

MASSES AND SERVICES

Vigil	3rd Sunday of Advent	Thu	20 Dec
7.00	Elizabeth Prescott	9.10	Leo McMellon
Sun	3rd of Advent	11.00	<i>SCH</i> Philip McGovern
9.30	The Parish	Fri	St Peter Canisius
11.00	Ken Lofthouse & Dec'd Family	9.10	Dec'd Members of the Lancaster Family
6.30	Sandra Snape	11.00	<i>Cuerden Grange</i> : Intentions of Mary Waters
Mon		Sat	22 Dec
9.10	Dec'd Members of the Mercer Family and Ada Darwin	9.30	Ann & Charles Sergeant
Tue		11.30	<i>Wedding</i> : Andrew Stokes & Rebecca Francis
9.10	Dec'd Members of the Drake and McAloone Families		
Wed		Vigil	4th Sunday of Advent
7.00	Dec'd Members of the Smith and Taylor Families	7.00	Hopwood Family
		Sun	4th of Advent
		9.30	The Parish
		11.00	Dec'd Members of Bamber Bridge Catholic Club
		6.30	Frank Bevan & Hubert Conroy

This Week's Prayers for Salford Diocese:

Let us pray for the parish of St Mary, Horwich, with Mgr Daly and Fr Howard, and for the parish of St Patrick with St Mary, Oldham, with Fr Sumner, for the parish primary schools and for St Joseph's High School



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

Mary Lloyd who has 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, Michael Thompson, George Egan
Dennis Bibby, Peter Fleming, June Brown, John Hall, George Horrocks, Bob Turner, Colin Champion**

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 is Gaudete Sunday: “Rejoice Sunday”; as we prepare for coming of Saviour, let us find joy in our celebration today.

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

SVP Collection after all Masses this weekend. Sincere thanks for last month’s generous donations of £142.21

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

Mon 17 Dec: 7pm **St Mary’s High School Advent Carol Service** will take place in St Mary’s Church. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a service filled with prayer, scripture, dance, drama and music!

Wed 19 Dec: 8.30am Ecumenical Prayers followed by tea, coffee and toast. 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: £1,195.96 : Attendance : 378

Total offerings this year: £55,113.40

Next Sunday **23 Dec**

4th Sunday of Advent

Offertory Processions:

Vigil 7 pm: Connie Dixon

9.30am: Pangilinan Family

Welcoming, 9.30am: Mike Taylor & Family

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

St Gerard’s: Best wishes to Fr Xavier who has now left St Gerard’s and returned to Ampleforth before embarking on a sabbatical period. Fr Mark will be the 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.

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 our Church in a worthy and fitting condition.

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

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.

Christmas Flowers: If you wish to bring poinsettias for the altar, please bring them to the Sacristy Meeting Room Saturday 22 Dec or the morning of Sunday, 23 Dec.

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

Catholicism: The next session will be on Thursday, 10 January.

HCPT Quiz 2019 will take place on Friday, 1 February. Tickets on sale after Christmas.

Giving Tree 2018: A very big ‘Thank You’ to all who bought gifts for the Giving Tree (450). They have been distributed to the following organisations who are so grateful for our continued support. It means so much to the recipients of these gifts that someone does care: Caritas : SLEAP : Bay 6 : Women’s Refuge : Wade Hall Children’s Centre : Fox Street : Foxton Centre

Thank You : The SVP would like to thank St Mary’s high school pupils; the Headteacher, the SVP Youth, their teacher, the Chaplain for the wonderful hampers they provided and all their help on the day; the music teacher and choir for their lovely perfor-

mance. The SVP would also like to thank the Parish Team, especially Fr Mark and Fr Colin for the provision of the Sacrament of the Sick. Particular thanks to all who have helped with the Senior Citizens Christmas Party; especially those who accompanied and/or transported specific Senior Citizens enabling them to attend: the Bingo/Raffle caller and his wife who organized both so well; those who prepared the food and drinks. Thanks also to the Catholic Club Committee and Staff for their help and use of their premises.

CAFOD—Thank You: In November/December we have raised £530 for CAFOD. This includes £202 from the sale of hyacinth pots, £60 from the sale of a clock, kindly donated, £17 from prayer cards made by a parishioner, £65 from refreshments at the coffee morning in the Primary School and the bucket collections. We have recently bought three medical outreach teams and 10 personal hygiene packs from the World Gifts book which amount to £1,000. Thank you for your generosity and continued support. Wishing you all a peaceful Christmas

Candles for Caring : Many people today are involved in CARING for others, either professionally or because a member of their family needs constant attention. We all know the love and support these carers give. A suggestion has been made that on Wednesdays we all offer a prayer for them, and if we can visit a church, light a candle for them.

Counters: We need some more volunteers to help count the weekly collection. This is done on a Sunday evening on a 4 week rota basis. If you can help please contact the parish office.

Parish Volunteers

Please note that all volunteers in the Diocese are now required to complete Diocesan safeguarding procedures.