

MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 6

Vigil	6th Sunday in OT	13 Feb	Thu		18 Feb
7.00	<i>Richard Worden</i>		9.30	<i>John Reid</i>	
Sun	6th Sunday in OT	14 Feb	Fri		19 Feb
9.30	<i>Timothy O'Donovan LD</i>		9.30	<i>Dom Alban Crossley OSB</i>	
11.00	<i>Sabina Szostak</i>		4.30	Stations of the Cross	
6.30	<i>The Parish</i>		Sat		20 Feb
Mon		15 Feb	9.30	<i>Pauline Harvey LD</i>	
9.30	Dom Alban Crossley OSB		Vigil	First Sunday of Lent	20 Feb
Tues		16 Feb	7.00	<i>Patrick Gallagher LD</i>	
9.30	<i>Jean Gerrard</i>		Sun	First Sunday of Lent	21 Feb
Wed	ASH WEDNESDAY	17 Feb	9.30	<i>The Parish</i>	
9.30	<i>Agnes & Jim Livesey</i>		11.00	<i>Richard & Agnes Nickson</i>	
4.30	<i>The Parish</i>		6.30	<i>Patrick Russell</i>	
7.30	<i>Speedy Recovery</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 6: 1. Livesey, Sumner & Haydock Families :
2. Deceased Family & Friends of the Swarbrick & Whiteley Families;
3. (Benedict Chapel) John & Mary Dearden

All Services can be viewed live or on playback at any time on www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk or www.churchservices.tv

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: In our Diocese we now pray for the parishes of St. John's Deanery, for its people, and clergy and for the Dean, Fr. Martin Collins.



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. John Paul II, Eccles, with Fr. Martin Collins, their parish priest, their primary schools and St. Patrick's High School, the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph and the chaplaincy to Salford Royal Hospital.

May all that they do be done for the glory of God. **Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!**



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'If you want to, you can cure me.'

'Of course I want to! Be cured!'

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.*

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

14 FEBRUARY 2021

TODAY:

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel a man with leprosy approaches Jesus and utters the words, "if you want to, you can cure me". This is much more than a request for healing it is a statement by the man recognising Jesus as the one who can save him. Do we recognise what God can do for us?

Lent: This week we begin Lent with ASH WEDNESDAY. It is a special day in our catholic calendar of fasting and abstinence. Due to Covid19 we will not be able to touch people to put on ashes in the traditional way, however, the words will be spoken once for everyone as we currently do with Communion and then people will be invited to come forward to the priest to have ashes sprinkled on the crown of the head. Masses at 9.30, 4.30 & 7.30pm. The rosary on Wednesday will follow the end of Mass and anyone who wishes to remain for this may do so.

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".

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!

Message from Bishop Arnold: "Places of worship have been 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. It is important that Parish Priests feel confident that a particular church should be open, however, 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".

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.

Fr Alban RIP: The Funeral of Fr Alban is on Monday at 11.30 at Ampleforth Abbey. The link to follow the live streaming is on: www.ampleforth.org.uk/abbey Our Parish Mass this Monday at 9.30am will also be a Requiem for Fr Alban.

Stations of the Cross: The Lent devotion of the Stations of the Cross will be held in Church each Friday of Lent at 4.30pm begin-

ning this coming Friday 15 February. We will not be able to have the usual House Stations this year, but perhaps some of those could be organised online if people wish to do so.

Parish Lenten Course: On Thurs 25 Feb at 7pm and the following 4 Thursdays we invite to learn more about our faith with the video course "Sycamore". It will be done remotely via Zoom so you take part from home. To sign up and receive a link please email: bamberbridgeoffice@gmail.com

Pastoral Letter: Bishop Arnold has written a Pastoral Letter for this Sunday. Copies are available at the back of Church and on the website. (Also a recorded version.)

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, available next weekend or online: walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walking-for-water-steve-and-louise. There is a link on the Parish website and Facebook page.

Salford Diocese Lent Course: Austen Iverleigh, who collaborated with Pope Francis on the book "Let us Dream", will guide us through this amazing book. The Pope offers spiritual guidance for us all in the midst of the Covid crisis, seeking ways of conversion as individuals and as a society. The first session is on Weds 24 Feb at 7pm and will continue every Weds in March when we will meet 7pm - 8.30pm, with an opening reflection from Austen. The course will take place on Zoom. To sign up and receive the link, email: formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Holy Land Pilgrimage: Sadly, due to the ongoing uncertainty about when travel restrictions will be lifted, we have decided to postpone the trip once again. We are looking at the possibility of dates around 18th October. Adrian will be in touch with all pilgrims with the option of cancelling or rebooking.

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 an 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.

200 Club Winners for January: 1st: £200 No 281, Allan Hunt; 2nd: £100 No 103 Anne Brierley; 3rd: £50 No 348 Gerard Moulding. Contact the parish office if you want to join the 200 club; it's a great to support the parish finances.

Thanks: Peter & June Gent thank everybody for their prayers during their recent and ongoing illness.

Lately Dead: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Alicia Gerrard, a former parishioner, who has died. The funeral will be held on Fri 19th Feb 2:30pm at St. Mary's Morecambe. A video link is available by contacting Karen on 07985 102245.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

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

Those who have Recently Died

Fr Alban Crossley OSB, Barbara Moon, Liz O'Donnell, Ann Alicia Gerrard, Simon Fox-Strangeways