

MASSES AND SERVICES: Advent Week 2

Vigil 7.00	2nd Sunday of Advent <i>Stan and Kath Lucas</i>	04 Dec	Thu 9.30	St Juan Diego <i>Dec'd Whiteley & Swarbrick Families</i>	09 Dec
Sun 9.30 11.00 6.30	2nd Sunday of Advent <i>Intentions of Mothers Prayers</i> <i>The Parish</i> <i>Norbert Hardacre</i>	05 Dec	Fri 9.30	Our Lady of Loreto <i>Jaki Sanderson</i>	10 Dec
Mon 9.30	St Nicholas <i>Bernadette Ryles</i>	06 Dec	Sat 9.30 10.30	St Damasus <i>Robert, Nellie & Joseph Delaney</i> <i>Children's Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	11 Dec
Tues 9.30	St Ambrose <i>Successful Operation</i>	07 Dec	Vigil 7.00	Gaudete Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent <i>Elizabeth Prescott</i>	11 Dec
Wed 9.30	Immaculate Conception of Our Lady <i>Bernard Halpin</i>	08 Dec	Sun 9.30 11.00 6.30	Gaudete Sunday 3rd Sunday of Advent <i>Richard & Mary Lloyd</i> <i>The Parish</i> <i>Jake Sanderson</i>	12 Dec

**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 2 : . Deceased Members Of Brownedge Choir
2. Kath And Diane Harvey

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 parishes of Our Lady and St Patrick, Walton-le-Dale and St Mary and St John Southworth, Samlesbury, with Fr Philip Nathaniel, their Parish Priest, and for their parish schools. May the Immaculate Mother of God protect and guide them



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Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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Pope Francis: An Easy Prayer for Advent:

"Prayer reawakens the soul from sleep and focuses it on what matters, on the purpose of existence. Even during our busiest days, we must not neglect prayer. The prayer of the heart can be helpful for us, repeating often brief invocations. For example, during Advent, we could make a habit of saying, "Come, Lord Jesus." Only these words, but repeating them: "Come, Lord Jesus". This time of preparation leading to Christmas is beautiful: we think of the nativity scene and Christmas, so let us say from the heart: "Come, Lord Jesus". Let us repeat this prayer all throughout the day: the soul will remain vigilant!"

Angelus at St Peter's 28 Nov 2021, 1st Sunday of Advent.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12 DECEMBER 2021

TODAY: 2ND OF ADVENT

The Second Sunday Advent is sometimes called "John the Baptist Sunday" as we always hear how it is John who heralds the coming of the Messiah; John is the "precursor" who points the way to the one who is to come, proclaiming "Prepare the way of the Lord!". Allow John to point us in the right direction today.

Welcome to Finley Thomas Grainger, Frederick Michael Galt and Ivy Hazel Galt who will be **baptised into the Body of Christ today**

Advent Calendar: Collect your Parish Advent Calendar today listing events in our parish during Advent and helping us pray the daily scriptures.

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

Tues 7 Dec 6.45—9.30pm Contemplative Christianity: Discover more about Christian meditation practices as passed on through the teaching of the Benedictine monk, Fr John Main. Short storytelling/theatre followed by discussion. No charge for the event but please contact John and Christine Kirkwood, 01772 312793 to book a place.

Weds 8 Dec: 1pm Mothers Prayers meet in the Priory. All welcome.

Weds 8 Dec 6.30pm: First Communion Prog. Meeting for Parents and Children.

Sat 11 Dec 10.30: First Reconciliation Service

Offertory Processions: 12 Dec 3rd of Advent: 9.30am: Tolentino Family

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

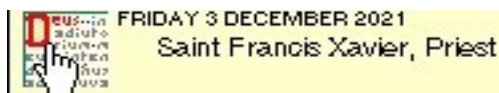
Parish Advent Reconciliation Service (Confession): Wednesday 15th Dec at 7pm.

Community Carol Singing: Bamber Bridge Churches Together are holding an ecumenical gathering of Carol Singing on **Sunday 19 Dec at**

2.30pm at McNamara Gardens, outside Morrison's. All welcome to come along and join in!

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. However, of the ongoing pandemic they have not yet reinstated the practice of obligation to attend Mass. The Statement from the Bishops reads: *"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 is 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 website 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:



Mass Attendance Last weekend: Vigil: 45; 9.30am: 106; 11am 65, 6.30pm: 43; Total: 259.

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 inten-



Confirmation: 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 in the New Year.

Register online at this address: **<https://forms.gle/n7fk2ZVeHamgLZKQA>**

or forms are 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.

tions 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.

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

Christmas Flowers: If you wish to donate poinsettias for the altar, please bring them to the Priory from Monday 20 Dec to Thurs 23 Dec between 2pm and 5pm.

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

Giving Tree 2021: 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. Thanks for the many gifts received so far. This is final weekend for gifts. Thank you for your support.

Synod: Pope Francis has called a Universal Synod which is taking place in every Catholic diocese across the world. The Synod is themed: **"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission"**. We want to hear from as many people as possible, those involved in the church and those who are not.

You can take part by completing an online submission using the QR code (scan code with the camera on a smartphone) or following this link.



www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2

Please share this link with family and friends. We have until 1st March 2022 to make our submissions then the Synod will gather in Rome in 2023 to reflect on what has been heard. Please remember the Synod in your prayers.

200 Club November Draw: 1st Prize £200 No 454 David Taylor; 2nd Prize £100 No 316 Mary Sergeant; 3rd Prize £50 No 68 Maureen Ogden.

SVP: Thanks to everyone who donated and supported the fundraising tabletop sale which made £483. Also all those who have helped with the Senior Citizens Party: the Bingo/ Raffle caller and his wife; those who prepared the food and drinks; the SVP Youth and their Teacher for all their help on the day and the Headteacher for allowing them to attend; The Catholic Club Committee and Staff for their help and the use of their beautifully seasonally decorated premises; those who donated raffle prizes, and Fr Mark and Fr Colin for their support.

Preston Orpheus Choir: A Festive Concert at St Aidan's C/E Church on Sat 11th Dec at 7pm £12 Adults, £5 under 18's.

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

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve: 5pm; 7pm; Midnight Mass (carols from 11.30pm).
Christmas Day: 10am

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