

MASSES AND SERVICES: Advent Week One

Vigil 7.00	1st Sunday of Advent <i>Jim and Lesley Morris</i>	27 Nov	Thu 9.30	<i>Barry Gill</i>	02 Dec
Sun 9.30	1st Sunday of Advent <i>The Parish</i>	28 Nov	Fri 9.30	St Francis Xavier <i>Bernard Raby LD</i>	03 Dec
11.00 6.30	<i>Doreen Singleton LD</i> <i>Holy Souls</i>		Sat 9.30	St John Damascene <i>Winnifred Livesey</i>	04 Dec
Mon 9.30		29 Nov	Vigil 7.00	2nd Sunday of Advent <i>Stan and Kath Lucas</i>	04 Dec
	<i>Livesey and Sheehan Families</i>		Sun 9.30	2nd Sunday of Advent <i>Intentions of Mothers Prayers</i>	05 Dec
Tues 9.30	ST ANDREW <i>Eileen Rogers</i>	30 Nov	11.00	<i>The Parish</i>	
Wed 9.30		01 Dec	3.00	Service of Carols and Readings	
	<i>Michael Colman</i>		6.30	<i>Norbert Hardacre</i>	

**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 1 : 1. Deceased Members Of The Moon Family
2. John And Mary Dearden

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 parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Lostock Hall, for Fr Joe Gee, and for their parish primary school.



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

May they be strong in faith to stand with confidence before the Son of Man

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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Advent

Hope: On the First Sunday we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ.

Faith: On the Second Sunday, we hear the preaching of John the Baptist, who came to "prepare the way of the Lord".

Joy: On the Third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday), again we hear about John the Baptist, and the joy associated with the coming of the Saviour.

Love: On the Fourth Sunday, we hear about the events involving Mary and Joseph that led directly to the birth of Jesus.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)

28 NOVEMBER 2021

TODAY : 1ST OF ADVENT

Today is the beginning of the Church's year. Advent is a time of preparation to get ready for Christmas; we know how much goes on in our secular world to "get ready" for Christmas. All of that is insignificant if we do not also prepare ourselves in spiritual way to grasp some sense of the true meaning of Christmas. Jeremiah says today: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.' Prepare to let the Lord into our world in these coming days.

Welcome to Finley Anthony Watson-Burke and Aria Beryl Maniscalco, who will be **baptised** into the **Body of Christ** today

Baptism Enrolment Ceremony will take place during the 9.30am Mass today.

Advent Calendar: Collect your Parish Advent Calendar today listing all the events in our parish during Advent.

Derian House Children's Hospice Christmas Novelties will be on sale at all Masses this weekend. They cost £2 and the proceeds will go to support the children and their families at Derian House.

CAFOD Coffee Morning: Friday 3rd December 10am. All welcome

Offertory Processions: 5 December, 2nd Sunday of Advent: 9.30am: Daniels Family
Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

Carols from St Mary's Brownedge: Sunday 5th December at 3pm. A service of congregational carols, readings, seasonal and sacred music, led by members of the Preston Cecilian Choral Society. Raffle and collection for Church funds.

Brunch with Santa: Sunday 5 December 11am at Our Lady and St Gerard's Parish Centre. Adults £4, Children £6 (includes a gift from Santa). For tickets call 01772 335387

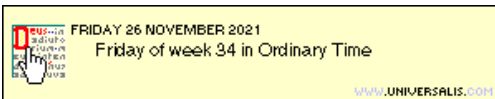
Covid19 Restrictions: Please continue to be careful and respectful of each other as we try to find a balance between limiting the chances of

spreading infection while seeking ways to return to a more normal way of life.

Coming Back to Sunday Mass: The Bishops' Conference have encouraged us all to resume our normal practice of attending Sunday Mass if we feel able. Because of the ongoing pandemic they have not yet reinstated the practice of obligation to attend Mass but they are strongly encouraging it. The Statement from the Bishops reads: "We recognise that for some people there may be certain factors that hinder attendance at Sunday mass. The pandemic is clearly not over. The risk of infection is still present. For some, there is legitimate fear in gathering together.

"As your bishops, we recognise that these prevailing circumstances suggest that not everyone is yet in the position to fulfil the absolute duty to attend freely Sunday mass. However, we now encourage all Catholics to look again at the patterns they have formed in recent months with regard to going to Mass on Sundays. This would include consideration and reflection about what we might do on Sundays, such as sports or shopping, or other leisure and social activities. This review, and the decisions which arise from it, fall to every Catholic and we trust this will be done with honesty, motivated by a real love for the Lord whom we encounter in the mass."

For those Unable to attend Mass: We will continue to livestream all our services but we will no longer pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer. We invite those watching to offer the prayer themselves which is on the website. Also, the diocese are no longer producing the "Lord's Day Home" leaflet but there is a generic one for each Sunday which we have printed for you to collect.



www.universalis.com has all the prayers and readings of Mass each day. Click on the link on our parish homepage and it takes you straight to all the liturgies for that day.

Scan this QR code with the camera on a smartphone and it will take you directly to the Mass readings of the day:



Confirmation: In 2016 our diocese decided to move the age of confirmation from year 3 to year 8. Our plans to launch a new programme last year were affected by the pandemic, however, we hope to do this now. We are inviting any young people in year 8 and 9 (or older if they have not already been confirmed) to register to make the Sacrament of Confirmation next June. The preparation course will begin soon. Please complete the registration forms available at the back of church and on the website. Forms will also be distributed through the Catholic High Schools and can be returned to the parish or the High School.

Mass Attendance Last weekend: Vigil: 47; 9.30am: 112; 11am 63, 6.30pm: 59; Total: 281.

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 or use our **Contactless Machine**. It is also 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.

Bishop's Letter: A Pastoral Letter for Advent from Bishop Arnold is available at the back of Church or on the website.

Piety Shop: Christmas stock now available.

Facebook: There is a lot of good information and pictures from our parish life on our Facebook page. Follow us on @stmaysbrownedge

Contemplative Christianity: Tuesday, 7 December 6.45—9.30pm in the gallery above the Narthex. A retreat based on the Christian meditation practices as passed on through the teaching of the Benedictine monk, Fr John Main OSB. Short storytelling/theatre followed by discussion. No charge for the event. Places limited so booking is essential. For more details or to book, contact John and Christine Kirkwood, 01772 312793

Giving Tree 2021: Due to Covid safety, the Giving Tree will not be up in church this year.

However, we will still support our usual charities with gifts for Christmas. If you are able to donate gifts, please wrap and place your own tag/label on, stating who the gift is suitable for, e.g.: baby/toddler, boy/girl, age 3-5; 6-9; 10-12; teen boy/girl; ladies/gents. Gifts or Gift Voucher can be left in the box at the back of church from the weekend of 20/21 November until 4/5 December. Many thanks for your support of this great Parish Project.

CAFOD: Hyacinth Pots: Thanks to all who have pre-ordered hyacinth pots, **now sold out!** Pots can be collected either at the CAFOD Coffee Morning next Friday, 3 Dec, or after 9.30 and 11am Masses on Sunday, 5 December. All proceeds to CAFOD. Thank you for your support. World Gift Books are now available with great gifts to give to others that can make a real change in the world.

Many Thanks: a huge "Thankyou" to all who supported parish events in the past week:

- **Quarant' Ore:** thanks to everyone who helped to make the 40 hours of adoration such a special occasion. We received over 110 intentions for sanctuary lamps. #awesomegraces;
- **SVP Party:** a lovely occasion for everyone. Well done to our SVP for the organisation.
- **Red Wednesday Mass:** a special thankyou to our High School Chaplaincy team who proclaimed the readings.

Thank You to all who supported the **Knights of St Columba Bingo** in the Narthex, £275 was raised for our charity fund.

Note for your Diary: Parish Dinner Sunday, 30 January 2022. Full details to follow.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

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

All Those who have Recently Died

Margaret Hooton, James Roland Parkinson (Sam) Linda Malliband, Marie Teresa Burton