



ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

10th September 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	9th Sept Vigil	7:00 pm	23rd Sunday of the Year Denis Hopwood
Sun	10th Sept	9:30 am 11:00am 6:30 pm	23rd Sunday of the Year Simon Fender Baptism of Arnold Raymond Finch The Parish
Mon	11th Sept	9:30 am	Jack & Nellie Holt. James Robert Holme & Christine Gainer
Tues	12th Sept	9:30 am	Most Holy Name of Mary (OM) Holy Souls
Wed	13th Sept	9:30 am 2:30 pm	St John Chrysostom (M) John Harold St Catherine's Hospice Priest's Intentions
Thurs	14th Sept	11:00 am	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F) Requiem Mass—Stephen Colligan R.I.P.
Friday	15th Sept	9:30am	Our Lady of Sorrows (M) Vic and Cecelia Fry
Sat	16th Sept Vigil	7:00 pm	24th Sunday of the Year Elizabeth Prescott
Sun	17th Sept	9:30 am 11:00am 6:30 pm	24th Sunday of the Year The Parish Baptism of Piper Hennesey Holy Souls

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	9th Sept Vigil	5:30 pm	23rd Sunday of the Year The Parish
Sun	10th Sept	10:30 am 12 noon	23rd Sunday of the Year Bill Smith Baptism of Jude Hansen
Mon	11th Sept	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	12th Sept	9:15 am	Most Holy Name of Mary (OM) Special Intention of Roisin Tranynor - School Year 6
Wed	13th Sept	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	14th Sept	9:15 am	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F) David Benson R.I.P.
Friday	15th Sept		NO MASS
Sat	16th Sept Vigil	5:30 pm	24th Sunday of the Year Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	17th Sept	10:30 am 12 noon	24th Sunday of the Year The Parish Baptism Jessica & William Hastings

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:

9th/10th September. This week as a Diocese we pray for the parishioners of the parishes of St. Ambrose and St. Bernadette, with Fr. Peter Tierney, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, Loreto High School, and the Marist Sisters. May they be inspired by the example of St. Ambrose Barlow, born in their parish, and helped by his prayers.

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

This Week: Weekday Masses return to their normal times this week after the Summer Break.

Baptism: Welcome to Jude Sidney Hansen who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

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 22nd 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.

Eucharistic Ministers: We are looking for more people who would be willing to help with giving out Holy Communion at Mass and taking Communion to the sick. If you are able to help with this please speak with Fr Mark. We will organise some sessions to help prepare for this in the near future.

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 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.

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.

OLD COINS AND EUROS - We regularly get Euro's in the Offertory collection and still occasionally old £1 coins. We are grateful for all donations but these play havoc with the counting machine and mean extra work for our volunteers who do the banking.

Shields Centre Gardens: the gate to the gardens behind the Grotto and around the bowling green will be left unlocked so that parishioners can make use of this lovely facility. Please feel free to visit the gardens, sit, relax, read a book and enjoy the tranquillity of this beautiful space but please close the gate when leaving.

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...



Family Fun Night
In The Parochial Centre
Friday 22nd September start 6:30pm
BINGO Compere Lee McNulty
DISCO FUN & GAMES

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

Offertory 2nd / 3rd September 2023			
Offertory Loose	£302.03		
Offertory Envelopes	£243.96		
Attendance	163		
Bingo Jackpots for 13/09/2023			
£39	£26	£75	£30

Parish Lottery No. 578 06/09/23			
1st	£25	No.72	Mr M Nisbet
2nd	£10	No. 41	Mr R Nisbet
3rd	£5	No. 51	Mrs F Cottam

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

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Baptism: Welcome to Arnold Raymond Finch who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 17th September 9:30 am Mass: Pangilinan Family. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

SVP Collection: Our next collection is on the 16th & 17th of September.

Cafod Thank you: From our recent coffee morning and raffle we collected £200 and from the buckets in August £101. We have also received 2 anonymous donations, one for £100 and another, for £1,000, which means we have far exceeded our target of £4,000 for the Health Clinic. This gift will help vulnerable people in the most hard to reach areas access healthcare, by keeping a remote clinic stocked with medicines, medical equipment and even petrol for the clinic ambulance. We are so grateful to all who support us with the coffee mornings, bucket collections and generous donations. Well done & Thank You.

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.

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.

Parish Register - Please help us keep our parish records up to date: you can submit your details for our parish register either online or using the forms at the back of church. The quickest method is on-line which you find at the following address:

<https://stmarysbrownedge.org.uk/parish/register/> or by scanning the QR code here. We are

asking every family to complete one of the forms (regardless of previous submissions). If you use the form at the back of church please hand in to a steward or to the parish office. 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.

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 required and 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

Sanctuary Lamps Week 37	
1	Deceased Family Members and Friends of Ann and David Gorman
Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend is shown below.	
7 pm Vigil	68
9:30 am	136
6:30 p.m..	56
Total	263

Joint Notices

Thought for the Week:

In this past week (5 Sept) we celebrated the feast of **St Teresa of Kolkata ("Mother Teresa")**. She was such a physically fragile woman and yet with the gift of such a strong and powerful spirit. She was convinced that God was asking her to help the person in need who was directly before her. Many people visited her in the slums of Calcutta and would often ask what was the point of helping one person in the face of so many who were suffering in poverty. She would always reply that, even if we can only help one person, that is one person less who is suffering; a little more of the presence of God alive in our world. I can often ask myself, what is the point of living a life of faith and being concerned about others when all around me seems to be self centred and focussed on personal pleasure. There are times when I give in to this temptation to follow an "unchristian" way; however, the sense of well-being, the sense of fulfilment becomes less and less. It is when I respond to the call of Christ to live His gospel, to reach out to others, to give time to prayer—these are the times when I feel most fully alive, recognising that I am living as the person God has called me to be.

Joint Notices



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time. 'No man is an island'... How true this is for those who follow Christ: each of us has responsibilities towards each other,

based on our debt of mutual love. When we see wickedness and wrongdoing, then because of our privileged position of following the Lord Jesus, we have a duty to speak out. This will not always be easy - remember the prophet Jeremiah last week - but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Keyholders: For security and insurance purposes it is important that we have an up-to-date list of those people who have keys for the churches, presbyteries, sacristies etc... Those who have any keys, please inform the office with your name and which keys you hold. Many thanks.

Sacramental Programme: We will soon be beginning a new programme to prepare children for First Holy Communion in both our parishes. If your child is in Year 3 or older they can join the programme. Those in Year 3 at St Mary's & St Benedict's or at St Gerard's will be receiving forms to enrol on the programme. If your child is in a higher year and missed previous programmes or they attend another school, they are welcome to join our programme. Please contact the Parish Office.

Confirmation: We will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday 28th at 6pm. As Bishop John is unable to attend, he has delegated Fr Mark to celebrate the sacrament on this occasion.

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 the life of the church in our diocese.

Legacies: Remembering our 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.

Retreat Programme - The popular retreat programme at St Gerard's continues: The next one is on **Wednesday 18th October 2023 based on THE FEEDING OF THE 5,000.** The retreats start at 11:30 am through to 3 pm (with 30 minutes Lunch break (please bring a packed lunch)). The cost is £20 per person. The retreats are held in the "Shields Centre" and are led by Donna Worthington. There are still a few places available for this retreat - if interested please contact our office on **01772 335387** or email **office@saintgerards.org.uk**.



National Relic Tour 2023:

The Knights of St Columba are promoting a tour Britain for some relics of three saints with strong Scottish connections: St Columba, St Andrew and St Margaret. They will be visiting St Mary's Brownedge from Friday 22nd Sept to Sunday 24th Sept.

Programme of events:

Friday 22nd Sept 12 noon: arrival of the relics

Friday 12 - 5.30pm: Opportunity to visit for prayer and veneration of the relics.

Friday 6pm: Holy Mass in thanksgiving for the saints

Saturday 23rd Sept 9.30am: Holy Mass

Saturday 10-12 noon: Opportunity to visit for prayer and veneration of the relics.

Saturday 3.30 - 6.30pm: Opportunity to visit for prayer and veneration of the relics.

Saturday 7pm: Vigil Mass

Sunday 24th Sept 9.30am: Sunday Mass

Sunday 10.30-6pm: Opportunity to visit for prayer and veneration of the relics.

Sunday 6.30pm: Sunday Mass followed by the departure of the relics.

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL TOUR (John 4:1-42)

We will explore this intriguing Gospel passage, which helps to illuminate our inner soul journeys and offers an invitation to walk to the 'well', to Christ the One who restores us. **Tues 3rd Oct** - Our Lady & St Gerard's RC Church, Lourdes Avenue, Lostock Hall, Preston, Lancs PR55AA. 6:30 refreshments and start at 7 pm. For bookings, contact the Parish office at St Gerard's on: 01772 335387 or email: office@saintgerards.org.uk

Further details on Notice Board in church:

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

John Prescott, Freda Bibby, Sandra Nightingale,
Christopher Beckett Snr. Fr Jonathan Cotton,
Carina Clough, Derek Wareing

All Those who have Recently Died:

Fr Denis Clinch, Cameron Beeby, Stephen Colligan,
Ron Bentley, John Harold, Dr Jim Whiston OBE KSG

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