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14th February 2021



Thankfully, we do not encounter leprosy in our culture. It can therefore be difficult to enter into the real depth of today's readings. We have to understand that leprosy meant exclusion, rejection and the end of "normal" life. For your leprosy to be cured would be like being given a second chance at life. What is the cause of exclusion and rejection in our society – or even in the Church? Who are those who must "live apart"? And how can we put into effect in our day those most touching of the words of Jesus, when asked if he wants to cure the leper: "Of course I want to!"? Contemplating exclusion and rejection in our world can be hard work: Saint Paul guides the way: the Christian path is not to work "for my own advantage, but for the advantage of everybody else". *"The leprosy left him at once and he was cured."*

W/C 14/02/2020 This Weeks Intentions

Sanctuary	Andrew Chisholm & Family
Sacred Heart	Richie's Nan
Our Lady	Sharon's Granddad
St Joseph	RL Intentions
St Gerard	Gordon Smith

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Geoffrey Rishton, Father Alban Crossley,
Ryden Cross, Frank Cutler & Jean Willis.

ASH WEDNESDAY is this week and our Mass is at the usual time of 9:15 am. There are additional Masses at St Mary's, Brownedge at 9:30 am, 4:30 and 7:30 pm. This year due to restrictions Ashes will be sprinkled on the top of the head to avoid touching.

PASTORAL LETTER - Bishop John has written a Pastoral Letter for the 1st Sunday of Lent, this is available on our Website and Facebook pages.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is on Friday 26 February. This year Cafod is focusing on water, as one in three people has no access to safe drinking water. Our usual church collection cannot take place but Fr Joe asks that we give on-line at www.Cafod.org.uk/give. You can also text LENT to 70460. There will be Freepost envelopes at the back of church which you can send to Cafod or give to Margaret or Michael Cronin who will post them for you. As our parish contribution to Cafod, Michael and I are walking 10,000 steps a day for the 40 days of Lent. You can donate on our just-giving site using the following link: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walking-for-water1386>

Offertory Donations: We are not holding offertory collections during Mass but please do try to remember to put your offertory money in the boxes on the way in or out of Church. You can also post your donations and any Mass intentions through the Letterbox of the Presbytery which is locked inside. Also, it is possible to make online donations. www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/supporting-your-parish-financially/ There is also a link on our Parish Website. Thank you.

Retrouvaille Marriage Support - Covid19 is a challenging time for many marriages. So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing.. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings even more challenges. You just can't cope, would be better apart you wonder. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ...and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 25th- 28th February 2021 Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797 3380443. Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Altar Servers Online Retreat – 'Serving God and our neighbour in the everyday' Saturday 27th February 2021 – 10am-12pm (Ages 8-11) and 1pm-3pm (Ages 12-17) - Servers aged 18 and over please email the address below. The day includes a keynote from Bishop John on the ministry of serving during this time and in the future, times of prayer, a recommissioning service and workshops on 'Challenges & Opportunities', 'Prayer - A Friendship with Jesus', and 'Called to Serve'. To

register your place or for more information email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk An under 18's videoconferencing consent form must be downloaded, completed by parents/carers and returned to the above email address. Download from <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/altar-server-retreat/>, The retreat will take place on Zoom.

The Global Catholic Movement invites you to "Global Healing."- In 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si'*. Since then, millions of people worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we are inviting YOU to join us for a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource "Global Healing". These engaging documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis' call to Care for Our Common Home. Suitable for all who are concerned about what is happening to our world and who want to take action. **When?** Six Thursdays from 18th February – 25th March 2021, 7.30pm – 8.30pm **How to join?** To register please click [HERE](#) or email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global

Austen Ivereigh & Diocese of Salford Lent Course - LET US DREAM -- Our Lenten Journey with Pope Francis, guided by Austen Ivereigh. Over the Wednesdays of Lent we will explore Pope Francis' book, Let us Dream, with the assistance of Austen Ivereigh, who worked closely with Pope Francis on the book. Let Us Dream is the first book by a pope in response to a specific crisis and offers us Pope Francis' spiritual guidance for humanity in the throes of the COVID-19 crisis, helping us to seize the opportunity for conversion and change — as individuals and as a society. The course will begin with an Introductory presentation by Austen on Wednesday 24th February at 7pm. Every Wednesday from 2nd March until 31st March we will meet 7pm-8.30pm, again with an opening reflection from Austen, to explore the book in five

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Sat	13th Feb Vigil	18:00	Sick, Infirm & Deceased Clergy
Sun	14th Feb	10:00	6th Sunday of the Year The Parish
Mon	15th Feb	6:30 pm	
Tues	16th Feb	9:15 am	
Wed	17th Feb	9:15 am	ASH WEDNESDAY
Thurs	18th Feb	9:15 am	Peter Sharples R.I.P.
Fri	19th Feb		NO MASS
Sat	20th Feb Vigil	18:00	
Sun	21st Feb	10:00	First Sunday of Lent The Parish

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
ASH WEDNESDAY	Mass	9:30 am 4:30 pm & 7:30 pm
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

sections, share our thoughts, ask questions and deepen our understanding of the Lord's call to us, to our Church and world through the teaching of Pope Francis. This is a wonderful opportunity, and the Bishop and Diocese are very grateful to Austen Ivereigh for making this possible. **For more information go to the website <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lentcourse/>** Or to **sign up, please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk**

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