

MASSES AND SERVICES

Vigil	2nd Sunday of Advent		Thu	St Lucy	13 Dec
7.00	Bob Turner		9.10	Cookson & Parker Family and Vincent Thornber	
Sun	2nd of Advent	9 Dec	11.00	SCH Priest's Intention	
9.30	Peter Higney		Fri	St John of the Cross	14 Dec
11.00	The Parish		9.10	Fr McNally & Fr Raymund Davies	
6.30	Jake Sanderson		Sat		15 Dec
Mon		10 Dec	9.30	Intentions of Mothers Prayers Group	
9.10	Bernard Halpin		10.45	<i>Interment of Ashes:</i> Catherine Graham	
Tue	St Damasus	11 Dec	Vigil	3rd Sunday of Advent	
9.10	Dr & Mrs Ryan		7.00	Elizabeth Prescott	
Wed	Our Lady of Guadalupe	12 Dec	Sun	3rd of Advent	16 Dec
9.10	Swarbrick & Whiteley Families		9.30	The Parish	
			11.00	Ken Lofthouse & Dec'd Family	
			6.30	Sandra Snape	

This Week's Prayers for Salford Diocese:

Let us pray for the parishes of St Kentigern, Fal-lowfield, and St Edward, Rusholme, with Canon Cleary, and for the parish of St Hilda, Tottington, with Fr Cannon. We pray for the Society of African Missions, for Opus Dei, for the Divine Mercy Primary School and for Xaverian College.



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, Anne Ellen Bennett,

Elizabeth Jean Adams, Thomas Holden, Alice Edgar, Alice Moreland, Joseph Rogers

Richard MaCauley, Margaret Hoole

TODAY
2nd Sunday of Advent

Welcome everyone to our Mass, especially any people who are visiting or who have not been for a while. Today John the Baptist is the voice that cries in the wilderness, "Prepare a Way for the Lord"; what is the path like to allow the Lord to enter our lives?

Derian House Children's Hospice Christmas Novelties will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Thank you for your continued support for the children and their families.

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.

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

Wed 12 Dec: 1pm Mothers Prayers Group meet in the Priory.

Wed 12 Dec: 7.30pm **Festival Carol Concert.** 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.

Wed 12 Dec: 7pm There will be the final leaving Mass for Fr Xavier at St Gerard's.

Catholicism: we will have a break for the video course until the New Year. The next session will be on Thursday, 10 January.

Fri 14 Dec: 7.30pm **Skylarks Community Choir** are having a Christmas Singalong Concert at Brownedge St Mary's Church. Part proceeds to the Metanoia Project and the Foxton Centre, Preston. Tickets £5. For information call Jane or Louise, 07538 580 296 or skylarksnetwork@gmail.com

Fri 14 Dec: 8pm **St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** fundraiser Bingo in Bamber Bridge Catholic Club. All welcome

Sat 15 Dec: 10am—12noon Coffee and Carols at Bamber Bridge Methodist Church. All welcome

Sat 15 Dec: 1pm **Churches Together Bamber Bridge, Live Nativity** will leave from St Aidan's Church, Bamber Bridge. There will be refreshments and children's activities after the Nativity in Bamber Bridge Methodist Church. 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 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 next draw will take place weekend of 29/30 December. For further information please contact Sandra or Kathryn, Tel 01772 312558.

Offerings

Offerings: £1,200.78 : Attendance : 373
Total offerings this year: £53,917.44

Next Sunday **16 Dec**
3rd Sunday of Advent

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

Offertory Processions:

Vigil 7 pm: Eileen & Bob Hornby

9.30am: Ryles Family

Welcoming, 9.30am: Wygladala Family

Lighting: The work is now completed; we hope to enjoy the "light" coming into our world even more this Christmas!

Please remember that we rely on your generous financial support to keep the Church in a worthy and fitting condition.

Parish Communications: Our website, www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk has been redesigned; please visit the site to check out the new layout. Please follow us on Facebook: @stmarysbrownedge.

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 Mary's High School Advent Carol Service will take place in St Mary's Church on Monday, 17 December at 7pm. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a service filled with prayer, scripture, dance, drama and music!

Christmas Flowers: If you wish to bring poinsettias for the altar, please bring them to the Sacristy Meeting Room Saturday 23 Dec or the morning of Sunday, 24 Dec.

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

On Wednesday, 28 November, Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School marked 'Red Wednesday' as organised by Aid to the Church in Need. Assemblies had previously explored respecting faith and interfaith relationships, as well as praying for religious tolerance. Students and staff came to school wearing items of red as a symbol of martyrdom to stand in solidarity with Christians who are being persecuted in our world today. The school stage was also lit up in red. It was a powerful and prayerful recognition of the difficulties Christians are facing.