

MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 25

Vigil 25th Sunday in OT 18 Sept
7.00 *Elizabeth Prescott*

Sun 25th Sunday in OT 19 Sept
9.30 *The Parish*
11.00 *Mary T Porter & Family*
6.30 *Christine Shaw*

Mon Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, 20 Sept
Paul Chong Hasang & Companions
9.30 *Bert Keany*

Tues **ST MATTHEW** 21 Sept
9.30 *Michael Jones*

Wed 22 Sept
9.30 *Sr Marie Lawlor*
10.45 Funeral Mass: Mary Aston

Thu St Pius of Pietrelcina 23 Sept
9.30 *Private Intention*

Fri Our Lady of Walsingham 24 Sept
9.30 *Diane Harvey*
2.30 Funeral Mass: Mary Foster

Sat 25 Sept
9.30 Sr Elizabeth McNulty

Vigil 26th Sunday in OT 25 Sept
7.00 *Vincent Michael Dalley*

Sun 26th Sunday in OT 26 Sept
9.30 *Michael Wareing & Sean Joyce*
11.00 *Mavis & Hannah Bleasdale*
6.30 *The Parish*

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Tuesday & Thursday: 3pm to 4pm;
Saturday 10-10.30am**
Confession: Sat: 10-10-30am or by request to a priest.

Sanctuary Lamps : Week 40 : 1. In Thanksgiving
2. Special Intention

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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 Cuthbert, Bolton, with Fr Christopher Gorton their Parish Priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and for the Beaumont Hospital. May their lives be rooted in the wisdom that comes from above
Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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From Today's Gospel:

'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.' (Mark 9: 35-37)

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19 SEPTEMBER 2021

TODAY: 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues to teach his disciples about who He is; He is challenging their preconceptions about "the Messiah", especially in terms of what they think about power and greatness. True greatness is to be found in very different places from where the world normally presumes it to be. As we contemplate Christ today may He teach us how to be truly great.

Welcome to Benjamin Frederick Kershaw and Freddie Robert McNaught, who will be **baptised into the Body of Christ** today.

Offertory Processions:

26 September 9.30am: Pugh Family

Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

SVP Collection after all Masses this weekend. Envelopes for SVP donations at any time will be available from the church exits.

Baptism Preparation meeting on Monday, 20 September at 7 pm in the Narthex.

Covid19 Restrictions: The Bishops of England & Wales have issued a document about how the relaxing of Covid restrictions affects churches. This is available on the parish website. We are encouraged to remain careful and the Bishop of Salford has asked each parish to consider their own context as to how far they are willing to ease restrictions. We are enacting the following changes:

- **Stewards are no longer essential but we will ask them to act as "welcomers";**
- **There is no need for sanitising of benches after services;**
- **We recommend that people continue to wear face coverings;**
- **People can now join in with congregational singing (with face coverings);**
- **We will re-introduce the practice of kneeling for those who are able;**
- **The side door by the office will be unbolted during the day to allow access via the push button pad for private prayer.**

Mass Obligation: The Sunday Mass obligation is still 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". The Bishops have indicated that they would like to re-introduce the obligation on the 1st Sunday of Advent.

Sr Louise Shields: Sr Louise will be finishing her time as Parish Sister at Our Lady & St Gerard's on 3rd October and will be moving to support some of the RNDM sisters at one of the houses of Our Lady of the Missions in Deal, Kent. She has been a big part of our community for many years both at St Gerard's and here at St Mary's. We are very grateful for all that she has done and for her prayerful presence among us. This will mark the end of a long RNDM presence in our area both here and in Leyland. We owe a great debt of thanks to all the RNDM sisters who have ministered in our community over many years.

Saturday Reconciliation: & Exposition: We have now resumed celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the confessional and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Saturday mornings from 10-10.30am.

Holy Rosary: for 18 months we have prayed the rosary online each evening. Now that we are able to resume other commitments, both in Church and elsewhere, it seems the right moment to stop the online rosary. There have been many blessings from it both in the parish and much further afield; We will however broadcast a recording of the rosary on a loop between 8 and 9pm each evening. There are also recordings of each of the 4 sets of Mysteries under the "Featured Videos" tab on our streaming page. These will also be available on our YouTube channel. Please try to maintain the personal practice of praying the rosary.

Moving forward, perhaps someone would like to organise a group who could come together to pray the rosary at a suitable time in church so that people can join in online. Please speak with Fr Mark if you might be able to do this.

Tues & Thurs Exposition 3-4pm: We will continue this for the time being, however, as with the rosary, the commitment of leading this will, at times, need to be taken on by some Eucharistic Ministers.

Mass Attendance Last weekend: Vigil: 67; 9.30am: 83; 11am: 44, 6.30pm: 60; Total: 254. The attendance at weekday Mass is about 40 people each day.

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 a page about how we can support the finances of the parish on the website in the "Announcements" section.



Contactless Payments!

Make use of our machine for contactless payments. 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" our parish Facebook Page. There are many photos 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 now have over 1000 followers; Tell you family and friends to like our page. It can be our part in the New Evangelisation.

Visits to the sick and housebound: we are now able to take Holy Communion to people at home once again. If you, or anyone you know, would like communion at home please let us know.

Sister Mary: Various items which belonged to Sr Mary are on a table in the narthex.

Please feel free to take anything which you would like. There is a donation box either for CAFOD or the SVP. These will be cleared away after this weekend.

Refugee Families: Thanks to your support and the support of the local community, a new home is now fully equipped for the imminent arrival of a Syrian family on the community sponsorship scheme.. Thanks also for your response to the appeal by Caritas for items for Afghan refugees. Caritas now have enough items to cope with the immediate need. However, "Age Concern" are still receiving items such as cutlery, crockery, bedding, etc... to support South Ribble Council who are providing housing to some of the refugees; these items can be left at the "Age Concern" Charity shop near Morrisons Car Park in Bamber Bridge.

Parish Site Manager: Many thanks to Brian Spicer who is retiring at the end of September after working as our Site Manager for 22 years. The fine condition of our church, buildings and grounds are a great legacy to his dedication and faithfulness to the Church. We wish him every blessing in his well-earned retirement.

CAFOD Family Fast Day : Friday 1st Oct: Envelopes will be available next weekend. Our monthly coffee morning will be on Friday, 1 October, when we can meet and share a drink and toasted teacake. We raised £131 at the last coffee morning to help those in most need. Thank You.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Fr Cassian Dickie, Jane Cooper, Amy Lloyd Andre Jacobs, Elsie Smith, Barbara Davis, Teddy Howes, Eddie Gough, Emma Garth, Margaret Roxburgh, Joyce Crook, Joe Lever, Brenda Towers, Margaret Riley, June Gent, Ryan Womack, Tony Wilkinson, Kath Kelly Margaret Peacock, June Wrigley, Joan Melling.

All Those who have Recently Died

David Topping, Mary Aston,
John Brakewell, Mary Foster