



## ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

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## Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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### 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

28th January 2024

| St Mary's, Brownedge |                      |                                    |   |
|----------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| Sat                  | 27th Jan<br>Vigil    | 7:00 pm                            | 4th Sunday of the Year<br>200 Club Past & Present   |
| Sun                  | 28th Jan             | 9:30 am<br><br>11:00 am<br>6:30 pm | 4th Sunday of the Year<br>Deceased member of the<br>Gorman Family<br>Baptism of Kya Willow Walker<br>The Parish |
| Mon                  | 29th Jan             | 9:30 am                            | Doreen Singleton R.I.P.   |
| Tues                 | 30th Jan             | 9:30 am                            | Health, Strength & Courage  |
| Wed                  | 31st Jan             | 9:30 am<br><br>2:30 pm             | St John Bosco (M)<br>Maria Patricia Hewitt R.I.P.<br>Year 4 School Mass<br>SC Hospice - Holy Souls              |
| Thurs                | 1st Feb              | 11:00 am                           | Funeral Mass for Margaret<br>Allen R.I.P.   |
| Friday               | 2nd Feb              | 9:30 am                            | Presentation of the Lord (F)<br>Thomas Donavan  |
| Sat                  | 3rd Feb<br><br>Vigil | 11.00am<br><br>7:00 pm             | St Blaise<br>Memorial Mass for<br>Fr Jonathan Cotton<br><br>5th Sunday of the Year<br>Derek Nickson R.I.P.      |
| Sun                  | 4th Feb              | 9:30 am<br>6:30 pm                 | 5th Sunday of the Year<br>The Parish<br>In Memory of Margaret<br>Roxburgh                                       |

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

| St Gerard's, Lostock Hall |                   |                     |   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---|
| Sat                       | 27th Jan<br>Vigil | 5:30 pm             | 4th Sunday of the Year<br>Josephine Topping R.I.P.  |
| Sun                       | 28th Jan          | 10:30 am            | 4th Sunday of the Year<br>The Parish  |
| Mon                       | 29th Jan          | 6:30 pm             | Celebration of the Word & Holy<br>Communion   |
| Tues                      | 30th Jan          | 9:15 am             | Abigail Bowman Birthday<br>Anniversary  |
| Wed                       | 31st Jan          | 9:15 am             | Celebration of the Word & Holy<br>Communion   |
| Thurs                     | 1st Feb           | 9:15 am             | Ronald Jackson Anniversary  |
| Friday                    | 2nd Feb           | 10:30 am            | Presentation of the Lord (F)<br>Funeral Service for Christopher<br>Doolan R.I.P.                        |
| Sat                       | 3rd Feb<br>Vigil  | 5:30 pm             | St Blaise<br>5th Sunday of the Year<br>Patrick Hanratty & Deceased<br>members of the Hanratty<br>Family |
| Sun                       | 4th Feb           | 10:30 am<br>12 noon | 5th Sunday of the Year<br>The Parish<br>Baptism of Betsie & Dexter<br>Norris                            |

**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](http://www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk) or  
[www.saintgerards.org.uk](http://www.saintgerards.org.uk) or  
[www.churchservices.tv](http://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:**  
 27th / 28th January - Let us pray for the people of the  
 parish of St. Dunstan and St John Vianney, Moston,  
 and for Fr. Martin Saunders, their parish priest. We  
 pray for their parish primary school and for St.  
 Matthew's High 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

**Majella Companions** - The next meeting is on **Tuesday 30th January** at 2pm 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** - This week we had our first draw under the new scheme and congratulations to our winners. **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:

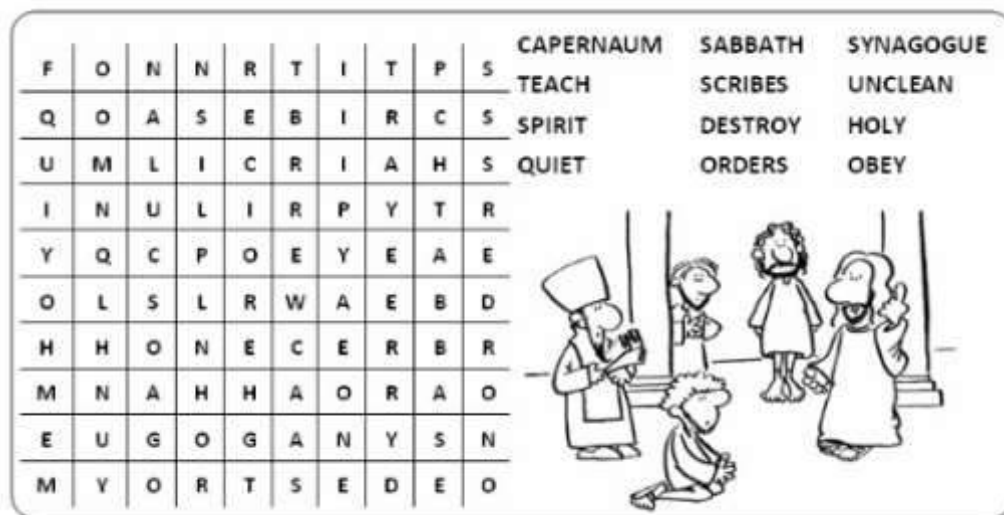
<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/> then scroll down to the Portal and choose the first option - submit a response to the synod. Alternatively you can scan the QR code. Once again THANK YOU.



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

**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, including our local Co-Op. There is a sample one in the Porch.

**School Mission Statement:** On Friday, the whole community of our primary school spent the day discussing the identity of our school and putting into words how to best describe it. Well done everyone involved in a wonderful and uplifting day. We hope to share the fruits of this day with the parish very soon.



## Wordsearch from Today's Gospel

| Offertory 27th / 28th January 2024 |         |     |     |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----|-----|
| Offertory Loose                    | £376.45 |     |     |
| Offertory Envelopes                | £162.85 |     |     |
| Attendance                         | 171     |     |     |
| Bingo Jackpots for 21/1/2024       |         |     |     |
| £30                                | £44     | £35 | £32 |

| Parish Lottery No. 592 13/12/23 |      |                       |                 |
|---------------------------------|------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1st                             | £100 | No. 41                | Mr R Nisbet     |
| 2nd                             | £40  | No. 10                | Ms C Flanagan   |
| 3rd                             | £20  | No. 2                 | Mrs M Patterson |
| W/C 28/1/2024                   |      | This Weeks Intentions |                 |
| Sanctuary                       |      | Frank Jeffery         |                 |

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

# St Mary's Brownedge Notices

**Baptism:** Welcome to Kya Walker who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

**Caritas Sunday** - There will be an annual appeal for "Caritas Diocese of Salford" this weekend **27/28<sup>th</sup> January** to support the homeless and those in need in our community. Gift Aid envelopes are available; if you pay tax and are able to donate please take an envelope and put your contribution inside. Many thanks as always.

**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 in time for Masses last 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 4th February 2024 9:30 am Mass: Agbewornu Family Programme.

**Sacramental Programme:** This Sunday 28th Jan at 9.30am Mass: the celebration "We are a People who Pray".

**SVP Collection** - The SVP collection last weekend raised a very generous £187.67, thank you.

**Cafod Coffee Morning** - Friday 2nd February after the morning Mass. All are welcome.

**Parish Lunch this 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.

**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.

**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.

**'The Big Listen'** - Many thanks to all those who joined in the Diocesan Synod 'Big Listen' over the past two weeks. Over the next two years 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. 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.



**Bobble Hats** - Marina McNulty at St Gerard's has been knitting Bobble Hats for the past few years to raise funds for the Church. It appears that everyone at Lostock Hall has one now so if anyone at St Mary's would like one please speak to the Parish Secretary who can arrange this for you. Marina also Knits them to order if you want a particular colour of colours. £5 each and excellent value and quality.

**Masses for Fr Jonathan:** Details of Fr Jonathan's funeral next Thursday are in the section below. For those unable to travel to Ampleforth, both St Mary's Leyland and St Mary's Brownedge are holding memorial Masses this week:

**St Mary's Leyland: Tuesday 30 Jan at 12 noon**

**St Mary's Brownedge: Saturday 3rd Feb at 11am**

## 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](mailto:jbr@ampleforthabbey.org.uk) on email or tel: 01439 766070.

**Mass Attendance:** Our attendance last weekend is shown below.

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| 7 pm Vigil   | 62         |
| 9:30 am      | 168        |
| 6:30 p.m..   | 45         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>275</b> |

## Sanctuary Lamps Week 28/1/24

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| 1 | In Loving Memory of all Deceased Family & Friends            |
| 2 | In Memory of Deceased Members of KSC (Council 212 (Brownedge |

# Joint Notices



## 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Where does authority come from? Why is one man regarded as a prophet, and another as a lunatic, and a third as a hypocrite? Jesus startles the crowds with a "new teaching" today, but what amazes them so much is not the message but the authority behind it: they are

convinced because what he does somehow adds credibility to what he says. It's the old situation that we are all familiar with - we look through words to see the actions, which show us the real message. The scribes did not heal or work miracles, but simply talked about God. Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God, but also shows the people what it is - a Kingdom where all that damages human happiness is abolished. The other side to this is that we must listen to a prophet or teacher when they are backed by such authority; we may not "harden our hearts" and ignore the message when we have recognised that the messenger is sent by God. This is the hard part, because it demands that we too show, by our actions, that we have heard.

### Message from Paul Chisnall following his seminarian placement with us:

*Dear friends, The time has come for me to leave the parishes at Brownedge and Lostock Hall after my short stay of three weeks. I will now return to the seminary in Birmingham, to continue my studies for one more year.*

*I have enjoyed spending time in this part of the diocese. I have seen disciples of Jesus who are faithful to the Church and each other. Saint John said, "God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God." I know the people here abide in God because I have seen them abiding in love.*

*Thank you for making me feel so welcome. I hope that one day I will return, perhaps to say Mass (God willing). Please pray for me. God bless you. With kind regards.*

**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.

**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](mailto:office@saintgerards.org.uk).

**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](http://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.

**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](mailto:info@palazzola.net) [www.palazzola.net](http://www.palazzola.net)

**Bobble hats** - In order to raise funds for the parish, our intrepid knitter, Marina McNulty, has been making lovely Bobble hats. These are of very high quality and an essential item in the present cold weather. Orders are drying up now as almost the whole of Lostock Hall seems to have acquired one! Marina is happy to knit more and if any parishioners from St Mary's would like one can they speak to Anna our parish secretary who will let Marina know.

**Winckley Square Convent School Reunion** - The annual reunion will take place on Saturday February 10th 2024 from 1.30pm - 3.30pm at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive, Fulwood. PR2 9UE. All past pupils (and Staff) are welcome to attend and bring along memorabilia and photographs to share.

**Cafod Coffee Morning** - Friday 2nd February after the morning Mass. All are welcome.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Carina Clough, Moira Keany  
Sister Louise, Peter Cluff, Eileen McGivern.

#### All Those who have Recently Died:

Mary Walsh, Margaret Allen, Ruth Mary Croft,  
Christopher Doolan, Martin Skingsley, Joe Lever,  
Fr Jonathan Cotton.