

MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 3

Vigil 7.00	3rd Sunday in OT <i>Elizabeth Prescott</i>	23 Jan	Thu 9.30	St Thomas Aquinas <i>Margaret Kane LD</i>	28 Jan
Sun 9.30	3rd Sunday in OT <i>Philip Marron</i>	24 Jan	Fri 9.30	<i>Robert, Nellie & Joseph Delaney</i>	29 Jan
11.00	<i>Christopher Tipping</i>		Sat 9.30	<i>Deceased of the Gorman Family</i>	30 Jan
6.30	<i>The Parish</i>		10.45	<i>Interment of Ashes : Mary Jean Gerrard</i>	
Mon 9.30	CONVERSION OF ST PAUL <i>Sheila Woof LD</i>	25 Jan	Vigil 7.00	4th Sunday in OT <i>Michael Jones</i>	30 Jan
Tues 9.30	SS Timothy & Titus <i>Maureen Waterhouse</i>	26 Jan	Sun 9.30	4th Sunday in OT <i>The Parish</i>	31 Jan
Wed 9.30	St Angela Merici <i>Rev Peter James : 50 years a monk</i>	27 Jan	11.00	<i>Joan & Jim Hankinson</i>	
			6.30	<i>Peter Carroll (sick)</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 3:

1. Deceased Members Of The Pedley and Brindle Families;
2. Deceased Members Of The Wareing Family

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 parishioners of St Peter and St Thomas More, Middleton, for Fr Peter Hopkinson, their parish priest, for Fr Kevin Tierney and for Fr Marcel and the chaplaincy to the Romanian community in the Diocese. We pray also for their parish primary schools. May they know that the Lord who called Peter, has called them also.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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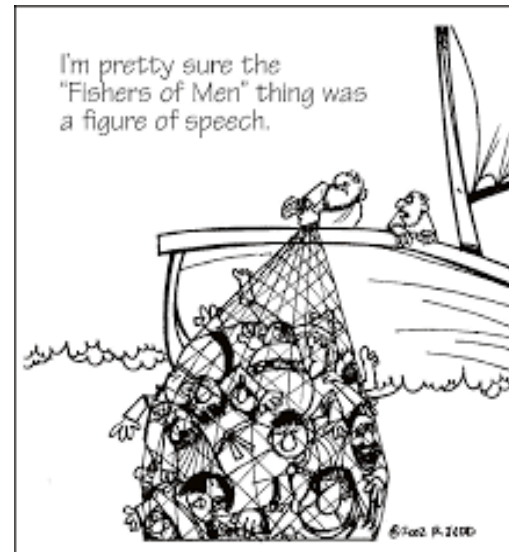
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Prayer of Pope Francis:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

24 JANUARY 2021

TODAY:

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today we hear the beginning of the ministry of Jesus. He calls his first disciples who are fishermen. Listen closely today to how he calls them and how they respond. It is immediate and instinctive: they know He is the one they must follow and he has the message which makes sense of everything. As we begin reading the gospel of St Mark through this year, look out for one of his favourite words “euthus”, “at once” or “immediately”. He uses it 41 times. How immediately do I respond to what God prompting me to do?

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”.

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 stewards 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 compre-

hensive 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 available from the back of church or on the parish website.

Note from Fr Mark: At St Mary’s we will remain open and monitor the situation. We are fortunate to have such a fine and spacious church and a great team of stewards and cleaners. 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. Stay safe!

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 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.

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.

200 Club: New Year Resolution: Start the year by joining the **200 Club Monthly Prize Draw**. It’s easier and cheaper than the gym! Monthly Prizes are now: 1st £200 : 2nd £100 3rd £50. (2nd and 3rd prizes have increased in value). Extra Easter and Christmas draws; all towards the upkeep of our wonderful church. Please contact Sandra and Kathryn on 01772 312558. Thank you in advance.

December 2020 - 200 Club Winners: 1st Prize £200 No 307 Helen & Roger Hardacre : 2nd Prize £100 No 205 Winifred Eccles: 3rd Prize £50 No 179 Bernard Walne.

SVP: Sincere thanks for the **December SVP Collection** which raised £151.

Zoom Retreat for Altar Servers: Saturday 27th February 2021 Ages 8 to 11 from 10am-12pm. Ages 12 to 17: 1pm-3pm. Over 18’s please email the address below to register an interest in a session for older servers. The

retreat will include a talk from Bishop John, a recommissioning service and some workshops: ‘Challenges & Opportunities’, ‘Prayer - A Friendship with Jesus’, and ‘Called to Serve’ To register your place or for more information, email:

formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

An under 18’s videoconferencing consent form must be completed by parents/carers and returned to the above email address.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Rev Cassian Dickie, OSB, Norma Thompson, Barbara Moon, John Prescott, Andre Jacobs, Lorna Bentley, Amy Lloyd, Elsie Smith, Barbara Davis, Margaret Roxburgh, Eddie Gough, Joyce Crook, Teddy Howes, Brenda Towers, Margaret Riley, Ryan Womack, Tony Wilkinson, June & Peter Gent, Emma Garth, Liz O’Donnell, Shelagh Mervyn

Those who have Recently Died

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.*

