

MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 4

Vigil	4th Sunday in OT	30 Jan	Thu		4 Feb
7.00	<i>Michael Jones</i>		9.30	<i>Dec'd and Sick Members of CAFOD Group</i>	
Sun	4th Sunday in OT	31 Jan	Fri	St Agatha	5 Feb
9.30	<i>The Parish</i>		9.30	<i>Whiteley & Swarbrick Families</i>	
11.00	<i>Joan & Jim Hankinson</i>		Sat	St Paul Miki & Companions	6 Feb
6.30	<i>Peter Carroll (sick)</i>		9.30	<i>Ann Crook LD</i>	
Mon		1 Feb	Vigil	5th Sunday in OT	6 Feb
9.30	<i>Sheila Woolf</i>		7.00	<i>Maurice Cookson</i>	
Tues	PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	2 Feb	Sun	5th Sunday in OT	7 Feb
9.30	<i>James Cafferkey</i>		9.30	<i>Joan Whitehead</i>	
Wed	St Blaise	3 Feb	11.00	<i>The Parish</i>	
9.30	<i>Mary & Fred Conburn</i>		6.30	<i>Philip Marron</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 4: 1. George & Monica Clark : 2. Deceased Members Of The Hodgson & Shearer Family; 3. (Benedict Chapel) Jack & Gertie Woods

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: We pray for the parish of St Vincent de Paul, Norden, for Fr James Manock, their parish priest, for their parish primary school. May they be a prophetic voice to the people. We pray for the parish of St Michael & St Bernadette, Whitefield, and for Canon Steven Parkinson, their parish priest and for their parish primary schools. As the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes approaches, may St Bernadette lead us to Mary and may Mary lead us to her Son Jesus

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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Prayer of Pope Francis for World Communications Day 24 Jan 2021:

Lord, teach us to move beyond ourselves, and to set out in search of truth.

Teach us to go out and see, teach us to listen, not to entertain prejudices or draw hasty conclusions.

Teach us to go where no one else will go, to take the time needed to understand, to pay attention to the essentials, not to be distracted by the superfluous, to distinguish deceptive appearances from the truth.

Grant us the grace to recognise your dwelling places in our world and the honesty needed to tell others what we have seen. Amen.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

31 JANUARY 2021

TODAY:

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Today Jesus begins his ministry in the synagogue at Capernaum and we are told “His teaching made a deep impression on them because, He taught them with authority”. It is so impressive that it prompts the evil spirit to speak out against Him. Evil will always try to attack goodness: how often we find our faith belittled or mocked especially with facile and populist thinking which finds itself challenged by something which is deeper and more attractive than itself. A good reflection on this is “The Screwtape Letters” by C.S. Lewis; a spiritual gem which might be worth looking up or revisiting sometime this week as we reflect on today’s passage from the gospel.

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 Govern-

ment 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 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!

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.

Candlemas Day, 2nd February: This Tuesday it will be forty days after the birth of Jesus, when he was presented in the Temple and held up by Simeon as the Light of all Peoples. We will bless some candles at Mass to remind us of their use in Church in the coming year that the light of Christ may shine in our world. As we end these 40 days, we conclude the Christmas season and put away the nativity scene for another year.

Marian Anthem: Followers of our online rosary will have become familiar with the Advent/Christmas anthem to Mary, *Alma Redemptoris Mater*. From Candlemas through until the Easter Vigil we now change to a different anthem: *Ave Regina Caelorum*. These are the words:

Ave regina caelorum, ave domina angelorum: salve radix, salve porta, ex qua mundo lux est orta: Gaude Virgo, gloriosa, super omnes speciosa, vale o valde decora, et pro nobis Christum exora.

In English: *Hail, Queen of Heaven, hail lady of the angels. Hail, root, hail the door through which the Light of the world is risen. Rejoice, glorious Virgin, beautiful above all. Hail, O very fair one, and plead for us to Christ.*

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

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, Jane Cooper, Mike Turner, 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, Shelagh Mervyn June & Peter Gent, Emma Garth, Liz O’Donnell,

Those who have Recently Died

Fr Giles Goward, Francesco Giordano.

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.*