

MASSES AND SERVICES: 1st Week of Lent

Vigil	First Sunday of Lent	20 Feb	Thu		25 Feb
7.00	<i>Patrick Gallagher LD</i>		9.30	<i>Francis and Dorothy Hardacre (R&D)</i>	
Sun	First Sunday of Lent	21 Feb	11.00	<i>Funeral Mass : Barbara Moon</i>	
9.30	<i>The Parish</i>		Fri		26 Feb
11.00	<i>Richard & Agnes Nickson</i>		7.00	<i>David Powell</i>	
6.30	<i>Patrick Russell</i>		9.30	<i>Roy & Doreen Singleton (sick)</i>	
Mon	CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE	22 Feb	4.30	Stations of the Cross	
9.30	<i>Charles Sergeant</i>		Sat		27 Feb
Tues	St Polycarp	23 Feb	9.30	<i>Joan Ramsdale & Allan Swindleburst</i>	
9.30	<i>Maureen Waterhouse</i>		Vigil	Second Sunday of Lent	27 Feb
Wed		24 Feb	7.00	<i>Philip Morris</i>	
9.30	<i>David Knagg LD</i>		Sun	Second Sunday of Lent	28 Feb
			9.30	<i>Joe & Lizzie Dowbakin</i>	
			11.00	<i>Jim & Lesley Morris</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 6: 1. The Moon Family : 2. Ann And Charles Sergeant;
3. (Benedict Chapel) Eric Taylor And Jim Slater

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: Let us pray for the people of the parish of the Holy Trinity, Worsley, with Mgr John Dale, their parish priest, for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph, the chaplaincy to St Ann's Hospice, and for the parish primary schools.

May their journey with the Lord this Lent be richly blessed.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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*'The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at hand.
Repent, and believe the Good News.'*

Message of Pope Francis on Ash Wednesday 2021

Love is a gift that gives meaning to our lives. Love helps us to see all men and women as our brothers and sisters. Charity is multiplied when given with love, as we see not only in the Scriptures, but in our own lives, too, when we give alms with joy and simplicity.

To experience Lent with love means caring for those who suffer or feel abandoned because of the Covid-19 pandemic. To speak words of reassurance, and help others to realise that God loves them as sons and daughters.

Every moment of our lives is a time for believing, hoping, and loving!

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

21 FEBRUARY 2021

TODAY:

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

On the first Sunday of Lent we always hear the gospel of Jesus spending 40 days in the desert and being tempted by the devil. As we embark upon these 40 days of Lent let us commit to resist the temptations of sin which will come our way and try to embrace the opportunities of grace which will also come our way!

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.

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. 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.

Early Morning Mass: on the Fridays of Lent, beginning next Friday 26 Feb, we will have an extra Mass at 7am. This might prove a good Lenten devotion for some people on their way to work or who are early risers and want to make a blessed start to the to the day.

Parish Lenten Course: On Thurs 25 Feb at 7pm and the following 4 Thursdays we invite people to learn more about our faith with the video course "**Sycamore**". These are new videos following on from what we did last year; this week is entitled: "The Community of the Church". It will be done remotely via

Zoom which means you can 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 Lent. Copies are available at the back of Church and on the website. (Also a recorded version.)

CAFOD Family Fast Day, Friday, 26 February : Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him 10 hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wated as he has no time for anything else. Please give this weekend to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water. Envelopes are available in church and outside the Priory and can be returned to either place. If you are able to donate online do this by giving to: walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walking-for-water-steve-and-louise, or text LENT to 70460 to donate £5, £10, or £20. Thank you for helping to end water poverty. Keep safe and well. There is a link on the Parish website and Facebook page.

Salford Diocese Lent Course: Austen Iver- eigh, 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.

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN): You are invited to join ACN benefactors and parishes all across the UK for a virtual Sunday Lunch on Sunday 21st March, 1pm, in aid of the St John the Merciful Table, a fantastic initiative that serves daily meals to over 1,500 struggling Christians in Lebanon. You can join this via YouTube. Be prepared to enjoy a full line-up of prayer, videos, music and more! For more info, visit www.acnuk.org/event/acn-virtual-sunday-lunch/ See you there!

Thanks for orders from the Christmas Catalogue which raised £109 28 from our parish.

We also have our usual ACN Stations of the Cross, which can be used at home instead of **collectively in church:** www.acnuk.org/resource/stations-of-the-cross-secondary/

Rite of Election: On the 1st Sunday of Lent The Diocese usually invites all those seeking to become Catholics at Easter to the cathedral to meet the Bishop and be presented as candidates. This year it is being done online. Please pray for all those involved, especially Megan McNally from our parish.

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 Gent,

Those who have Recently Died

Barbara Moon, Peter Gent