

MASSES AND SERVICES: 5th Week of Lent

Vigil	Fifth Sunday of Lent	20 Mar	Fri		26 Mar
7.00	<i>Denis Hopwood</i>		7.00	<i>Eileen Graham</i>	
Sun	Fifth Sunday of Lent	21 Mar	9.30	<i>Peter Corrigan LD</i>	
9.30	<i>Roy Wilde</i>		2.00	<i>Funeral : Michael Turner</i>	
11.00	<i>Kathleen Lucas</i>		4.30	Stations of the Cross	
6.30	<i>The Parish</i>		Sat		27 Mar
Mon		22 Mar	9.30	<i>Charles Sergeant</i>	
9.30	<i>Bernard Dixon</i>		Vigil	PALM SUNDAY of the	28 Mar
Tues	St Turibius of Mogrovejo	23 Mar		Passion of the Lord	
9.30	<i>Birthday Memories of Kit & Peg</i>		7.00	<i>In thanksgiving for Golden Wedding Anniversary (Shorrocks)</i>	
Wed	St Oscar Romero	24 Mar	Sun	PALM SUNDAY of the	28 Mar
9.30	<i>Kath Harvey</i>			Passion of the Lord	
Thu	THE ANNUNCIATION	25 Mar	9.30	<i>Mary Schofield</i>	
	OF THE LORD		11.00	<i>In Thanksgiving 40th Wedding Anniversary, Roger & Helen Hardacre</i>	
9.30	<i>Leo McMellon</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. The Rogers Family : 2. Philip Morris : 3. (Benedict Chapel) Deceased Members Of Brownedge Choir

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 the parishes of St Joseph the Worker and St Teresa of Avila, Irlam, for Fr Anthony Clarke, their parish priest, and for their parish primary schools.



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

May God's Law be ever written in their hearts.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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Prayer of St Teresa of Avila to St Joseph

O Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, who knows how to make possible the things that are impossible, come to our help in these moments of distress and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious situations and difficulties that I bring to you that they may end happily. O my most beloved father, all my confidence is in you. Let it not be said that I have invoked you in vain; and since after Jesus and Mary you are so powerful show me that your goodness equals your power. Amen.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

21 MARCH 2021

**TODAY:
5TH SUNDAY OF LENT**

Today, in the Gospel, Jesus prophesies His death proclaiming: “Unless a grain of wheat shall fall on the ground and die, it remains but a single grain with no life”. As we draw near to His passion we unite our sufferings with His and know that His death for us gives us fullness of life.

Lockdown One Year On ... This Tuesday 23 March it will be one year since the first restrictions were imposed and the celebration of Public Mass was suspended. To mark this anniversary the Bishops have asked us to join prayer in a special way. We will, as usual, have a holy hour of adoration between 3pm and 4pm. Also, weather permitting, we will hold our Evening Rosary in the grounds outside the front of Priory at 8pm. (in church if rain). This will coincide with the vigil of prayer being called for at 8pm that evening. We hope to broadcast the rosary online on the “MOBILE” tab of the streaming service.

The Chaplaincy Team at the Primary school have prepared a prayer and a tea light for each of us to take home and light at 8pm on Tuesday to pray for all who have died from Covid19 and all who continue to suffer as a consequence of this pandemic.

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”.

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 sing-

ing, 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 **o n l i n e d o n a t i o n s** 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

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 on the 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: “How to Pray”. A wonderful opportunity to refresh ourselves about the ways in which we can build our relationship with our God. 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**

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.

Holy Week Ceremonies:

Palm Sunday; Usual Masses

Maunder Thursday: Lord’s Supper: 7pm

Good Friday: Stations of the Cross: 10am

The Lord’s Passion: 3pm

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil: 8pm

Easter Sunday; 9.30am; 11am; 6.30pm.

Please complete a yellow form indicating which services you will be attending. Put it in the box provided or in the letterbox of the Priory. We do not expect to be over capacity but it will help us if we have an idea of how many people to expect.

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, we hope to be able to retain much of the wonderful celebrations of the Easter Triduum.

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 incorrect, 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.

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, Michelle Carrigan, Mary Siney