

MASSES AND SERVICES: Easter Week 2

Vigil 7.00	2nd Sunday of Easter <i>Elizabeth Prescott</i>	10 April	Thu 9.30	Easter Weekday <i>Michael Turner</i>	15 April
Sun 9.30	2nd Sunday of Easter <i>The Parish</i>	11 April	Fri 9.30	Easter Weekday <i>Joan Whitehead LD</i>	16 April
11.00 6.30	<i>Special Intention</i> <i>Katherine Tipping</i>		Sat 9.30	Easter Weekday <i>Fr Peter James OSB</i>	17 April
Mon 9.30	Easter Weekday <i>Nellie & Jack Holt and</i> <i>James Robert Holme</i>	12 April	Vigil 7.00	3rd Sunday of Easter <i>Bill Harrison & Margaret Dixon</i>	17 April
11.00	<i>Funeral Service : Mary Walmsley</i>		Sun 9.30	3rd Sunday of Easter <i>The Parish</i>	18 April
Tues 9.30	St Martin I <i>Tom Roberts</i>	13 April	11.00	<i>Baron Family</i>	
Wed	Easter Weekday	14 April	6.30	<i>Margaret Lloyd</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 : Easter Week : 1. Family And Friends Of Turner And Slater Families;
2. Deceased Members Of The Livesey And Sheehan Families;
3. (Benedict Chapel) Deceased Members Of The Sugden And Kennedy Families

All Services can be viewed live or on playback at any time on
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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 Bishop, John, all our clergy both secular and religious and all the lay faithful of the Diocese of Salford. May we all be inspired with the grace of this Easter Season to respond to our baptismal calling to be living Body of Christ in our world today.



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

May the Risen Lord, who has passed over from death to life, lead us into the fulness of life.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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My Lord and My God!

Easter Sequence

Victimae paschali laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat
strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to
reign.

Tell us, Mary: say
what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as He rose

The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen:
He goes before you into Galilee.

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

11 APRIL 2021

TODAY: 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

We complete the Easter Octave with the appearance of the resurrected Jesus on the evening of Easter Sunday, when Thomas was absent, and then again on the Sunday after Easter Sunday (today!) when Thomas was there. Thomas had not believed the disciples when they told they had seen the Risen Lord but when Jesus appeared to him on this day he exclaimed "My Lord and My God!" The Lord reveals himself to us today in the Holy Eucharist; can we join Thomas in this profound declaration of faith in the Risen Lord?

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 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.

Holy Week and Easter Sunday have seen a welcome rise in the numbers attending church and we hope people have had the sense of being in a safe environment. Easter weekend the numbers were: Vigil: 81; 9.30am: 140; 11am: 81; 6.30pm: 42; Total: 344. There have been approx.40 people at each weekday Mass; 69 people attended the Reconciliation Service in Holy Week; on Maundy Thursday there were 103 people at

Mass; Stations of the Cross on Good Friday there were 112 attending and the Good Friday Service was attended by 99 people. Thankyou for your presence in making our Holy Week ceremonies a prayerful and fitting celebration of the Paschal Mystery.

Altar Servers and Cantors: For the services of Holy Week have reintroduced into our liturgy the use of Altar Servers and a small group of singers to lead our singing. These ministries are still limited in what they can do but a welcome sign to enhance our liturgy; regulations do allow altar servers, following the usual Covid-safe norms and "a small group of singers", at a safe distance from each other and other members of the congregation. We are asked to continue to refrain from congregational singing for the time being. Any servers or singers who like to resume their ministry please contact Fr Mark.

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.

Facebook: Please "like" and follow our parish Facebook Page. There are many photos, videos and event announcements which appear there. Also please share items to your own Facebook page so that we can reach out to more people.

High School End of Term Service:

Although the students were not able to hold a service in Church at the end of term, they did prepare a wonderful video for the school chaplaincy Instagram page which you watch via the Parish Facebook page from a post on 26 March.

Shrine to Our Lady: the landscaping of our new Marian Shrine by the drive entrance to church is almost complete. Phase two of this will involve the cladding of the plinth in black granite and the securing of the statue of Our Lady to the plinth. Floodlights will be installed, and two benches will be fitted for people to sit and pray. This should be finished in time for the beginning of May when we hope to have a service of blessing and consecration. We hope it will be a fitting dedication to Mary our Mother and Patroness of our Parish.

The Rwanda Group Trust would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who responded to their Lenten appeal. A fantastic response raised a total of £6,300—divided between donations for basic necessities and the purchase of 100 goats. May God bless you all for your generosity to the poor people of Rwanda.

Red Mission Boxes: Many thanks for last years donations which raised £3,237.29. Can any outstanding money be returned as soon as possible.

CAFOD: Many thanks for your support of the CAFOD Family Fast Day. The final total between the envelopes and the spon-

sorship for the 'Walking for Water' challenge, has come to a wonderful total of £2,495!! Well done to Steve and Louise who have walked 1 million steps during the 40 days of Lent to help end water poverty. Thanks to everyone for the support and generosity.

200 Club Easter Bonus Draw: Fabulous Easter prizes: Congratulations to the three lucky winners: 1st Prize: Geoff Yeomans; 2nd: Martin Turner; 3rd: Jeanette Morris

Thanks to all our 200 Club members for your continuing support. Please consider joining the 200 Club if you are not already a member. At just £1 a week, it is an excellent way to support the parish and, in particular, the maintenance of our beautiful Grade II listed church. You will have the chance to win one of the three monthly prizes of £200, £60 or £40 together with the special prizes at Easter and Christmas. While it is in your mind, send an email now to bamberbridgeoffice@gmail.com

Baptisms: From May 17th onwards, it is anticipated that we will be able to hold baptisms with 30 people present. From June 21st, like everyone, we hope all restrictions will be lifted. Many people have had to postpone baptisms; if you want to make some arrangements for a baptism, please contact the parish office and we can try to book something in for you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Fr Cassian Dickie, Jane Cooper, 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, Teresa Foster, Shelagh Mervyn, Emma Garth,

Those who have Recently Died

Mary Walmsley, HRH Prince Philip, Joan & Franco Giordano, James Harold.