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Where does Jesus begin his ministry? Where John the Baptist left off - preaching a message of repentance, of change, to welcome the new Kingdom of God. There is a simplicity about this message, which is not compromised by anything – today's Gospel has these simple words from Jesus, and then the story of his calling more disciples to follow him and share in the work of spreading this message.

Repentance has had something of a bad press - we tend to think of it as an old-fashioned concept. But every age needs to hear this call: to look at what we do and say and assume, and realise that there are

such things as right and wrong, and that sometimes we follow the wrong path. To follow Jesus, and to accept the Kingdom of God, demands that we make a radical choice, which might well change our lives.

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Frank Cutler, Jean Willis, Edward Clayton,
Mary Josephine Crook & John Walne R.I.P.**

Caritas Sunday 2021 - Thank you so much for all that our parishes did in November and December to promote the Caritas Advent Appeal for those without a permanent home this winter. The work continues and as you will now be aware, Bishop John has prepared a Pastoral Letter for this weekend concerning the annual collection for **Caritas Sunday 31st January 2021**. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in sharing this please and promoting Caritas Sunday within your parish community, on your website and in your newsletter. We are also asking those parishes on social media (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter) to like and share the work of Caritas Salford in our diocese to support the poor, vulnerable and those experiencing isolation. Due to the pandemic, we are encouraging people to consider electronic giving. It is now very easy to set up a regular or one-off gift for Caritas, using our website <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/>

CHURCHES STAY OPEN - There seems to be an effort, on the part of just a small number of local authorities, to ask for the closure of churches. They have no authority to insist on this. The Government website and the clarifications from the Bishops' Conference, which are drawn from government and medical experts, are pretty comprehensive and allow for the safe opening of places of worship. It is therefore of utmost importance that we all follow the guidelines and regulations with regard social distancing, sanitation, bubbles and the **IMMEDIATELY LEAVING OF THE PREMISES INCLUDING BOTH THE BUILDING AND THE GROUNDS OUTSIDE WITHOUT LINGERING TO CHAT TO OTHERS. Face Masks must be worn and cover the Face and Mouth** (Unless medically exempt or under 12)

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 marriageand 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

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

Year of St Joseph - Pope Francis has announced a Year of St Joseph in a new Apostolic Letter entitled **Patris corde** ("With a Father's Heart") He describes St Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an abedient father, an accepting father, a father who is courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. He gives us this new prayer to St Joseph. *"Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil."* Amen

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.

Fr Cassian Dickie OSB:

Please pray for Fr Cassian, formerly at St Mary's Brownedge. He is seriously ill and in need of our prayers. He is in residence with Fr Jonathan and Fr Bernard at St Mary's, Leyland.

Altar Candle & Mass Intentions -- If you would like to have a Mass intention or Candle intention please leave a note at the Presbytery clearly stating the Mass Intention or Location for your Candle. For the Candles we are suggesting a minimum donation of £5 per candle.

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St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	23rd Jan Vigil	18:00	
Sun	24th Jan	10:00	3rd Sunday of the Year The Parish
Mon	25th Jan	6:30 pm	Conversion of St Paul (F)
Tues	26th Jan	9:15 am	Ss Timothy & Titus (M)
Wed	27th Jan	9:15 am	Abigail Bowman
Thurs	28th Jan	9:15 am	St Thomas Aquinas (M) Ellen Joseph & Gordon Hunt
Fri	29th Jan		NO MASS
Sat	30th Jan Vigil	18:00	
Sun	31st Jan	10:00	4th Sunday of the Year 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
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

Parish Secretary - Due to the current restrictions the Parish Secretary has had to be furloughed and the office will not be operating as normal.

Holocaust Memorial Day - The Mayor of Greater Manchester together with the ten councils of Greater Manchester has invited people in our diocese to join them online for the Greater Manchester Holocaust Memorial Day Service, [streamed from the Mayor's Facebook page](#), on January 27, 2021 10am to 11:15am.

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