



ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

19th November 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge				St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	18th Nov Vigil	11:00 am 7:00 pm	Baptism of Rose Christina Clare Hilton 33rd Sunday of the Year Lorna Bentley	Sat	18th Nov Vigil	5:30 pm	33rd Sunday of the Year Departed loved ones * Edward, Lilian & George R.I.P.
Sun	19th Nov	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	33rd Sunday of the Year The Parish Baptism of Ada Louise Woods In Memory of Frank Bevan	Sun	19th Nov	10:30 am	33rd Sunday of the Year The Parish Sacramental Prog Unit 2
Mon	20th Nov	9:30 am	Norma Tolentino (L/D)	Mon	20th Nov	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	21st Nov	9:30 am	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary ^(M) Keany & Cullivan Families	Tues	21st Nov	9:15 am	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary ^(M) Leo Phelan (Sch Mass Yr5)
Wed	22nd Nov	9:30 am 2:30 pm 7.30pm	St Cecilia ^(M) Derek Wareing (Sch Yr 1/2) SC Hospice - Freda Bibby Mass for Red Wednesday	Wed	22nd Nov	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	23rd Nov	9:30 am	St Clement I ^(OM) Intentions of Mothers Prayers	Thurs	23rd Nov	9:15 am	St Clement I ^(OM) Marie Phelan
Friday	24th Nov	9:30 am	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac & Comp ^(M) William Derek Wareing	Friday	24th Nov		NO MASS
Sat	25th Nov Vigil	7:00 pm	CHRIST THE KING Lesley & Jim Morris	Sat	25th Nov Vigil	5:30 pm	CHRIST THE KING The Parish
Sun	26th Nov	9:30 am 6:30 pm	CHRIST THE KING The Parish Francis & Linda Bevan	Sun	26th Nov	10:30 am 12 noon	CHRIST THE KING James Wright & Traynor Family Baptism of Patrick Rimmer & Jack & Tommy Halliday

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:

18th / 19th November - Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Joseph, Reddish, for Fr. Damien Louden, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school. May they be faithful in things great and small.

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

Father Vincent Naylor's Funeral - there will be a 'Mass of Reception' at Salford Cathedral, 250 Chapel St, Salford, M3 5LE 7pm on **Thursday 23rd November**. A **Requiem Mass** will take place in the Cathedral on **Friday 24th November at 12:10hrs**, celebrated by Bishop John, followed by Burial at St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley Hall Rd, Wardley, Worsley, Manchester, M28 2UJ

Majella Companions – The next meeting is on Tuesday 21st November, at 2pm in the Shields Centre

Senior Citizens Christmas Party – This year is on **Saturday 25th November** at 2pm in the Parochial Centre – Sign up sheet are at the back of Church or contact the Presbytery office on 01772 335387 or email office@saintgerards.org.uk if you would like to come along. **Please let us know by 20th November** for catering purposes.

Christmas Fair – Sunday 3rd December – 11:30 am in the Parochial Centre Club – **Volunteers needed to run stalls** and donations of soft toys (Soft toy tombola), bottles (Bottle tombola), tombola prizes (General tombola) and fancy goods please. These can be left at the Parish Office during opening hours of before Mass at any other time.

Christmas Raffle - Tickets are now on sale for the **Fund Raising Christmas Raffle**. Tickets are £1 each or **£5 per book**. 1st Prize £100, plus other cash prizes and Hampers. **Please take a few books to sell for us. Good Quality Raffle Prizes donations are needed.** This raffle will be drawn at the Christmas Fair on 3rd December.

Piety Stall - Our **Christmas stock has arrived** along with cards and are now on display in the Piety shop. The Piety Shop are also now selling raffle tickets for their **Annual Christmas Draw** which will also take place at the Christmas Fair. Tickets 50p per/strip (proceeds to church funds) There will be three prizes... 1st prize Large Luxury Hamper, 2nd prize Smaller Hamper, 3rd prize Bottle Whisky. Father Mark talked a while ago about a **statue of the "Sleeping St Joseph"**. The shop now have some for sale and can order others if anyone wants one. Please call into the shop on a Saturday evening or phone and speak to either Jennifer or Vivienne.

Parish Lottery - If you are not already a member of the Lottery please consider taking out a

subscription which remains £60.00 for the full year - payable by 1st January. £30.00 6 monthly - payable by the 1st January and July or £15.00 quarterly - payable by 1st January, April, July, and Oct. The first prize in the Monthly draw is £100, the second £40 and the third £20. **New Sign Up Forms for 2024 are now available in the Porch. If you are an existing member you only need to the required amount into the office. Please consider joining the Lottery to support the Parish and raise much needed funds.**

Bingo - Advanced Notice - Wednesday Bingo will take a short Break over the Christmas Period. Last eyes down for this year will be on 20th December and re-start in the New Year on 10th January.

CAFOD world gifts catalogues are at the back of the church. Please could parishioners take one home and consider buying a Christmas gift to help the work of CAFOD in the developing world. This is particularly important given the unfolding humanitarian crisis in Gaza where CAFOD are trying to support the overwhelming number of refugees who will soon be facing winter. There is a winter survival kit in the catalogue which would be particularly useful in the area as these desperate refugees face the coming months.

The Big Listen - The Diocesan Synod is coming to our parish! Our Synod members, Gus and Anna would like to invite you to take part in The "Big Listen" session on the **9th and 10th December 2023**. (Saturday after the Vigil Mass and Sunday after the 10.30 am Mass in the Shields Centre). We will gather in a prayerful atmosphere where you will be asked to respond to some questions and see what thoughts will occur. To be guided by the Holy Spirit that we may move in the right direction we would like to ask you all to have The Synod Big Listen in your prayers. We are hoping to see many of you and share with you this historic event.

W/C 19/11/2023	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Family Birthday
Our Lady	Kathleen & Peter Waldron

Parish Lottery No. 585 08/11/23			
1st	£25	No. 75	Mr & Mrs Hawarden
2nd	£10	No. 70	Mrs M Gregory
3rd	£5	No. 65	Mr J Corrigan

Parish Lottery No. 586 15/11/23			
1st	£25	No. 40	Mr M Phelan
2nd	£10	No. 81	Mr / Mrs J Brown
3rd	£5	No. 65	Mr J Corrigan

Offertory 11th / 12th November 2023			
Offertory Loose	£228.50		
Offertory Envelopes	£135.50		
Attendance	167		
Bingo Jackpots for 22/11/2023			
£38	£36	£27	£42

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

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Quarant'Ore:

This week we have our 40 Hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. It will be from **Thursday 23rd November to Sunday 26th November**, with the church open all day for adoration: **10am to 8pm on Thursday and Friday; 10am to 6.30pm on Sat and 12-6pm on Sunday.**

Please sign up on the rota which we ask you to keep watch for an hour so that there is always at least 2 people present in church during exposition. We will once again invite prayer intentions: for each intention we will light a sanctuary lamp before the Blessed Sacrament. These lamps generally burn for about 9 days, thus, after the 40 hours, they still have approx a week left to burn: they will be retained and used week by week as our sanctuary lamps before the tabernacle throughout the next 12 months. For each prayer intention we ask you to donate £10 for the cost of the candle, using the envelopes provided.

THIS WEEK! Aid To the Church in Need (ACN) Red Wednesday 22nd November: Red Wednesday highlights the plight of Christians around the world who are being persecuted. We will put RED floodlights on the church to raise the awareness of these persecuted people. There will be a Mass in the evening on Wednesday 22nd November at 7.30 pm. If you can't get to Mass, why not wear something RED on that day to witness to those who shed their blood in our day for our Faith.

Baptism: Welcome to Ada Louise Woods who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 25th November 9:30 am Mass: Children. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

Hyacinth Pots: These have now all been sold. They can be collected on 1st December at the CAFOD coffee morning.

SVP Collection - There is a collection this weekend 18th/19th November. Thank you.

CAFOD - From our recent coffee morning and raffle we collected £217 and from the buckets in October £220. We are so grateful to all who support Cafod with their generous donations. We also thank Bob, from Cambodian Crafts, for bringing such lovely gifts, he raised over £100. Thanks to all who supported this project for poor and disabled people in Cambodia, the profits going towards charity projects in Cambodia. Amid the devastating conflict in Israel & Gaza, families are losing their homes and people are dying. They need urgent practical help now! On behalf of the parish the Cafod Group are sending £500 to provide essentials

Sanctuary Lamps Week 48	
1	Perlita Abrigo, Rosenio Abrigo Sr, Jessie Caballego, Pray for the healing of Susan De-Lara, Juan Pangilinan

like food, water & blankets to those who need it. There are posters on the notice boards with details, if you wish, of how to donate via CAFOD. Thank you.

SVP - The Christmas Party for the sick and housebound and for the older members of our parish will take place on **Wednesday December 6th** at the Catholic Club. Donations for raffle prizes would be gratefully accepted. Please leave in the church office or give to a member of the SVP. Boxes will be placed in the church at the beginning of November for names of those who wish to attend.

New Church Carpet: earlier this year, part of the sanctuary carpet was badly damaged by the Paschal Candle. Thus, we hope to replace all the carpet in Church with a new one. **There is a delay in the delivery of the carpet, thus, the work will now be done after Christmas, 15-19 Jan.** During this time we will celebrate Daily Mass in the Monastery Chapel, except Wednesday, when there is a school class present so Mass will be in school.

QR Code Easy donation: as well as 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.



Giving Tree 2023 - Our Christmas Giving Tree is now up at the back of church. Gift tags are available (or use your own) on a table next to the tree. Please if you are able to contribute take one. All presents with tag attached need to be returned by the weekend of the 9th/10th December. We will then be delivering to the various charities we support on Monday 11th December. With Many thanks for continuing to support this wonderful parish effort.

Mass Intentions - If you would like a Mass Intention either for the weekend or during the week or for a date this year and for 2024 please get it in as soon as possible as the Diary of available masses is filling up already.

Alf Taylor RIP: Many thanks to the family of Alf Taylor for their kind donation of £500 to the parish in loving memory of Alf. May he rest in peace.

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend is shown below.	
7 pm Vigil	68
9:30 am	195
6:30 p.m..	46
Total	309

Joint Notices



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time We must be very careful that the real point of today's first reading is not washed away in genuine concerns over what one can and cannot say about the responsibilities of wives. This is not, in fact, a recipe for 'the perfect wife', but an

illustration, from one age, of the virtue of fully employing the talents God gives us. Some things are timeless, such as holding out a hand to the poor, while other talents shift and change. The point is that all of us are gifted in varying ways and degrees: none of us should begrudge anyone else their talents, for fear that we overlook our own. We work wisely and well, looking forward to the master's return, when we can hand over to him not just what he gave us, but also the fruits that our labours have gained.

Bereavement Sunday This weekend: On Saturday at St Gerard's at 5:30pm and Sunday at 9:30am at St Mary's we will have our "Bereavement service of Remembrance". We will invite the families of all those who have died in the past 12 months to light a candle for their loved ones.

Holy Souls - November is the month of the Holy Souls and you are invited to place prayers in the special envelopes available in the churches. These will be placed on the Altar throughout the month. You are also invited to make Mass intentions for the Holy Souls in the usual way and envelopes are also available in the churches.

November Mass for Deceased Clergy: Each November, as part of the regular clergy deanery conference, there is Mass for deceased clergy. This year it is on this Tuesday 21 Nov at St Peter's Church, Stonyhurst College at 11am. All welcome.

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNSHIPS - Castlerigg Manor (The Lancaster Diocese Retreat Centre) is looking for young Catholics aged 18-25 to join their Internship Programme. The scheme lasts for one or two years and gives participants wide ranging experience, skills, training, and qualifications as well as the opportunity to work with a fantastic team based in the Lake District. For more information please contact: director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Website New Pages - We now have "How Do I" pages on our websites. Here you can access information on how to arrange a Baptism, Wedding or Funeral. There is information on how to setup a Standing Order for regular giving and how to join the Gift Aid Scheme. If you need to obtain a copy Baptismal Certificate it will explain how to do that as well. The pages can be accessed via this QR Code or via either of our parish websites and searching within them for 'How



Do I' Further information can be added and ideas for inclusion are always welcome.

Pastoral Visit of the Apostolic Nuncio to the Diocese of Salford: His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will make a pastoral visit to Salford Diocese on 28th—29th November. He visits each diocese on behalf of the Holy Father and invites clergy and laity to join him at the Diocesan Cathedral. As you may be aware, Salford Cathedral is currently closed and undergoing major restoration work, thus he will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's, Collyhurst, on Thursday 29th November at 6:30pm where he will impart an Apostolic Blessing on all those present. All are welcome to attend the Mass and there is no need to register.

Preston Cecilian Choral Society - Saturday 2nd December at 4pm in St Marys Brownedge. 'Faure Requiem' Graham Jackson Choral Suite 'Lest we Forget' Tickets £12.

Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School - Christmas Fayre - Friday 8th December 4 to 8 pm - Stalls available for local businesses -£10 cost & raffle prize donation, all proceeds going to St Catherine's Hospice & Cafod - Loads of stalls! Sweets * Cakes * jewellery decorations * Santa's grotto * Gifts* Raffle *Flowers & lots more!

The next Ecumenical Breakfast event is at 8am on the 6th December at the Methodist Church Bamber Bridge all are welcome.

Syrian Group - Thank you to the Parishioners of St Mary's & St Gerard's Parishes – The Syrian Group would like to thank you for your prayers, your generosity, support and love. The Family has now been part of our community for 2 years and they are now able to determine their own direction as they move forward in their lives. Sincere thanks to each one of you. May all those who flee war and danger be brought to safety. Our prayers for this family and all those in need, The Syrian Group.

Mercy Brothers Concert: Many thanks to everyone who supported the Mercy Brothers Concert last Friday. It was a wonderful evening of music and fun. We raised £900 to be shared between local charities: the Bamber Bridge Foodbank and Metanoia.

Preston Orpheus Choir: "A Festive Concert" at St Michael's, Ashton. PR2 1AJ. Saturday 9th December at 7pm. £13 Adult, Under 18's £5, Family (2 adults, 2 children) £30.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Christopher Beckett Snr.

Fr Jonathan Cotton, Carina Clough, Sam Hull.

All Those who have Recently Died:

Freda Bibby, Kevin Delaney, Fred Cooper,

Marion Parkinson, Father Vincent Naylor,

Nirmala Bhatti, Samuel Leslie.