

## MASSES AND SERVICES

<b>Vigil</b> 7.00	<b>1st Sunday of Advent</b> Bill Whittle, Jimmy Harrison and Families	<b>Thu</b> 9.10 11.00	<b>St Nicholas</b> Livesey and Sheehan Families <i>SCH</i>	<b>6 Dec</b>
<b>Sun</b> 9.30 11.00 6.30	<b>1st of Advent</b> The Parish Tony Livesey Jack McGlynn	<b>2 Dec</b> <b>Fri</b> 9.10	<b>St Ambrose</b> In thanksgiving to St Anthony	<b>7 Dec</b>
<b>Mon</b> 9.10	<b>St Francis Xavier</b> Margaret Riley	<b>3 Dec</b> 9.30	<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b> Jack & Annie Jenkins	<b>8 Dec</b>
<b>Tue</b> 9.10	<b>St John Damascene</b> Winifred Livesey	<b>4 Dec</b> <b>Vigil</b> 7.00	<b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b> Bob Turner	
<b>Wed</b> 9.30	(in SMSB School Hall) Joan & Jack Darwen	<b>5 Dec</b> <b>Sun</b> 9.30 11.00 6.30	<b>2nd of Advent</b> Peter Higney The Parish Jake Sanderson	<b>9 Dec</b>

### This Week's Prayers for Salford Diocese:

Let us pray for the parish of St Cuthbert, Withington, with Fr Curley, and for the parish of the Holy Spirit, East Manchester, with the Spiritans, for the Manchester L'Arche Community, the Christie Hospital, and the parish primary schools.



**HOPE**  
IN THE FUTURE

*Stay with us, Lord, On Our journey*

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

**Exposition** Sat 10.00—10.30

## ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

those who have died recently

**The sick, and the housebound of the parish and those who care for them, especially**

Brenda & Denis Towers, Ryan Womack, Terry Heaney

**For those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially, Theresa Almond, Hannah Alexander,**

Winifred Livesey, Marie Mansfield, Brian Stead, Moira Bradley, Alan Wignall

## TODAY

### 1st Sunday of Advent

There will be a **Second Collection** at all Masses for: **Catholic Youth Service**

**Welcome** everyone to our Mass, especially any people who are visiting or who have not been for a while. Today we begin Advent; we hear in our 1<sup>st</sup> Reading that a branch will grow in our human family who will practice honesty and integrity: Jesus

**Welcome** to Arabella Rose Coleen Skuse and Oliver Cafferky, who will be **baptised** into the **Body of Christ** today

**Giving Tree 2018:** Our Christmas Giving Tree is now in Church. Christmas present requests from children and young people supported by CARITAS projects will be on our small “*Special Tree*”. Please take a gift tag home and attach it to a gift and return it to church no later than **8/9 December** as we will be delivering to the various organisations on Monday 10 December. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of this parish effort.

### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

**Tues 4 Dec:** Prayer service at Cuerden Hall, Sue Ryder Nursing Home at 2.30pm. All welcome.

**Wed 5 Dec:** Due to work in the Church, Mass will be in the school in the KS1 Hall at 9.30am.

**Wed 5 Dec:** 1pm Scripture Group meet in the Priory.

**Wed 5 Dec:** 6.30pm Sacramental Programme meeting “We are People who Celebrate Forgiveness”. The meeting will be followed at 7pm by the **Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Thu 6 Dec:** 1pm **SVP Party** for the sick and housebound at Bamber Bridge Catholic club. If you wish to attend please sign the list at the church entrances.

**Thu 6 Dec:** 7pm **Catholicism Video;** in our sessions this week and next week, we look at the Church and how it is the Mystical Body of Christ. All welcome to any of these sessions.

**Fri 7 Dec:** 10am Parishioners are warmly invited to ‘*The Blessing of the Crib*’ Nativity in St Mary’s and St Benedict’s school hall. The **CAFOD** coffee morning will follow the blessing in school, and hyacinth pots will be on sale. CAFOD World Gift Catalogues will be available. All welcome.

**Cycle of Prayer: Advent and Christmas-tide:** Pray for Openness to the Word of God, Migrants and Refugees, Expectant Mothers.

**Holy Father’s Intention for December.** *Evangelization—in the Service of the Transmission of Faith:* That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**Advent Prayer:** An online prayer initiative to help families journey alongside the Holy Family in prayer this Advent is available to listen to or download from the spirituality website [www.pathwaystogod.org/imagining-nativity](http://www.pathwaystogod.org/imagining-nativity). Each contemplation focuses on a person or group from the Nativity story – Mary, Joseph, the shepherds and the Magi.

**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 to the priest after Mass. Let us know if you would like your home to be blessed.

**200 Club :** The results of the November draw are: 1st Prize £200 No 350 Teresa Turner; 2nd Prize £60 No 276 Bernard Barton; 3rd Prize £40 No 429 Brian Nelson The next draw will take place weekend of 29/30 December. For further information

please contact Sandra or Kathryn, Tel 01772 312558.

### Offerings

Offerings: £1,137.62 : Attendance : 373  
Total offerings this year: £52,716.66

### Next Sunday

9 Dec

### 2nd Sunday of Advent

Offertory Processions:

*Vigil 7 pm:* Madalene & Mike Hankey

*9.30am:* Abgewornu Family

*Welcoming, 9.30am:* Aston Family

**New Lighting:** The work on the lighting is progressing well; we hope it will be finished by Friday this week.

**Weekday Mass:** To allow the lighting work to be completed, our weekday masses will be celebrated in the sacristy meeting room except on Wednesday when it will be in School.

**Parish Communications:** Our website, [www.stmarysbrowndedge.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbrowndedge.org.uk) has been redesigned; please visit the site to check out the new layout. Please follow us on Facebook: @stmarysbrowndedge.

**St Catherine’s Hospice Carol Concert:** This year it is the turn of our Parish to host St Catherine’s Carol Concert. All welcome to join us on Sunday, 9 December at 2pm.

**Festival Carol Concert** on Wednesday, 12 December at 7.30pm. This is presented once again by the Lidun Choir of Lytham St Annes. Admission is £5, inclusive of refreshments. Tickets are available from the piety stall and the church shop on Station Road.

**St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** fundraiser Bingo on Friday 14 December in Bamber Bridge Catholic Club at 8pm.

**Skylarks Community Choir** are having a Christmas Singalong Concert on Friday, 14 December at 7.30pm at Browndedge St Mary’s Church. Part proceeds to the Metanoia Pro-

ject and the Foxton Centre, Preston. Tickets £5. For information call Jane or Louise, 07538 580 296 or [skylarksnetwork@gmail.com](mailto:skylarksnetwork@gmail.com)

**Churches Together Bamber Bridge, Live Nativity** Saturday, 15 December: Our Church has been asked to provide most of the cast, and narrators, volunteers are needed urgently. Please contact church or 07716405457 or 07443470998.

**Bambinelli Sunday:** On Sunday 16 Dec bring your crib figures of the Baby Jesus to Church to be blessed before we place them in our cribs at home.

**Derian House Children’s Hospice** Christmas Novelties will be on sale after all Masses on 8/9 December. Thank you for your continued support for the children and their families.

**Annual Parish Dinner:** The Parish Dinner will take place on Sunday, 27 January 2019 at St Gerard’s Club, Lostock Hall. Booking forms will be available from Saturday, 29 December.

**Ampleforth Retreat 2019** will be on 8, 9 & 10 March. Please contact Janice Spencer, 01772 468474 to book your place. Cost is £130 or £140 (ensuite). A non-refundable deposit of £25 is required to confirm.

**St Gerard’s:** As recently announced, Fr Xavier is leaving St Gerard’s on 9 December. Fr Mark will become the official Parish Priest and Fr Joseph Gee has been appointed as Priest Administrator of St Gerard’s and will reside in the Presbytery at Lostock Hall. Over the next few months, we will look at ways that our two parishes can work together more closely.

**New Phone Number:** St Benedict’s Monastery, residence of our parish clergy, has a new phone number: **01772 321201.**

**Christmas Mass Times:** First Mass of Christmas: Christmas Eve 7pm, Carols: 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass; Christmas Day: 10am