

MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 31

Vigil	Feast of All Saints	31 Oct	Thurs		5 Nov
7.00	<i>Lloyd & Fellows Family</i>		9.30	<i>Joseph Dolphin</i>	
Sun	Feast of All Saints	1 Nov	Fri		6 Nov
9.30	<i>The Parish</i>		9.30	<i>Ken Loftthouse, Jocelyn & Philomena Adams</i>	
11.00	<i>Dennis & Michael Bibby and Susan Cole</i>		11.00	<i>Funeral Mass : Bridget Gilmore</i>	
6.30	<i>Jaki Sanderson</i>		Sat	St Willibrord	7 Nov
Mon	Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	2 Nov	9.30	<i>John Rawcliffe</i>	
9.30	<i>John & Ellen Holt and James Robert Holme</i>		Vigil	32nd Sunday in OT	7 Nov
Tues	St Winifride	3 Nov	7.00	<i>Ken Mercer</i>	
9.30	<i>Lesley Morris</i>		Sun	32nd Sunday in OT	8 Nov
Weds	St Charles Borromeo	4 Nov	9.30	<i>The Parish</i>	
9.30	<i>Keany & Cullivan Families</i>		11.00	<i>Dec'd Parishioners who died in war</i>	
			6.30	<i>Frank Bevan</i>	

**Church open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:
Tuesday & Thursday: 3pm to 4pm.**

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 Joseph, Mossley, for Fr Michael Lavin, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school



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IN THE FUTURE

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!

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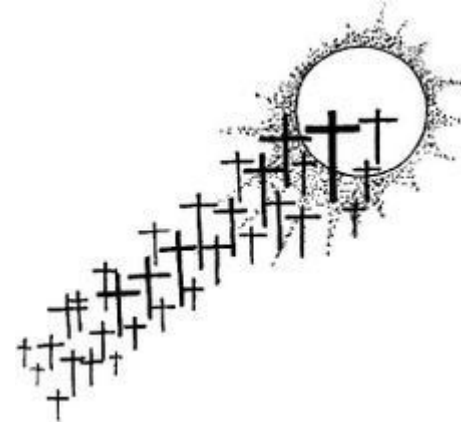
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Message from Pope Francis :

The saints we celebrate today in the liturgy are brothers and sisters who admitted in their lives that they needed divine light, abandoning themselves to it with confidence. And now, before the throne of God, they sing His glory for ever. They constitute the "holy city" to which we look with hope, as our definitive goal, while we are pilgrims in this "earthly city". Let us walk towards that "holy city" where these holy brothers and sisters await us. We are wearied by the harshness of the road, but hope gives us the strength to move forward. Looking at their lives, we are encouraged to imitate them. Among them are many witnesses to a holiness "found in our next-door neighbours, those who, living in our midst, reflect God's presence"

At the Angelus: 1 November 2019



FEAST OF ALL SAINTS (Year A)

1 November 2020

TODAY: FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

All Saints Day is for all those who have gone before us and now share in the fulness of life in heaven. It is a day when we should aspire to join them in the company of the saints

Welcome to Oscar Stephen Moffatt who will be **baptised** into the **Body of Christ** today.

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.

Remembrance Sunday: 8 November.

Mass at 11am will be for Parishioners who have died in war. Due to the complications of processing in groups in these days we will not process to the War Memorial on Duddle Lane but will lay a wreath at the Sacred Heart Altar. Afterwards this will be privately transferred to the War Memorial.

Mass for Deceased Parishioners: Sunday 15 Nov. 11am Mass we will light candles for each of those who have died in the past year.

November: For the month of the Holy Souls, envelopes are available at the church exits for people to make donation for Masses for those who have died. A box containing all these names will be placed on the altar during Masses in November.

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. If you are unable to come Mass in person try to watch a Mass online or pray with the sheet "The Lord's Day at Home".

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: 56; Sun 9.30: 98 Sun 11am: 40; Sun 6.30: 32.** (Total: 226). Week-day Masses have been averaging approx. 35 people per day; Holy Hour on Tues and Thurs attracts about 10 people.

Please respect the guidance of our stewards. You are asked **not to kneel down**; there will be no communal singing; 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.

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: As the evenings get darker earlier now we will move the Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday and Thursday. **It will now take place from 3pm to 4pm.** Please consider popping into church for a quick prayer.

Funerals: can be celebrated in church but with a limit of 30 people. **Weddings** are limited to 15 people. **Baptisms** are limited to 6 people if a stand-alone ceremony; more can

attend if the baptism takes place during our regular schedule of Masses. We will hold some baptisms during the 11am Mass.

Confession: 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 limited way.

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, it is possible to make online donations. www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/ There is a link to this on our website and on the live stream. We have received approx. £4000 in online donations since the beginning of May, the majority during the full lockdown of May and June. Thanks for your support.

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: Due to Covid restrictions we are unable to order Christmas cards for the piety shop. 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 stock available from last year and it will be left on a table in the narthex. Please leave your money in the opening in the wall marked repository and cards. Thank you.

Celebrating Christmas: 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. More information will be available soon.

CAFOD Hyacinth Pots, price £5, will be for sale again this year, but due to current circumstances will be available outside church after 9.30am and 11am Masses on Sunday, 13 December. If you would like to pre-order these, please contact Mary and David, tel 465313. All proceeds to CAFOD. Thank you.

Giving Tree: Due to Covid 19 we will be unable to have The Giving Tree up in church this year. However we still intend to support all our usual charities with gifts for Christmas. If you are able to donate gifts, please wrap and place your own tag/label On stating who the gift is suitable for e.g. baby/toddler boy/girl age 3-5,6-9,10-12,teen boy/girl, ladies/gents or gift vouchers. Please then place in box at back of church from 7th-22nd November. We have to do this earlier this year to follow the necessary safety procedures for sorting and delivery by 7th December Many thanks for your continuing support of this great Parish project.

Quarant' Ore: to prepare for Advent we will hold 40 hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from **Thurs 26 to Sun 29 November.** Sanctuary lamps will be available for £10 in memory of a loved one or for a special prayer intention. The 9 day lamp will be lit for the duration of the 40 hours and then used throughout the year, a week at a time as our sanctuary lamp in church for that week. Envelopes for a Quarant' Ore candle will be available from next week.

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: Bridget Gilmore, David Carrigan