

MASSES AND SERVICES: Ordinary Time Week 20

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| Vigil | The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 15 Aug | Thurs | St Bernard | 20 Aug |
| 7.00 | <i>Elizabeth Prescott</i> | | 9.30 | <i>Joseph Dolphin</i> | |
| Sun | The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | 16 Aug | Fri | St Pius X | 21 Aug |
| 9.30 | <i>Mary Winifred Howe</i> | | 9.30 | <i>Special Intention</i> | |
| 6.30 | <i>The Parish</i> | | Sat | Queenship of Mary | 22 Aug |
| Mon | | 17 Aug | 9.30 | <i>Pat Beirne (LD)</i> | |
| 9.30 | <i>Lesley Morris</i> | | Vigil | 21st Sunday in OT | 22 Aug |
| Tues | | 18 Aug | 7.00 | <i>Special Intention</i> | |
| 9.30 | <i>The Sick</i> | | Sun | 21st Sunday in OT | 23 Aug |
| Weds | St John Eudes | 19 Aug | 9.30 | <i>The Parish</i> | |
| 9.30 | <i>Chris Nihill</i> | | 6.30 | <i>George Cookson</i> | |

**Church open for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament:
Tuesday & Thursday: 5pm to 6pm.**

Online Holy Rosary: Each Day 8pm
Confession: Sat: 10-10-30 outside in the churchyard by the back door of the sacristy, (weather permitting) or by appointment.

All Services can be viewed live or on playback at any time on www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk or 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. If you have a "Smart TV" save the site in the TV web browser

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. Robert of Newminster, Levenshulme and Longsight, for Fr. Michael Dever, their parish priest, for their parish primary schools and for St. Peter's High School. We pray for Fr Laurence Gambella and Fr Martin Dowd, chaplains to the Central Manchester Hospitals, the Christie and Withington Hospitals. ***Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!***



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Message from Pope Francis:

The feast of the Assumption of Mary is a call to each of us not to look down but to look up. Heaven is open. It is no longer distant because on the threshold of Heaven our mother is awaiting us. She loves us, she smiles at us and like every mother she wants the best for her children. She tells us "You are precious; you were not made for the small satisfactions of the world, but rather for the great joy of heaven". Yes because God is joy, not boredom. God is joy. Let us allow Our Lady to take us by the hand. Each time that we hold the Rosary in our hands and pray to her, we are taking a step forward, towards the great destination of life.

Let us allow ourselves to be attracted by true beauty. Let us not be befuddled by the trivialities of life, but rather let us choose the greatness of Heaven. May the Holy Virgin, Gate of Heaven, help us daily to trustfully and joyfully look to where our true home is, where she is awaiting us like a mother.

Pope Francis; 15 August 2019.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

16 August 2020

TODAY: THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

As the 15 August falls on a Saturday this year, the feast of the Assumption moves to the Sunday. This is also our Patronal Parish Feast Day. Today we hear thereat prayer of Mary, “The Magnificat”, where she proclaims that God has great things for her. God is entering our world through her acceptance of His will. The prayer speaks of the many great things which God does in raising up the lowly and those who feel themselves to be insignificant. The Assumption shows us that we all significant and destined for greatness.

Public Masses:

The Church wants to ensure that the safety of people is paramount so we will proceed with small steps. Thus, the **Sunday Mass obligation is still dispensed.**

We have resumed having public Mass and all seems to have gone smoothly. Many thanks to the stewards who have helped so much in guiding and then remaining to clean all the pews and “touch areas” after each Mass. We could not open without this great service.

Please do not pass within 2 metres of anyone else outside your household: allow plenty of room to pass by each other. Do not gather or chat in the entrance and exit areas as these are narrow areas and people cannot pass.

So far we have been comfortably within the number which we can safely accommodate. For information the numbers at Mass over the past two weekends were as follows: **Sat Vigil:** 61 & 54; **Sun 9.30:** 59 & 72; **Sun 6.30:** 34 & 30. The average weekday Mass attendance has been 34.

We can accommodate over 100 people (3 seating positions per alternate pew). Please indicate to the stewards at the door how many you are and they will show you where to sit. Please respect the guidance of our stewards. You are asked **not to kneel down**

as this may encroach within a safe distance to someone sitting 2 rows in front.

The hosts will be covered with a pall while on the altar to reduce risk of any droplets which the priest prays the consecration. The priest or minister will sanitise their hands immediately before and after distributing Holy Communion. Some churches are distributing Holy Communion at the very end and people are asked to make their way out immediately. We do not believe this is necessary in our church: you will be guided to Holy Communion section by section and receive only in the hand with arms outstretched; return to your place by a circular route. If you are not coming forward for Holy Communion or a blessing, you are asked to step into the aisle to allow those on your row to pass in or out easily

The Mass will be kept quite short; there will be no communal singing, any Mass sheets are single use only and you should take them away with you; There will be no offertory collection or procession of gifts; there will be a collection box at the entrance and exit; you are asked to put your offertory money in as you enter or leave, or you may continue the practice of putting it through the presbytery letterbox.

Face coverings: From 8th August face-coverings will be mandatory in church. People with respiratory issues, children under 11 years of age and some other people are exempt. Face-coverings can be removed by readers as they read the scriptures. The Priest and, if used, Eucharistic Ministers need only wear a face-covering when off the sanctuary and distributing Communion.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Barbara Davis, Margaret Roxburgh, Eddie Gough, Joyce Crook, Brenda Towers, Margaret Riley, Ryan Womack, Terry Heaney, Tony Wilkinson, June Gent.

Recently Died: Winifred Terry, Patrick Flood, David Parkinson

Summer Mass times: In the month of August we not have an 11am Mass on a Sunday. Other times will remain the same.

We will continue to have daily Mass at 9.30am each day during this time and Rosary at 8pm. Services will remain available online; we know that one of the blessings to arise out of this pandemic is that we can bring the church into our homes in a very special way: *we are the church.* We continue the practice of spiritual communion for those at home.

Opening for Private Prayer: Those who are uncomfortable about coming to Mass may prefer to call in for private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Holy Hour will be on Tuesday and Thursday from 5—6pm Thanks again to the stewards who have volunteered to be present to facilitate this.

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals: these can now be celebrated in church but are subject to different rules enforced by the government with a limit of 30 people.

Confession: it is now possible for priests to hear confessions but it is recommended that this is done outdoors A priest will be available in the churchyard by the back door of the sacristy on Saturdays from 10-10.30am, if the weather permits, or by appointment with one of the priests.

Offerings: Thank you for your financial support of the parish, especially at this challenging time for so many people. Please try to post your offertory donations and any Mass intentions through the Letterbox of the Priory which is locked inside. Also, the diocese have set up an easy way of making online donations. There is a link to this on the live stream.

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/

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.

Parish Logo Competition: We are still working on putting the entrants together in a booklet for people to view.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: those booked to go on the parish pilgrimage will have received a letter from the tour operator. We have asked him to give people the option to transfer their booking to 22-29 April next year. We would recommend this. Fr Mark and Fr Joe will both lead the pilgrimage next April. For those who would prefer to go as planned from 14-21 Sept, one of either Fr Mark or Fr Joe will lead that group. If you wish to transfer to next April please contact Adrian Duffy: info@northernstartravel.com or 0161 773 2115. Also, those who had dropped out of the pilgrimage may now wish to reconsider the dates for next April.

200 Club: June winners: 1st Alan Eccleston; 2nd Margaret Goodwin; 3rd Barbara Dixon. July winners: 1st Sheila Pugh; 2nd Clare Haythornthwaite; 3rd Veronica Haythornthwaite

Syrian Group: Thanks to those who supported Kaye Hodgson’s sponsored bike ride. She raised £840 Donate with an envelope marked “Syrian Group” or online via: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kayecyclingforrefugees

Thankyou: we are grateful for the cooperation of all you attending church in these past few weeks, most especially the team of stewards, without whom we could not be open.