

## MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 25

<b>Vigil</b>	<b>25th Sunday in OT</b>	<b>20 Sept</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Our Lady of Walsingham</b>	<b>24 Sept</b>
7.00	<i>Elizabeth Prescott</i>		9.30	<i>Diane &amp; Kath Harvey</i>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25th Sunday in OT</b>	<b>20 Sept</b>	<b>Fri</b>		<b>25 Sept</b>
9.30	<i>Philip Morris</i>		9.30	<i>Francis John &amp; Elizabeth Dombakin</i>	
11.00	<i>Michael Jones</i>		<b>Sat</b>	<b>SS Cosmas &amp; Damian</b>	<b>26 Sept</b>
6.30	<i>The Parish</i>		9.30	<i>Spicer &amp; Dombakin Families</i>	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>ST MATTHEW</b>	<b>21 Sept</b>	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>26th Sunday in OT</b>	<b>27 Sept</b>
9.30	<i>Margaret Rigby</i>		7.00	<i>Lesley Morris</i>	
<b>Tues</b>		<b>22 Sept</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>26th Sunday in OT</b>	<b>27 Sept</b>
9.30	<i>Intentions of the Family of Trevor Swindlehurst (LD)</i>		9.30	<i>The Parish</i>	
<b>Weds</b>	<b>St Pius of Pietrelcina</b>	<b>23 Sept</b>	11.00	<i>Harold &amp; Ellen Dixon</i>	
9.30	<i>Marion Crook</i>		6.30	<i>Christine Shaw (LD)</i>	

**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](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 Our Lady and St Patrick, Oldham, with Fr Michael Job, their parish priest, and Fr John Adio. We pray for their parish primary schools.



**HOPE**  
IN THE FUTURE

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

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### Message from Pope Francis :

To emerge from a pandemic, we need to look after and care for each other. And we must support those who care for the weakest, the sick and the elderly. Ah, there is the tendency to cast the elderly aside, to abandon them. And this is bad. These people - well defined by the Spanish term "*cuidadores*" (caretakers), those who take care of the sick - play an essential role in today's society, even if they often do not receive the recognition and recompense they deserve. Caring is a golden rule of our nature as human beings, and brings with it health and hope. Taking care of those who are sick, of those who are in need, of those who are cast aside: this is a human, and also Christian, wealth.

*General Audience 16 Sept 2020*

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

**20 September 2020**

## TODAY: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel Jesus gives a parable which shows the generosity of God's love and grace. We tend to focus on it being unjust that those who come at the 11th hour get the same wage, but what we should focus on is the amazing gifts we receive rather than dwelling on what other people receive: "Why be envious because I am generous?"

### Public Masses:

Please note: the introduction of the limit 6 people meeting together **does not apply** to Church worship. We can continue as we have done in recent weeks with the appropriate measures in place. If you wish to chat, please do this **outside** of church and not in groups of more than 6 people.

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**.

So far we have been comfortably within the number which we can safely accommodate. For information the numbers at Mass last weekend was: **Sat Vigil: 52; Sun 9.30: 82; Sun 11am: 26; Sun 6.30: 37.** (Total: 197). Weekday Masses have been averaging approx. 30 people per day; Holy Hour on Tues and Thurs attracts about 10 people.

We can accommodate over 100 people (3 seating positions per alternate pew). Please indicate to the stewards at the door how many you are and they will show you where to sit. 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 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; 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: Face-coverings are mandatory in church.** People with respiratory issues, children under 11 years of age and some other people are exempt. Face-coverings can be removed by readers as they read the scriptures. The Priest and, if used, Eucharistic Ministers need only wear a face-covering when off the sanctuary and distributing Communion.

We will continue to have daily Mass at 9.30am each day during this time and Rosary at 8pm. Services will remain available online; 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 continue the practice of spiritual communion for those at home.

**Opening for Private Prayer:** Those who are uncomfortable about coming to Mass may prefer to call in for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Hour will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 5—6pm 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.

**Food Bank:** volunteers needed for clerical support and food delivery drivers. Please contact the Parish Office or Geoff Yeomans.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### The sick, and those who care for them:

Lorna Bentley, Celia Wakefield, Ricci Pinto, Chris Ashton, Amy Lloyd, Barbara Davis, Margaret Roxburgh, Eddie Gough, Joyce Crook, Brenda Towers, Margaret Riley, Ryan Womack, Terry Heaney, Tony Wilkinson, June Gent.

**Recently Died:** Fr John McKeown

**Parish meetings and gatherings:** we still have to be very cautious about groups getting together for meetings. Any groups which meet must do so in a limited and restricted way.

**Confession:** it is 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. Anointing of the sick and communion at home is also possible but in a controlled way. Please contact the parish office if you would like a home visit.

**Sacramental Programme:** We will contact families of children who are due to make their First Holy Communion. We will try to complete the final unit of the programme and then arrange a series of Masses for groups of children to make their First Holy Communion. We will also contact those due to begin the programme with some ideas of how we can run the programme this year given the current restrictions.

**Offertory Collections:** Please try to remember to make your parish offertory collection either entering or leaving Church placing money/ envelopes in the bags which are secured to chairs near the exits.

Thank you for your financial support of the parish, especially at this challenging time for so many people. If you cannot attend Mass you can 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 our website and on the live stream.

[www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/)

**Special Collections:** we will try to support a limited number of appeals; As we cannot take collections during Masses at the moment, any special appeals will be announced

and collection boxes will be available outside of Church, weather permitting. This will help us distinguish these from our general offertory collections.

**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. Recent articles on our Facebook page include, photos of a new green chasuble which Fr Mark bought whilst in Rome; memories of Cardinal Murphy O'Connor on the third anniversary of his death; articles on St Ambrose Barlow and "Buy a priest a beer Day"!

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land:** 22-29 April 2021. If you would like further information please contact Adrian Duffy: [info@northernstartravel.com](mailto: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.

**Syrian Group :** many thanks to you all for supporting us via my 'cycling for refugees'. I am still cycling so if you haven't had a chance to make a donation you can do so in an envelope (into the priory letter box) clearly marked 'Syrian Group Cycling' or via the just giving page 'Kaye-cycling for refugees'.

**Thankyou:** we are grateful for the cooperation of all you attending church in these past few weeks, most especially the team of stewards, without whom we could not be open.