

MASSES AND SERVICES: ORDINARY TIME WEEK 7

Vigil 7th in Ordinary Time 19 Feb
7.00 *Elizabeth Prescott*

Sun 7th in Ordinary Time 20 Feb
9.30 *Brenda Towers*
11.00 *The Parish*
6.30 *Richard, Monica & John Reid*

Mon St Peter Damian 21 Feb
9.30 *Intentions of Kitty Murphy*

Tues CHAIR OF ST PETER 22 Feb
9.30 *Charles Sergeant*

Wed St Polycarp 23 Feb
9.30 *Maureen Waterhouse*

Thu 24 Feb
9.30 *Keany & Cullinan Families*

Fri 25 Feb
9.30 *Irene Bradshaw*

Sat 26 Feb
9.30 *Special Intention*

Vigil 8th in Ordinary Time 26 Feb
7.00 *Philip Morris*

Sun 8th in Ordinary Time 27 Feb
9.30 *Joe & Lizzy Dombakin*
11.00 *John Purdie*
6.30 *The Parish*

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 13:

1. Joseph Leo And Mary Noblett
2. Livesey And Sheehan Families

Services can be viewed live or on playback at any time on:

www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk or
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: Let us pray for the people of the Parish of St Margaret Mary, New Moston, and for Fr Andrew Starkie, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, for the Presentation Sisters, and for the Manchester mission of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham.

May they be compassionate as God our Father is compassionate

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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"Love your enemies"

The command to love and pray for one's enemies is the way to live like a Christian, which entails mirroring God's infinite love and mercy. However, those who resort to gossiping and the logic of insults live with a spirit of worldliness that seeks to destroy others. Instead of destroying others, Christians must look at themselves and accuse themselves so that they may reflect God's mercy upon others. Yes, accuse yourself. It will do you good. The only licit accusation that we Christians have is to accuse ourselves. For others, there is only mercy because we are children of the father who is merciful".

Pope Francis: Daily Homily 13/9/18



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20 FEBRUARY 2022

TODAY: 7th in Ordinary Time

Today Jesus continues his “sermon on the plain” with some of the most challenging parts of his message: “love your enemies ... pray for those who treat you badly”. How often we bear bad feelings towards people and allow those feelings to remain; this eats away at us, drags us down. Mercy and compassion are at the heart of the teaching of Jesus and while this may be difficult, if we can be merciful it brings healing to our lives. Pray at Mass today for someone we struggle with and ask for God’s blessing upon them.

Mass Attendances: last weekend 7pm: 52; 9.30am: 109; 11am: 61; 6.30pm: 41; Total: 263.

Offertory Processions: Next Sunday, 27 Feb, 9.30am Mass: Children


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

SVP Collection after all Masses this weekend.

Tues 22 Feb: Mothers Prayers Group: Priory Dining Room at 1pm

Offertory Collections: We are pleased that we can now resume the practice of having an offertory collection during Mass. We would welcome more volunteers to go around and help to take the collection and bring it up to the altar. This symbolises offering our practical, as well as our spiritual, gifts to God.

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. Many people, both regulars and occasional visitors, now make use of this way of making a donation to the Church.

Readings for Mass and the Divine Office: 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 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.



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.com.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.

Share Your Thoughts: Please collect the sheet from the back of Church and return with you reflections. This is also available on the parish website.

Synod Listening & Discussion Evening: Tuesday 1st March 7pm at St Mary’s. This will be a chance for parishioners from both St Mary’s and St Gerard’s to get together to look at what how the Holy Spirit is calling us to be the Church in our times. There will be pancakes and a short service to burn some palms for Ash Wednesday.

Parish Website: Visit our website. This newsletter, announcements, live streaming and other resources can be found here: www.stmarysbrowndge.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 @stmaysbrowndge

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.

Hymn Books: A new set of Hymn Books will be bought in memory of Bernadette Ryles; Thank you to Ted and Berni’s family for their great generosity. Many thanks to several other people who have also given donations; these will be used to help provide an information & prayer sign by the new shrine of Our Lady.

Covid 19 Rules: The Church has updated our guidelines recently. The full document is on the website. The main points for us:

Face coverings are still encouraged but not mandatory.

Holy Communion: This may now be received on the tongue for those who wish to receive in this way. Holy communion will continue to be distributed under one kind only (sacred host) for the time being. Receiving from the chalice will be kept under review in line with medical advice.

Social distancing no longer required. The first 10 rows will now all be open. The remaining rows will remain as alternate rows for those who prefer to remain 2 metres apart.

Holy Water: we can now use the Holy Water fonts on entering and leaving church. They will be cleaned out weekly. Thus we can reintroduce the blessing of water and asperges on the 1st Sunday of the month.

Campaign against Modern Slavery: On Feb 8th, the feast of St Josephine Bakhita, our diocese launched an initiative to combat modern slavery in our communities. They have published a statement outlining key actions to raise awareness of modern slavery in our communities, and offer training and support to help parishes and individuals aid victims of

slavery. The full statement can be read here: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/modern-slavery-statement Also, discover about the life of St Josephine Bakhita: search her name on YouTube and you find some inspiring videos about her.

Rose Cottage: We are in the process of renovating Rose Cottage to make available for rental on the housing market. This will hopefully provide a regular sustained income to support the upkeep of our parish in the long term. We have come across many items left there over the years: these are available on the table in the narthex for anyone who would like them. There is box for donations to the Church.

CAFOD’S Walk Against Hunger Lent Challenge: There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. We as a community are walking to help people around the world to live free from hunger. We will meet outside church at 10.30am on **Saturday, 12 March** and walk 2.5km/5km. If that is too much, join some of us as we do a lap or two of the graveyard. You can get sponsors or give a small donation to the Family Fast Day Lent Appeal. We will meet back at church for refreshments and a rest! All welcome to join in. On Fridays in Lent we will be having coffee mornings after 9.30am Mass, details on the Cafod boards in church and in the porch.

Catholic Post: This is a new monthly National Catholic Newspaper. We have received free copies this month. Please take a copy. Comments are invited as to content etc... and whether it would be welcomed on a regular basis.: communications@dioceseofsalford.org.uk If there is interest, we could receive 100 copies per month for just £10 and, thus, make them available for free.

Note for the diary: The rearranged Parish Dinner will be held on Sunday 8 May. Full details to follow.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:
Kath Kelly², June Wrigley², Joan Melling²,
Sheila Green², Connie Dixon², June Gent¹,
Carol Purdie¹

All Those who have Recently Died
Bernard Murphy, Margaret Law