

MASSES AND SERVICES: Easter Week 5

Vigil 7.00	5th Sunday of Easter <i>Suzanne Spielbichler</i>	01 May	Thu 9.30	Easter Weekday <i>Sugden & Kennedy Families</i>	06 May
Sun 9.30	5th Sunday of Easter <i>The Parish</i>	02 May	Fri 9.30	Easter Weekday <i>Sbeila Woolf</i>	07 May
11.00	<i>Robert, Bertha and Peter Holden</i>		Sat 9.30	Easter Weekday <i>Owen Beirne and Brothers</i>	08 May
6.30	<i>Michael Cox</i>		10.45	<i>Interment of Ashes : Mary Walmsley</i>	
Mon 9.30	SS PHILIP AND JAMES <i>Frank Farrell</i>	03 May	Vigil 7.00	6th Sunday of Easter <i>Elizabeth Prescott</i>	08 May
Tues 9.30	ENGLISH MARTYRS <i>Mary Ellen Doherty</i>	04 May	Sun 9.30	6th Sunday of Easter <i>Simon Fender</i>	09 May
11.00	<i>Funeral Mass : Sr Mary Higney RNDM</i>		11.00	<i>The Parish</i>	
Wed 9.30	Easter Weekday <i>Agnes Eccles and her Family</i>	05 May	6.30	<i>Thomas Roberts</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. Norbert, Hilda And Stephen Hardacre; 2. William And Catherine Bateson; 3. (Benedict Chapel) Kehoe Family

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: Let us pray for the people of the parishes of St Mary, Clayton-le-Moors, Our Lady and St Hubert with St Wulstan, Great Harwood and St Charles Borromeo, Rishton, with Fr Ian Farrell, their parish priest. Let us pray for their three parish primary schools.

That, in this month of May they may follow the example of Our Blessed Lady, First Disciple of her Son

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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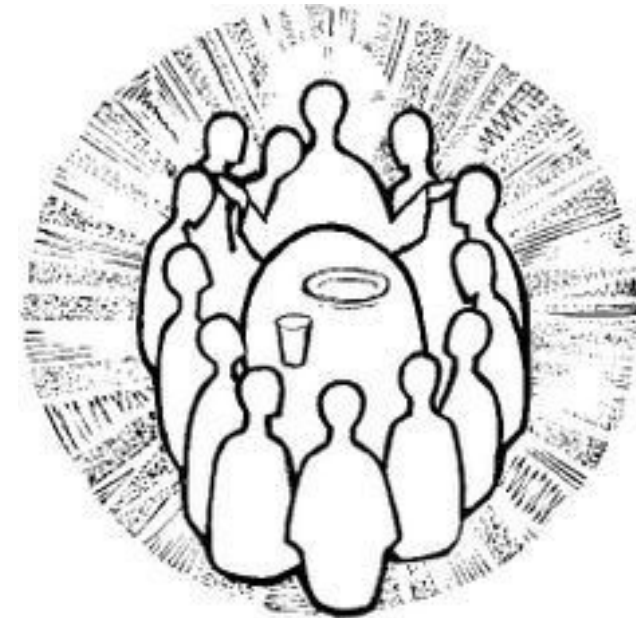
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"Whoever remains in me, with me in him,
bears fruit in plenty."

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

2 MAY 2021



Sister Mary Higney R.I.P.

The whole parish has been shocked and saddened to learn of the unexpected death, on Tuesday 20 April of our much loved parish sister, Sr Mary Higney. Sr Mary was a member of the Order of Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions (RNDM) and had served in the parish since early 2003. Sr Mary has done so much for our community over the past 18 years: visiting the sick and housebound, comforting the bereaved, preparing families for Baptism and Holy Communion, working with ecumenical projects and being a great welcoming and prayerful presence across the whole community. Please pray for Sr Mary, for her family, the Sisters of her order, especially Sr Louise with whom she shared her ministry here in religious community life at St Mary's Priory.

Funeral: There will be a Reception of Sr Mary's body into Church on Monday 3 May at 6pm Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 4 May at 11am. Unfortunately, Covid19 restrictions only allows 30 people to attend these funeral rites. This will be taken up by her family, her religious sisters and a few invited parishioners. Both the Reception and the Requiem Mass will be broadcast online. Copies of the Order of Service are available from Church or can be downloaded from the Parish website.

Holy Rosary for Sr Mary: On Monday 3 May at 8pm we will have the Holy Rosary, as usual in Church. This is a regular part of our communal worship, thus, people are allowed to attend up to the safe limit of our church's Covid19 risk assessment (approx. 160). The rosary that evening will be offered for Sr Mary. Parishioners may wish to take this opportunity of communal worship to attend and pray for the repose of her soul. Please respect all the usual Covid 19 regulations for communal worship. It will also be available online.

TODAY: 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In the gospel today, Jesus tells us that we are the branches and He is the vine. It is remaining attached the vine, Jesus, that we are able to produce the fruit that our lives are designed to produce.

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: We have seen a welcome rise in the numbers attending church and we hope people have had the sense of being in a safe environment. Last weekend the numbers were: Vigil: 51; 9.30am: 112; 11am: 46; 6.30pm: 37; Total: 246. There have been approx.40 people at each week-day Mass.

Altar Servers and Cantors: We 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. We currently have 985 followers with 22 more joining this week; can you help us get past one thousand?

Shrine to Our Lady: the landscaping of our new Marian Shrine by the drive entrance to church is almost complete. This week we have added the black granite to the plinth and put the marble statue of Our Lady into place. It looks splendid.

Floodlights will be installed, and two benches will be fitted for people to sit and pray. We hope to get some heavy stone benches so that they will not be easily moved.

Prayer Intentions: If you would like to make a donation to the cost of the new benches and the shrine overall, we invite you to do so in the name of a prayer intention: Place a donation in an envelope marked "Our Lady's Shrine" and include the prayer intention which you wish to offer. The intentions will be included in booklet for the service of blessing.

We have invited The Bishop of Salford, Bishop John Arnold, to come and lead a service of blessing and consecration on Wednesday 19 May at 7pm if the easing of Covid19 regulations will allow this.

CAFOD Climate Change Petition:

Please sign a petition card to the Prime Minister or sign the petition online: www.cafod.org.uk/reclaim. Please return your cards to the box provided or post it back to CAFOD Freepost. Thank you.

Gift Aid: Thanks to everyone who Gift Aids their offertory and donations to the parish; We will receive a very welcome £13,263.12 from the inland revenue for the tax year 2020/21. Remember you must have paid the same amount of tax to cover the reclaimed gift aid amount i.e. if you give £10 per week that equals £520 per year and the parish claims £130. Thus you must have paid £130 tax. If you wish to gift aid contact John Kirkwood 312703.

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, Mary Foster, Shelagh Mervyn, Emma Garth,

Those who have Recently Died

Sister Mary Higney RNDM, Jack Allsop and Ian Woan, who died on 18 April 2021, a former pupil at St Mary's Primary and High Schools