



ST MARY'S BROWNEGE

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Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

10th March 2024

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	9th Mar Vigil	7:00 pm	Fourth Sunday of Lent Deceased Members of the Catholic Club
Sun	10th Mar	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Fourth Sunday of Lent Thomas Donovan The Parish
Mon	11th Mar	9:30 am	Margaret Peacock
Tues	12th Mar	9:30 am	Frances, John & Elizabeth Dowbakin
Wed	13th Mar	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Holy Souls (School Yr 2/3) SC Hospice - Holy Souls
Thurs	14th Mar	9.30 am	Ann Sergeant (Birthday Memories)
Friday	15th Mar	7.00 am 9:30 am 4.30 pm	In Monastery Chapel Lucas Weaver Holy Souls Stations of the Cross
Sat	16th Mar Vigil	7:00 pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent Derek Nickson R.I.P.
Sun	17th Mar	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent Rhoda Rawcliffe The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	9th Mar Vigil	5:30 pm	Fourth Sunday of Lent The Parish
Sun	10th Mar	10:30 am	Fourth Sunday of Lent Helen Ward (Birthday Memories)
Mon	11th Mar	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	12th Mar	9:15 am	Elizabeth Tipping-Alston (10th Anniversary (School Yrs 2 & 4)
Wed	13th Mar	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	14th Mar	9:15 am	For a Miracle Answered
Friday	15th Mar	6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	16th Mar Vigil	5:30 pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent Julie Brown R.I.P.
Sun	17th Mar	10:30 am 12:30 pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent The Parish Baptism of Ella Wearden

OM - Optional Memorial F - Feast
 M - Memorial S - Solemnity

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Mary's: Tuesday & Thursday 3 pm to 4 pm
 St. Gerard's: Monday 6 pm to 6:30 pm

Confessions: St Gerard's: Saturday: 5 - 5.15 pm
 St Mary's: Saturday: 6.15-6.45 pm (or by request)

Holy Rosary: Streamed at 8pm each evening from St Mary's.

**Services at St. Mary's and at St Gerard's can be viewed
 live or on playback at any time on:**
www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk or
www.saintgerards.org.uk or
www.churchservices.tv

You can usually plug a PC into your TV to watch it on the big
 screen. On a 'Smart TV' save the site in the TV web browser.
 Please help any relatives or friends to access the internet.

Hope in the Future Cycle of Prayer

We pray this week for the parishioners of the Parish
 of the Nativity, Failsworth and Limeside, for Canon
 Michael Job, their parish priest, and Fr Celestine
 Nyikwagh, and for their parish primary schools.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

Easter Flowers - Donations towards the cost of fresh flowers for Easter would be gratefully accepted. Envelopes for donations are in the porch. Thank you.

Stations of the Cross - There will be Stations of the Cross in Church on Friday evenings during Lent at 6:30 pm.

Piety shop - Have a small selection of Easter gifts which are suitable for young children i.e. Easter Bonnets, Bunny Ears, Face Masks etc...Also our Easter cards are now available. ** Stop Press - We now have a supply of the Sleeping St Joseph statues back in stock.**

School Mission Statement: The whole community of our primary school recently spent the day discussing the identity of our school and putting into words how to best describe it. Well done everyone involved in a wonderful and uplifting day. We hope to share the fruits of this day with the parish very soon.

The Big Listen - Huge thank you to all those who attended THE BIG LISTEN before Christmas - your presence and input is very much appreciated. For those who could not attend but would like to know a little more about it and would like to submit their own response, you can do that by visiting:



<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/> then scroll down to the Portal and choose the first option - submit a response to the synod. Alternatively you can scan the QR code. Once again THANK YOU.

News & Views - The March edition is now available in church and on-line on our website. A larger print version can be supplied but on request only to keep costs down. Please ask via the Parish Office. News and Old Photographs are always welcome for publication.

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.

Defibrillator - The Defibrillator is now in place and has been registered with the Lancashire Ambulance Service and the National Database.

It will be inspected regularly BUT if you are aware of it having been used please let the office know so that New Pads can be fitted ready for the next emergency. We are responsible for its maintenance and replacements parts when needed.

We have been advised that previous experience or first aid qualification/training is not necessary however if you are interesting in finding out more go to the online link available below to a professionally recorded full demonstration training session including FAQs. This can be downloaded and shared remotely with others. We also advise that you retain this for future reference and refresher sessions:

<https://vimeo.com/557677120/e7524918c5>

The Grant covered half the cost if you would like to help us with the remaining costs of this equipment it would be appreciated. **Our share not including fitting is £750 so any contributions would be gratefully accepted.** These may be left at the Presbytery but please mark the envelope **"Defibrillator"** so that the funds can be properly recorded.

We have had several instances over the past few years where an ambulance has had to be called during a service because someone has fallen ill. Fortunately a defibrillator hasn't been required but we thought it prudent to make this application not only for our use but for the general public in the area.

Thank you.



Pope Francis Prayer for March

For New Martyrs - Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.

Offertory 2nd / 3rd March 2024			
Offertory Loose	£451.64		
Offertory Envelopes	£120.49		
Attendance	164		
Bingo Jackpots for 13/3/2024			
£36	£30	£41	£38

W/C 10/3/2024	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Frank Jeffrey R.I.P.

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

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Sacramental Programme: The 9.30am Mass this Sunday is a special children's Mass celebrating Mothering Sunday. All the children will receive a little treat to give to their Mothers. It is also the next unit of the Sacramental Programme, "Celebrating God's Word".

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 17th March 2024 9:30 am Mass: The Pangilinan Family.

SVP - The monthly collection for March will be next weekend of the 17th/18th March.

Women's Refuge: We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs for the Women's Refuge. These can be left at the back of church - contact Clare Haythornthwaite on 312558.

Thank you for giving to **CAFOD'S Family Fast Day Appeal** this Lent. Your generous donations of **£835** will help people like James, the fisherman, get home safely and feed their families for good. **£325** was also gift aided which will increase the total to over **£900**. From the bucket collection in February, we collected £91. Well done and many thanks for your generosity and continuing support.

Cafod Coffee morning - Thanks to all who supported our Coffee morning including some young people from the High School. We welcomed Clare Dixon, who travelled from London to tell us about the Health Clinic in El Salvador and the health workers, doctors, nurses, and midwives who work there. Clare was very appreciative of our parish's £4,000 donation which has been used to fund one of these clinics. Our thanks to Clare and Simon from Salford for coming. There are photos and more information on the Parish Facebook page.

Missio Red Mission Boxes: on behalf of Missio, we extend many thanks to Joan Turner. After many years of great service as our local Treasurer, Joan has decided it is now time to pass on the baton of responsibility. We thank you for everything you have done and wish you every blessing for the future.

Gift Aid and non-Gift Aid Offertory Envelopes: New Gift Aid and non-gift aid envelopes are ready to collect from the back of Church in the Narthex. If your box is missing or details are incorrect, or you would like to start using envelopes please contact John Kirkwood on 01772 312793.

Mystery raffle tickets - will be on sale each weekend and drawn at the following Lenten Coffee Morning. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to help fight Global Poverty.

Salford Diocesan Synod:

'The Big Listen' - We would like to say thank you to all those who attended our 'Big Listen' sessions despite the terrible weather! We have fed back all responses to the diocese and will keep you posted with updates about the synod as we move forward. For those who could not attend but would like to know a little more about it or would like to submit their own response, you can do that by visiting: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/> then scroll down to the 'Portal' and choose the first option (submit a response to the synod). Please keep 'The Big Listen' in your prayers, that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit to move our diocese in the right direction.



Graveyard and Ashes Plot Memorials: Please help us maintain the dignity of our graveyard; a reminder that memorials, pots, personal tributes etc... around the graves should be in keeping with the dignity of this sacred space. Also a reminder that, as stated on the notice there, we cannot accommodate personalised grave pots on or around the Ashes memorial plaques behind the main apse of the sanctuary; this is because the area must be kept tidy and easily accessible for the lawn mowers and gardening machinery. We will ensure that there are holes available for flowers to be placed on and around the memorial plaques. We will look into the possibility of creating a shelf or a step which might be able to accommodate the personalised pots in the future. Thank you for your co-operation.

Ecumenical Morning Prayer & Breakfast: The next meeting is on 3rd April at the Methodist Church and then each First Wednesday at 8.00am:
1st May: St Aidan's;
5th June: St Mary's Brownedge;
3rd July: Valley Church; August - no meeting.

Make a regular financial contribution to your Church: - **Our Parish Lotteries:** St Mary's has a 200 Club and St Gerard's has a Parish Lottery. These are great fun ways in which we can financially support our Church. Perhaps if you are not able to come more regularly, you could consider a way of making a regular financial contribution to the church: Join St Mary's 200 Club or St Gerard's Parish Lottery. Make a small commitment to support your church: A pound a week ... Send an email now to the Parish Office. office@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk or office@saintgerards.org.uk

We will send you all the details.

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend is shown below.	
7 pm Vigil	64
9:30 am	151
6:30 p.m..	67
Total	282

Sanctuary Lamps Week 10/03/24	
1	Deceased Members of the McGrath & Whittaker Families
2	Pray for the repose of the soul of the late William Derek Wareing

Joint Notices

Fourth Sunday of Lent

There were two remarkable moments in the story of the Old Testament where God saved his people; one was in the escape from Egypt – we'll keep that for the Easter Vigil. The other was the end of their second exile, this time in Babylon, which we hear of today. There was an even greater moment when God saved his people: in Jesus Christ his Son – and we hear Jesus tell Nicodemus about that today. To understand "being saved", we must ask "What from?" Saved from slavery, from exile, from human enemies – these are all clear. But the last and greatest salvation brought by Jesus is harder to understand: saved from sin and death. These threaten us as much as any other enemy, and our salvation in Jesus is as real as any other.

Alpha Course: Got questions about life? The **Alpha Course** could change your life! It's an opportunity to explore the meaning of life through the lens of the Christian faith, in a relaxed environment. **Alpha** is for anyone who is curious to find out more about faith, those who are exploring and questioning; cynics, sceptics and the open-minded. This Alpha Course will be run in the Catholic tradition. We'll begin on 10th April 2024 at 7pm at St. Mary's Parish Centre in Leyland and meet every Wednesday for 6 weeks. Please pass on this information to family members and friends who you think might be interested in coming along. For further information or to register your interest please contact: Sr. Dorothy: 07530 238222 Email: doroathyindle234@gmail.com or Julie: 07943 874257 Email: julie-st-bedes@hotmail.com

Would you like to be a Youth Ministry Leader in the Lake District? - Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience, perhaps recently graduated. Contact: jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Blackburn Chamber Choir and Blackburn Music Society jointly present: "Uncovered Treasures". Premiere performance of newly discovered works by Sir Edward Bairstow. The Blackburn Music Society and Blackburn Chamber Choir performance is on **Wed 27th March 2024** 7.30pm in Blackburn Cathedral, Blackburn, BB1 5AA Tickets £12 (under 18 and students Free) Available via this link <https://rb.gy/1zww3f>

Right to Life: There is an amendment being brought before Parliament in the next couple of weeks to reduce the abortion law from 24 to 22 weeks. Please collect a postcard from the back of Church and send it to your MP asking them the support this amendment.

New Priest Chasubles: We have a new set of Mass vestments for each of our churches. There is one of each of the four main liturgical colours. The design on the orphrey of each chasuble is based on the artwork in the church of the English College in Rome. Thanks to those who have already contributed towards the cost of these which was £120 for each vestment. Any further contributions would be most welcome.

Lent Devotions

Stations of the Cross - There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 4.30pm at St Mary's and at 6:30 pm at St Gerard's.

Early Mass on Fridays: There will be the opportunity of attending a Mass at **7.00 am** each Friday during Lent. This year we will hold this Mass in the Chapel at St Benedict's Monastery. It is a good chance for the those who cannot usually attend a weekday Mass due to work commitments.

Reconciliation: Lent is an important time to prepare for Easter by going to confession. Perhaps start thing now about when you will do this. We have confessions in both our churches before the vigil Masses on a Saturday evening; you can always ask a priest to hear your confession at any time.

Service of Reconciliation: We will have a Parish Service of Reconciliation on the Tuesday of Holy Week, 26th March in St Gerard's Church at 7pm.

Prayer: Make an extra bit of time for prayer during Lent: maybe pray the rosary; listen to a hymn on YouTube; pray the readings form daily Mass on www.universalis.com; listen to the daily reflections on www.pray-as-you-go.org

Fasting: Fridays in Lent are special days of fasting. Eat a little less than we might normally do; go without something which is part of the regular pattern of our lives—a TV programme; social media; offer that sacrifice to God for a special intention.

Almsgiving: give something more than we usually do to a good and worthy cause, especially to help those in need and demonstrate faith in action: CAFOD, Caritas, SVP, your local parish. Maybe set up a direct debit to make your giving a regular habit, or increase slightly the giving which you already make.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Carina Clough, Sister Louise, Peter Clough, Valerie Jeffrey, Jean Doran, Margaret Peacock

All Those who have Recently Died:

Marcella Varey, Ann Denise Crabtree, Frank Jeffrey, David Coxhead