

MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 29

Vigil	29th Sunday in OT	18 Oct	Thurs	St John Paul II Pope	22 Oct
7.00	<i>Elizabeth Prescott</i>		9.30	<i>Norbert Hardacre</i>	
Sun	29th Sunday in OT	18 Oct	Fri	St John of Capistrano	23 Oct
9.30	<i>Margaret Livesey</i>		9.30	<i>John May</i>	
11.00	<i>Frank Ogden</i>		Sat	St Anthony Mary Claret	24 Oct
6.30	<i>The Parish</i>		9.30	<i>Leontine McClean</i>	
Mon	St John de Brebeuf, St Isaac Jogues & Companions	19 Oct	Vigil	30th Sunday in OT	25 Oct
9.30	<i>Terence Mather</i>		7.00	<i>Bill Harrison & Margaret Dixon</i>	
Tues		20 Oct	Sun	30th Sunday in OT	25 Oct
9.30	<i>Lesley Morris</i>		9.30	<i>The Parish</i>	
Weds		21 Oct	11.00	<i>Mary McCormack</i>	
9.30	<i>Intentions of Mothers Prayers</i>		6.30	<i>Philip Marron 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 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 Francis of Assisi, Oldham, and for Fr Derek Woodhead, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for the chaplaincy to the Royal Oldham Hospital and for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph.



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!

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Message from Pope Francis :

It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Fraternity between all men and women. No one can face life in isolation; we need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. Dreams, on the other hand, are built together". Let us dream, as a single human family, as fellow travellers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.

Fratelli Tutti (8). October 2020

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

18 October 2020

TODAY: 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel we hear the famous line, "render unto Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"; we can become very preoccupied with our worldly needs and obligations but this sometimes overshadows our spiritual needs. Make a review of our priorities today and give God His rightful place in our lives.

First Holy Communions

This month we are celebrating the First Holy Communion of those children who should have done it in June. These will take place a few at a time at the 9.30 Mass each Sunday over the next few weeks. Six children will receive their First Holy Communion this Sunday. Please pray for them and their families.

Public Masses:

The recent introduction of stricter measures for COVID 19 **does not currently apply** to Church worship. We can continue as we have done in recent weeks with the appropriate measures in place. Please do not congregate in the entrance / exit areas and wear a face covering while inside. We are asked to keep doors open to allow air to flow through; this will mean the church gets colder than we would like so be prepared to dress warmly!

The Sunday Mass obligation is still dispensed, but we do hope many will feel able to attend safely and maintain the sense of a sacramental community.

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: 77; Sun 11am: 43; Sun 6.30: 40.** (Total: 212). Weekday Masses have been averaging approx. 35 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 respect the guidance of our stewards. You are asked **not to kneel down.** The Mass will be kept quite short; there will be no communal sing-

ing, 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.

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: Several people have taken advantage of the opportunity of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesdays and Thursdays. As the nights draw in we need to consider whether to continue with this holy hour or to move it to a different time. Would those who have been attending please inform us of their thoughts as to whether we should cancel it or move it to a different time.

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

Weddings are now limited to 15 people.

Baptisms are now limited to 6 people if a stand-alone ceremony; more can attend if the baptism takes place during Mass thus we will hold some baptisms during the 11am Mass.

Parish meetings and gatherings: we still have to be very cautious about groups getting

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

John Prescott, Andre Jacobs, Lorna Bentley,
Celia Wakefield, Chris Ashton, Amy Lloyd,
Barbara Davis, Margaret Roxburgh, Eddie Gough,
Joyce Crook, Brenda Towers, Margaret Riley, Ryan Womack, Tony Wilkinson, June Gent, Elsie Smith

Recently Died: Eileen Comstive, Fr John Laide.

together for meetings. Any groups which meet must do so in a limited and restricted way.

Confession: 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.

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/

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.

Christmas Cards: Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions and Diocesan guidelines we are unable to order Christmas cards for the piety shop. If you would like to you can order

directly from Traidcraft: www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/christmas or from Aid to the Church in Need catalogue available at the back of Church. There is some Christmas stock available from last year and it will be left on a table in the narthex. If you wish to purchase, please leave your money in the opening in the wall marked repository and cards. Thank you.

Pope's Encyclical: Pope Francis has published the Encyclical "Tutti Fratelli" - "Brothers and Sisters, All". There is a useful infographic explaining each chapter and also a brief summary. Copies of this is available at the back of church or on the parish website.

Celebrating Christmas: Many families are wondering how they will be able to celebrate Christmas this year if the current restrictions remain regarding not entering other households. The same will be true of our church celebrations. We will need to plan how we can contribute gifts for our "Giving Tree" - information about this will be given soon. Also, we will be addressing the question of how many people will be able to come to each Mass; we are considering the possibility of an extra Christmas Eve Mass and having a booking system so we know how many we can safely accommodate. Again, more information will be available soon.

Historical Parish Records: For those interested in family history, Lancashire Online Parish Clerks have now published parish records for Baptisms, Marriages and Deaths from 1763 up to 1920. These can be found online at: www.lan-opc.org.uk/Bamber-Bridge/stmary

Aid to the Church in Need: Thank you for your wonderful support. Christmas Catalogues are still available at the back of Church. You may prefer to contact the NW Office by phone on 01524 388 739 and ask for Ruth Kennedy, or email ruth.kennedy@ancuk.org. Red Wednesday is from 21 Nov to 29 Nov 2020. Details to follow.