mass, or say our prayers at home: simply place ourselves with all the prayers of our hearts into His presence and He will hear us and help us.

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 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 a 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 which 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 at 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.

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, Roland Eccles.

Recently Died: Christopher Nihill

During August there will only be one Mass on Sunday morning at 9.30am.

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 one; we know that one of the blessings 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. From Monday 27 this will reduce to Tuesdays and Thursdays only

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 10-10.30am, if the weather permits, or by appointment with one of the priests.

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. Also, the diocese have set up an easy way of making online donations. There is a link to this on the live stream.

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

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

Parish Logo Competition: We have now had a few submissions for the logo design. More would still be welcome. Please pass the word on to family and friends who may be 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 Brownedge". Submit any ideas for this to Fr Mark. There will be a prize for the winning entry.

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

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.

CAFOD: Cafod are working with the Disaster Emergency Committee to help those areas of the world which have been especially affected by the pandemic. Donations can be made at www.cafod.org.uk or hand in an envelope marked CAFOD Covid 19 appeal.