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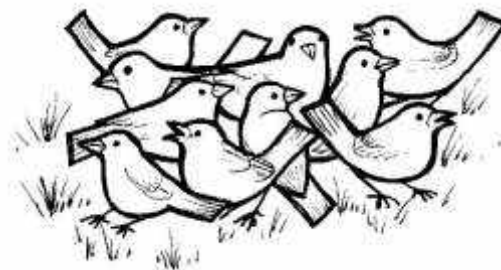


12th Sunday of the Year

Year A

21st June 2020

Today's Gospel turns our thoughts to the strange phenomenon of persecution: throughout the history of mankind, the truth has been a commodity that often leads to persecution: the prophets of the Old Testament were attacked because of their message, as was the Lord Jesus himself. For his followers, the same may be true. The point of the readings is not simply to face up to the reality of the opposition the Gospel may meet, but to remember where the truth of the Gospel comes from: the Father in heaven, who knows us and values us. So we can be confirmed in our mission to witness to the truth, not fearing those who merely kill the body.



"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body"

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Gerald Ellison, Teresa Cooper, Margaret Mahon,
Cliff Turner, Joan Rostron, Margaret Slater,
Eunice Green & William Heyworth

Churches Reopening for Private Prayer.

In Bishop John's pastoral letter last week, (see parish website for full letter), the Bishop said that several named churches would be opening on June 15th, that other churches would follow but not 'all at once', and others once 'conditions' for reopening had been fulfilled.

In order to move towards reopening teams of stewards/cleaners need to be established with training from the diocese to prepare the church to 'meet the conditions' for social distancing and cleanliness to be adhered to, as well as physically prepare the church for social distancing. Therefore, here at Our Lady & St Gerard's we first need to assemble teams of volunteers.

Further, during this time of lockdown, we have been able to carry out necessary development work to the church, from upgrading of the sanctuary lighting, fitting of legally required 'emergency' lighting, development of the upper loft and the repair of water damage to the building infrastructure both internally and externally. This last but necessary work we hope to have completed in the next few weeks. In the meantime, in preparation for reopening, we will be looking to assemble and train teams of stewards/cleaners, so we can start to approach the diocese with a view to reopening.

If you feel you can spare a few hours during the week and would be interested in volunteering, please contact the presbytery or email the parish office at office@saintgerards.org.uk. Thank you and God bless. Fr Joe

St Mary's, Brownedge

Live Streaming Times

<https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge>

Sunday	Mass	9:30 am
		6:30 pm Songs of Praise
Monday to Friday	Mass	9:30 am
Every Day	Exposition	4:00 - 5:00 pm
	Rosary	8.00 pm
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am
		6:30 pm Songs of Praise

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Sat	20th June	Vigil	The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary Winifrid Ward
Sun	21st June		12th Sunday of the Year The Parish
Mon	22nd June		St John Fisher & St Thomas More
Tues	23rd June		
Wed	24th June		The Nativity of St John the Baptist Theresa Florence Porter
Thurs	25th June		Frances Beck
Fri	26th June		Sheila Welsby
Sat	27th June	Vigil	Peter Gallagher
Sun	28th June		Saint Peter & Saint Paul The Parish

Songs of Praise:

On Sunday evening at 6.30pm at St. Mary's there will be a service of "**Songs of Praise**" where they will play recordings of some peoples' favourite hymns. If you want a hymn to be considered please send in an email to bamberbridgeoffice@gmail.com or phone message on 335168.

Mass is available on a recording from the morning Mass.

Hand Soap Containers - Don't throw your empty Hand Soap bottles away please but **DONATE** them instead to the Church. We can re-fill them with sanitiser and use them in Church when we are able to re-open.

Tuesday 30th June between 8.30 and 9.00am. Online national parliamentary prayer breakfast. This event is free and open to all, but registration is necessary via Eventbrite. The theme of the service is 'Hope and peace in a time of fear and suffering' It will include prayers led by parliamentarians, hymns and a keynote address by the bishop of Kensington. The organisers are hoping that as many Christians, church leaders and parliamentarians as possible can be brought together to reflect upon the message of hope, peace and loving service our faith brings to our society at this moment. Further details of registration etc can be found at www.christiansinparliament.org.uk.

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CLEAR
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DAYLIGHT
WHISPERS
KILL
SOUL
DESTROY
SPARROWS
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HUNDREDS



Apps available for your phone etc

JESUITS Sacred Space : www.sacredspace.ie

Pray as you go : <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

3 Minute Retreat : <https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer>

UNIVERSALIS <https://universalis.com/>

For Scripture, Morning, Evening prayer of the church, the Divine Office, Mass text each day.

MASS AND LITURGIES ON LINE : <https://www.churchservices.tv/>

Church from all over UK and Ireland (you can search churches of liturgies and masses)

St Mary's Brownedge is on this site

EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) Catholic :

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings>

Catholic Online World's Catholic Library - <https://www.catholic.org/>

Salford Diocese - Updates and Resources We are regularly updating our website with signposts to helpful resources we have collated for use during this difficult time. You can find this, along with livestreaming times, here: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/covid19/>

Bishop John has released a number of messages via YouTube in the last few weeks.
Search for Salford Diocese



Shopping On-Line - go to your favourite retailer via Easyfundraising to raise funds for our church. Supermarkets are not currently offering any donations but M & S give 1%, Argos .75% Ebay 1%, Boots 2.5%, John Lewis 2% & Waitrose .5%. It all adds up and cost you nothing.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/saintgerards/>

Please pray for the Sick & Housebound of our Parish, especially those who are in Hospital or at Home away from their families that they may make a speedy recovery and be re-united with their families.