

## MASSES AND SERVICES: 3rd Week of Lent

<b>Vigil</b> 7.00	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Dowbakin Family</i>	7 Mar	<b>Thu</b> 9.30	<i>Leo &amp; Marie Bateson</i>	11 Mar
<b>Sun</b> 9.30	<b>Third Sunday of Lent</b> <i>The Parish</i>	7 Mar	<b>Fri</b> 7.00	<i>Edith Suchin</i>	12 Mar
<b>11.00</b>	<i>Arthur Greaves LD</i>		<b>9.30</b>	<i>Francis John, &amp; Elizabeth Dowbakin</i>	
<b>6.30</b>	<i>Elizabeth Higham</i>		<b>4.30</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	
<b>Mon</b> 9.30	<b>St John of God</b> <i>Speedy Recovery</i>	8 Mar	<b>Sat</b> 9.30	<i>Rhoda Rawcliffe</i>	13 Mar
<b>Tues</b> 9.30	<b>St Frances of Rome</b> <i>Peter Gent LD</i>	9 Mar	<b>Vigil</b> 7.00	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Celine Hanlon</i>	14 Mar
<b>Wed</b> 9.30	<i>Richard &amp; Monica Reid</i>	10 Mar	<b>Sun</b> 9.30	<b>Fourth Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Mary Siney LD</i>	14 Mar
			<b>11.00</b>	<i>Ann Sergeant</i>	
			<b>6.30</b>	<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 : Lent Week 3 :** 1. Deceased Relatives Of The Dixon and Leonard Families  
2. Mr & Mrs Mackie And Mrs Margaret Hoole  
3. (Benedict Chapel) Deceased Members Of The Cullivan and Keany Families

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 people of the parish of St Ambrose Barlow, Swinton, for Mgr Paul Smith their parish priest and for their primary schools and St Ambrose Barlow High School, as well as the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph.



As the Lenten journey continues, may they continue to walk with the Lord who has the message of eternal life.

*Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!*



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### Message of Pope Francis on his Apostolic Visit to Iraq this weekend:

"I have greatly desired to meet you, to see your faces and to visit your country, an ancient and outstanding cradle of civilization.

"I am coming as a pilgrim, as a penitent pilgrim, to implore from the Lord forgiveness and reconciliation after years of war and terrorism, to beg from God the consolation of hearts and the healing of wounds."

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

**7 MARCH 2021**

## TODAY: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Today we hear how Jesus went to the Temple and drove out the money changers. One of the signs of the coming of the Messiah from the Old Testament is that the Temple would be restored; thus this gospel is a statement that Jesus is the Messiah; He is the one we are waiting for. He is the fulfilment of the law and the 10 commandments which we hear in our 1st reading today.

**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: 51; 9.30am: 59; 11am: 54; 6.30pm: 21; Total: 185. There are approx. 40 people at each weekday Mass and 50 people attending the Stations of the Cross

**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 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 are not 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 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 day.

**Parish Lenten Course:** Please join us for our for the next 3 Thursdays 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 Eucharist" A wonderful opportunity to refresh ourselves about the source and summit of our lives as

Catholics. Take the chance to reflect upon 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)**

**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. It 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)

**CAFOD:** Many thanks for your support of the CAFOD Family Fast Day last week. You donated a wonderful £894 via the envelopes and so far, we have raised another £970 via online donations for the "Walking for water" challenge. Further donations may be placed in the buckets at the doors of the church. 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 FB page.

**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)

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

**Women's Refuge :** At the moment there are 28 children in the Refuge, if anyone would like to donate an Easter Egg, they would be greatly appreciated.

**Planned Giving Envelopes:** New boxes of planned giving envelopes (gift aid and non-gift aid) are now ready for collection on the table at the back of church. If your box is missing or any details are not correct, or if you would like to start using envelopes, please contact: John Kirkwood, 01772 312793.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** The new dates are 18th-25th October. All participants should now have received a letter inviting them either to rebook for these dates or ask for a refund. Anyone else who may be interested please contact Adrian Duffy at Northern Star Travel on [info@northernstar.com](mailto:info@northernstar.com) or 0161 773 2115.

**Hyacinth Pots:** Many thanks to those who bought Hyacinths for Cafod before Christmas. If you would like to donate the pots back to us for us to use for next year please leave them in the narthex.

**Shrine to Our Lady:** the landscaping of our new Marian Shrine by the drive entrance to church is almost complete. We hope it will be a fitting dedication to Mary our Mother.

### 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, Joe Lever, Brenda Towers, Margaret Riley, Ryan Womack, Tony Wilkinson, Shelagh Mervyn, Emma Garth,

#### Those who have Recently Died

Peter Gent, Keith Marshall, Mary Siney