



The Parishes of
**OUR LADY IMMACULATE, BRYN &
St. WILFRID, ASHTON-IN-MAKERFIELD**

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Week commencing: 5th April 2020

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PALM SUNDAY (A)

Saturday	6.00pm	Andrew Devine
Sunday	9.30am	Special Intention (TW)
	11.00am	Frank Hayton
	6.30pm	Parishioners
<u>Weekday Masses</u>		
Monday	9.00am	Mary Byrne
Tuesday	9.30am	Fitzsimmons Family
Wednesday	9.30am	Jane & Bryan Topping
Maundy Thursday		
	9.00am	Morning Prayer & Office of Readings
	7.00pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday		
	9.00am	Morning Prayer & Office of Readings
	3.00pm	Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday		
	9.00am	Morning Prayer & Office of Readings
	8.00pm	Easter Vigil
<u>EASTER SUNDAY (A)</u>		
Sunday	9.30am	Parishioners
	11.00am	Parishioners

Offertory Envelopes

Those who use Planned-giving envelopes may either hand them in to Our Lady's Presbytery (or post them through the letter-box) each week or every couple of weeks.

Alternatively, forms are available for anyone who wishes to arrange a Standing Order.

Services during the week

Confessions:

There are no Confessions until further notice.

Rosary:

There is no public recitation of the Rosary until further notice.

Stations of the Cross:

There are no further public Stations of the Cross this Lent.

Holy Hour:

There are no public Holy Hours until further notice.

Novena:

There is no Novena until further notice.

Anniversaries

6th Apr	Gillian Hulse	
7th Apr	Stephen Doyle	Frances Wilkie
8th Apr	Mary Daley	Albert Jones
	Elizabeth McNulty	
9th Apr	Mary Byrne	Ann Grindley
	Margaret Taylor	
10th Apr	Edna Turner	
11th Apr	Brian Bentham	
	Phyllis Calderbank	

Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp will be lit this week for the intention of:

Our Lady's: COVID-19 sufferers
Available dates: 19th, 26th April, 3rd May

St Wilfrid's: Healthcare workers
Available dates: 26th April, 3rd May

Latest Developments

A priest friend of mine used always to say that it was nice to go away, but it is good to get back to your own bed. A similar thought occurred to me last week (which I suspect many of you may also have experienced) in that the first weekend without having you all at Mass had a certain novelty about it (like being on holiday) but last weekend was rather more disconcerting, as if you're back from holiday but things had not returned to normal.

Little things help, of course, such as trying to keep up the normal cycle of prayer, so that, as I said a couple of weeks ago, Mass has been said at the usual times (yes, even 3 times on a Sunday!) as well as the Novena on Wednesday and Stations of the Cross on Friday. What was more striking, however, given the lack of traffic on Downall Green Road and the motorway, was the sound of the Church bells ringing out, and the realisation that this remains our 'call to prayer' whether that be the tolling bell at 9.00am each day, or the Angelus bell at 7.00am, 12 noon and 6.00pm. We can still pause at these times to turn our minds to God and, who knows, we may come to learn again, if not for the first time, the Angelus prayer which proclaims the Incarnation of Christ.

R: The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

V: And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of Grace...

R: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

V: Be it be done unto me according to thy Word.

Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: And the Word became flesh. (*bow or genuflect*)

V: And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary full of Grace...

R: Pray for us most holy Mother of God.

V: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Pour forth, we beseech thee, O Lord, thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of thy Son was made known by the message of an angel may, by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

R: May the Divine Assistance be always with us.

V: And may the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

And talking of prayer...we may not immediately recognise Frank Skinner, the comedian, as one of the great evangelists of our times, but listening to his radio programme last Saturday made me think again. As you know, we are all encouraged to wash our hands frequently for 20 seconds and, to make sure we do it for long enough, to sing 'Happy Birthday' twice.

Frank had no problem, though, in telling everyone that he says the 'Hail Mary' instead, which, if said carefully and thoughtfully, takes the same amount of time.

So, go ahead, try it! That way you will be physically and spiritually better off.

Well done, Frank!

Prayers, please

Pray, please, for the repose of the soul of Joan Matthews, formerly of St. Wilfrid's parish, who died recently. Her burial took place at St. Oswald's on Thursday of last week.

Holy Week

This week we begin our Great and Holy Week, but in a way which we have never experienced before, and so share in the suffering of Christ that our celebration of Easter, when it comes, may be even more fervent.

To begin with, I am being dragged kicking and screaming into the 21st century so that, on Palm Sunday, you will be able to join with me in the commemoration of the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and in the Blessing of Palms (which will be kept for you in Church until we can all gather again) by viewing a video on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/MH9QQt1TtY0>
My thanks to Paul Hurst for his time and expertise in producing this.

In addition, attached to this newsletter, you will find a copy of the Stations of the Cross of St. Alphonsus Liguori which you may wish to pray at home throughout this week, and especially on Good Friday, and also the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. You will see from the front page of the newsletter that I will be praying the Office at 9.00am on each of these days and invite you, as far as you are able to do so, to join with me.

For anyone concerned that they are unable to fulfil their Easter 'duties' this year, may I remind you that the Church obliges the faithful to 'take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days' and, prepared by the Sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive the Eucharist at least once a year, if possible during the Easter season. (Catechism #1389).

It should, however, be remembered that the Bishops of England & Wales have suspended the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays until further notice.

The *Apostolic Penitentiary* has decreed that 'where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition (coming from a love of God above all things) expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (i.e. that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (Catechism #1452).

It is therefore suggested that, after an examination of conscience, the following prayer be said:
"My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against You, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin."
Sacramental absolution should then be sought at the earliest possible opportunity.

Whilst there will be no Chrism Mass at the Cathedral on Wednesday evening (the Archbishop may choose to celebrate this Mass at a later date) the other Liturgies of the Triduum: the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and the Easter Vigil, will still be celebrated at the times indicated on Page 1.

The April edition of the Catholic Pictorial is available at <https://bit.ly/2UF17ZG>
And you can keep up-to-date with what is going on around the Archdiocese at www.catholicpic.co.uk

Our Lady's Website

I am pleased to announce that a new website for Our Lady's Church has gone live this week, and you may view it at www.ourladysbryn.org.uk This is the fruit of many hours of time and energy, and more than one false start, on the part of Mark Webster, to whom I am greatly indebted. Any errors you may notice are entirely mine, not Mark's!

The Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham will continue live-streaming of Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, the Liturgy of the Hours and Divine Mercy Chaplet. This can be accessed, for those with the internet, at www.walsingham.org.uk The full schedule is:

Morning

08.30 - Morning Prayer
09.30 - Holy Mass
10.30 - Talk
11.00 - Rosary
12.00 - Angelus and Holy Mass
Followed by Adoration until 3pm

Afternoon

15.00 - Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction and Rosary
15.45 - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
16.00 - Spiritual Reading
17.00 - Vespers

Evening

18.00 - Angelus and Holy Mass in Latin, followed by Rosary
20.00 - Compline and Meditation
20.30 - All night Exposition

For anyone with Sky TV, EWTN on Channel 588 has a similar schedule with Mass at 1.00pm each day, and they will also be broadcasting coverage of the Papal ceremonies from Rome as follows:

Sunday 5th April at 9:00am: *Palm Sunday Mass* in St Peter's Basilica
Thursday 9th April at 4:00pm: *Mass of the Lord's Supper* in St Peter's Basilica
Friday 10th April at 4.00pm: *Celebration of the Lord's Passion*, in St Peter's Basilica
at 7.00pm: *Way of the Cross* in St Peter's Square
Saturday 11th April at 7.00pm: *Easter Vigil Mass* in St Peter's Basilica
Sunday 12th April at 9.00am: *Easter Mass* in St Peter's Basilica
followed by the "Urbi et Orbi" Blessing in St Peter's Basilica

Morning & Evening Prayer, the Readings of the Day, and other elements of the Liturgy of the Hours can be found at www.universalis.com