

MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 2

Vigil	2nd Sunday in OT	16 Jan	Thu	<i>St Agnes</i>	21 Jan
7.00	<i>Evelyn Towey</i>		9.30	<i>Martin Banks LD</i>	
Sun	2nd Sunday in OT	17 Jan	Fri	St Vincent	22 Jan
9.30	<i>The Parish</i>		9.30	<i>Barbara Phelan</i>	
11.00	<i>Lee Morgan LD</i>		Sat		23 Jan
6.30	<i>Frank Bevan</i>		9.30	<i>Bill Stopforth LD</i>	
Mon		18 Jan	10.45	<i>Interment of Ashes : Maria Frelich</i>	
9.30	<i>Agnes Crook</i>		Vigil	3rd Sunday in OT	23 Jan
Tues	St Wulstan	19 Jan	7.00	<i>Elizabeth Prescott</i>	
9.30	<i>Joan Livesey</i>		Sun	3rd Sunday in OT	24 Jan
2.00	<i>Funeral Mass: Mary Jean Gerrard</i>		9.30	<i>Philip Marron</i>	
Wed	St Fabian	20 Jan	11.00	<i>Christopher Tipping</i>	
9.30	<i>Intentions of Fr Peter James OSB</i>		6.30	<i>The Parish</i>	

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, (weather permitting) or by appointment.

Sanctuary Lamps : Ordinary Time Wk 2:

1. Deceased Choirmembers; 2. Deceased Members Of The Livesey And Haydock Families

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 St Patrick, Rochdale and St. Mary of the Annunciation, Littleborough, for Fr. Robert Lasia, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for the patients, staff and chaplaincy at the Rochdale Infirmary, as well as those imprisoned at Buckley Hall, their staff and chaplaincy. May their life and mission draw others to Christ.



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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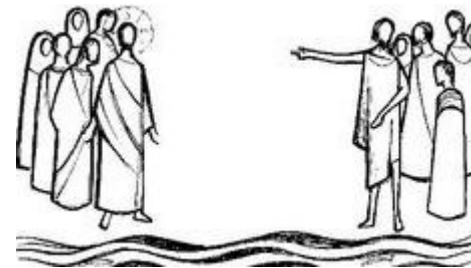
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Prayer of Pope Francis:

Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity: pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice and peace. Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world,

a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war. May our hearts be open

to all the peoples and nations of the earth. May we recognize the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams. Amen.

Fratelli Tutti

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

17 JANUARY 2021

TODAY:

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today, as we enter the ordinary season of the year, we begin our story of Jesus' life and ministry with the calling of the first disciples. John fulfils his ministry - pointing to the Lamb of God - and the disciples follow where he points. His word to them is simple and inviting: "Come and see."

Covid19 Restrictions: We can come to church with our own household or bubble if we feel able to 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".

Today is **PEACE SUNDAY**; this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'A Culture of Care as a Path to Peace'. "How many resources are spent on weaponry, especially nuclear weapons, that could be used for more significant priorities such as ensuring the safety of individuals, the promotion of peace and integral human development, the fight against poverty, and the provision of health care." In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi. Their website suggests many ways we can all promote peace in our daily lives. There are activities for families to do at home, including a 15-minute peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2021/>

Note from Bishop Arnold on some churches closing and others remaining open: "We have seen a very sudden and drastic change in the directives concerning the pandemic. One significant concession is that places of worship can stay open – being acknowledged as among the safest places for any indoor gatherings and important for the spiritual and mental well-being of many people. That is a tribute to work of so many stew-

ards and volunteers. However, there are parts of the country, and indeed parts of this Diocese, where the levels of infection are particularly high. Local health authorities have advised extra caution. It is important that parish priests feel confident that a particular church should be open. If any priest feels that it would be better to close a church at the present time, this should be done. The Government website and the clarifications from the Bishops' Conference, which are drawn from government and medical experts, are comprehensive but that is not to say that they cover every circumstance. The Bishop is happy to confirm any decision that a particular church should close for any particular length of time, where it is thought best in the present circumstances for the safety of people." There is also a Pastoral Letter from the Bishop this weekend.

Note from Fr Mark: At St Mary's we will currently remain open and monitor the situation. If we do need to close we will spread the word as quickly and as widely as possible. In the meantime, do not feel any obligation to attend and if you do attend, do not socialise outside of your household/bubble.

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.



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 as you have made your transaction to help avoid congestion.

Crib Scenes: Many thanks for all the photos of your home crib scenes. "The Brownedge Posada" published so many lovely scenes during the Advent & Christmas seasons on Facebook.. We will keep the church crib up until the Feast of the Presentation on 2 Feb.

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

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.

CAFOD : due to current circumstances, we will not be collecting unwanted Christmas presents and there will be no mystery raffle in Lent. We continue to send any donations to CAFOD for our 'Hands On' project or 'World Gifts'. Many thanks for your continued support in these difficult times. Stay safe and keep well.

Syrian Refugee Project: We have 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. We have now raised the £9,000 which is our commitment to support the project. We would like to thank you for your support - in donations and prayers - which has enabled us to reach this amount. Most of this money is already earmarked and we will continue to

fundraise. We are mindful that when the family eventually arrives it will be through the efforts of our two parishes. Thank you.

Knitting: During lockdown, garments have been knitted for refugee children. If you have time to knit, or any wool to spare, can you leave it in the box under the trolley at the Priory door.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Rev Cassian Dickie, OSB, Barbara Moon, 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,

Liz O'Donnell, Shelagh Mervyn

Those who have Recently Died

Catherine Bamber, Joan Whitehead, Sheila Woof, Jean Gerrard., Fr Mark Langham, Arch Tartaglia

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.*

