

## MASSES AND SERVICES: ORDINARY TIME WEEK 1

<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>	
<b>Mon</b>		<b>10 Jan</b>
9.30	<i>Jack &amp; Nellie Holt and Robert James Holme</i>	
<b>Tues</b>		<b>11 Jan</b>
9.30	<i>Doreen Elizabeth &amp; Bernard Sheehan</i>	
<b>Wed</b>	<b>St Aelred of Rievaulx</b>	<b>12 Jan</b>
9.30	<i>John Purdy (sick)</i>	

<b>Thu</b>	<b>St Hilary</b>	<b>13 Jan</b>
9.30	<i>Marianne Carmody</i>	
<b>Fri</b>		<b>14 Jan</b>
9.30	<i>Annie, Jack &amp; John Jenkins</i>	
<b>Sat</b>		<b>15 Jan</b>
9.30	<i>Josie &amp; Harry Lawler</i>	
10.45	<i>Interment of Ashes: Frances Margaret Richardson</i>	
<b>Vigil</b>	<b>2nd in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>15 Jan</b>
7.00	<i>Elizabeth Prescott</i>	
<b>Sun</b>	<b>2nd in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>16 Jan</b>
9.30	<i>The Parish</i>	
11.00	<i>Sheila Woof</i>	
6.30	<i>David Carrigan</i>	

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tues and Thurs: 3pm to 4pm.  
Sat: 10-10.30

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

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

### Sanctuary Lamps : Week 7:

1. Deceased Members Of The Curry Family
2. Shelagh Mervyn & The Mervyn Family

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)

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 to access the internet. It is a great source of spiritual support for those who cannot go to Church.

### 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 people of St Chad and for the Oratorian Fathers and brothers who serve them. We pray for their ministry at the North Manchester General Hospital and Her Majesty's Prison, Manchester, and for their parish primary school.

May God's favour rest on them

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



**HOPE**  
IN THE FUTURE



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### Pope Francis: "Love calls for love"

Love calls for love, and this applies to us: in each act of service, in every work of mercy we perform, God manifests himself and sets his gaze upon the world. This reveals to us that even before we do anything, our life was marked by mercy and it was laid upon us.

And this happened on the day of our Baptism: There, we were immersed in the love of Christ who died and rose for us. There, we received the gift of the Holy Spirit. There, the Father said

to each one of us, as he did to Jesus: *Thou art my beloved Son.*

We may think the wrong things, make many mistakes, but we always remain God's beloved children. It is our deepest identity: May Our Lady, to whom we now pray, help us to cherish our *baptismal identity*, which lies at the base of faith and life.

*Pope Francis at the Angelus on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, 10 Jan 2021.*

**BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**9 JANUARY 2022**

## TODAY: BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Today completes the liturgical season of Christmas. We see Jesus revealed as the Son of God at his Baptism in the Jordan by John the Baptist. The voice of the Father is heard: "You are my Son, the Beloved, may favour rests on you". Thus, as He was revealed to shepherds at His birth and then to the Wise Men at the Epiphany, we celebrate the news that "God is with us" at His Baptism.

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". In keeping with this we will keep the crib in place on the sanctuary under the Feast of the Presentation on 2nd February.

**Offertory Processions: 16 Jan, 3rd in Ordinary Time: 9.30am:** Abewornu Family Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

**Mass Attendances: Christmas:** 5pm: 182; 7pm: 109; Midnight: 92; 10am 98; Total: 481.

**Sun 26 Dec:** 10am: 67; 11am: 49; 6.30pm: 35 Total: 151

**New Year's Day** 12 noon: 84.

**Sun 2 Jan:** Vigil: 26; 9.30am: 86; 11am 65; 6.30pm: 62; Total 239.

The attendance at weekday Mass is about 40 people each day.

**Thankyou:** Fr Mark & Fr Colin would like to thank everyone for their kind cards and gifts for Christmas. Also, for the wonderful support of everyone in helping all our celebrations to be such a joyful and uplifting occasions. The generosity and participation of everyone is much appreciated.

**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. 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. Many people, both regulars and occasional visitors now make use of this way of making a donation to the Church. We now receive approx. £400 per month of our offerings via contactless payments.

**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 @stmaysbrowndedge

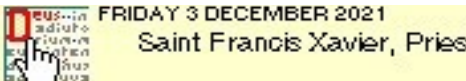
**Parish Dinner:** Due to the uncertainty with Covid, we have decided to postpone the dinner which was proposed for 30 January. We will seek a new date for after Easter.



**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/n7fk2ZVeHamgJZKQA>

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.



FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 2021  
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

[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:



**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. Why not make a New Year's Resolution to re commit to the practice of your faith.

**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.

**New Site Manager:** This week we welcome, Joseph Cross as our new site and maintenance manager. There is always plenty of work to be done around our church and grounds and he will need the support of our many volunteers to help him in the task of coordinating the work which needs to be done.

**Seminarian:** We will have a student for the priesthood with us in the parish for the next couple of weeks: Luke Bradbury is a student at Oscott College for Salford Diocese. His placement is only a short one but please do make him welcome and keep him and all our seminarians in your prayers.

### Current Covid 19 Guidance for Churches:

1. Face coverings are mandatory in Places of Worship; 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.
4. There must be good ventilation and air throughout 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 risk from surface and touch transmission is very small indeed. Thus, the strict cleaning that was previously recommended for public worship is no longer necessary. General church cleaning is sufficient.
6. People with any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.

**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, May Marron, Connie Dixon.

**All Those who have Recently Died**

Mary Bradshaw