

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year C

26th May 2019

As Eastertide unfolds, we feel the power and influence of the Spirit growing. This is the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and the Spirit who brings the Church to birth at Pentecost. As we journey towards Pentecost - the climax of the Easter Season - we should be considering the presence of the Spirit in the Church today: the reconciler of disputes, the solver of problems, true inspiration for the family of God on our journey to the New Jerusalem! From this side, Pentecost is about promise: the Lord at the Last Supper promises that He and the Father will be "at home" with all who keep his words - and it is the Advocate, the Holy Spirit who will remind us of these and all his words. We believe that all Scripture is "inspired" - the word of the Spirit - so as we listen or proclaim this Sunday let us look for the fulfilment of the promise made by the Lord.



Sacramental Programme - Congratulations to all the Children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday and to the Parents and Catechist for preparing them so well.

Sacrament of Confirmation - An invitation from Bishop John to the young people to continue their faith journey towards Confirmation has been sent out via our Catholic schools. If your child is not in a Catholic School and has not received an invitation, can you please speak to Father Joe as he has the invitation letters and register of interest forms.

Bethlehem Art - Olive Wood - Thank you for supporting them last weekend.

Joint Parish Meal - Thank you to all who supported the joint parish meal and social event last Sunday it was a great success.

Thursday 30th May - Holyday of Obligation - The Vigil Mass on 29th May is at 6:30 pm and on 30th May it is at 8:30 am. There are numerous Masses at St Marys Brownedge as well.

Manchester and Salford Whit Walk 27th May 2019 meet at Manchester Cathedral 9.30am. The Procession will leave at 10am and make its way to Albert Square at 10.45am for a time of Worship. Following the worship the procession will return to the Cathedral.

Beacon/ Launch Event Lancashire - Wednesday 29th May 7.30pm at Crossgate Church in Preston PR1 5LG - A opportunity to meet with Christians from across the County and join together in prayer and celebrate together the Divine Commission to go out into the whole world and proclaim the Good News.

Vincent de Paul Society - St Marys SVP Summer Tea Party is on Thursday 6th June, there is a poster in the Porch with invitation slips, if you would like to

go complete a form and place it in the envelope provided

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. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter and hope that you enjoy attending the activities and events along with the children and young people.

Votive Candles - We have been reminded by the Diocese that a clause in our Insurance demands that all candles are extinguished in the Church when it is left unattended. **Votive Candles** are put out before the Sacristans secure the Church for the night and re-lit when the Church is re-opened and someone is in the building - if you come into Church at any other time please **DO NOT LIGHT Votive Candles** but instead leave them unlit on the stands and they will be lit when they can be attended. Thank you.

Marriage Care Prep Dates 2019 - One day courses Each date is a separate course running from 9am - 4:30 pm at either - Manchester City Centre: **St Augustine's** 1 June; 13 July; 21 Sept; **Blackburn: Holy Souls** 18 May. Couples can now book directly onto their course of choice at www.marriagecare.org.uk/find-a-course/

Parish Lottery - If you are a **WINNER** in our Parish Lottery please collect your winnings from one of the Sacristans after Mass.

FOODBANK - The volunteers and families of the Brownedge Christians Together Food Bank would like to say a heartfelt thank you for your amazing food donations. Your generosity has enabled us to give an extra bag of food items to families with school age children during the Christmas, Easter and February half term holidays. We look forward to your continuing support. Tins of vegetables, meat, fish, and rice pudding/fruit are the basic food items on our shopping list every week. All non-perishable food items, in date, will be much appreciated.

WEBSITE - Thank you to all who have visited our new Website so far at www.saintgerards.org.uk don't forget to follow us on Facebook @stgerardslostockhall and now Twitter @stgerardslostoc

St Gerard's Baptistry - The former Baptistry has become rather tired and neglected and is currently used primarily for additional storage. It is proposed to refurbish and revitalise this space by creating a Benedictine Chapel/Archive which will commemorate the extraordinary contribution of the Ampleforth Community to the parish and wider area over the last 100 year and more. For further information see News and Views next weekend.

International Mass - Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LL, Saturday 22nd June at 2pm. The International Mass is now in its third year and we look forward to another celebration of the diversity and vibrancy that can be found across our diocese. This year we have chosen the theme 'No one left behind' and as well as celebrating our many different communities we will also be reflecting on the importance of solidarity both in our faith and in our communities. All Welcome! Light Refreshments will be served.

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	25th May Vigil	17.30 18:00	Confessions Catherine Yates
Sun	26th May	08.15 08.30 09.30 10.00 12.00	Sixth Sunday of Easter Confessions The Parish Confessions Gallagher/Dowbakin Families Baptism of Jessica Pullman
Mon	27th May	18.00 18.30	St Augustine of Canterbury (F) Exposition Priest Intentions
Tues	28th May	09.15 11.00	Mass Funeral of Marian Clarke
Wed	29th May Vigil	18:30	Vigil Mass of The Ascension (S) Hardman Family R.I.P.
Thurs	30th May	08.30	The Ascension of the Lord (S) Joan Molyneux R.I.P.
Fri	31st May		Visitation of Blessed Virgin (S) NO MASS
Sat	1st June Vigil	12.00 17.30 18:00	Baptism of Jack Mayren Confessions Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	2nd June	08.15 08.30 09.30 10.00 12.00	Seventh Sunday of Easter Confessions The Parish Confessions Blessed Sacrament Guild Baptism of Isla Joan Caton

St Mary's, Brownedge		
Monday	27th May	9.10 am
Tuesday	28th May	9.10 am
Wednesday	29th May	9:10 am
Thursday	30th May	9:10 am. 11:00 am (SCH) 4.30pm 7.30 pm
Friday	31st May	9:10 am
Saturday	1st June	7 pm
Sunday	2nd June	9:30 am, 11am 6:30 pm

Parish Lottery No. 437 22/05/2019			
1st	£25	No. 51	Mrs F Cottam
2nd	£10	No. 11	Mr C Taylor
3rd	£5	No. 1	Martin Campbell

Offertory 18th/19th May 2019	
Offertory Loose	£484.19
Offertory Envelopes	£285.12
Attendance	389

Bingo Jackpots for 29th May 2019			
£27	£77	£166	£30

For the Children

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HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday 30th May

This is one of the few **HOLYDAYS of OBLIGATION** that are still held on a weekday.

Second collection next weekend for Catholic Communications Network

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Graham Walton

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FATHER	BEQUEATH	HOME	GIFT
ADVOCATE	HEARTS	HOLY	TROUBLED
SPIRIT	RETURN	TEACH	BELIEVE

