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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

21st January 2024

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	20th Jan Vigil	7:00 pm	3rd Sunday of the Year Michael & Catherine Carty Mary & Michael McNamara
Sun	21st Jan	9:30 am 6:30 pm	3rd Sunday of the Year John Purdie R.I.P (Ann) The Parish
Mon	22nd Jan	9:30 am 2:00 pm	St Vincent (OM) Patrick Fallon Requiem Mass for Joe Lever
Tues	23rd Jan	9:30 am	Margaret Roxburgh R.I.P.
Wed	24th Jan	9:30 am 2:30 pm	St Francis de Sales (M) Bill Beetham SC Hospice - Successful Operation
Thurs	25th Jan	9:30 am	The Conversion of St Paul (F) Fred Cooper R.I.P.
Friday	26th Jan	9:30 am 1:00 pm	St Ss Timothy & Titus (M) Maureen Waterhouse (Anniv) Requiem Mass for Mary Walsh
Sat	27th Jan Vigil	7:00 pm	4th Sunday of the Year 200 Club Past & Present
Sun	28th Jan	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	4th Sunday of the Year Deceased member of the Gorman Family Baptism of Kya Willow Walker The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	20th Jan Vigil	5:30 pm	3rd Sunday of the Year The Parish.
Sun	21st Jan	10:30 am	3rd Sunday of the Year Clive Benson
Mon	22nd Jan	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	23rd Jan	9:15 am	Holy Souls
Wed	24th Jan	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	25th Jan	9:15 am	The Conversion of St Paul (F) Holy Souls
Friday	26th Jan		No MASS
Sat	27th Jan Vigil	5:30 pm	4th Sunday of the Year Josephine Topping R.I.P.
Sun	28th Jan	10:30 am	4th Sunday of the Year The Parish

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Mary's: Tuesday & Thursday 3 pm to 4 pm
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)

Holy Rosary: Streamed at 8pm each evening from St Mary's.

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.



Praying for Salford Diocese This Week:

We pray for the people of the Parish of St. Anne, Higher Openshaw, and for Fr. Chris Lough, their Parish Priest and Acting Dean, as well as their Parish Primary School.

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

CARITAS SUNDAY: There will be a retiring collection this weekend **20th/21st January** at St Gerard's for Caritas. Appeal Envelopes can be placed in the Collection. If you are a taxpayer, fill in the gift-aid slip as this will increase your donation significantly. Caritas is our diocesan charity and details of their work with those in our area experiencing poverty, isolation, homelessness and discrimination, can be found on their website- www.caritassalford.org.uk An impact report is at the back of church on the notice board.

APF Mission Boxes - Many thanks to boxholders and collectors for the December collection which amounted to £955.13.

Majella Companions - The next meeting is on **Tuesday 30th January** at 2pm in the Shields Centre.

Fundraising Group - The next meeting is this week on **Tuesday 23rd January** at 6:30 pm in the Shields Centre.

DOUBLE KNIT - Marina McNulty who knits for Derian House and for our Church needs wool. Specifically Double Knit, any colour will do. If you have any left over and would like to donate it please leave in the porch for her. Thank you

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.

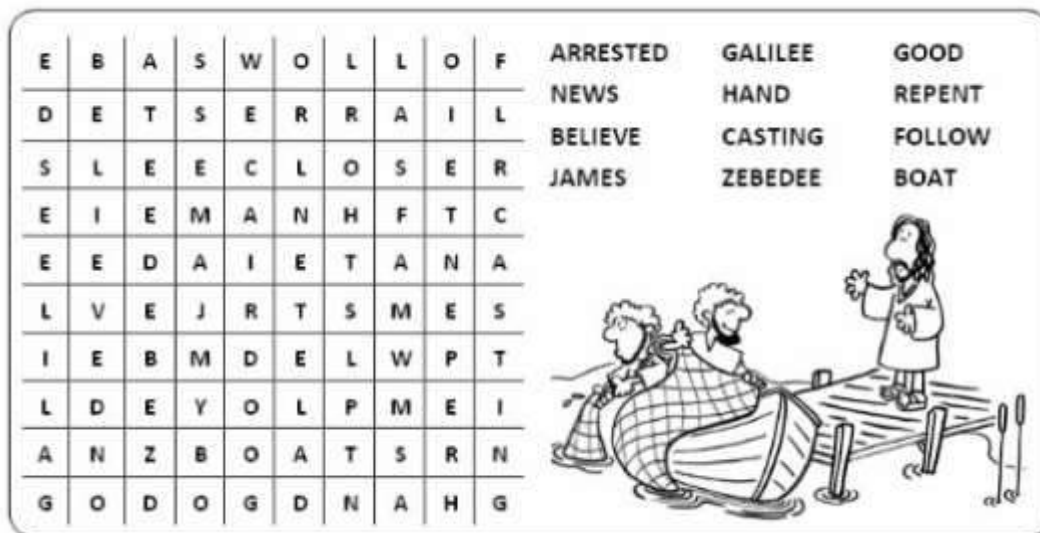
Parish Lottery: REMINDER - If you are an existing subscriber and were due to renew in January your subscription is NOW DUE. If you are not sure please contact the Parish Office. If you are not already a member of the Lottery please consider taking out a subscription which remains £60.00 for the full 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. New Subscriber Sign Up Forms for 2024 are now available in the Porch.

Found Watch - A Gents watch has been found in St Gerard's graveyard. If you have lost one contact the parish office.

The Big Listen - Huge thank you to all those who attended THE BIG LISTEN before Christmas - your presence and input is very much appreciated. For those who could not attend but would like to know a little more about it and would like to submit their own response, you can do that by visiting:

<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/> then scroll down to the Portal and choose the first option - submit a response to the synod. Alternatively you can scan the QR code. Once again THANK YOU.

News & Views: articles, prayers, reflections etc... all welcome for our monthly magazine. Please send items into the Parish Office.



Wordsearch from Today's Gospel

Offertory 13th / 14th January 2024			
Offertory Loose	£310.17		
Offertory Envelopes	£105.70		
Attendance	145		
Bingo Jackpots for 24/1/2024			
£29	£43	£34	£31

W/C 21/1/2024	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Frank Jeffrey

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

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

New Carpet: We are delighted to unveil the new church carpet which enhances the beauty of our Church. Thanks to Shaun Bradbury and his team from Wrennalls Group who have worked hard all week to finish the main body of the church for this weekend. The Narthex carpet will also be replaced soon. The cost of this project has been covered by insurance due to the fire damage.

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 28th January 2024 9:30 am Mass: Children on Sac. Programme.

'The Big Listen' - The Diocesan Synod is coming to our parish, and we want to hear from you! Through the 'Big Listen' we will be joining with the rest of the diocese in a spirit of prayer to discern together what God is asking of His Church. Our Synod members, Andrew and Emma would like to invite you to take part in **the next "Big Listen"** sessions. We are holding the next session on **Tuesday 23rd January at 6.30pm** in church. We will gather in a prayerful atmosphere where you will be asked to respond to some questions which will help shape the future of the Church in our Diocese.

Please keep *'The Big Listen'* in your prayers, that we may be guided by the Holy Spirit to move our diocese in the right direction.

Sacramental Programme: The next stage of the programme is this week: Weds 24th Jan 6.30pm: Meeting for children with catechists and for parents with Fr Mark & team. Sunday 28th Jan at 9.30am Mass: the celebration "We are a People who Pray".

SVP Collection - There will be a collection this weekend 20th & 21st January 2024

SVP Meeting – Tuesday 23rd January 1:30 pm in St Mary's Priory.

Parish Lunch next Sunday 28th January: This is now sold out having reached full capacity for the room. Outstanding payments should be made to David Dearden or left in the Parish Office.

Caritas Sunday - There will be an annual appeal for "Caritas Diocese of Salford" next weekend **28th January** to support the homeless and those in need in our community. Gift Aid envelopes are available from this Sunday – If you pay tax and are able to donate please take an envelope and put your contribution inside. Many thanks as always.

Lent Coffee Mornings & Mystery Raffle: We hope to have a mystery raffle again at the coffee mornings in Lent. These start on Friday 23rd February which is also Family Fast Day, more details to follow. Please leave any unwanted Christmas gifts in the box near the Piety Shop. Thank You.

Cafod: From our recent coffee morning and raffle we raised £185 and from the buckets in December and sale of jewellery £267. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support.

Recycling - Soft plastic can be recycled by filling a double bread wrapper or carrier bag as tightly as possible and sealing it with Sellotape. On the outside please write 'This is to help keep our oceans plastic free' These solid wrappers can be placed in one of the recycling bins at local supermarkets. There is a sample one in the Narthex.

Governor Vacancy - There is a vacancy for a Foundation Governor at Brownedge St Mary's High School. If anyone is interested in taking up this position, please contact Fr Mark or the Chair of Governors.

Fr Jonathan Cotton O.S.B. R.I.P.

Please remember in your prayers Fr Jonathan Cotton OSB, who died in the monastic infirmary at Ampleforth Abbey on the afternoon of Wednesday 17 January, after a long illness. Fr Jonathan, aged 80, had been a Monk of Ampleforth for almost 63 years and a Priest for almost 53 years, having been ordained on 4 July 1971. He served as an Assistant Priest here at St Mary's Brownedge and was a popular chaplain at the high school, later serving as Parish Priest from 1989 until 1992 before moving the short distance to St Mary's, Leyland where he was Parish Priest for 30 years, from 1992 until 2022. He continued to take a keen interest in our parish, assisting here from time to time at Advent and Lenten reconciliation services and kept in touch with parishioners, several of whom were friends of many years standing.

Another of our former Parish Priests, Fr Bede Leach OSB, remembers Fr Jonathan as follows: "In 1981 when I was sent to St Mary's, Bamber Bridge for 6 months, Fr Jonathan was the junior curate among six monks who lived there, and he was a great mentor to me in spirituality and good pastoral practice". May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Funeral Details: Ampleforth Abbey Church:

Weds 31 January 8pm: Reception of Fr Jonathan's body into the Abbey Church.

Thursday 1 February 11.30am: Solemn Sung Funeral Mass in the Abbey Church followed by burial in Monks' Wood.

This will be live streamed on YouTube: search for: "Ampleforth Abbey Liturgy".

Anyone wishing to attend the Requiem Mass, please let the Abbot's Office know by contacting jbr@ampleforthabbey.org.uk on email or tel: 01439 766070.

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend is shown below.

7 pm Vigil	60
9:30 am	146
6:30 p.m..	59
Total	265

Sanctuary Lamps Week 21/1/24

1	Deceased relatives & Friends of the Ashe Family
2	Pray for that my Daughter Health Improves

Joint Notices



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus begins his ministry where John the Baptist left off - preaching a message of repentance and change to welcome the new Kingdom of God. There is a simplicity about this message: today's

Gospel has these simple words from Jesus, and then the story of his calling of some disciples to follow him and share in the work of spreading this message. Repentance can seem like an old-fashioned concept in an age when it seems that we are told we are free to do what I want when I want it. But every age needs to hear this call: to look at what we do and say and realise that there are such things as right and wrong: that sometimes we follow the wrong path. To follow Jesus, and to accept the Kingdom of God, demands that we make a radical choice, but one which ultimately brings us life and freedom.

Sunday of the Word of God: This 3rd Sunday has been chosen by Pope Francis as a day when we remember in a particular way the importance of his word in Sacred Scripture. Perhaps you can commit to praying with the daily Mass readings? These can be found each day on www.universalis.com

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th to 25th January. Please continue to pray for the unity of Christians, especially during this week. The theme chosen is "You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself" (Lk 10:27). Prayers and reflections to help us pray during this time are available on the Bishops' Conference Website: www.cbcew.org.uk

Student for the Priesthood: Paul Chisnall finishes his placement with us this Wednesday. The three weeks have passed very quickly. Thanks for your welcome to him. Paul will give a reflection at Mass this weekend at St Gerard's. Please keep him in your prayers as he returns to seminary for the final year of his formation.

Joint Parish Baptism Preparation Course: The Baptism Preparation course started last week on Tuesday 16th January at St Gerard's. Preparation for a Baptism in our parishes involves three elements:

- (i) Parents to attend a preparation meeting. These will be offered every 2 months and the meeting venue will alternate between being held at St Gerard's and St Mary's.
- (ii) On the Sunday immediately following the preparation meeting, (in this case 21st January), parents are expected to bring their child to the Sunday Mass at the church where the Baptism will be taking place for a ceremony of "Presentation". This will be at 9.30am Mass at St Mary's or 10.30am Mass at St Gerard's.
- (iii) The family are expected to attend Sunday Mass on at least 6 occasions and have their "Welcome to the Parish" card signed by one of the

Baptism Preparation team or the priest after Mass. The Baptism can be celebrated once these three stages have been completed.

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.

Salford Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Centenary Year Fundraiser: "The Mercy Brothers" - Join us for a family-friendly night of musical entertainment with the fabulous 'Mercy Brothers' band on **Friday 9th February**, 8pm (doors 7.30pm), at The Hough End Centre, Mauldeth Road West, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, M21 7SX. The band is made up of members of the clergy from around the diocese. Tickets are priced at £15 (over 16s) and free for under 16s. Money raised will go to the Centenary Pilgrimage Fund and in support of our sick pilgrims and medical team. To book please visit www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/fundraising or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

Metanoia Project - The Preston project at St Wilfrid's are asking for donations of New or Used (but in reasonable condition) Sleeping Bags and thick Socks. Of all sizes for men: Thermals, Tracksuit bottoms (with elasticated ankles are best) Jean, Trainers, Boots, Shoes and Rucksacks. These can be taken to St Wilfrid's and they will be distributed on Wednesday evenings in the Narthex at that Church.

Retreat Programme - The popular retreat programme at St Gerard's continues: The next one is on **Saturday 10th February 2024:** - INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION Explore the contemplative tradition with a particular focus on Fr John Main's teaching. 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 - if interested please contact our office on **01772 335387** or email office@saintgerards.org.uk.

Summer Work in Rome for Students: Palazzola, the villa of the English College in Rome is looking for young people to work as hospitality helpers who can commit to 2/3 weeks looking after guests, especially in May & June but also in July & August. Board and lodging provided. See Fr Mark or contact info@palazzola.net www.palazzola.net

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Carina Clough, Moira Keany
Sister Louise, Peter Cluff.

All Those who have Recently Died:

Fr Jonathan Cotton, Jessie Clunan, Dorothy Eastwood,
Joe Lever, Mary Walsh, Steven Cox, Margaret Allen.

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.