

MASSES AND SERVICES: 4th Week of Lent

Vigil 7.00	Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Celine Hanlon</i>	13 Mar	Thu 9.30	<i>Chris Nibill</i>	18 Mar
Sun 9.30	Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>Mary Siney LD</i>	14 Mar	Fri 7.00	ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF MARY <i>Joyce Sergeant</i>	19 Mar
11.00	<i>Ann Sergeant</i>		9.30	<i>Margaret Jackson</i>	
6.30	<i>The Parish</i>		4.30	Stations of the Cross	
Mon 9.30	<i>Intentions of the Cherry Family</i>	15 Mar	Sat 9.30	<i>Nora Philbin LD</i>	20 Mar
Tues 9.30	St Cyril of Jerusalem <i>Intentions of Kathleen Hanshaw</i>	16 Mar	Vigil 7.00	Fifth Sunday of Lent <i>Denis Hopwood</i>	20 Mar
Wed 9.30	ST PATRICK <i>Michael Richmond</i>	17 Mar	Sun 9.30	Fifth Sunday of Lent <i>Roy Wilde</i>	21 Mar
			11.00	<i>Kathleen Lucas</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 : Lent Week 4 : 1. Deceased Of The Simmons And Lofthouse Families And Marlene Nicholson : 2. Maurice Cookson : 3. (Benedict Chapel) Leslie And Janet Parker

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: We pray for our Mother

Church, our Cathedral Church of St John, together with the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Joseph, Salford. We pray for Bishop John, for Fr Michael Jones, the Cathedral Dean, Fr Ignatius, and Deacon Steven, for all who share in the mission of the Cathedral, and the priests resident at Cathedral House. We pray also for the two parish primary schools and for all who work in the Cathedral Centre. May the life of our Cathedral and its parish truly be God's work of art.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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Prayer of Pope Francis for the Year of St Joseph whose Feast we celebrate this Friday:

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

LAETARE SUNDAY

14 MARCH 2021

**TODAY:
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT
LAETARE SUNDAY
MOTHERING SUNDAY**

Today, in the Gospel, Jesus meets Nicodemus and makes the remarkable profession: “God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. This is a prophecy of His own death on the cross very early in the Gospel of John to point us towards the whole meaning of His coming to earth—to die for us!

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: 61; 11am: 52; 6.30pm: 26; Total: 190. 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/ 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 are 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 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 2 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: “Forgiveness,

Healing and Mission”. 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**

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

CAFOD: Many thanks for your support of the CAFOD Family Fast Day. You donated a wonderful £1,030 via the envelopes and so far, we have raised another £1,040 via online donations for the “Walking for water” challenge. Cafod buckets are 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. 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

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.

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.

Holy Week Ceremonies: There will be some adaptations to the services to try to limit any spread of infection, e.g. no washing of feet, no watching at the altar of repose, veneration of the cross with a genuflection or bow, no paschal fire or procession with candles. However, for the most part we hope to be able to retain much of the wonderful celebrations of the Triduum. Please complete a form indicating which services you will be attending. We do not expect to be over capacity but it will help us if we have an idea of how many people to expect.

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

Michael Turner, Keith Marshall, Mary Siney