

MASSES AND SERVICES: Advent Week 4

Vigil 7.00	4th Sunday of Advent <i>Dec'd Members of the Hopwood Family</i>	18 Dec	Fri 9.30	<i>Jennifer Baxter</i>	24 Dec
Sun 9.30 11.00 6.30	4th Sunday of Advent <i>Family of Joan Ramsdale</i> <i>Jim and Joan Hankinson</i> <i>The Parish</i>	19 Dec	VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY		
Mon 9.30	<i>Michael Colman</i>	20 Dec	5.00	<i>Peter Haybornthwaite</i>	
Tues 9.30	<i>James Harold</i>	21 Dec	7.00	<i>Michael Jones</i>	
Wed 9.30	<i>Dec'd of the Lancaster Family</i>	22 Dec	11.30	<i>Carols followed by</i>	
Thu 9.30	<i>Kath and Diane Harvey</i>	23 Dec	Midnight Mass <i>Ann & Charles Sergeant</i>		
			Sat	NATIVITY OF THE LORD	25 Dec
			10.00	<i>The Parish</i>	
			<i>(No Vigil Mass)</i>		
			Sun	THE HOLY FAMILY	26 Dec
			9.30	<i>Harold & Ellen Dixon</i>	
			11.00	<i>The Parish</i>	
			6.30	<i>The Holy Souls</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 4 : 1. Deceased Members of the Lancaster Family
2. Riley and Kirkwood Families

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 St Mary, Bamber Bridge, for Fr Mark Harold, their parish priest, and for Fr Colin Battell OSB. We pray for the Sisters of Our Lady of the Missions and for St Catherine's Hospice. We pray for the staff and students of their parish primary school and of St Mary's High School. May the Lord be born in the hearts of all through their life and witness.



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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For
Unto
us a
CHILD
is born
Unto us a Son
is given, and the
Government shall be
Upon His shoulders,
and His Name shall be called,
Wonderful, Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace!
Isaiah 9:6

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve at 5.00pm

Christmas Eve at 7.00pm

Christmas Midnight with
carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day at 10am

All Welcome!!

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

19 DECEMBER 2021

TODAY: 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

On the 4th Sunday of Advent we always hear something from the few events recorded in the Gospels which precede the birth of Jesus. In this "Year C" we hear a short piece of "The Visitation" and how Elizabeth is the first to utter that second line of the "Hail Mary"; also the amazing moment where the unborn John the Baptist greets the unborn Jesus: "The child in my womb leapt for joy!" May our hearts leap with joy as we prepare to welcome our Saviour into our lives.

Bambinelli: Today we will bless any of your crib figures of the Baby Jesus which you have brought to Mass.

Welcome to Thomas John Martindale, who will be **baptised into the Body of Christ** today.

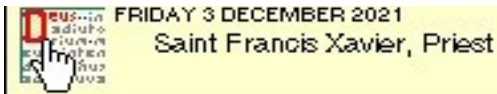
Offertory Processions: 26 Dec, Feast of the Holy Family: 9.30am: Wygladala Family Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

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 this weekend.

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 encourage all Catholics to look at the patterns of life they have formed in recent months. 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: 101; 11am 62, 6.30pm: 44; Total: 252. 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.



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.

200 Club Christmas Hamper Draw will take place this weekend. The 200 Club has also given Fr Mark a cheque for £3,000 towards the upkeep of the Church. May we wish all members a Happy and Holy Christmas. If anyone would like to join, please see notices or contact the parish office for details

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. 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.

Giving Tree: Many thanks for your very generous donations of presents for the Giving Tree—a total of 363. They were distributed on Monday to the following organisations who are extremely grateful for our continued support: Caritas; Women's Refuge; Bay 6; SLEAP; Wade Hall Children's Centre; Lancashire Young Carers; The Spires (Accommodation for the Homeless); Metanoia; Foxtton Centre; Salvation Army.

Christmas Posters: Take home a poster to display in your window.

Fr Jonathan, Fr Cassian and Fr Bernard OSB, from St Mary's Leyland wish to thank everyone for Christmas cards received and send their Christmas greetings to all parishioners at St Mary's Browndge.

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