



## ST MARY'S BROWNEGE

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### The Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A)

6th August 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	5th Aug Vigil	7:00 pm	Transfiguration of the Lord The Parish
Sun	6th Aug	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	Transfiguration of the Lord Mary Mullarkey R.I.P. Baptisms of Harlow Rae Holland & Fletcher Donavan Alexander Betty Sumner
Mon	7th Aug	9:30 am	St Sixtus II & Comps (OM) Lou Kuchel
Tues	8th Aug	9:30 am	St Dominic (M) Holy Souls
Wed	9th Aug	9:30 am 2:30 pm	St Teresa Benedicta (F) Jim & Agnes Livesey St Catherine's Hospice Priest's Intentions
Thurs	10th Aug	9:30 am	St Lawrence (F) Holy Souls
Friday	11th Aug	9:30 am	St Clare (M) Bernard Murphy
Sat	12th Aug Vigil	7:00 pm	19th Sunday in of the Year Elizabeth Prescott
Sun	13th Aug	9:30 am 12:30 pm 6:30 pm	19th Sunday of the Year The Parish Baptism of Ronnie Parks In Memory of Linda Bevan

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	5th Aug Vigil	5:30 pm	Transfiguration of the Lord The Parish
Sun	6th Aug	10:30 am	Transfiguration of the Lord Clive & Margaret Benson
Mon	7th Aug	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	8th Aug	6:30 pm	St Dominic (M) Mary Brierley (Anniversary)
Wed	9th Aug	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	10th Aug	6:30 pm	St Lawrence (F) Martin Braford R.I.P.
Friday	11th Aug		NO MASS
Sat	12th Aug Vigil	5:30 pm	19th Sunday in of the Year Monica Sharples R.I.P.
Sun	13th Aug	10:30 am 12:00 pm	19th Sunday in of the Year The Parish Baptism of Finn Pearson

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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's**  
 Tuesday & Thursday 3 pm to 4 pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 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)

#### Prayers for the Diocese:

**5th / 6th Aug:** Let us pray this week for the people of the parish of Our Lady and St. John, Chorlton, and for Father Anthony Ekpunobi, CM. We pray for the parish primary schools and St. John Vianney's school. May they encounter the Lord in the moments of their daily lives.

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. It is a great source of spiritual support for those who cannot go to church.

#### 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

**Visiting Priests:** This weekend and next weekend we are delighted to welcome a visiting priest to celebrate our Vigil & Sunday Masses. They will come from the Parish of St Hubert with Wulstan in Great Harwood, Blackburn, where there are three Oblates of St Joseph who have come from Nigeria to minister in our diocese.

**This Week** - Please note that our weekday Masses on **Tuesday and Thursday this week will be in the evening at 6:30 pm.**

**Recently Deceased** - We pray this week for David Thorp Ward and Joseph Etherington who have died recently and for all the faithful departed. The Requiem Mass for Joseph will be on Monday 14th August and for David on Wednesday 16th, both at 11 am.

**Wednesday Bingo Holiday** - Advanced notice that there will be **NO BINGO on 16th or 23rd August** whilst the team take a short but well earned break.

**Wednesday Bingo** - We are looking for someone to join the team and willing to call the Bingo for us on Wednesday evenings occasionally to share the load. If you are interested come along from 7 pm any Wednesday and speak to the team.

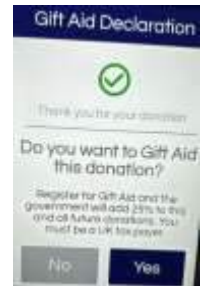
**Altar Candle & Mass Intentions** - If you would like to have a Mass intention or Candle intention please leave a note at the Presbytery clearly stating the Mass Intention or Location for your Candle. For the Candles we are suggesting a minimum donation of £5 per candle.

**Live Streaming Service:** There is a now a camera at St Gerard's, using the same service as St Mary's have used in recent years: [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) The link to this can also be found on our website. It is especially useful for the housebound and those who cannot travel to be present at funerals.

**Family Fun Night** – Our Family Fun Night to support our representatives attending the World Youth Day originally planned for June is now to be held on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September – 6:30pm – £5 per ticket per adult** which include sausage / bacon bap and free hotdog for the children. Bingo, Disco, Food, Tombola and Games. – Tickets available from Church after Mass or from the Presbytery Office. Donations of raffle and bingo prizes for the Fun

Night to be brought to Church or to the Presbytery office. See poster below.

**Contactless Machine:** The diocese have engaged with a new contactless finance provider. The new machine now in the Porch will ask if you wish to Gift aid your donation, if yes you will be asked for your house number and postcode along with your Surname. You will only be asked this the **first time** you use a particular card. The old machine is still working during the period of transition. Don't be put off by the initial screen and the amounts show, we would love it if everyone used these but you can select **OTHER AMOUNT** and manually enter a lower or higher figure. Please ask if you need any assistance. Thank you.



**Adult Tickets £5**  
 Max 2 Children per Adult **Children Free**  
 Children Must Be Accompanied By An Adult  
**Children Free Hot Dog**  
**Adults Bacon & Sausage**  
**Barms**

Parish Lottery No. 572 02/08/23			
1st	£25	No. 48	The Parish
2nd	£10	No. 81	Mr / Mrs J C Brown
3rd	£5	No. 80	Ms E Brierley

W/C 06/08/2023	This Weeks Intentions
The Sanctuary	Teresa Goddard
Our Lady	The Pope Family

Offertory 29th / 30th July 2023			
Offertory Loose	£265.29		
Offertory Envelopes	£194.77		
Attendance	149		
Bingo Jackpots for 09/08/2023			
£38	£84	£74	£29

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

# St Mary's Brownedge Notices

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 13th August 9:30 am Mass: Daniels Family. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

**Parish Website Update** - Our parish website has in recent months undergone a software refresh which has allowed us to align some of the functions that we share with St Gerard's. We now share on the home page a **joint parishes diary** which details all the services at the two churches. **The Newsletter** sign up now works and links into the same mailing list. If you would like a copy of the newsletter emailing to you each weekend you can sign up for it there. **Under document/other documents there are Gift Aid and Standing Order forms as well as the form to join the 200 club and the form to enroll on a Baptism Course.** Where we align and share documents these link to the same location on one of the websites but both sites retain their individuality. If you have any ideas for additional forms or documents that could be stored here for easy access please let us know.

**QR Code Easy donation:** as well the contactless giving machine in church, you can also donate via this QR Code: open the camera on your phone and focus on the QR code; then click on the link which appears on your screen, and it will take to a direct giving page for the parish. If you pay tax, you can gift aid it as well! You can use the QR posters which are near the Church entrances, or you can use the code here on this newsletter and do in the comfort of your own home. Thank you for supporting your parish.



**Legacies:** Remembering the parish in your will is a great way to help support the Faith for the future. Even to committing a small percentage of your will to the parish can make a big difference.

Sanctuary Lamps Week 32	
1	John Green

**Parish Register** - If you haven't for some reason already submitted your details you can still do so. The quickest method is on-line via the form mentioned below. We are asking every family to complete one of the forms (regardless of previous submissions) in the Porch and return it to the parish office. You can also complete the form on-line using the QR code or if you prefer by following this link: [https://stmarysbrownedge.org.uk/parish\\_register/](https://stmarysbrownedge.org.uk/parish_register/) This is a big exercise and your support in completing the forms is appreciated. Please **do not** complete an on-line and a paper version as this causes unnecessary administration.



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**Barnabus Charity Sky Dive** - Chloe Smith is doing a sky dive on **20th August** to raise money for the charity Barnabus. (A Christian homeless charity) If you would like to sponsors her there is a **Justgiving page** <https://bit.ly/ChloeSkyDive>

200 Club		July Draw (If you change address or phone number please let us know)
1st £200	168	Barbara McGrath
2nd £100	32	Alan Eccleston
3rd £50	438	Joan Barnes

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend is shown below.	
7 pm Vigil	75
9:30 am	146
6:30 p.m..	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>290</b>

## Wordsearch based on Today's Gospel:

D Y G M S T A L K I N G I M J  
 L E N U O E U S G S F P E F O  
 A T S C S U E M E D T C P A H  
 B E K E H M N L L W A G M P N  
 J R S J A A P T G F C U J P I  
 K O I J I I N N A R G O T E I  
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 A D D H D V R M K P E L G D H  
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 W I O D E P X Q B T W S O J S  
 L L R V E T R R F E E H I Z E  
 C C L O T H E S H R E E C X N  
 C D H N P Y E L I J A H E J F

FLASH BRIGHT  
 CLOUD JOHN  
 JAMES VOICE  
 TALKING CLOTHES  
 LIGHTNING APPEARED  
 PETER MOUNTAIN  
 PRAY JESUS  
 FACE ELIJAH  
 MOSES DISCIPLES  
 CHANGED

## Joint Notices



**The Transfiguration of the Lord.** This Feast takes the place of the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Usually, only a “Solemnity” replaces a Sunday, however there are 4 “Feasts of the Lord” which do replace the Sunday if they coincide: The Presentation (2 Feb); The Transfiguration (6 Aug), The Exaltation of the Cross (14

Sept) and the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Nov 9). Our Lord revealing his glory on Mount Tabor has always been regarded as an event to inspire us all in our journey of faith. The gospel reading is always proclaimed on the 2nd Sunday of Lent but it also has its own feast today. The awesome sight of the glory God should encourage us to seek those “God moments” in our lives—glimpses of beauty, wonder, joy, love. Listen for the voice of the Father speaking to us proclaiming “This is my Son, the Beloved!” God is with us!

**World Youth Day - Pray at Home** Online 31st July - 7th August - This weekend, our young adults from the Diocese of Salford will be preparing to travel home from the World Youth Day on Monday. World Youth Day has been a joyful celebration of faith, bringing together people from all countries and backgrounds, connecting people from all over the world. Inspired by this spirit of connectivity, the Diocese of Salford has created a special Pray at Home series, inviting people from our diocese to join our young pilgrims in prayer this World Youth Day. St Gerard’s Facebook page has been following them all week and a selection of the photographs taken are and will be on display in the Gallery on St Gerard’s website. Find out more at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/resources-links/world-youth-day-pray-at-home/>

**Caritas Diocese of Salford Newsletter** - Did you know that our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, now has a monthly e-newsletter providing update, news and event details? To join the mailing list, please email Rachel Taylor: [comms@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:comms@caritassalford.org.uk)

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** Northern Star Travel have arranged a Pilgrimage to Lourdes to coincide with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception departing **4th December** and returning on the 9th. (£579 sharing or £714 single room) There are small posters with further details at the back of both churches if interested or to book phone 0161 773 2115.

**St Gerard’s Shields Centre:** This meeting room is a great venue for small conferences, meetings, clubs, community events and private party bookings. Contact the office for details of hire etc...

**Nursery Places:** Both our parish primary schools have nursery places available for 3 and 4 years old

from September. Contact either Our Lady & St Gerard’s or St Mary’s and St Benedict’s for further details.

**Prayer Cards:** Salford Diocese have issued Prayer Cards for the Synod. Please take some from the back of Church and pray regularly for this important event in life of the church in our diocese.

**Could you be a CAFOD school volunteer?** - CAFOD. Would you be someone who would be willing to help people young people in your area stay informed about CAFOD’s work and issues relating to global justice. We are looking for people to volunteer with our exciting and well established school’s programme. No school experience is required and you can offer as many hours as suits you. We offer training, ongoing support and flexibility. If you are interested in either, please contact Simon Holleron from CAFOD 077 100 944 54 [sholleron@cafod.org.uk](mailto:sholleron@cafod.org.uk)

**Communion Under Both Kinds:** We have now resumed the practice of receiving Holy Communion under both kinds. The church has sought advice from senior medical professionals and we have been assured that the risk of spreading infection is minimal. The fact the chalice is a precious metal, that the Precious Blood has a relatively high alcohol content and the priest or minister purifies between each communicant, helps to minimise that risk. Please take home the leaflets available at the back of Church and inform yourself about the good reason why Holy Communion is distributed under both kinds.

**Thought for the Week:** What will bring us happiness? This is the question which pursues us all. The problem often lies in the fact that we misunderstand true happiness. We need to refresh the word “happiness”: it is caught up in so many earthly pleasures which can be good in themselves but lack depth and ultimately fail us. Hedonism is a way of life doomed to frustration. We must root our happiness in something which is life giving—blessedness; a sense of the sacred; a knowledge that we are loved into being by Our Creator; caring for our neighbour and our environment— these are thing which give us healthy roots, which lend a sense of well being, of satisfaction, which help us to live life to the full. Find room in our lives for the things of God—use kind words, nurture positive thoughts, seek things of true beauty, cherish the arts, always live in communion with others, make space in our lives for silence, let God be God. These things will bring deep happiness.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

#### The sick, and those who care for them:

John Prescott, Freda Bibby, Sandra Nightingale,  
Christopher Beckett Snr.

#### All Those who have Recently Died:

Ron Couperthwaite, Mary Phasey, Teresa Hodgson,  
Joseph Etherington, David Thorpe Ward

**Photographs may be taken during Services for display on Social Media, if you have any objections please let the photographer know at the end of the service.**