

## ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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## Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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### 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

4th February 2024

| St Mary's, Brownedge |                 |                                |  |
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| <b>Sat</b>           | <b>3rd Feb</b>  | 11.00am                        | St Blaise<br>Memorial Mass for<br>Fr Jonathan Cotton   |
|                      | <b>Vigil</b>    | 7:00 pm                        | <b>5th Sunday of the Year</b><br>Derek Nickson R.I.P.  |
| <b>Sun</b>           | <b>4th Feb</b>  | 9:30 am<br>6:30 pm             | <b>5th Sunday of the Year</b><br>The Parish<br>In Memory of Margaret<br>Roxburgh               |
| <b>Mon</b>           | 5th Feb         | 9:30 am                        | St Agatha <sup>(M)</sup><br>Whitely & Swarbrick Families                                       |
| <b>Tues</b>          | 6th Feb         | 9:30 am                        | St Paul Miki & Comp <sup>(M)</sup><br>Tom Moloney  |
| <b>Wed</b>           | 7th Feb         | 9:30 am<br>2:30 pm             | Agnes & Jim Livesey (Ann)<br>Year 3 School Mass<br>SC Hospice - for a successful<br>operation. |
| <b>Thurs</b>         | 8th Feb         | 10.30 am                       | Requiem Mass for Martin<br>Skingsley   |
| <b>Friday</b>        | 9th Feb         | 9:30 am                        | Anthony O'Connor   |
| <b>Sat</b>           | <b>10th Feb</b> | 7:00 pm                        | <b>6th Sunday of the Year</b><br>Owen & Margaret Beirne  |
| <b>Sun</b>           | <b>11th Feb</b> | 9:30 am<br>11:00 am<br>6:30 pm | <b>6th Sunday of the Year</b><br>John Rawcliffe<br>Baptism of Thea Churchman<br>The Parish     |

| St Gerard's, Lostock Hall |                 |                     |  |
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| <b>Sat</b>                | <b>3rd Feb</b>  | 5:30 pm             | St Blaise<br><b>5th Sunday of the Year</b><br>Patrick Hanratty & Deceased<br>members of the Hanratty<br>Family |
| <b>Sun</b>                | <b>4th Feb</b>  | 10:30 am<br>12 noon | <b>5th Sunday of the Year</b><br>The Parish<br>Baptism of Betsie & Dexter<br>Norris                            |
| <b>Mon</b>                | 5th Feb         | 10:00 am<br>6:30 pm | Funeral Service for Ruth Croft<br>Celebration of the Word & Holy<br>Communion                                  |
| <b>Tues</b>               | 6th Feb         | 9:15 am             | Charles Finch R.I.P.   |
| <b>Wed</b>                | 7th Feb         |                     | No Services  |
| <b>Thurs</b>              | 8th Feb         | 9:15 am             | Winifred & Joseph Lever R.I.P.   |
| <b>Friday</b>             | 9th Feb         |                     | No Services  |
| <b>Sat</b>                | <b>10th Feb</b> | 5:30 pm             | <b>6th Sunday of the Year</b><br>Catherine Hughes R.I.P. and<br>Hughes Family                                  |
| <b>Sun</b>                | <b>11th Feb</b> | 10:30 am            | <b>6th Sunday of the Year</b><br>The Parish  |

**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.

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](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:**  
 3rd / 4th February - Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Margaret Mary, New Moston, for Fr. Andrew Starkie, their parish priest, and Deacon Stephen O'Connor. We pray for the Presentation Sisters, for the Manchester Ordinariate Mission and for their parish.

**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 Betsie & Dexter Norris who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

**CARITAS** - Thank you for the generous donations which amounted to £502.20.

**Parish Lottery: REMINDER** - Last week we had our first draw under the new scheme and we congratulate our winners. **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.

**School Mission Statement:** Last 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.

**Family Fun Night** - Another Fun Night has been arranged for Friday 8th March from 6:30pm in the Parochial Centre. Adults £5, Children (Max 2 per Adult) Free. As before children get a Free Hot Dog and Adults a Bacon or Sausage Barm. Tickets available soon - enquiries via the Parish Office 335387 or email office@saintgerards.org.uk

**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.

**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.

**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

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

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### Wordsearch from Today's Gospel

| Offertory 27th / 28th January 2024 |         |     |     |
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| Offertory Loose                    | £279.92 |     |     |
| Offertory Envelopes                | £280.07 |     |     |
| Attendance                         | 154     |     |     |
| Bingo Jackpots for 07/2/2024       |         |     |     |
| £31                                | £25     | £36 | £33 |

**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.

**Defibrillator** - We have been successful in a bid to get a grant towards half of the cost of a Defibrillator to be sited outside the church. It will be delivered in the coming weeks - more information soon.

**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 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 11th February 2024 9:30 am Mass: Ash Family Programme.

**SVP Meeting – Tuesday 6th February 2024 – 1:30pm – Priory Meeting Room.**

**Ecumenical Morning Prayer & Breakfast:** The next ecumenical Morning Prayer is this week on Wednesday morning, 7th February, here at **St. Mary's** at the usual time of 8:00 am. All welcome.

Dates for the next few months are as follows:

7th February: St Mary's; 6th March: Valley Church; 3rd April (Easter week) : Methodist Church; 1st May: St Aidan's; 5th June: St Mary's Brownedge; 3rd July: Valley Church; August - no meeting.

**Mothers Prayers – Meeting – Wednesday 7th February 2024 - 1:30pm – Priory Meeting Room.**

## Salford Diocesan Synod:

**'The Big Listen'** - We would like to say thank you to all those who attended our 'Big Listen' sessions despite the terrible weather! We have fed back all responses to the diocese and will keep you posted with updates about the synod as we move forward. For those who could not attend but would like to know a little more about it or 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). 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.



**CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK 2024** - Many thanks to David Gorman, who will again be walking 200km in the 40 days of Lent, to help fight Global Poverty. Your support would be much appreciated. Perhaps some others might be interested in undertaking this as part of your Lenten spiritual exercises?

We will also have a **Parish Community Walk on Saturday 9th March starting from church at 10.30am and walking 2.5/5km.** If that is too much, join in a lap or two of the church grounds. You can get sponsors or give a small donation and we will add it to David's total. We will meet back at church for tea, coffee & toast and a rest!! All welcome.

**Lenten Coffee Mornings:** On **Fridays in Lent**, following 9.30 Mass, we will have coffee mornings **starting 23rd Feb - 22nd March**, except for Friday 8th March, which will be on Saturday 9th March following the Community Walk. See Cafod notice boards for details.

**Mystery raffle tickets** - will be on sale each weekend from 24th/25th February and drawn at the following Lenten Coffee Morning.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to help fight Global Poverty.

**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.

**Graveyard and Ashes Plot Memorials:** Please help us maintain the dignity of our graveyard; a reminder that memorials, pots, personal tributes etc... around the graves should be in keeping with the dignity of this sacred space. Also a reminder that, as stated on the notice there, we cannot accommodate personalised grave pots on or around the Ashes memorial plaques behind the main apse of the sanctuary; this is because the area must be kept tidy and easily accessible for the lawn mowers and gardening machinery. We will ensure that there are holes available for flowers to be placed on and around the memorial plaques. We will look into the possibility of creating a shelf or a step which might be able to accommodate the personalised pots in the future. Thank you for your co-operation.

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

Funeral Mass for Fr Jonathan: A number of parishioners from here at St Mary's and from St Gerard's were part of a congregation of some 300, including Fr Joe Bibby and two coaches of parishioners from St Mary's, Leyland, which joined the family of the late Fr Jonathan Cotton and the Ampleforth community for his Funeral Mass at Ampleforth Abbey last Thursday. The Mass was celebrated by the Abbot, Robert Igo OSB, joined by Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP, Bishop Tom Williams, from the Archdiocese of Liverpool where Fr Jonathan served for more than 30 years, in Warrington and Leyland. A number of Priests, Religious and Deacons were present in the Choir or in the congregation, together with a number of Anglican clergy and a representative of the Islamic faith. Also, many representatives of the Focalare movement with which Fr Jonathan had a long association. Following the Mass, Fr Jonathan was buried in the Monastic Vault in Monks' Wood on the wooded hillside behind and overlooking the Abbey.

*Requiescat in Pace*

| Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend is shown below. |            |
|--|------------|
| 7 pm Vigil   | 53         |
| 9:30 am  | 213        |
| 6:30 p.m..   | 59         |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>325</b> |

| Sanctuary Lamps Week 4/2/24 |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| 1                           | In Remembrance of Joe Moon & Family    |
| 2                           | In Remembrance of the Lancaster Family |

# Joint Notices

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This world, as we know, is a fragile and fallible place, in which we encounter hunger, disease, sickness and death. Jesus proclaims, by his actions of healing, that there is another world, the Kingdom of God, which will be free from all such anxieties and afflictions. The story of Paradise and the Garden of Eden painted a picture of a world which was perfect, and free from all problems. Jesus came into the world precisely to offer us a return to Eden, if we follow him. Each of his miracles is also, in some sense, a parable or teaching, pointing out to us something of the lost happiness and perfection which he is restoring. This vision of Paradise is not Utopian or delusory, not just a vain hope to comfort us with, but the true manifestation of God's love for us. Jesus could not cure every disease or sickness in the world then: but his miracles of healing are a sign that one day, when the Kingdom comes, sickness and disease will be wiped away for ever.

**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 next **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.

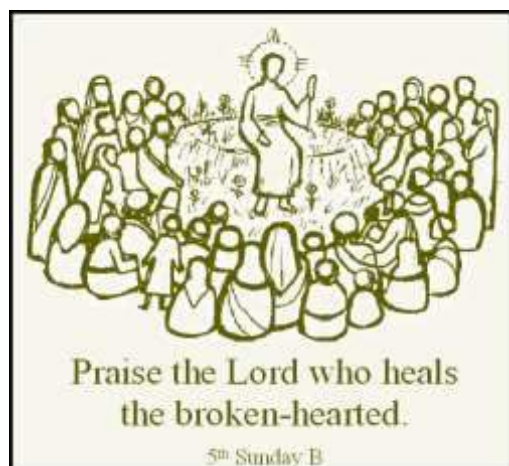
**Summer Work in Rome for Students:** Palazzola, the villa of the English College in Rome is looking for young people to work as hospitality helpers who can commit to 2/3 weeks looking after guests, especially in May & June but also in July & August. Board and lodging provided. See Fr Mark or contact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

### DEMENTIA AWARENESS TRAINING:

Chris Lawson, a Dementia Friends Trainer will be leading a DEMENTIA / ALZHEIMER AWARENESS TRAINING SESSION on Wednesday 21st February at 10.30am in St Patrick's Church, Walton-le-Dale. All are welcome to attend, the training lasts about an hour and a half. With the ever-increasing number of people we know and care for being affected by Dementia or Alzheimer's, awareness is valuable for all. Bring a friend/s from other parishes, other faiths, or of none. All are welcome.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**The sick, and those who care for them:**  
Carina Clough, Myra Keany  
Sister Louise, Peter Clough, Eileen McGivern.

**All Those who have Recently Died:**  
Margaret Allen, Ruth Mary Croft, Christopher Doolan,  
Martin Skingsley, Fr Jonathan Cotton, Irene Sanders,  
James Gray, Ruth Croft

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.