

MASSES AND SERVICES: Easter Week 7

Vigil 7.00	7th Sunday of Easter <i>Bill (William) May LD</i>	15 May	Thu 9.30	St Bernardine <i>In Thanksgiving (CS)</i>	20 May
Sun 9.30 11.00 6.30	7th Sunday of Easter <i>Mary Winifred Howe</i> <i>Christopher Tipping</i> <i>The Parish</i>	16 May	Fri 9.30	St Christopher & Comp <i>Margaret & Jack Biggins</i>	21 May
Mon 9.30	Easter Weekday <i>Cocker Family</i>	17 May	Sat 9.30	St Rita of Cascia <i>Diane Harvey</i>	22 May
Tues 9.30	St John I Pope & Martyr <i>Livesey & Sheeham Families</i>	18 May	Vigil 7.00	PENTECOST <i>Jack Allsop LD</i>	23 May
Wed 9.30	St Dunstan <i>Hiney, McArdle & Rowland Families</i>	19 May	Sun 9.30	PENTECOST <i>The Parish</i>	23 May
7.00	Blessing of Marian Shrine		11.00	<i>Sr Mary Higney RNDM</i>	
			6.30	<i>Jane Horsfield—In Thanksgiving for Recovery</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. Domingo Tarnate, 2. Ronando Tarnate; 3. (Benedict Chapel) Margaret Mary Livesey

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 people of St John Southworth's parish, Nelson, Brierfield and Fence, for Fr Gerard Kelly, their parish priest, and for the Methodist community who share Christchurch with this parish. We pray for their parish primary schools.

We pray that they may be true to God's name and that God's love will dwell in them

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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**Consecrate them in the truth;
your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world,
I have sent them into the
world, and for their sake
I consecrate myself
so that they too may be
consecrated in truth.'**

(John 17: 18-19)

7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

16 MAY 2021



Sister Mary Higney RIP

A message from Sr Catherine:

“Dear Fr Mark, Fr Colin and Parishioners, I wish to express my gratitude and thanks on behalf of all the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions for your support of Sr Louise in the days leading up to and following the death of Mary RIP. Mary will be greatly missed by you all in St Mary’s, the place where she made her home for the past 18 years. You, as a parish community, journeyed with her in the last couple of years as she faced the challenges of ill health and for that too, I am deeply grateful. While attending her funeral and speaking to some of you I became aware of the love, care and concern you had for her and the esteem in which you held her. May you be richly blessed by our God.

Thank you for the meaningful Funeral liturgies and a huge thanks to all of you who contributed and assisted in any way during those days.

Know that our prayers accompany you all as you move forward in your life together as a parish community.

Sr Catherine Corrigan RNDM’

you informed as to what changes are made as soon as we ourselves get to know. One change which comes into effect from this week is that the number of people who can attend a funeral is now raised to the safe capacity of each Church building, in our case about 160 pax. If there are infection spikes in local areas this may be reduced.

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”.

Blessing and Consecration of the New Shrine to Our Lady: This Wednesday, 19 May at 7pm we will have a service of blessing and consecration. Bishop Arnold will lead the blessing. The service will take place outside around the new shrine. Please gather in the parking areas and lawns in the vicinity of the shrine and remain safely distanced.

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. Many thanks for all those donations already received.

TODAY: 7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

In the gospel today, Jesus continues his final discourse in the Gospel of St John; in fact, the discourse becomes a prayer to the Father invoking His paternal care for each of us. Jesus asks the Father consecrate us in the truth. We are called to live as people of the truth; that which is good, just, and righteous. Let us commit today to live in the Truth; God is Good, God is Truth, God is Beauty, Praise Him!

Covid19 Restrictions: Some of the restrictions re easing but please continue to follow the protocols we have established for gathering together for worship. We will keep

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: 57; 9.30am: 95; 11am: 50; 6.30pm: 38; Total: 240. The attendance at weekday Mass averages at about 40 people each day.

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.

There is an updated page about how we can support the finances of the parish on the website under the “Announcements” section.



Contactless Payments!

The machine for contactless payments is now working again. Please Gift Aid if you can: on the first use you be asked for your address to register as a gift

aid donor. Subsequent payments with the same card will be recognised.

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 your family and friends to like our page. It can be our part in the New Evangelisation.

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. 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.

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