

## MASSES AND SERVICES: Advent Week 3

<b>Vigil</b> 7.00	3rd Sunday of Advent <i>Elizabeth Prescott</i>	11 Dec	<b>Thu</b> 9.30	Ian Woan	16 Dec
<b>Sun</b> 9.30 11.00 6.30	3rd Sunday of Advent <i>Richard &amp; Mary Lloyd</i> <i>The Parish</i> <i>Jake Sanderson</i>	12 Dec	<b>Fri</b> 9.30	<i>Intentions of Josie Francis</i>	17 Dec
<b>Mon</b> 9.30	<b>St Lucy</b> <i>Michael Cox</i>	13 Dec	<b>Sat</b> 9.30	<i>Maria Nolan &amp; Family</i>	18 Dec
<b>Tues</b> 9.30	<b>St John of the Cross</b> (i) <i>Frs McNally &amp; Raymond Davies</i> (ii) <i>A Successful Operation</i>	14 Dec	<b>Vigil</b> 7.00	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> <i>Dec'd Members of the Hopwood Family</i>	18 Dec
<b>Wed</b> 9.30 7.00	<i>Nicola McLaughlin &amp; Family</i> <b>Reconciliation Service</b>	15 Dec	<b>Sun</b> 9.30 11.00 6.30	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> <i>Family of Joan Ramsdale</i> <i>Jim and Joan Hankinson</i> <i>The Parish</i>	19 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 3 :** 1. Charles And Ann Sergeant  
2. For The Homeless, Poor, Sick And Frightened People In Our World Today

All Services can be viewed live or on playback at any time on  
**[www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk) or [www.churchservices.tv](http://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 the English Martyrs, Whalley, and for Fr David Yates, their Parish Priest. We pray for the staff and students of Oakhill College. May they rejoice in the Lord always.



HOPE  
IN THE FUTURE

*Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!*



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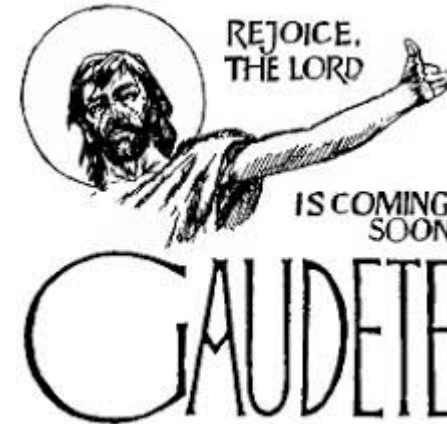
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### Today's 2nd Reading:

**I want you to be happy, always  
happy in the Lord; I repeat,  
what I want is your happiness.**  
Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 4:4-7*



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT "GAUDETE SUNDAY"

12 DECEMBER 2021

**TODAY: 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:  
GAUDETE SUNDAY**

Gaudete Sunday takes its name from the first word of today's entrance antiphon: "Rejoice!" It is a day when we anticipate the gift which God is sending us—His Son, Jesus. John the Baptist instructs the people to look out for and to respond appropriately with how they live their lives.

**Offertory Processions: 19 Dec, 4th Sunday of Advent: 9.30am:** Children  
Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

**Community Carol Singing:** Bamber Bridge Churches Together are holding an ecumenical gathering of Carol Singing on **Sunday, 19 December at 2.30pm** at McNamara Gardens, outside Morrison's. All welcome to come along and join in!

**SVP Collection** after all Masses next weekend.

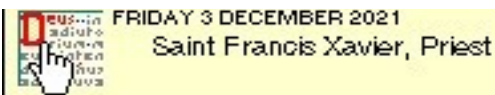
**Next Sunday: Bambinelli:** Bring your crib figures of the Baby Jesus to Mass to be blessed.

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

**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, because 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](http://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: 99; 11am 61, 6.30pm: 41; Total: 246. 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/](http://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:** There is a lot of good information and pictures from our parish life on our Facebook page. Follow us on @stmaysbrowndge

**❄ Christmas Masses ❄**  
**Christmas Eve at 5.00pm**  
**Christmas Eve at 7.00pm**  
**Christmas Midnight**  
**with carols from 11.30pm**  
**Christmas Day at 10am**

*Invite families and friends to join us at Christmas.*



**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/n7fk2ZVeHamgZLKQA> 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.

**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.

**CAFOD: Thank You.** From the recent coffee morning, raffle and buckets, we received £238.50 and from the sale of hyacinth pots, £296.50, making a total of £535. Many thanks for your support and generosity and a special 'thank you' to Mary and David for organising the hyacinth pots. We are buying Five World Gifts this Christmas to the value of £1,000, all relevant to Climate Change. These gifts will help support those in most need to build a better future, gift cards will be displayed on the CAFOD board. Thank You.

**Giving Tree 2021:** Thank you for your wonderful support and the many Christmas gifts which you have donated for children and families. These will be distributed in the next few days.

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

**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 or following this link.



[www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2](http://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, after national and continental gatherings, the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome in 2023 to reflect on what has been heard. Please remember the Synod in your prayers. Your contribution is invaluable and will make a considerable difference to the future of the Church in our diocese and across the world.

**Last Sunday's Carol Service:** Thanks to the Cecilian Choral Society and all in involved in a lovely celebration. The service can be viewed at any time on our streaming service. It is listed under "Featured Videos". Well worth tuning into as a way of preparing for Christmas.

**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**

Fr Dominic Byrne