

MASSES AND SERVICES

Vigil 7.00	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Elizabeth Prescott	Thu 9.10	St Peter Damian Brian Bromiley	21 Feb
Sun 9.30 11.00 6.30	6th in Ordinary Time Frank & May Hewitt Bill Gould The Parish	17 Feb Fri 9.10	THE CHAIR OF ST PETER Charles & Ann Sergeant	22 Feb
Mon 9.10	18 Feb Cherry Family	Sat 9.30	St Polycarp Robert, Nellie & Joseph Delaney & Family	23 Feb
Tue 9.10	19 Feb Miriam (LD)	Vigil 7.00	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Maureen Waterhouse	
Wed 9.10	20 Feb Safe Journey	Sun 9.30 11.00 6.30	7th in Ordinary Time Lesley Tyson LD The Parish Agnes Crook	24 Feb

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

Exposition Sat 10.00—10.30

Our Lady & St Gerard's, Lostock Hall. Mass Times:

Monday at 6:30 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:15 am; Friday - No Mass

Saturday 6pm; Sunday 8.30am & 10am

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This Week's Prayers for Salford Diocese:

Let us pray for the parish of St Margaret Clitherow, Rochdale and, Kirkholt, with Canon Buckley and for Fr Murphy, and the parish of St Joseph, Ramsbottom, with Fr Thorpe. We pray for their parish primary schools and for St Cuthbert's High School



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

Stay with us, Lord, On Our journey

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

the lately dead

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

Joyce Crook, Brenda & Denis Towers, Ryan Womack, Terry Heaney,

For those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time, especially John Entwistle, Nora Reynolds, Joan Cooper,

William Crook, Mary Bannister, Thomas Ditchfield

Sunday 17 February 2019

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY
6TH IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome everyone to our Mass, especially any people who are visiting or who have not been for a while. Today in the first reading we hear from Jeremiah that we have a choice: to choose the way of God is a blessing but to choose the way of man is a curse. Let's choose the way of God!

SVP Collection after all Masses this weekend. Sincere thanks for last month's donations of £147.85

Cycle of Prayer: Ordinary Time: We are asked to pray for Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; Victims of Human Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat it; the Sick and Those who Care for Them; the Unemployed

Holy Father's Intention for February. For a generous welcome to the victims of human trafficking, of enforces prostitution, and of violence.

THIS WEEK

Wed 20 Feb: No Mothers Prayers this week.

Thus 21 Feb 7pm: Catholicism with Bishop Robert Barron: the latest in our video presentation about the Faith. This week we will focus on prayer and spirituality in the Catholic Tradition. We will hear about some of the great people of prayer such as St Teresa of Avila and Thomas Merton.. All welcome to any of these sessions.

Our Lady of Fatima in Salford: We are delighted to announce that *The national Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco* will visit the Salford Cathedral on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th February. A whole series of events and services are planned across the two days. Devotions are

encouraged across the two days between services and all are welcome to celebrate this once in a lifetime visitation. See posters at the church entrances

200 Club— The next draw will take place the weekend of 23/24 February

For further information please contact Sandra or Kathryn, Tel 01772 312558. For further information about the 200 Club .

Offerings

Offerings £1,369.16

Attendance: 365

Total offerings this year: £5,980.09

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 Feb

Offertory Processions:

Vigil 7 pm: Eileen & Bob Hornby
9.30 am: Agbawonu Family
9.30am Welcoming: Aston Family

New Parishioners: We hope you will soon feel at home in this community. Please introduce yourself and give us your details on one of the pink forms at the church entrances. Hand this to one of the priests or another parishioner after Mass. Let us know if you would like your home to be blessed.

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

FESTIVAL FLOWERS: Individual or joint sponsorship is invited for *In Memoriam* flower displays for Festival 2019. Individual displays from the florist cost £28. Church displays arranged by various ladies from various churches cost £28 or more is you wish to con-

tribute. Please pick up a leaflet from the church entrances.

SVP are looking for volunteers to help with their work. If anyone can spare one or two hours a week to help, please contact Rose Grayless, tel 01772 330260

HCPT GROUP 56 : A sincere 'Thank You' to all who supported us by their generous donations and attendance at the recent Quiz Night. A grand total of £1,050 was raised, and another great evening was enjoyed by all.

Parish Website:

www.stmarysbrowndge.org.uk The website is now back in functioning order. Pay a visit to find information, watch live services, pray the weekly bidding prayers and find the link to our Facebook page. If you would like to publish any articles or photographs for the website please send them to the parish office.

Marriage Care Prep Dates 2019 - One day courses Each date is a separate course running from 9am – 4:30 pm at either - Manchester City Centre: St Augustine's 26 Jan; 23 Feb; 23 Mar; 13 Apr; 11 May; 1 June; 13 July; 21 Sept; Blackburn: Holy Souls 30 Mar and 18 May. Couples can now book directly onto their course of choice at www.marriagecare.org.uk. By entering their home postcode, the search returns all courses, with availability, sorted by the nearest first.

Lent Prayer Course at St Gerard's

Weds 20th and 27th of Feb, 7pm – 8pm come and watch 'The Big Silence', first shown on the BBC in 2012, where secular people enter the life of Worth Abbey with Abbot Christopher Jamison. Then on the six Wednesdays of Lent Fr Joe will explore how we can apply the Wisdom of St Benedict in developing Spiritual space and peace in our busy lives.

St Mary's and St Gerard's will be holding a hot buffet lunch in St Gerard's Club on **Sunday, 19 May 2019.** Full details in due course.

Message from Fr Kidane: "Greetings from Ethiopia; thank you so much for the £100 which you sent with Fr Colin. I am a Cistercian Monk in charge of our school in Addis Ababa. We have 2,400 children in the school. I remember my visit to the parish about four years ago and greatly enjoyed my time there. I hope I shall be able to visit the parish some time in the future. God bless you, Fr Kidane". Fr Kidane also sent a gift of some Ethiopian incense to use in our liturgy.

Derian House Children's Hospice have sent a 'Thank You' notice for your donations of £171.01 from the sale of Christmas items in December.

Junior Clergy

Please pray for Fr Mark and the Junior Clergy of the diocese as they spend a few days together this week with the Bishop looking at ways in which they can work together as a presbyterate within our diocese.