

MASSES AND SERVICES: Advent Week Three

Vigil	3RD OF ADVENT	12 Dec	Thu		17 Dec
7.00	<i>Elizabeth Prescott</i>		9.30	<i>Robert, Nellie & Joseph Delaney</i>	
Sun	3RD OF ADVENT	13 Dec	10.30	School Reconciliation Service	
9.30	<i>The Parish</i>		Fri		18 Dec
11.00	<i>Dennis & Michael Bibby and Susan Cole</i>		9.30	<i>Intentions of Josie Francis</i>	
6.30	<i>Jake Sanderson</i>		Sat		19 Dec
Mon	St John of the Cross	14 Dec	9.30	<i>Lesley Morris</i>	
9.30	<i>Patrick Cunningham LD</i>		Vigil	4TH OF ADVENT	19 Dec
Tues		15 Dec	7.00	<i>Hopwood Family</i>	
9.30	<i>Sr Marie Benedict Ollivier RNDM</i>		Sun	4TH OF ADVENT	20 Dec
Wed		16 Dec	9.30	<i>The Parish</i>	
9.30	<i>Kathleen Joyce LD</i>		11.00	<i>Dec'd of the Watson Family</i>	
11.00	Funeral Mass for Lee Morgan		6.30	<i>Michael Cox</i>	
7.00	Service of Reconciliation				

Sanctuary Lamps from Quarante Ore

Advent Wk 1: 1. Deceased relatives and friends of the Wilson and Cherry Families; 2. Peter Haythornthwaite and Francis and Elizabeth Dowbakin

Advent Wk 2: 1. Haythornthwaite family; 2. Richard & Mary Lloyd

Advent Wk 3: 1. End To The Covid Pandemic 2. Riley & Kirkwood families

Exposition of 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,

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: As our Advent journey reaches its mid-point, we pray for the parish of St Gabriel and the Angels and St John the Baptist, Castleton and Rochdale, with Fr Michael Johonnett, their parish priest, and the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph. We pray also for their parish primary schools. May the call of John the Baptist inspire them to serve the Lord.



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!

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Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis has announced a Year of St Joseph in a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), He describes St Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. He gives us this new prayer to St Joseph:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT "GAUDETE" (Year B)

13 December 2020

**TODAY: THIRD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT (BAMBINELLI SUNDAY)**

Today, Gaudete Sunday, you are invited to bring crib figures of the baby Jesus from your home crib scene to Mass to be blessed at Mass. John the Baptist tells us: "there is one who is coming and I am not fit to undo his sandal strap". What great joy as we anticipate the imminent arrival of the one who saves us.

Baptism: we welcome into the family of God Eabha Navarro-Williams who will be baptised on Sunday during Mass at 11am.

This weekend, there will be a retiring collection for the **SVP**. The collection will take place outside the church entrances to avoid congestion of people.

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".

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.

Offertory Donations: We are not holding offertory collections during Mass but please do try to remember to put your offertory money in the bags on the way in or out of Church. You can also post your donations and any Mass intentions through the Letterbox of the Priory which is locked inside.

New Contactless Payments! Our parish is one 15 across the diocese doing a trial with machines where people can make contactless donations. This is a simple way to make your contribution to the Church: sanitise your hands; tap the screen for the amount you wish to give; you can tap "other amount" and enter your own amount; hold your contactless debit or credit card over the top of the machine. That's it. You will be asked if you want to "gift aid" your donation; you only have to do this once if you use the same card. Please move on as soon as you as you have made your transaction to help avoid congestion.

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.

Advent: Salford Diocese have produced some resources to help us celebrate Advent. There is a booklet "Preparing the Way: Advent @ Home" It is available online on the diocesan or parish website and it has "hyperlinks" to other online resources: www.stmarysbrowndedge.org.uk/announcements

Crib Scenes: Many thanks for all the photos of your home crib scenes. "The Browndedge Posada" is publishing one each day of the Advent and Christmas season on Facebook so email your photo to bamberbridgeoffice@gmail.com or send on messenger to the Parish Facebook Page.

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,
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

Lee Morgan, Harry Burns

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 Presents: Many thanks for your very generous donations of **over 400 gifts** which have been distributed to the following charities: Wish Centre Women's Refuge; Bay 6; SLEAP; Wade Hall Children's Centre; Salvation Army; Foxtan Centre; Fox Street (Community Gateway at Harbour House); Metanoia. They are all very grateful for your kindness and support. God bless you all.

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.

Catholic Papers: from the New Year we will not be stocking copies of The Universe. If you wish to order a copy you can do so either as a regular printed copy or as a digital copy: www.thecatholicuniverse.com or phone 0161 820 5722. **There is a FREE digital trial:** www.thecatholicuniverse.com/subscription-trial

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

Christmas Flowers: If you wish to bring **poinsettias** for the altar, please bring them to the Priory from Monday 20 Dec to Wednesday, 23 Dec between 2pm and 5pm.

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 is also available to download from our website.

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.

❁ **Christmas Masses** ❁

Christmas Eve at 5.30pm

Christmas Eve at 7.00pm

**Christmas Midnight with carols from
11.30pm**

Christmas Day at 10am

Due to Covid restrictions, we are asking people to let us know which Mass they will be attending and with how many people from their "Christmas Bubble". Thus we will be able to maximise the safe capacity of the church. There are booking forms available outside the Priory, at the back of Church and on the website. If you do not yet know who will be with you, make a best guess on numbers and if this changes let us know ASAP. **Please inform family and friends, who may not be aware, that they will need to book if they want attend a Christmas Mass. N.B. 5.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve is almost at capacity.**

For those who are concerned about attending when there are larger numbers of people, why not consider attending on another day during the Christmas Octave, (up to and including New Year's Day). Each Mass during the Octave is a Mass of Christmas.