

## MASSES AND SERVICES: Advent Week One

<b>Vigil</b>	<b>1ST OF ADVENT</b>	<b>28 Nov</b>	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>St Francis Xavier</b>	<b>03 Dec</b>
7.00	<i>Dec'd Members of KSC Council 212</i>		9.30	<i>Emma Garth (sick)</i>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>1ST OF ADVENT</b>	<b>29 Nov</b>	11.00	<i>Funeral : Thomas (Tom) Roberts</i>	
9.30	<i>The Parish</i>		<b>Fri</b>	<b>St John Damascene</b>	<b>04 Dec</b>
10.30	Eucharistic Adoration until 8pm		9.30	<i>Winifred Lwesey</i>	
<b>No Mass at 11am or 6.30pm this week.</b>			11.00	<i>Funeral Mass : Evelyn Toney</i>	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>ST ANDREW</b>	<b>30 Nov</b>	<b>Sat</b>		<b>05 Dec</b>
9.30	<i>Livesey &amp; Sheehan Families</i>		9.30	<i>In Thanksgiving : Golden Wedding of John &amp; Catherine Brown</i>	
<b>Tues</b>	<b>St Ralph Sherwin &amp; Companions</b>	<b>01 Dec</b>	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>2ND OF ADVENT</b>	<b>05 Dec</b>
9.30	<i>Intentions of Linda Baker</i>		7.00	<i>Denis Allen</i>	
<b>Weds</b>		<b>02 Dec</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>2ND OF ADVENT</b>	<b>06 Dec</b>
9.30	<i>The Sick</i>		9.30	<i>David Carrigan LD</i>	
			11.00	<i>The Parish</i>	
			6.30	<i>Intentions of Elizabeth Green</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](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:** As we enter Advent, we pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich, for Mgr John Allen, their parish priest, and for Fr Tony Dearman. We pray for their parish primary school and St Monica's High School, for the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion and for the patients, staff and chaplaincy at Prestwich Hospital. May they wait in hope for the Coming of the Lord.



**HOPE**  
IN THE FUTURE

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

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## ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

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### Advent

Hope: On the First Sunday we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ.

Faith: On the Second Sunday, we hear the preaching of John the Baptist, who came to "prepare the way of the Lord".

Joy: On the Third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday), again we hear about John the Baptist, and the joy associated with the coming of the Saviour.

Love: On the Fourth Sunday, we hear about the events involving Mary and Joseph that led directly to the birth of Jesus.



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)**

**29 November 2020**

## TODAY: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today is the beginning of the Church's year. Advent is a time of preparation to get ready for Christmas; we know how much goes on in our secular world to "get ready" for Christmas. All of that is insignificant if we do not also prepare ourselves in spiritual way to grasp some sense of the true meaning of Christmas. Isaiah says today: "Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down!" Contemplate this line of scripture in the coming days.

### End of Lockdown #2

We can resume attending Mass as of this Wednesday Dec 2.; please respect the guidance for our region which remains in Tier 3: we can come to church with our own household or bubble and maintain social distance while we are there. Services will remain available online; we can bring the church into our homes in a very special way: *we are the church*. We can make a true and spiritual communion although we are not physically present. The Sunday Mass obligation is dispensed, but, if you are not attending in person, do try to watch a Mass online or pray with the sheet "The Lord's Day at Home".

**Quarant' Ore:** Many thanks to everyone who has made the 40 hours of adoration such a special occasion. We received over 130 intentions for sanctuary lamps and the Church is looking wonderful. #awesomegraces.

**Opening for Private Prayer:** We will continue to hold a Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday and Thursday from 3pm to 4pm. Please consider popping into church to pray.

**Our Lady and St Gerard's** will be open for private prayer on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11am to 12 noon.

**Funerals:** can be celebrated in church but with a limit of 30 people. Baptisms are limited to 6 people unless celebrated at Mass.

**Confession:** Saturdays from 10-10.30am, outside if the weather permits, or by appointment with one of the priests.

**Offertory Donations:** 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, it is possible to make online donations. [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/) There is a link to this on our website and on the live stream.

**Celebrating Christmas:** We hope that people will be able to attend Mass at Christmas within the necessary social distancing restrictions. There will be Masses on **Christmas Eve at 5.30pm, 7pm and Midnight and on Christmas Day at 10am**. We are asking people to let us know which Mass they will be attending and with how many people from their household. Thus we will be able to maximise the safe capacity of the church. There are booking forms available from the Priory and they will be in Church from when we reopen on Wednesday. If you do not yet know who will be with you, make a best guess on numbers and if this changes let us know nearer the time. Please inform family and friends, who may not be aware because they have not been at Church, that they will need to book if they want attend a Christmas Mass.

For those who are concerned about attending if there are larger numbers of people, perhaps they might consider attending on a weekday during the Christmas Octave.

**Bambinelli Sunday:** On the 3rd Sunday of Advent, 13 December, you are invited to bring crib figures of the baby Jesus from you home crib scene to Mass to be blessed at Mass.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

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

#### Those who have Recently Died

Evelyn Towey, Thomas (Tom) Roberts,  
Nicholas Coote

**Advent:** Salford Diocese have produced some resources to help us celebrate Advent. There is a booklet "Preparing the Way: Advent @ Home" of which we have produced some copies. It is available online on the diocesan or parish website which is a good way of accessing it as it has "hyperlinks" to other online resources:

[www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk/announcements](http://www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk/announcements)

**Bishop's Letter:** A Pastoral Letter is available at Church or on the website.

**Reconciliation Service:** There will be a service of reconciliation in preparation for Christmas on Weds 16 Dec at 7pm. There may not be the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation due to social distancing requirements but the service will guide us in making a personal confession and receiving the mercy of God under the limitations of these difficult days.

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

[www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk](http://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.

**Giving Tree:** Many thanks for your wonderful response of gifts for our virtual giving tree this year. We have received over 400 gifts which will be distributed on the next couple of weeks.

**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](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk/christmas) or from Aid to the Church in Need or from Caritas: [www.caritassalford.org.uk](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk) or from Mary's Meals: [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

**Postman Pat:** the Syria Group is offering to deliver Christmas cards in the local area (Bamber Bridge, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale) for a donation towards the Syria Project. Cards, suitably addressed, can be left at church (when open) or at the Priory. Please leave your cards, with your name and donation, between 26 Nov and 4 Dec, in the box provided. They will be delivered before Christmas. Any queries, please contact Mike on 01772 230577 or [mikepatbailley@btinternet.com](mailto:mikepatbailley@btinternet.com)

**Syrian Group Craft Goods:** Please collect a flyer and order form from the priory porch or from the table in church (on the right as you enter). A variety of hand crafted gifts are available, together with prices and all profit goes to the Community Refugee Charity. Place the order form and money in the box on the table as you enter church or the Priory letterbox. Thanks to Nettie Higham who has hand-produced many of these gifts.

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** Sadly the SVP has had to cancel the Senior Citizens' Party this year, but has come up with an alternative to make sure our Senior Citizens know we are still thinking of them. We will be providing hampers to those who usually attend the party together with a number of housebound. In order to meet the cost of this venture, a giving fund has been set up. Please consider contributing, no matter how large or small, and pass this message on to family and friends. To donate go to: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/SeniorCitizenpartyreplacement>.

**Salford Diocesan Almanac 2021** is now available from the back of church price £3.50

**Foodbank:** Many thanks for your continued support of the Brownedge Christians Together Foodbank.. If you or someone you know is in need of help, especially during this difficult time please do get in touch with us and we will do our best to support in confidence. The Foodbank now has it's own Facebook page: Brownedge Christians Together Foodbank.