

MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 8

Vigil 7.00	PENTECOST <i>Jack Allsop LD</i>	22 May	Thu	JESUS CHRIST, ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST <i>Peter Watkins (Test for Cancer)</i>	27 May
Sun 9.30	PENTECOST <i>The Parish</i>	23 May	Fri 9.30	<i>Rev John Laide</i>	28 May
11.00	<i>Sr Mary Higney RNDM</i>		Sat 9.30	St Paul VI, Pope <i>Mary Stead</i>	29 May
6.30	<i>Jane Horsfield—In Thanksgiving for Recovery</i>		Vigil 7.00	HOLY TRINITY <i>Catherine & Michael Carty and Michael & Mary McNamara</i>	29 May
Mon 9.30	Mary, Mother of the Church <i>Bernard Dixon</i>	24 May	Sun 9.30	HOLY TRINITY <i>John Taylor</i>	30 May
Tues 9.30	St Bede the Venerable <i>Special Intention : John & Cath McHale</i>	25 May	11.00	<i>Michael Jones</i>	
Wed 9.30	St Philip Neri <i>Bill May (LD)</i>	26 May	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. Winifred Mary Livesey; 2. Neil Grayston; 3. (Benedict Chapel) Mary Rhead-Cor (Seriously Ill)

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 parish of St Joseph and St Peter, Newchurch-in-Rosendale, Fr Philip Boast, their parish priest, and for their parish primary schools. We pray that the Spirit of the Risen Lord, may fill their hearts and shine forth in their lives.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

23 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 Mis-

sions 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”

TODAY: PENTECOST SUNDAY

The 50th Day after the Resurrection is when the Holy Spirit descends on the community of believers to inspire them and form them into a family; today is the birthday of the Church. Pray that Holy Spirit will flood into our community to fill us with great gifts which can transform our lives and our world for the better.

Welcome to Niall Patrick Long who will be **baptised** into the **Body of Christ** today

Covid19 Restrictions: Some easing of Covid 19 restrictions have occurred this week; we are still asked to proceed with caution but there are one or two things which we can

now do: the limit on numbers attending funerals is now the same as the same limit of the Church (160). It is no longer essential for stewards to be present during the week when numbers are lower. Sanitising is asked to be done once a day and the main focus is on all “touch points”. We can reintroduce the procession of the gifts of bread and wine at the offertory—those doing this are asked to sanitise their hands just before they pick up the gifts; the intercessions at Sunday Mass can be reintroduced; the priest or minister of communion must continue to be wear face coverings but can say “The Body of Christ” to each communicant and those receiving can reply “Amen”.

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 of the Shrine: Many thanks to all those who attended the blessing of the Shrine last Wednesday with Bishop Arnold. We were blessed with fine weather and about 150 people gathered around. There are some copies of the Order of Service available at the back of church. Some photos are on the website and Facebook. The Bishop wrote to thank everyone for “A great parish occasion and a welcome tonic as we emerge from the lockdown” He was also very pleased to hear that we will, very soon, be welcoming a Refugee family through the community sponsorship scheme saying “such projects are proving very successful around the Diocese and certainly do great things in drawing Christian and Muslim communities together”.

Donations for the Shrine: Many thanks for all the donations and prayer intentions for the shrine. Any further donations are welcome by placing 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.

Mass Attendance: Last weekend the numbers were: Vigil: 55; 9.30am: 73; 11am: 41; 6.30pm: 33; Total: 202. 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. As of 3pm on Friday we stand at 999 followers; who will be our 1000th follower? Tell you family and friends to like our page. It can be our part in the New Evangelisation.

SPUC Pro-Life chain, Sat 29 May

11am-1.00pm: All are welcome to join this annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet on London Road, Preston—just north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all or part of the time; bring a chair if required. For information tel 01772 723094

Pastoral Letter: A letter from all the bishops for Pentecost is available at the back of church. It looks at renewing the face of the earth by our care for the environment.

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