

MASSES AND SERVICES: Advent Week Two

Vigil	2ND OF ADVENT	05 Dec	Thurs	Our Lady of Loreto	10 Dec
7.00	<i>Denis Allen</i>		9.30	<i>Swarbrick & Whiteley Families</i>	
Sun	2ND OF ADVENT	06 Dec	Fri	St Damasus	11 Dec
9.30	<i>David Carrigan LD</i>		9.30	<i>Bernard Halpin</i>	
11.00	<i>The Parish</i>		Sat	Our Lady of Guadalupe	12 Dec
6.30	<i>Intentions of Elizabeth Green</i>		9.30	<i>Richard & Mary Lloyd</i>	
Mon	St Ambrose	07 Dec	Vigil	3RD OF ADVENT	12 Dec
9.30	<i>Stan & Hilary Williams</i>		7.00	<i>Elizabeth Prescott</i>	
Tues	THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION	08 Dec	Sun	3RD OF ADVENT	13 Dec
9.30	<i>Dec'd Members of the Drake & McAloone Families</i>		9.30	<i>The Parish</i>	
			11.00	<i>Dennis & Michael Bibby and Susan Cole</i>	
Weds		09 Dec	6.30	<i>Jake Sanderson</i>	
9.30	<i>Peter Higney</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:

During this second week of Advent, we pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, Middleton, with Canon Tadgh Mullins, their parish priest. We pray for their primary schools and Cardinal Langley High School, and for the Sisters of Charity of St Paul and the Sisters of the Cross and Passion. May they prepare a way for the Lord.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)

6 December 2020

TODAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Today we hear the voice of John the Baptist who was foretold by the prophet Isaiah to come as a voice crying in the wilderness, "Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight". Reflect about what you do to facilitate your relationship with God; how to you make the path easier for him to reach you?

End of Lockdown #2

We can now resume attending Mass; 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".

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 for an end to pandemic.

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/ There is a link to this on our website and on the live stream. We hope to have a contactless card payment machine available in time for Christmas.

Next weekend, there will be a collection for the **SVP**. The collection will take place outside the church entrances to avoid large gatherings.

Celebrating Christmas: Thankfully, it seems that we 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 or "Christmas Bubble". 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.

Singers for Christmas: At the present time, we cannot have congregational singing at Mass. However, we can have a small group of singers. We have a cantor in place for Midnight Mass but if anyone would be willing to lead the singing at the other Christmas Masses especially for the Carols, please get in touch. You do not have to be an expert and it would lovely to have some viva voce singing for Christmas. It could be your gift to Jesus this year.

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, Fr Peter McKie, Nicholas Coote

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.

KSC Christmas Posters: The traditional posters for Christmas provided by the Knights of St Columba are available at the Back of Church. Please take one and display the message of Christmas. A copy will also be available to download on from website.

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.stmarysbrowndge.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.stmarysbrowndge.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 or from Caritas: www.caritassalford.org.uk or from Mary's Meals: 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 mikepatbailey@btinternet.com

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

CAFOD World Gifts: CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. We are living under restrictions here, but many around the world face even greater problems. Send World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends: The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Spread joy and hope this Christmas. Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts or pick up a catalogue outside the priory.