



ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

17th September 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge			
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
Mon	18th Sept	9:30 am	Bernard Murphy
Tues	19th Sept	9:30 am	St Januarius (OM) John Grealis
Wed	20th Sept	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Ss Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Ching Hasang (M) Joseph Sullivan St Catherine's Hospice Special Intentions
Thurs	21st Sept	9:30 am	St Matthew (F) 55 Years Anniversary Kathleen & Alan Clarke
Friday	22nd Sept	9:30am	Bernadette Ryles
Sat	23rd Sept Vigil	7:00 pm	25th Sunday of the Year Derek Nickson R.I.P.
Sun	24th Sept	9:30 am 6:30 pm	25th Sunday of the Year Diane Harvey (Birthday) The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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
Mon	18th Sept	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	19th Sept	9:15 am	St Januarius (OM) Emily Finch (Anniversary)
Wed	20th Sept	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	21st Sept	9:15 am	St Matthew (F) Margaret Benson R.I.P.
Friday	22nd Sept		NO MASS
Sat	23rd Sept Vigil	12 noon 5:30 pm	24th Sunday of the Year Baptism of Jaxon McWhinnie & Sophia Kevill Josephine Topping R.I.P.
Sun	24th Sept	10:30 am 12 noon	24th Sunday of the Year The Parish Baptism of Amari Simpson

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

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.

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:

16th/17th September. Let us pray, this week, for the people of the parish of St. John Henry Newman, Urmston and Flixton, with Fr. Kieren Mullarkey, their parish priest, Fr. David Quilgotti and Deacon David Walsh. We pray for their parish primary schools, St. Anthony's High School and the Franciscan Community at All Saints, Barton. May they be a living sign of God's forgiving love.

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

Baptism: Welcome to Jessica & William Hastings who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

Baptism Presentation - We welcome into Church this weekend the 15 children and their parents who are currently on the Baptism Preparation Course.

Family Fun Night – Our Family Fun Night is fast approaching 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.

Quidenham Cards - The Carmelites at Quidenham have recently closed their shop and had surplus high quality cards which they have sent us in the hope we can raise some funds for worthwhile causes. Available packs are Birthday, Thank You, Sympathy and blank cards. For the next few weeks these will be available at the back of church in packs of 5 cards with a suggested donation of £1.50 for one pack and £2.50 for two packs. All proceeds will go to CAFOD.

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.



Joint Notices

Catholic Medical Association: This group, formerly "the Guild of Catholic Doctors", is an association to support all those Catholics involved in the healthcare profession. The local branch is based in Manchester but they are taking their meeting around the area to encourage more people to join. The next meeting is in Burnley on Weds 27th Sept at St Mary's Church, Todmorden Road. BB10 4AU. It begins with Mass at 7pm followed by a refreshments and a presentation. Everybody is welcome and no registration is required. More info: CMAManchester@gmail.com

Offertory 9th / 10th September 2023			
Offertory Loose	£352.51		
Offertory Envelopes	£130.15		
Attendance	156		
Bingo Jackpots for 20/09/2023			
£29	£27	£78	£33

W/C 17/09/2023		This Weeks Intentions	
Our Lady		Sally Westbury with Love,	
Parish Lottery No. 579 13/09/23			
1st	£25	No. 74	Mr K Lyth
2nd	£10	No. 79	Mrs G Davies
3rd	£5	No. 75	Mr / Mrs A G Hawarden

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

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Baptism: Welcome to Piper Hennesey who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 24th September 9:30 am Mass: Children. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

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

Mothers Prayer Meeting - The next meeting is on Wednesday 20th September in the Priory at 1 pm.

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.

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

Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School is hosting their annual Open Evening on **Wednesday 27th September 5pm - 8pm**. It is a wonderful celebration of their school family were their Catholic ethos really shines through. If your child or someone you know is due to go to secondary in the coming years, then they are more than welcome. Visit the school website www.st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk for more information and how to book.

200 Club		August Draw (If you change address or phone number please let us know)
1st £200	402	Ann Lakeland
2nd £100	216	Make Hankey
3rd £50	433	Monica Melling

Sanctuary Lamps Week 38	
1	Deceased Members of the Ampleforth Community

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend is shown below.	
7 pm Vigil	56
9:30 am	141
6:30 p.m..	61
Total	258

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The Sixteen Choir - Conducted by Harry Christophers will be performing at Blackburn Cathedral on 23rd September at 7:30 pm. The performance will celebrate the 400 year years of the music of William Byrd, Ticket £10 to £25.

Prior to the evening performance there is a Choral Workshop at 12 noon in the Cathedral. This a a rare and rewarding opportunity for enthusiastic amateur singers to explore a variety of music inspired by The Sixteen's own Choral Pilgrimage Programme. Tickets £30. More information can be found on via <https://thesixteen.com/event/choral-workshop-blackburn-2/> and there is a discount if you book both the workshop and concert

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying 'That's it; you have just gone too far this time: never again?' When Jesus says that we must forgive seventy-seven times, he implies that we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn't just say this, however: even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: Father, forgive them... As his disciples, we must do likewise.

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



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.

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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

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, Michael Quinlan

All Those who have Recently Died:

Canon Kevin Kenny, Fr Denis Clinch, Stephen Colligan, Ron Bentley, John Harold, Dr Jim Whiston OBE KSG, Stephen Colligan, Andrew Clarkson.

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