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13th June 2021



How does a tree grow? The scientists can give us their answers, but the miracle of life on our earth, in all its dazzling complexity and variety is exactly that a miracle. God is responsible for the miracle of Nature and growth how, we don't know, but we accept God's guiding hand as a fact of our faith. This mysterious growth in Nature is used as a parable today, for the life of the Church and the Kingdom of God. Just as a seed, planted and watered, turns by miraculous processes into something different and bigger and beautiful, so the seed of the Gospel will grow into something else, by some means we can never fully understand. And that is the grace of God, encouraging, prompting and helping all men and women of good will to swell the coming Kingdom of our God. ***"It is the smallest of the seeds, yet it grows into the biggest"***

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

David Galloway, Margaret Porter,
Dominic McCrudden, Rita Rossall,
Sister Mary Higney, Jean Brennand,
David Walne, Josephine Mann.

emptied on Tuesday mornings and taken down to Brownedge. Thank you so much in anticipation.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - 12th/13th June -

We pray for the parishioners of St. James the Less, Rawtenstall, and for Canon Anthony McBride, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for All Saints High School. May they plant seeds of faith within people's hearts and allow the faith within their own hearts to grow.

International Refugee Week - 14th - 18th June. -

Caritas is proud to have supporters, staff and volunteers who are walking in solidarity and in the 'virtual' footsteps of so many people who have fled war and conflict and seek a new life on these shores and in Greater Manchester and Lancashire in particular. ***Miles that Matter*** is running from 1st May until International Refugee Week 14th - 18th June. If you are interested in finding out more, or wish to participate call Rachel Taylor 0161 817 2285 or visit the website <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/miles-that-matter/>

The Common Good Events. -

There is a new series of four events exploring the common good. The events are a collaboration between the Benedict XVI Centre at St Mary's University, Twickenham; Together for the Common Good; Caritas Social Action Network; and the Centre for Social Justice. They are kindly supported by the CCLA. The first event will be on the subject of ***"The Common Good: What does it mean?"*** Philip Booth, Sam Bruce and Jenny Sinclair will be in conversation with Professor Ruth Kelly. It will be held at **6.30-8pm, Tuesday 15 June 2021**, online via zoom. For more information about the first event and to book a place visit [The Common Good: What does it mean? \(stmarys.ac.uk\)](http://TheCommonGood:Whatdoesitmean?(stmarys.ac.uk))

CREATING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT

REMINDER - The diocesan safeguarding office have asked that parents be reminded of the need for them to supervise their children and young people at parish activities and events. It is important that children are not simply dropped off for activities unaccompanied, as there are robust guidelines re: the supervision ratios for all church activities and events. Furthermore there are legal requirements regarding activities for children and young people that we cannot meet unless a parent, or carer is present with the child or young person.

TRACK & TRACE - Following another easing of Lockdown we have been asked to encourage Smartphone Users to use the Track & Trace **QR Code** displayed in the Narthex on your arrival.

ECO THOUGHT OF THE WEEK - A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; hoe, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. *How can we celebrate the beauty and creativity of nature and resolve to play our part in God's ongoing creation?*

FOOD BANK - As we come slowly out of Covid, we are hoping to start collecting food again for the Brownedge Christians Together food bank. Particularly needed are tins of meat, tuna, and tinned vegetables. As such, we will leave a box for donations in the back of church. This will be

The God who Speaks through Mark - As we return to Ordinary Time after Pentecost, the Department for Formation is pleased to offer online evenings on the Gospel according to Mark. **Wednesday 16 June 2021 – The Little People in Mark** (with Fr Michael Winstanley SDB) Each presentation will be from 7.00 to 8.30 pm and will include time for discussion and questions. They are offered free of charge. To reserve a place on one or all the evenings and to receive the Zoom link in advance, please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Salford Interfaith Forum: Faith in the Environment - Salford interfaith forum is running an event on zoom. Faith in the Environment is an online conference examining the response of faith communities to the climate crisis, the event will take place on **Wed, 23 June 2021 18:30 – 20:00**. Bishop John will be speaking at the event alongside, Andrea Passe from Eco Synagogue and the Board of Deputies and Zahid Hussain a Manchester City Councillor and Community Activist. For more information visit and to book a place [Salford Interfaith Forum: Faith in the Environment. - Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford](#)

Christian Heritage Centre Event - Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration A short, residential summer course exploring the relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture. Particularly helpful for catechists and teachers fielding commonly-asked questions around Catholicism, besides anyone wanting to deepen their understanding of the Faith. **Runs 5th – 8th August.** For more info and registration, <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>



St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	12th June Vigil	6:00 pm	Private Intention
Sun	13th June	10:00 am 11:00 am	11th Sunday of the Year The Parish Baptism of Grace Lily Dexter
Mon	14th June	6:30 pm	Dedication of Salford Cathedral (F) People of the Parish
Tues	15th June	9:15 am	
Wed	16th June	9:15 am	NO MASS
Thurs	17th June	9:15 am	NO MASS
Fri	18th June		NO MASS
Sat	19th June Vigil	6:00 pm	
Sun	20th June	10:00 am 11:00 am	12th Sunday of the Year The Parish Baptism of Evie Goldstone

St Mary's, Brownedge Live Streaming Times https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge		
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm
Monday to Friday	Mass	9:30 am
Open for Private Prayer	Tuesday Thursday	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	Rosary	8.00 pm
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm

PAROCHIAL CENTRE

The Parochial Centre is open again for members and for PRIVATE FUNCTIONS, including Baptism and Funeral gatherings.

Please contact the Steward during opening hours to discuss arrangements and restrictions on number at the present time.

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Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound and for those who have asked for your Prayers.