

## SEARCH THE WEB

If you have a computer at home, Lostock Hall has numerous Web Sites. Search for Lostock Hall at [www.google.co.uk](http://www.google.co.uk) and you will find hundreds of Web sites that feature our Village.

Our own website can be found at: [www.saintgerards.org.uk](http://www.saintgerards.org.uk). Here you will find a history of the Parish, its Priests and People going back over a hundred years.

Also featured on the site are details of the Parish Groups mentioned on Page 3 of this booklet.

The monthly Parish Magazine, News and Views is often on the site before it is published on the first Sunday of the Month.

The weekly bulletin with service times is also available 'on line', as are directions to our Church.

Please sign up on the website for weekly newsletter delivery via email.

**'Email'**

[office@saintgerards.org.uk](mailto:office@saintgerards.org.uk)

## OUR PARISH HISTORY

Until 2018 all the priests who have served at Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Gerard Majella have been Benedictine Monks of the English Benedictine Congregation from the Abbey of Saint Lawrence the Martyr, Ampleforth, York and Father Xavier Ho left our Parish in December of that year.

We are now part of Salford Diocese and our Parish Priest is Father Mark Harold from Our Lady's Brownedge.

We serve Tea and Coffee after Mass on Sunday mornings and you and look forward to meeting you.

Welcome to Lostock Hall and your new home.

If you would like to register in our Parish please complete a registration form available in the porch or on the website.

Our Parish Office Secretary can be contacted on 01772 335387 or on the parish mobile 07442 385553 between 9 and 3 pm Monday to Friday.

# WELCOME TO LOSTOCK HALL AND YOUR NEW HOME

## 'THE VILLAGE'

Environmentally the 'village' has seen enormous changes in the last 100 years.

Humble cottages and farms have given way to estates of semi-detached houses, a surfeit of cars speed along roads where horses and carts once ambled along dirt tracks. Life expectancy is greater, essential if time is to be found to enjoy the delights of inventive progress of radio, television, videos, fast food and travel abroad.

The hooters of 'satanic' mills have long been silent, as have the whistles of shunted locomotives, boot and shoemakers, cloggers and a beer house.

## 'Down Tardy'

Today the availability of pizza and fried chicken, demonstrates that the twenty first century has made its mark on Tardy Gate.

We use this name because it is part of our History and because many residents prefer that.

Its continuing usage will be assured so long as the inn in the centre of the village keeps its name. Tardy Gate is not a postal address. The Local authority map notes it and prints the name Lostock Hall to the south of our many railway bridges and the East Lancashire line, but there are some parishioners who still make their way 'down Tardy'

## Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Gerard Majella RC Church



The Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Gerard Majella, known locally as Saint Gerard's, is situated in the centre of the village with its square tower reaching into the sky as a local landmark.

The Church has had an influence on the names of roads in the immediate vicinity, Saint Cuthbert's, Mercer Drive, Saint Gerrards (Note the miss-spelling) Road, Lourdes Avenue and Ampleforth Drive.

The first of our School buildings was built in 1890. Bishop Vaughan gave permission at that time to celebrate Sunday Mass in the building. The foundation stone of the present Church was laid on 7<sup>th</sup> July 1912 and the Church opened for worship on 12<sup>th</sup> October 1913.

## SERVICES

**Sundays** 6:00p.m (Sat) 10:00a.m.  
**Weekdays.** Mass on Tuesday & Thursday at 9:15 am. Services of Word & Holy Communion, Monday 6:30 pm & Wednesday at 9:15 am.

## DOCTOR SURGERIES

There are three Doctors Surgeries and one Pharmacy in the Village:

**Lostock Hall Medical Centre**, Dardsley House, Brownedge Road, Lostock Hall. Tel: 01772 518080.

**Medicare Surgery**, Croston Road, Lostock Hall. Tel: 01772 330724

**The Village Surgery**, Wilkinson Street, Lostock Hall. Tel: 01772 696666.

**Cohens Chemist**, Hope Terrace, Lostock Hall. Tel: 01772 311328

**Ryan Medical Centre**, St. Mary's Road, Bamber Bridge. Tel. 01772 774373

## HOSPITALS

There are two A & E Hospitals in this area both can be easily reached from Lostock Hall.

**Royal Preston Hospital**, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood. Tel: 01772 716565

**Chorley and South Ribble Hospital** Preston Road, Chorley. Tel: 01257 261222

## LEISURE CENTRES

**Bamber Bridge Leisure Centre**, Brindle Road, Bamber Bridge. Tel: 01772 322012

**Leyland Leisure Centre**, Lancastergate, Leyland. Tel: 01772 432285.

**Penwortham Leisure Centre**, Crowhills Road, Penwortham. Tel: 01772 747272.

**Clayton Green Sports Centre**, Clayton Green Road. Tel: 01772 321404

## CHURCHES

Lostock Hall and the surrounding areas are well serviced with Churches of All denominations.

**Church of England** – Saint James, Avondale Drive, Lostock Hall. Saint Saviours, Church Road, Bamber Bridge. Saint Paul's, Croston Road, Farington Moss.

**Methodist Church**—the nearest is on Station Road, Bamber Bridge.

**New Day Church**, Ward Street, Lostock Hall. 01772 461454

**Roman Catholic** - Saint Mary's Church, Brownedge Lane, Bamber Bridge.

Saint Catherine's Church, Stanifield Lane, Farington.

## SCHOOLS

The area is well served with Primary and High Schools.

**Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Gerard Majella RC Primary School**

The School is situated on Lourdes Avenue next to the church. The Headteacher can be contacted during school hours on 01772 335025.

**Lostock Hall County Primary**: Linden Drive, Tel: 01772 338289 or 01772 338749

**Farington St. Paul's Primary School**, Croston Road, Farington Moss. Tel: 01772 336166

## Secondary Schools.

**All Hallows RC High School**, Crabtree Avenue, Penwortham. Tel: 01772 746121

**Brownedge St. Mary's High School**, Station Road, Bamber Bridge. Tel: 01772 339813.

**Lostock Hall County High School**, Todd Lane North, Lostock Hall. Tel: 01772 336293

## CINEMA'S

**ODEON Cinema**, Portway, Ashton on Ribble. Tel: 0870 0102030

**VUE**, Capital Centre, Walton le Dale. Tel: 01772 881100.

## POST OFFICE

Lostock Hall Post Office is within SPAR at 2-6 Victoria Terrace, Lostock Hal. Tel: 01772 335671

## ST.GERARD'S GROUPS

The Parish Groups listed below are always open to new membership and everyone is welcome to join and get involved in Parish Life.

## Groups

Altar Servers  
A.P.F  
CAFOD  
Catechists  
Children's Liturgy Group  
Choir  
Eucharistic Ministers  
Football  
Parochial Centre  
Fund Raising Group  
P.T.A  
Piety Shop  
Sacred Heart Guild  
Senior Citizens

Contact details are available each Month in the Parish News and Views magazine which is published on the first Sunday of the Month.

