

MASSES AND SERVICES: Advent Week Four

Vigil	4TH OF ADVENT	19 Dec	Thu	CHRISTMAS EVE	24 Dec
7.00	<i>Hopwood Family</i>		5.30	Christmas Mass	
Sun	4TH OF ADVENT	20 Dec		<i>Miles Thompson</i>	
9.30	<i>The Parish</i>		7.00	Christmas Mass	
11.00	<i>Dec'd of the Watson Family</i>			<i>Michael Jones</i>	
6.30	<i>Michael Cox</i>		11.30	Midnight Mass	
Mon		21 Dec		<i>Peter Haythornthwaite</i>	
9.30	<i>Stan & Kath Lucas</i>		Fri	CHRISTMAS DAY	25 Dec
Tues		22 Dec	10.00	Christmas Mass	
9.30	<i>Leo McMellon</i>			<i>The Parish</i>	
Wed		23 Dec	Sat	ST STEPHEN	26 Dec
9.30	<i>Diane & Kath Harvey</i>		10.00	<i>Harold & Ellen Dixon</i>	
Thu		24 Dec	Vigil	THE HOLY FAMILY	26 Dec
9.30	<i>Ann & Charles Sergeant</i>		7.00	<i>Maurice Cookson</i>	
			Sun	THE HOLY FAMILY	27 Dec
			9.30	<i>John Taylor</i>	
			11.00	<i>The Parish</i>	
			6.30	<i>Rita Donbavand LD</i>	

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday: 3pm to 4pm. (not Thurs)

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.

Sanctuary Lamps : Advent Wk 4:

1. George And Josie Shorrock
2. Fred And Eileen Southworth

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 Christmas approaches, we pray for the parish of St Joseph, Ramsbottom, for Fr Frank Thorpe, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school. May St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, inspire them to imitate her faith.



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!

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ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

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Christmas Masses



Christmas Eve at 5.30pm: NOW FULLY BOOKED

There are spaces at these Masses :

Christmas Eve at 7.00pm

Christmas Midnight with carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day at 10am

For
Unto
us
is
born
a
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is
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the
Government
shall
be
upon
His
shoulders,
and
His
Name
shall
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called
Wonderful,
Counselor,
Mighty
God,
Everlasting
Father,
Prince
of
Peace!
Isaiah 9:6

Please book places for Mass at Christmas: Complete the form with the number of people attending together from your "Christmas Bubble". There are booking forms available outside the Priory, at the back of Church and on the website.

Please inform family and friends, who may not be aware, that they will need to book to attend a Christmas Mass.

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. Booking is not required for these Masses.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B)

20 December 2020

TODAY: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On the 4th Sunday of Advent we are always invited into the life of Mary as the expectant Mother of God. This year the gospel relates The Annunciation when the Angel Gabriel appears to Mary. The words of Mary in response to the message of the Angel are perhaps the most important words ever to pass on the lips of any person: *"fiat mihi secundum verbum tuum"* - "Let it be done to me according to your word". Thus, salvation is made possible.

This weekend, there will be a second collection for the **Sea Sunday**. 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".

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. 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.

Videos to Prepare for Christmas: Our High School have prepared a wonderful video as their Advent Service which they all watched from their classes. It would be a great preparation for Christmas for everyone to watch this. Find the link on our Facebook Page.

New Contactless Payments! Our parish is one of 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 and wait for a "beep". You will be asked if you want to "gift aid" your donation; to do this you enter your name, the first line of address and postcode. You only have to do this once if you use the same card. Please move on as soon as you have made your transaction to help avoid congestion.

Reconciliation: If you do not have the opportunity to get to confession this Advent, the Parish Reconciliation Service from last Wednesday is available on the recording section of our Church Services TV page. Again, this would be an excellent spiritual preparation for Christmas.

Crib Scenes: Many thanks for all the photos of your home crib scenes. "The Brownedge 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.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

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

Those who have Recently Died

Lee Morgan, Harry Burns, Rita Donbavand.

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 Flowers: If you wish to bring poinsettias for the altar, please bring them to the Priory from **Mon 20 Dec to Wed, 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 be lovely to have some viva voce singing for Christmas. It could be your gift this year.

CAFOD : Thank you to all who purchased Hyacinth Pots in aid of CAFOD again this year. 50 pots were sold, raising £265. Many thanks to David and Mary for organising the sale, outside church, on a wet and windy Sunday morning! With this money and donations we are buying a CAFOD World Gift, a 'Medical Outreach Team', for £300. This life saving gift can help a team of medical professionals bring essential healthcare services to the remotest communities.

Syrian Refugee Project: This week we received a couple of wonderful Christmas gifts: A donation of £4500 has been promised as well as donation of £500 handed in at the Priory. This means we have now raised the

£9,000 which is our commitment to support the project. We hope to move forward with the project in the New Year and facilitate the arrival of a refugee family.

Fr Cassian Dickie OSB: Please pray for Fr Cassian, formerly here in the parish. He is seriously ill and in need of our prayers. He is in residence with Fr Jonathan and Fr Bernard at St Mary's, Leyland. They all send their Christmas greetings to parishioners at St Mary's Brownedge and sincere thanks for the many cards they have received.

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

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

Year of St Joseph

Pope Francis has announced a Year of St Joseph in a new Apostolic Letter, *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.*