

MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 17

Sat 7.00	17th Sunday in OT <i>Livesey & Summer Families</i>	25 July	Thurs 9.30	St Peter Chrysologus <i>Special Intention</i>	30 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	Fri 9.30	St Ignatius of Loyola <i>Keany & Cullivan Families</i>	31 July
Mon 9.30	<i>Kevin Colman</i>	27 July	Sat 9.30	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori <i>Richard & Barbara Sharples</i>	1 Aug
Tues 9.30	<i>Anne & Charles Sergeant</i>	28 July	Vigil 7.00	18th Sunday in OT <i>Richard Worden LD</i>	1 Aug
Weds 9.30	St Martha <i>Kathleen & Diane Harvey</i>	29 July	Sun 9.30 6.30	18th Sunday in OT <i>Michele DeSouza LD</i> <i>The Parish</i>	2 Aug

Please respect all the current safety guidelines.

Church open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday & Thursday: 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.

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:

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Mary, Heaton Norris, and for Fr. Geoffrey Marlor, their Parish Priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for St. Anne's High School.



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!

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Wordsearch based on This Sunday's Gospel Reading

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

26 July 2020

TODAY: 17TH SUNDAY YEAR A

Today we hear Jesus speaking of the kingdom in parables. It challenges us to think about what we really value. Perhaps also these past few months have posed that challenge to us as well? What do we value? What is our treasure, our pearl of great price? Our Lord is telling us that we should treasure above all the things of the kingdom; “the Godly things” of our life and our world. Ask your self today what it is you value and is something that is a gift or grace from God.

Public Masses:

The Church wants to ensure that the safety of people is paramount so we will proceed with small steps. Thus, the **Sunday Mass obligation is still dispensed** while we try to implement a safe way for us to celebrate.

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. 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. Please respect the guidance of our stewards. You are asked **not to kneel down** as this may encroach within 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. 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; return to your place by a circular route. If you are not coming forward for Holy Communion or a blessing, you are asked to step into the aisle to allow those on your row to pass in or out easily

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.

Face Coverings: at this time face coverings are now mandatory in shops. They are not mandatory in churches due to the other measures we have in place. However, please do wear one if you wish to do so. The government guidelines read as follows: “You are also strongly encouraged to wear a face covering in other enclosed public spaces where social distancing may be difficult and where you come into contact with people you do not normally meet”. Please try not to gather in the entrance and exit areas.

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

Summer Mass times: from next Sunday and each Sunday in the month of August we not have an 11am Mass on a Sunday. Other Mass times will remain the same.

The online celebrations will continue as they have been; 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. We will continue the online recitation of the rosary at 8pm for the time being

Opening for Private Prayer: Those who are uncomfortable about coming to Mass may prefer to call in for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. In order to reduce the burden on our wonderful team of stewards, we are reducing the days on which we will open for private prayer to Tuesday and Thursday between 5 & 6pm. We would encourage you to take advantage of this beautiful time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, either in person or online.

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. 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

Parish Logo Competition: We are still working on putting the entrants together in a booklet for people to view.

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.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: those booked to go on the parish pilgrimage will have received a letter from the tour operator. We have asked him to give people the option to transfer their booking to 22-29 April next year. We would recommend this. Fr Mark and Fr Joe will both lead the pilgrimage next April. For those who would prefer to go as planned from 14-21 Sept, one of either Fr Mark or Fr Joe will lead that group. If you wish to transfer to next April please contact Adrian Duffy before 4 August: info@northernstartravel.com or 0161 773 2115. Also, those who had dropped out of the pilgrimage may now wish to reconsider the dates for next April.