

# St Mary's Brownedge

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Detail from one of the nave windows at St Mary's Brownedge.  
Photo courtesy of Mr R Livesey.

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

The Blessings of this Christmas Season be upon  
you, your loved ones and our world.

*“A light that the darkness cannot overcome”!* John 1:5

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CHRISTMAS DAY 25 DECEMBER 2021

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY (C) 26 DECEMBER 2021

2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS(B) 2 JANUARY 2021



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**A Happy and Holy Christmas!**

Fr Mark & Fr Colin wish you all every blessing at this sacred time. Many thanks to everyone who helps the parish in so many ways. Your offerings of time, energy, creativity, financial support, participation, kindness, counsel and above all, your prayer, all contribute towards building true communion and the kingdom of God in our midst. May our celebration of Christmas demonstrate to us all that through the coming of the Child of Bethlehem, "God is with us"!

**BULLETIN FOR THE WHOLE OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON:  
 25TH DECEMBER TO 9TH JANUARY**

**Sunday 26 December:**

**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph.**

December 26 is usually the Feast of St Stephen, however the Sunday within the Octave of Christmas is always celebrated as the Feast of the Holy Family reminding us that God came into our human family.

**Offertory Procession:** 26 Dec: 9.30am: Wygladala Family

**Monday 27—Friday 31 Dec in the Octave of Christmas:** Mass each day at 10am including Morning Prayer of the Church.

**Saturday 1st January: Feast of Mary, the Mother of God:** Mass at 12 noon with a blessing for the New Year.

There will be refreshments in the Narthex (unless Covid Restrictions prevent this.)

**Sunday 2nd January: 2nd Sunday of Christmas:**

We continue to hear of the wonder of the incarnation and the prologue of John's Gospel is pronounced once again: "The Word became flesh and lived among us", words which we are called to contemplate again and again during this season. May we recognise Him in our midst today!

**Offertory Procession:** 2 Jan, 9.30am: Pangilian Family  
 Please be generous in volunteering to bring up the gifts at all our Masses. If you are willing to do this please inform the welcomer at Mass.

**Baptism:** Welcome to Grayson Noah Platt, who will be baptised into the Body of Christ on 2 Jan 2022.



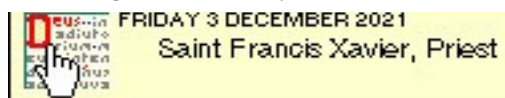
**Thursday 6th January:  
 Feast of the Epiphany:**  
 Masses 9.30am (with the primary school), 4.30 & 7.30pm

**Sunday 9th January: Feast of The Baptism of the Lord**

The liturgical season of Christmas concludes with the revealing of Jesus as God's Beloved Son at His Baptism in the river Jordan. In some traditions, "Christmastide" actually lasts for 40 days until the Presentation in the Temple on February 2nd, when Christ is revealed to Simeon as the "Light of all Peoples".

**Offertory Procession: 9 Jan, 9.30am:** Ashe Family

[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 4th Sun of Advent:** Vigil: 54; 9.30am: 121; 11am 57, 6.30pm: 54; Total: 286.

**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.

**Contactless Payments!** Make use of our machine for contactless payments. On the first use you will be asked if you can register as a gift aid donor. Subsequent payments with the same card will be recognised.



**200 Club Christmas Hamper Draw:**

Congratulations to all the lucky winners who won prizes in our bumper festive Christmas draw. 1st Prize: Mary Lofthouse; 2nd Prize: John Doherty; 3rd Prize: Sandra Livesey; Runners Up x3: Connie Hardacre, Freda Bibby and Raymund Livesey. A big thank you to all our 200 Club members. The club has recently raised a further £3000 to support the finances of the parish. If you would like to join the 200 Club and be in with a chance of winning a monthly prize, together with entry into the festive draws at Easter and Christmas, please contact the parish office for details. Thank you also to Sandra and Kathryn, who do such a great job in running the 200 Club on behalf of the parish.

**SYNOD: Have your say about the Church:** 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. Your contribution is invaluable and will make a considerable difference to the future of the Church in our diocese and across the world.



**Parish Website:** Visit our website. This newsletter, announcements, live streaming and other resources can be found here: [www.stmarysbrowndedge.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbrowndedge.org.uk)

**Facebook:** Please “like” our parish Facebook page and share with family and friends some of the things on it Also, when you share suggest to friends that they follow our page. This is a really effective and simple way to do your bit of evangelisation. It can help to build up a real interest locally in our parish and the work of the Church. We all know how a virus can reach to places we think we have had no contact with—let’s spread the good news instead. Follow us on @stmarysbrowndedge

**Streaming:** During the Christmas Season why not watch the Carol Service from 5th Dec or the Reconciliation Service form 15 Dec or the High School Service from 21 Dec. Available under “Recordings” or “Featured Videos”.

#### 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.

#### 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, June Wrigley, Joan Melling, Sheila Green

##### All Those who have Recently Died

Mary Irene Bradshaw

**Parish Dinner:** Due to the uncertainty with Covid, we have decided to postpone the dinner which was proposed for 30 January. We will seek a new date for after Easter.

**Coming Back to Sunday Mass:** Have you been away from Mass for some time due to Covid or perhaps just the pressures of life? Maybe now is a good time to reconsider the importance of our spiritual life and coming together as a people of God. We make time for lots of things in our busy schedules and sometimes we start to exclude the important things to make room for something which seems important at the time but actually is not. Also, we have heard a lot about how getting vaccinated is good both for ourselves but also good for others: your presence at Church is good for yourself but it is also good for other people in ways that you will never know. Your presence makes a difference. Come home this Christmas.

**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.

#### Current Covid 19 Guidance for Churches:

1. The wearing of face coverings became mandatory in Places of Worship from Friday 10th December. However, there are exemptions for those leading worship, public proclamation of scriptural readings or prayers, and those who are unable to wear face coverings and are exempt.
2. Hand sanitiser must be made available..
3. Congregational singing should take place with face coverings in place, however, and choirs and soloists may sing without such coverings. As the Church moves towards Christmas celebrations which often involve carol services and other singing events, it is strongly recommended that congregational singing within church buildings continues with the applied face coverings.
4. There must be good ventilation and air throughput in the building; because of climatic conditions, it would be important to remind people to wrap up well in church!
5. There is now very strong evidence that the main mode of this variant’s viral transmission is through aerosols, and that the risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. As such, the strict regimes of church cleaning that were recommended at the beginning of the opening of churches for public worship are no longer necessary. General church cleaning is sufficient.
6. People displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.

**Prayers for Salford Diocese:** This Christmas week, we pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady of the Valley, Clitheroe, with Sabden and Dunsop Bridge, and for Provost Paul Brindle, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and for the Clitheroe Hospital. May they know and share the joy of Christmas

The first week of New Year we pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with St John Bosco, Blackley and for Fr Anthony, their parish priest. We pray for the sisters of the Cross and Passion and for their parish primary schools. May Mary, Mother of God, confirm them in their mission.

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



**HOPE**  
IN THE FUTURE

## MASSES AND SERVICES: CHRISTMAS SEASON

<b>Fri</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	<b>24 Dec</b>
<b>5.00</b>	<b>Christmas Mass</b>	
	<i>Peter Haythornthwaite</i>	
<b>7.00</b>	<b>Christmas Mass</b>	
	<i>Michael Jones</i>	
<b>11.30</b>	<b>Midnight Mass</b>	
	<i>Ann &amp; Charles Sergeant</i>	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	<b>25 Dec</b>
<b>10.00</b>	<b>Christmas Mass</b>	
	<i>The Parish</i>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>THE HOLY FAMILY</b>	<b>26 Dec</b>
9.30	<i>Harold &amp; Ellen Dixon</i>	
11.00	<i>The Parish</i>	
6.30	<i>Holy Souls</i>	
<b>Mon</b>	<b>ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST</b>	<b>27 Dec</b>
10.00	<i>Birthday Memories Ennis Steinson</i>	
<b>Tues</b>	<b>HOLY INNOCENTS</b>	<b>28 Dec</b>
10.00	<i>Dec'd Members of the Ramsdale Family</i>	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY</b>	<b>29 Dec</b>
10.00	<i>Friends of Joan Ramsdale</i>	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>6th Day within Octave</b>	<b>30 Dec</b>
10.00	<i>Alan Swindlehurst &amp; Family</i>	
<b>Fri</b>	<b>St Sylvester I</b>	<b>31 Dec</b>
10.00	<i>Chris Nibill</i>	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD</b>	<b>01 Jan</b>
12.00	<i>The Parish</i>	
<b>Vigil</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>01 Jan</b>
7.00	<i>Vincent Thornber &amp; Maurice Cookson</i>	

<b>Sun</b>	<b>2ND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS</b>	<b>02 Jan</b>
9.30	<i>Alan &amp; Joan Ramsdale</i>	
11.00	<i>Jimmy Parkinson</i>	
6.30	<i>The Parish</i>	
<b>Mon</b>		<b>03 Jan</b>
9.30	<i>Michael Colman</i>	
<b>Tues</b>		<b>04 Jan</b>
9.30	<i>Anthony &amp; Martin Kilbane</i>	
<b>Wed</b>		<b>05 Jan</b>
9.30	<i>Brett Thompson</i>	
<b>Thu</b>	<b>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</b>	<b>06 Jan</b>
9.30	<i>Mass with SMSB Primary School Singleton &amp; Thompson Families</i>	
4.30	<i>The Parish</i>	
7.30	<i>Mary Flaherty</i>	
<b>Fri</b>		<b>07 Jan</b>
9.30	<i>Joan Pinnington LD</i>	
11.00	<i>Funeral: Mary Bradshaw</i>	
<b>Sat</b>		<b>08 Jan</b>
9.30	<i>Lizzie &amp; Joe Dombakin</i>	
<b>Vigil</b>	<b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>08 Jan</b>
7.00	<i>In Thanksgiving (R&amp;BW)</i>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	<b>09 Jan</b>
9.30	<i>Mary Carmody</i>	
11.00	<i>The Parish</i>	
6.30	<i>Michael &amp; Catherine Carty and Mary &amp; Michael McNamara</i>	

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tues and Thurs: 3pm to 4pm.

**Confession: Sat: 10-10.30am** or on request

**Holy Rosary:** Streamed at 8pm each evening



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)

If you need help to set it up ask friends or family. You can usually plug a PC into your TV to watch it on the big screen. On a "Smart TV" save the site in the TV web browser.

Please help any relatives or friends who cannot access the internet to be able to do so. It is a great source of spiritual support for those who cannot go to Church.

### Sanctuary Lamps :

**Wk 5:** 1. Dec'd of the Hardacre & Smith Families  
2. Richard & Barbara Sharples

**Wk 6:** 1. Dec'd Family & Friends of the Ashe & Corcoran Families.  
2. Peter & Christopher Chapman & Family