

MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 5

Vigil 7.00	5th Sunday in OT <i>Maurice Cookson</i>	6 Feb	Thu 9.30	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Martin Banks LD</i>	11 Feb
Sun 9.30	5th Sunday in OT <i>Joan Whitehead</i>	7 Feb	Fri 9.30	<i>Edward Carmody</i>	12 Feb
11.00	<i>The Parish</i>		Sat 9.30	<i>John Rawcliffe</i>	13 Feb
6.30	<i>Philip Marron</i>		Vigil 7.00	6th Sunday in OT <i>Richard Worden</i>	13 Feb
Mon 9.30	St Jerome Emilian <i>Friends of Joan Ramsdale</i>	8 Feb	Sun 9.30	6th Sunday in OT <i>Timothy O'Donovan LD</i>	14 Feb
Tues 9.30	<i>Sr Patricia Dunne LD</i>	9 Feb	11.00	<i>Sabina Szostak</i>	
Wed 9.30	St Scholastica <i>Mike Turner (sick)</i>	10 Feb	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 5: 1. Teresa Eccles, Peter Eccles, Mary Eccles :
2. Deceased Of The Hardacre And Smith Families;
3. (Benedict Chapel) Relatives And Friends of the Yeomans And Fletcher 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: We pray for the parish of St Michael and St Bernadette, Whitefield, and for Canon Steven Parkinson, their parish priest. We pray 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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From This Sunday's Gospel: Mark 1:35-37 :

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of Him and when they found Him they said, "Everybody is looking for you".

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

7 FEBRUARY 2021

TODAY:

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel we hear the recounting of one of the first days in the ministry of Jesus. It is full of comings and goings; encounters and healings. What is of particular note is how Jesus begins the next day: "He went off to a lonely place and prayed there". He then sets off on another unbelievably busy day. Sometimes we feel too busy to pray whereas, in fact, it is the prayer which gives us the fuel and the wisdom to do what we have 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 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."

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.

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

www.stmarysbrowndedge.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.

SVP would like to thank all who helped with the Christmas hampers: St Mary's High School staff, SVP youth leader and all students for providing space to work and for their donated items; Eucharistic Ministers for their assistance in delivery; the Food Bank for their support, and the parishioners who donated specifically to the Christmas hamper appear. A total of 71 hampers were delivered.

CAFOD Lent Appeal: This Lent CAFOD invites you and the whole Catholic Community of England and Wales to join, the 'Big Walk for Water'. Help to end water poverty across the world by walking 5 miles (10,000 steps) or whatever you can manage on Saturday 20 Feb at 2pm. Sadly due to social restrictions, we cannot do the walk together but we can be united as we do it through our common purpose. Also, please support parishioners Steve and Louise who are taking on the Walk for Water challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day for 40 days in Lent to raise £750 for a community water supply. Donations can be put in the Fast Day envelope which will be available 20/21 February or

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walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walking-for-water-steve-and-louise. There is a link on the Parish website and Facebook page.

Fr Alban Crossley: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Alban Crossley OSB. Fr Alban was Parish Priest here from 1992 to 1996. He died on 2 February aged 88.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

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

Those who have Recently Died

Fr Alban Crossley OSB (former parish priest at St Mary's Browndedge)

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.*

