

MASSES AND SERVICES: Easter Week 6

Vigil 7.00	6th Sunday of Easter <i>Elizabeth Prescott</i>	08 May	Thu	ASCENSION OF THE LORD	13 May
Sun 9.30	6th Sunday of Easter <i>Simon Fender</i>	09 May	9.30	<i>Isagani Arcilla</i>	
11.00	<i>The Parish</i>		4.30	<i>The Parish</i>	
6.30	<i>Thomas Roberts</i>		7.30	<i>Geoff & Pearl Pugh</i>	
Mon 9.30	Easter Weekday <i>Jack Allsop</i>	10 May	Fri	ST MATTHIAS	14 May
Tues 9.30	Easter Weekday <i>Sr Mary Higney RNDM</i>	11 May	9.30	<i>Frank & May Hewitt</i>	
Wed 9.30	St Pancras <i>Lesley Morris</i>	12 May	Sat	Easter Weekday	15 May
			9.30	<i>Joan Platel</i>	
			Vigil	7th Sunday of Easter	15 May
			7.00	<i>Bill (William) May LD</i>	
			Sun	7th Sunday of Easter	16 May
			9.30	<i>Mary Winifred Howe</i>	
			11.00	<i>Christopher Tipping</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 : Easter Week : 1. Ted & Ennis Steinson And Arnold & Marie Spencer
2. Isagani Acrilla; 3. (Benedict Chapel) Virginia Tarnate

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 parish of St St Marie, Haslingden, for Fr Martin Broadley, their parish priest, and for their primary schools.

We pray that the joy of the Risen Jesus be in them and be a visible sign for the world

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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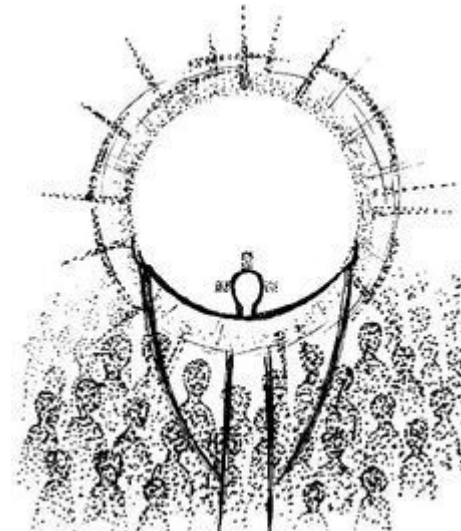
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**This is my commandment:
love one another, as I have
loved you.**

**A man can have no greater
love than to lay down his life
for his friends.**

**You are my friends, if you do
what I command you.**

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9 MAY 2021



Sister Mary Higney RIP

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the funeral rites of Sister Mary so respectful and fitting. The reception of the body and the Holy Rosary for the vigil were very prayerful and the Requiem Mass both solemn and uplifting. The Rosary and the Mass are both available to view on the streaming site; the orders of service are also available on the Parish Website. We continue to pray of the repose of her soul and for the consolation of her family members, her congregation and all who mourn her death.

TODAY: 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In the gospel today, Jesus continues to prepare the disciples in his final discourses to live the Christian as He has shown them. He gives them a new commandment: “love one another, as I have loved you”. Are we doing what the Lord has commanded us to do?

Baptism Programme: Today, during the 9.30am Mass, we will have the **Enrolment Ceremony** for the children who are to be baptised in the near future. It is nice to be able to resume some of the usual things of our parish life. Please contact the parish office if you would like to arrange a Baptism.

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: 65; 9.30am: 123; 11am: 42; 6.30pm: 30; Total: 260. There have been approx.40 people at each weekday 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 Letter-box of the Priory which is locked inside. Also, it is possible to make online donations.



Contactless Payments!

Our machine for contactless payments has been declining all cards for the past couple of weeks. This seems to be a problem with the service provider rather than our machine, but we hope it will be rectified as soon as possible.

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 992 followers; just eight more and we will reach the one thousand mark? Tell you family and friends to like our page. It can be our part in the New Evangelisation.

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.

Donations for the Shrine: 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. **If you pay tax please write a note on the envelope that you wish this donation to be gift aided.** The intention might be an “In Memoriam” of a loved one or it may be a particular prayer which you wish to be included as we commemorate the shrine. The intentions will be included in a programme being prepared for the service of Service of Blessing.

Blessing and Consecration of the Shrine:

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.

CAFOD: Parish ZOOM meeting with our local MP Nigel Evans on Thursday 27 May from 5.30—6.30pm to discuss climate change, debt relief and a green recovery from the pandemic. **All invited.** For a Zoom link, email michael/cronin_uk@yahoo.co.uk

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. This is an important part of our regular income which helps us pay all the bills. Please gift aid all your offertory monies, and any donations to the parish, if you are eligible: 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 on 312703.

200 Club Winners for April: Congratulations!

- 1st Prize: £200 No 357 Marie Craven;
- 2nd Prize: £100 No 283 Mary Yeomans;
- 3rd Prize: £50 No 289 Doreen Singleton.

Feast of the Ascension. Next Thursday is the feast of the Ascension of the Lord. While there is currently no obligation to attend Mass due to Covid 19, it is a Solemnity and we encourage you to try to attend Mass either in person or online.

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