

MASSES AND SERVICES

Vigil	4th Sunday of Lent	Thu	15 Mar
7.00	Elizabeth Prescott	9.10	Sick of the Parish
Sun	4th Sunday of Lent	11 Mar	11.00
9.30	The Parish	Fri	16 Mar
11.00	Joan Cooper	7.00	Priest's Intention
6.30	Malcolm Grafton	9.10	Intention of Pope Francis
		11.00	<i>Cuerden Grange</i>
Mon	12 Mar	16.30	Stations of the Cross
9.10	Elizabeth & Francis John Dowbakin	Sat	ST PATRICK
Tue	13 Mar	9.30	Rhoda Rawcliffe
9.10	Bob & Lilian Kitchen	Vigil	5th Sunday of Lent
Wed	14 Mar	7.00	Thomas Craven
9.30	<i>SMSB Whole School Mass</i>	Sun	5th Sunday of Lent
	Leo McMellon	9.30	Roy Wilde
		11.00	Intentions of the Dolphin Family
		6.30	The Parish
			18 Mar

Reconciliation/Confession Sat 10.00—10.30 & 6.15—6.45 (or by arrangement)

Exposition Sat 10.00—10.30

This Week's Prayers for Salford Diocese:

The parishes of St. James, St. Joseph and St. Thomas of Canterbury in Bolton, and for Fr. Chris Gorton, their parish priest. We pray for their parish schools.

May we hear God's Word and grow in his life.

We pray for those adults who are preparing for Baptism or for Full Communion with the Church this coming Easter. May we stay with them on their journey.

Stay with us, Lord, On our journey



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IN THE FUTURE

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

the lately dead

the sick, and the housebound of the parish, especially Claire Elliott, Jack Darwen, Ricki Pinto,

Muriel Henderson, Audrey Gould

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially, George Amriding, Lily Wadmore

Irene McLaughlin, Elizabeth Prescott, Rhoda Rawcliffe, Theresa Worthington, Margaret Gaskell,

Helen Philipps, Joseph William Hobin, Hilda Keen, Ellen Murphy, Grace Whelan

Sunday 11 March 2018

Laetare Sunday: 4th Sunday in Lent

TODAY: 4th Sunday in Lent

Welcome everyone to our Sunday Mass, especially any people who are visiting or who have not been for a while. Today is Laetare Sunday when we anticipate some of the joy which Lent is pointing us towards. One verse in today's Gospel is sometimes called "the Gospel in a nutshell". John 3:16. See if you can recognize the line. Today is also Mothering Sunday; a big welcome and thanks to all our mothers, not forgetting Our Blessed Mother.

During the 9.30am Mass this morning we have the enrolment ceremony for the children who will be baptised in the near future.

Welcome to Charlie Christopher Nay and Joshua John Nay who will be **baptised into the Body of Christ** today.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Tue 13 Mar: House Stations of the Cross

10.30am Charleston Court
2.00pm Ruth & Mick Brennan, 274
Brownedge Road, Bamber Bridge

Wed 14 Mar: House Stations of the Cross:

10.30 am Sheila Green, 47 St Mary's Close
2 pm Mary Lofthouse, 87 Coniston Drive
2.30 pm Mary & Geoff Yeomans, 2 Baytree
Close, Lostock Hall

Wed 14 Mar: 1 pm **Stations of the Cross** in Church led by Mothers Prayers Group. The Mothers Prayers Group will meet at 2 pm in the Priory

Thu 15 Mar: House Stations of the Cross

6.30pm Marie & Barrie Walters, 25 High Meadow, Walton Park.
7pm Turner Family, 7 Woodlands Avenue, Bamber Bridge

Fri 16 Mar: Soup Lunch in the Narthex between 12 noon and 1pm. All welcome. Mystery Raffle will be drawn.

4.30 pm Stations of the Cross in Church

Cycle of Prayer: During Lent. We are asked to pray for: Candidates for the Sacraments; the Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

Holy Father's Intention for March: That the Church may appreciate the urgency of **formation in spiritual discernment**, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

New Parishioners: We hope you will soon feel at home in this community. Please give us your details on one of the pink forms at the church entrances, and hand it the priest after Mass. Let us know if you would like your home to be blessed.

200 Club ... last weekend winners:

£50 No 197 Teresa Turner

£10 No 242 Peer Childs

Rolling Jackpot £150 not won; this week the jackpot will be for £175

Special Easter Draw will be made the weekend of 17/18 March

Offerings

Offerings £1,182.12

Attendance: 404

Total offerings this year: £10,495.63

Next Sunday (5th in Lent) 18 Mar
SVP Collection at all Masses next weekend.

Offertory Processions:

Vigil 7 pm: Connie Dixon

9.30 am: Tolentino Family

9.30am Welcoming: Yeomans Family

CAFOD: In February we collected £148 from the buckets and £325 from Goldsmith's Jewellers, for the sale of recycled and broken gold. Many thanks to everyone.

Lenten Charities : We are supporting three charities during Lent with our soup lunches and mystery raffle.: Women's Refuge; Medaille Trust and Genesis Care(NW).

Adoremus: National Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool 7-9 Sept. The catholic church in England and Wales are holding an important Congress about the Eucharist and people from all over the country will attend. Each parish in our deanery hopes to send four delegates to the sessions on Friday 7th and Saturday 8th Sept. If you would like go to the congress please find further details on our website under "latest news" and speak with Fr Mark.

St Mary's & St Benedict's School are looking for parishioners interested in helping out at their Easter assemblies to take place on Thursday, 5 April from 9am—3pm, and school will provide lunch. If any parishioners are able to help out it would be appreciated, even if it is for part of the day. Please let Fr Mark know if you can help.

There is a Mass for the whole school on Wednesday this week in church at 9.30am All welcome.

Lent Devotions: There is an extra Mass each Friday during Lent at 7.00am to help those who might not be able to make other times due to work commitments. Also Stations of the Cross each Friday at 4.30pm in Church.

Brownedge Festival: Flowers:

If you would like to contribute to the 'In Memoriam' flowers, the cost is £28 for a florist arrangement, or contribute to the flowers arranged by the ladies from various churches. Forms to choose and order are available at the church entrances, and should be returned to the Parish Office or put in the collection bags with a cheque made payable to Brownedge Festival.

Planned Giving Envelopes: New boxes of planned giving envelopes (gift aid and non-gift aid) are now ready for collection in the Narthex. If your box is missing or any details are not correct, or **if you would like to start using envelopes**, please contact John Kirkwood, tel 01772 312793

Parish Website:

www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk

Among the things you will find on the website are the following: The latest parish newsletter; the weekly bidding prayers from our Sunday Masses; View our live camera feed for all Masses; Video link to all the Pope's live appearances; Photos, prayers, links to the schools etc... We are trying to make improvements and updates all the time so please keep visiting the site and tell your friends about it.

Also please follow & like our Facebook page: @stmarysbrownedge.

Salford Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes:

27th July—2nd August. The annual pilgrimage lead by Bishop Arnold with approx. 700 people from all over the diocese. If you are interested in joining our parish group as part of the larger pilgrimage please contact the parish office or michelejones531@gmail.com

See www.salfordlourdes.co.uk for more info.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham will take place on Saturday, 5 May 2018. Please see notice board in the Sacred Heart porch for further information. If anyone would be willing to organize a coach from our area for this day pilgrimage, please see Fr Mark.

World Meeting of Families; Dublin 21 -26

August 2018. It is expected that Pope Francis will attend. The diocese is organising a group to attend this. If you would like to go please see the website. One family will be sponsored by the deanery. If you would like to be considered for this please see Fr Mark.

Newman College Lenten Vigil Service, Tuesday, 20 March at 6.30pm.

Larkhill Rd PR1 4HD. The Vigil is a service of quiet prayer and reflection with an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The service will be followed by light refreshments. All welcome.