

MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 33

Vigil	33rd Sunday in OT	14 Nov	Thurs		19 Nov
7.00	<i>Elizabeth Prescott</i>		9.30	<i>Kirkood & Peacock Family</i>	
Sun	33rd Sunday in OT	15 Nov	Fri		20 Nov
9.30	<i>Jack Hartley</i>		9.30	<i>Lorna Bentley (sick)</i>	
11.00	<i>Dec'd Parishioners and Friends who died in the last year</i>		Sat	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	21 Nov
6.30	<i>Rose Alemao Pinto</i>		9.30	<i>Charles & Ann Sergeant</i>	
Mon	St Edmund of Abingdon	16 Nov	Vigil	CHRIST THE KING	21 Nov
9.30	<i>Holy Souls</i>		7.00	<i>Glyn Robert Walton</i>	
Tues	St Elizabeth of Hungry	17 Nov	Sun	CHRIST THE KING	22 Nov
9.30	<i>Thomas & Margaret Riley and Jack & Margaret Kirkwood</i>		9.30	<i>The Parish</i>	
Weds	Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul	18 Nov	11.00	<i>Philip Marron LD</i>	
9.30	<i>Sr Roberta McLaren (FMS)</i>		6.30	<i>Peter Baker LD</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 Our Lady and St Joseph, Heywood, for Fr Paul Daly and Fr Bob Hayes. We pray for the parish primary schools and for Holy Family Roman Catholic and Church of England College. May the parish strive always to live by God's wisdom that does not grow dim.



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!

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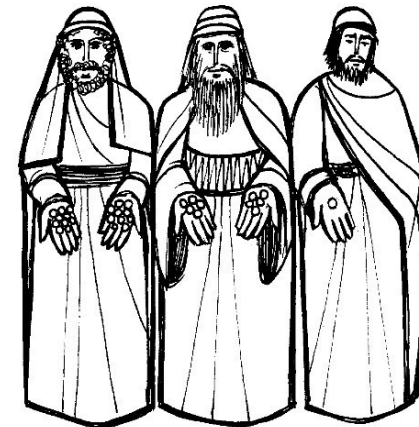
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Message from Pope Francis :

The teaching of the Gospel is clear: We need to pray always, even when everything seems vain. Even when it is difficult to pray, and even when it seems God is not listening, it is necessary to persevere in prayer. During those nights, the one who prays is never alone. Jesus is always present with those who pray, welcoming us in His prayer, so that we might pray in Him and through Him. This is the work of the Holy Spirit; this connection to the prayer of Jesus gives the wings that the human person's prayer has always desired to possess.

The Christian who prays fears nothing. Jesus prays for us as our priest, prays in us as our Head, and is prayed to by us as our God. Therefore, let us acknowledge our voice in Him and His in us

General Audience 11th November 2020



33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

15 November 2020

TODAY: 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel we hear the parable of the talents. Jesus wants us to use well the gifts we have. There are times we would rather bury them, perhaps through apathy, selfishness or lack of self confidence. Come to the Lord and be fed by his grace so that we can respond well and use the gifts we all have in the best possible way.

Mass for Deceased Parishioners: Sunday 15 Nov. 11am Mass we will remember all those who have died in the past year. We will light a candle for each person who has died. Sadly, their families will not be able to be in Church but we encourage them to join us online and tell family members elsewhere about it.

Lockdown #2

From Thursday 5th November all places of worship must close for public worship until 2nd December. This is, of course, a great sadness, especially given the measures we have taken to prevent the spread of coronavirus. The Cardinal continues to petition the government to reconsider. In the meantime, 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 can make a true and spiritual communion although we are not physically present. The Sunday Mass obligation is dispensed, but do try to watch a Mass online or pray with the sheet "The Lord's Day at Home".

Opening for Private Prayer: This is still permitted. We will 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. Due to the current lockdown, **Weddings** and **Baptisms** will not take place before 2 December

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.

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. Thank you for your financial support of the parish, especially at this challenging time for so many people. Also, it is possible to make online donations. www.diocesofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/ There is a link to this on our website and on the live stream.

Quarant' Ore: To prepare for Advent we will hold 40 hours of Private Prayer with 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 are now available from the stand in the Priory porch. You can also send in your intention by post. We will put a list in the coming days asking for watchers 10am to 8pm each day (until 6.30pm on Sat). There will not be Mass at 11am or 6.30pm on Sunday 29 November.

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

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: Frank Farrell

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.

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 not 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. Gifts can be delivered to the Priory every afternoon 2-5pm from Monday, 16 Nov to Saturday 21 Nov and 10.30am-12.30pm on Sunday 22 Nov. **Sunday 22 Nov** is the very last date we can accept gifts due to COVID regulations. If you are unable to drop off your gift, please ring 01772 468474 and we can arrange collection. Many thanks for your support of this great Parish project.

200 Club Members: Please try to make sure your subscriptions are up to date. All the money collected supports our parish, especially needed in these difficult times. The 200 Club is operating as normal with the monthly draw. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

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.

Caritas Christmas Cards are available at www.caritassalford.org.uk/christmas-cards at £3 per pack + £3 postage. You can look at the design on the website and cards will be delivered to your home.

Safeguarding: This week, the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) published its report into the Catholic Church. We know that with the report comes an increased awareness of abuse, which may lead individuals to reflect on their own experiences. If you are aware of people in distress, the support on offer via our Healing Through Community project can be accessed by anyone living within the Diocese of Salford. If you would like to access help, please call Survivors Manchester on 0161 236 2182 or Greater Manchester Rape Crisis on 0161 273 4500. The Safeguarding Office is also available for any safeguarding queries or referrals by all. Their number is 0161 817 2206. Let us all join in prayer for the healing of those that have been hurt and abused by members of the Church. You can read the full Bishops' Conference response here: www.cbcew.org.uk/statement-on-the-publication-of-the-iicsa-report/