

MASSES AND SERVICES: LENT WEEK 4

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| Vigil | 4TH OF LENT | 26 Mar |
| 7.00 | <i>Denis Hopwood</i> | |
| Sun | 4TH OF LENT | 27 Mar |
| 9.30 | <i>Francis John & Elizabeth Dowbakin</i> | |
| 11.00 | <i>Charles Sergeant</i> | |
| 6.30 | <i>The Parish</i> | |
| Mon | | 28 Mar |
| 9.30 | <i>Fred Cole (sick)</i> | |
| Tues | | 29 Mar |
| 9.30 | <i>Fr Tony Sciberras LD</i> | |
| Wed | | 30 Mar |
| 9.30 | <i>Jane Cooper (operation)</i> | |
| Thu | | 31 Mar |
| 9.30 | <i>Jacqueline Burke</i> | |

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| Fri | | 1 Apr |
| 7.00 | <i>Sr Mary Higney</i> | |
| 9.30 | <i>Michael Turner</i> | |
| 2.00 | Funeral Service: John Thorpe | |
| 4.30 | <i>Stations of the Cross</i> | |
| Sat | St Francis of Paola | 2 Apr |
| 9.30 | <i>Robert, Nellie and Joseph Delaney</i> | |
| 10.45 | <i>Interment of Ashes: Margery Baron</i> | |
| Vigil | 5TH OF LENT | 2 Apr |
| 7.00 | <i>Watson Family</i> | |
| Sun | 5TH OF LENT | 3 Apr |
| 9.30 | <i>The Parish</i> | |
| 11.00 | <i>Gerald Baron & Deceased Family</i> | |
| 6.30 | <i>Peter Gent</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 18:

1. Turner And Haythornthwaite Families

2. Sugden Family

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. Nev-

Prayers for Salford Diocese: Over the next five months we are asked to pray for the people and priests of the deanery of St Ambrose Barlow, with Fr John Hitchen, their Dean. In South Manchester and in Trafford, Stockport and Denton, may they respond to God's call to be Ambassadors for Christ.



HOPE
 IN THE FUTURE

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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A Prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,

*We pray for the people of Ukraine,
 for all those suffering or afraid,
 that you will be close to them and protect
 them.*

*We pray for world leaders,
 for compassion, strength and wisdom to
 guide their choices.*

*We pray for the world
 that in this moment of crisis,
 we may reach out in solidarity
 to our brothers and sisters in need.*

*May we walk in your ways
 so that peace and justice
 become a reality for the people of Ukraine
 and for all the world.*

Amen.



"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly".

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT LAETARE

27 MARCH 2022

TODAY: 4th Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday and Mothering Sunday

Today's Gospel is the wonderful parable of the "Prodigal Son". Lent reminds us all of the need to take stock of how far we drifted from God, "to come to our senses" and to start the journey back to His love where we discover that he is all merciful and all forgiving.

Mothers' Day in most parts of the world is on the 2nd Sunday of May. In the UK & Ireland the origins of "Mothering Sunday" on 4th Sunday of Lent lie in the fact that, as Easter approaches, we are preparing to celebrate our Baptism into our Holy Mother the Church. Thus we celebrate both, our mothers who give us life in this world and also our Mother the Church who nourishes us for eternal life.

Mass at 9.30 will include the next unit of the Sacramental Programme and Mass for children and families.

Welcome to Isabella Calizon Mercer who was **baptised** into the **Body of Christ** on Saturday and to Pearl Esmeralda Chantal Jean Duffell who will be **baptised** into the **Body of Christ** today

Offertory Processions: Next Sunday, 3 April 9.30am Mass: Worcester Family
Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

Thurs 31 March: 7pm A meeting for pilgrims going to the Holy Land 25 April—2 May.

Preston Cecilian Choral Society: are performing Mozart Requiem, K626 on **Sunday, 3 April at 4.30pm**, in St Mary's Brownedge. Tickets £12. Further information contact 01772 717505 or 07824 423496.

EACH FRIDAY DURING LENT:

Early Morning Mass @ 7.00am; a great way to start to the day, especially for workers.

CAFOD Coffee Mornings: after 9.30 Mass

Stations of the Cross @ 4.30pm; a traditional devotion for Lent. Anyone willing to read at the stations please see Fr Mark.

Walk for Hunger: Parishioner, David Gorman is undertaking this year's CAFOD Lenten Challenge, 'Walk against Hunger', walking a minimum of 5km each day during Lent. You can support/sponsor David, and follow his progress during Lent, via the link below. All donations gratefully received. <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fun.../my-Lenten-walking-challenge>

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.

Planned Giving Envelopes: new boxes of envelopes (gift aid and non-gift aid) are now ready for collection in the Narthex. If you pay tax please do ask for a gift aid form. It adds 25% to your donation. If your box is missing, or any details are not correct, or if you would like to start using envelopes, please contact John Kirkwood : 01772 312793

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 Meeting: Many thanks for those who joined us on Shrove Tuesday for the discussion of how to be Church and to burn palms for Ash Wednesday. It was an excellent gathering. A summary of the points is on the Parish website and has been submitted to the Diocese.

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

Coming Back to Sunday Mass: remember the importance of coming to Mass on Sundays. Perhaps make it a Lenten resolution?

Hymn Books: We have a new set of Hymn Books called "Laudate". They are 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.

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham led by Bishop John Arnold—Saturday 7 May 2022: We are pleased to confirm the resumption of our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in England. We hope coaches will be available from each deanery, leaving around 7 am and arriving back around 10pm. The cost for the day trip is £20. People may also wish to make their own way. Further information available soon. Alongside this, there will be a youth pilgrimage for young people in years 7, 8 and 9. The Youth coach will leave on Friday, 6 May around 10am from Salford Cathedral and arrive back around 10pm on Saturday, 7 May. The group will be staying at Elmham House in Walsingham. The subsidised cost for the Youth Pilgrimage is £50, which includes accommodation, food and travel. Those interested see Fr Mark & complete the online form: <https://forms.gle/nwDThmqBFLV5LEjU7>

Women's Refuge : At the moment, there are 30 children in the Refuge, if anyone would like to donate an Easter Egg, they would be greatly appreciated.

SVP: Many thanks for your very generous donations for the **SVP Collection** last weekend which raised £248.34. If you, or anyone you know, are in need of practical or spiritual support please let us know and we try our best to provide help.

Monastery Garden: we would like to make use of the monastery garden for planting and growing some vegetables. If anyone is interested in taking responsibility of a plot or section of the garden please see Fr Mark.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:
Jean Doran², Kath Kelly³, Fr Cassian Dickie³
Jane Cooper⁴ Barbara Davies³, Emma Garth⁴.
All Those who have Recently Died
John Russell Keany, John Thorpe