

## MASSES AND SERVICES: 2nd Week of Lent

<b>Vigil</b> 7.00	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Philip Morris</i>	27 Feb	<b>Thu</b> 9.30	<i>Keith Marshall LD</i>	4 Mar
<b>Sun</b> 9.30	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Joe &amp; Lizzie Dowbakin</i>	28 Feb	<b>Fri</b> 7.00	<i>The Sick</i>	5 Mar
11.00	<i>Jim &amp; Lesley Morris</i>		9.30	<i>Michael Jones</i>	
6.30	<i>The Parish</i>		4.30	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Mon</b> 9.30	<b>ST DAVID</b> <i>Simon Fox-Strangeways LD</i>	1 Mar	<b>Sat</b> 9.30	<i>Intentions of Jonathan Greenwood</i>	6 Mar
<b>Tues</b> 9.30	<i>Bob Moffat</i>	2 Mar	<b>Vigil</b> 7.00	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Dowbakin Family</i>	6 Mar
2.00	<i>Funeral: Peter Gent</i>		<b>Sun</b> 9.30	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <i>The Parish</i>	7 Mar
<b>Wed</b> 9.30	<i>Intentions of Doris Thomas</i>	3 Mar	11.00	<i>Arthur Greaves LD</i>	
			6.30	<i>Elizabeth Higham</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 : Lent Week 2 :** 1. Peacock Family : 2. Kirkwood Family : 3. (Benedict Chapel) Richard Thomas Worden And Deceased Family And Friends

All Services can be viewed live or on playback at any time on [www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://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 parishioners of Our Lady of Hope, Salford, for Canon Michael Cooke, their parish priest and for Fr Mark Paver, for their parish primary school and All Hallows High School and for the work of the Mill Hill Missionaries.

May this Lent be for them a blessed encounter with the Lord Jesus, the Beloved of the Father.



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### Message of Pope Francis for the 2nd Sunday of Lent:

From the event of the Transfiguration I would like to take two significant elements that can be summed up in two words: ascent and descent. We all need to go apart, to ascend the mountain in a space of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. This we do in prayer. But we cannot stay there! Encounter with God in prayer inspires us anew to “descend the mountain” and return to the plain where we meet many brothers and sisters weighed down by fatigue, sickness, injustice, ignorance, poverty both material and spiritual.

To these brothers and sisters in difficulty, we are called to bear the fruit of that experience with God, by sharing the grace we have received.



**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

**28 FEBRUARY 2021**

## TODAY:

### 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

On the 2nd Sunday of Lent the gospel is the Transfiguration. Jesus reveals something of His glory to Pater, James and John and John. He also speaks for the first time about “rising from the dead”; a foretaste of what we are preparing for during Lent. Can we proclaim with Peter: “Lord it is wonderful for us to be here!”

**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!

**Mass Attendance:** As the rates of infection are subsiding and number of vaccinations increasing people are now feeling more confident to return to Church. We will continue to observe the current Covid 19 regulations regarding social distancing, sanitising, no singing, stewarding etc... Many thanks to those who have helped with this. The “covid—safe” capacity of the church is approx. 160, thus, we do have room for more people at all the Masses. Last weekend the numbers were: 7pm: 41; 9.30am: 59; 11am: 48; 6.30pm: 24; Total: 172. On Ash Wednesday the numbers were 100 + 60 + 20 =180. There are approx.40 people at each weekday Mass.

**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/](http://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.

**CAFOD:** Please place your CAFOD envelopes for the Family Fast Day in the buckets at the doors of the church. This year CAFOD are seeking to provide better water supplies to many communities. If you want to donate online please support Steve and Louise in their Lent effort to walk 10,000 steps per day: [walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walking-for-water-steve-and-louise](http://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. There is a link on the Parish website and Facebook page.

**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, 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:** We held our first session on Thursday with four more to come, each Thursday of Lent at 7pm: 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 sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation”. Remember that Eater is time when we are called to renew our baptismal promises so perhaps this will be a good opportunity to refresh our minds as to what it really means to be a Catholic. 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](mailto: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.)

**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 took place last Wednesday 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](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.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 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.

**Lent Resources 2021:** Salford Diocese have compiled a list of resources to help our parishioners to sustain their prayer life this Lent. You can find these on the website at [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lent-in-lockdown-resources](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lent-in-lockdown-resources)

**Aid to the Church in Need (ACN):** You are invited to join ACN and parishes all across the UK for a virtual Sunday Lunch on Sunday 21st March, 1pm, in aid of an 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/](http://www.acnuk.org/event/acn-virtual-sunday-lunch/) See you there!

**Rite of Election:** Last Sunday the Bishop welcomed all those seeking to become Catholics around Easter time in a Zoom ceremony. Please pray for all those involved, especially Megan McNally from our parish.

**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.

**Piety Shop:** Easter Cards are now available from the table in the Narthex.

### 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, June Gent, Margaret Roxburgh, Joyce Crook, Brenda Towers, Margaret Riley, Ryan Womack, Tony Wilkinson, Shelagh Mervyn, Emma Garth,

#### Those who have Recently Died

Barbara Moon, Peter Gent, Mary Siney, Keith Marshall.