



## ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

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### Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

17th March 2024

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	16th Mar Vigil	7:00 pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent Derek Nickson R.I.P.
Sun	17th Mar	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent Rhoda Rawcliffe The Parish
Mon	18th Mar	9:30 am	St Cyril of Jerusalem Mary Elizabeth Yeomans (Birthday Anniversary)
Tues	19th Mar	9:30 am	St Joseph (S) Mary (May) Agnes Hewitt (Anniversary)
Wed	20th Mar	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Holy Souls (School Yr 1) SC Hospice - Holy Souls
Thurs	21st Mar	9:30 am	Moria Keany R.I.P.
Friday	22nd Mar	7.00 am 9:30 am 4.30 pm	In Monastery Chapel Amelia Davies For Kit & Peg (Birthday Anniversary) Stations of the Cross
Sat	23rd Mar Vigil	7:00 pm	PALM SUNDAY Denis Hopwood
Sun	24th Mar	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	PALM SUNDAY Kath Harvey (Anniversary) Baptisms of Cian Jackson & Reginald Cross The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	16th Mar Vigil	5:30 pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent Julie Brown R.I.P.
Sun	17th Mar	10:30 am 12:30 pm	Fifth Sunday of Lent The Parish Baptism of Ella Wearden
Mon	18th Mar	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	19th Mar	9:15 am	St Joseph (S) Bill Smith (Birthday Anniversary) (School Yrs 3 & 6)
Wed	20th Mar	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	21st Mar	9:15 am	Doreen Wane
Friday	22nd Mar	6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	23rd Mar Vigil	5:30 pm	PALM SUNDAY Leo Phelan R.I.P.
Sun	24th Mar	10:30 am	PALM SUNDAY 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.

#### Hope in the Future Cycle of Prayer

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Edward, Lees, for Fr. Callum Brown, their parish priest, and for 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

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

**Easter Flowers** - Donations towards the cost of fresh flowers for Easter would be gratefully accepted. Envelopes for donations are in the porch. Thank you.

**Sacramental Programme** - This Sunday we welcome the Children and parents of those on the Sacramental Programme this year to celebrate Unit 4 "We are the People who celebrate Gods Word"

**Churchyard Maintenance** - Can all Christmas Wreaths and Pots be removed please from the graves in the coming weeks to help the groundsmen keep the area tidy.

**Childrens Choir Performance** - The Lostock Hall Childrens Choir are given a short performance in Church on **Wednesday 27th March at 4:30 pm**. Everyone is welcome to come along and listen.

**Relic of St Gerard Majella** - We were pleased this week to welcome Nicky Woods from Sheffield and her cousin, Gerald Woods, from Preston. Nicky had come across a small relic of St Gerard Majella amongst her late parents effects and, as the family had local connections, offered us the relic which Fr Mark was pleased to accept. The label with the relic reads 'Ex oss S. Ger. Maj.' the first part being the abbreviation, in Latin, of 'Ex Ossibus' which means 'From the bone'. This means that it is a First Class Relic. Fr Mark and John Robinson gave Nicky and Gerald a brief overview of the history of the church and the background to the dedication of the church to both Our Lady of Lourdes and the Redemptorist lay brother, St Gerard Majella. After a quick look around the church, Fr Mark prayed over the relic in front of the statue of St Gerard Majella. We are very grateful to Nicky for presenting us with the relic of St Gerard Majella. You can see some photographs on our parish Facebook page.

**Stations of the Cross** - There will be Stations of the Cross in Church on Friday evenings during Lent at 6:30 pm.

**Piety shop** - Have a small selection of Easter gifts which are suitable for young children i.e. Easter Bonnets, Bunny Ears, Face Masks etc...Also our Easter cards are now available. \*\* Stop Press - We now have a supply of the Sleeping St Joseph statues back in stock.\*\*

**Defibrillator** - We have been advised that previous experience or first aid qualification/training is not necessary however if you are interesting in finding out more go to the online link available below to a professionally recorded full demonstration training session including FAQs. This can be downloaded and shared remotely with others. We also advise that you retain this for future reference and refresher sessions: <https://vimeo.com/557677120/e7524918c5>

The Grant covered half the cost if you would like to help us with the remaining costs of this equipment it would be appreciated. **Our share not including fitting is £750 so any contributions would be gratefully accepted.** These may be left at the Presbytery but please mark the envelope "Defibrillator" so that the funds can be properly recorded.



We have had several instances over the past few years where an ambulance has had to be called during a service because someone has fallen ill. Fortunately a defibrillator hasn't been required but we thought it prudent to make this application not only for our use but for the general public in the area.

Thank you to those who have made a donation so far.

**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.

**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.

Offertory 9th / 10th March 2024			
Offertory Loose	£370.20		
Offertory Envelopes	£177.70		
Attendance	167		
Bingo Jackpots for 20/3/2024			
£37	£31	£42	£39

W/C 17/3/2024	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Frank Jeffrey R.I.P.
Our Lady	Yvonne Jeffrey

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

# St Mary's Brownedge Notices

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 24th March 2024 9:30 am Mass: The Ryles Family.

**SVP** - There will be the monthly collection for the SVP this weekend at the end of Mass.

**SVP** - Meeting on Tuesday 19th March at 1.30 pm in the Priory.

**Women's Refuge:** We are asking for donations of Easter Eggs for the Women's Refuge. These can be left at the back of church - contact Clare Haythornthwaite on 312558.

**Coffee Morning in the Primary School:** Thursday 21st March at 10.15am (after Mass) in the school hall. There will also be Y5/6 ukulele/guitar performances for parishioners/families. We are giving ALMS for both CAFOD and CARITAS. ALL WELCOME.

**Good Friday Ecumenical Service** - This will be as usual outside Morrisons followed by Hot Cross Buns and tea/coffee in the Narthex. The other Churches in Bamber Bridge are invited to join us. All welcome.

**Missio Red Mission Boxes:** on behalf of Missio, we extend many thanks to Joan Turner. After many years of great service as our local Treasurer, Joan has decided it is now time to pass on the baton of responsibility. We thank you for everything you have done and wish you every blessing for the future.

**Gift Aid and non-Gift Aid Offertory Envelopes:** New Gift Aid and non-gift aid envelopes are ready to collect from the back of Church in the Narthex. If your box is missing or details are incorrect, or you would like to start using envelopes please contact John Kirkwood on 01772 312793.

## 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.



**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.

**Make a regular financial contribution to your Church:** - **Our Parish Lotteries:** St Mary's has a 200 Club and St Gerard's has a Parish Lottery. These are great fun ways in which we can financially support our Church. Perhaps if you are not able to come more regularly, you could consider a way of making a regular financial contribution to the church: Join St Mary's 200 Club or St Gerard's Parish Lottery. Make a small commitment to support your church: A pound a week ... Send an email now to the Parish Office. [office@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk) or [office@saintgerards.org.uk](mailto:office@saintgerards.org.uk) We will send you all the details.



Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend is shown below.	
7 pm Vigil	57
9:30 am	238
6:30 p.m..	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>349</b>

200 Club		February (If you change address or phone number please let us know)
1st £200	189	Raymond Livesey
2nd £100	222	Madelene Hankey
3rd £50	269	Tony Regan

Sanctuary Lamps Week 17/03/24	
1	The Late Georg & Monica Clark - May they Rest in Peace
2	Mabel Richardson & Peter Richardson



# Joint Notices

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

In the weeks of Lent so far we have followed God's work of salvation: we have seen the Covenants he established with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the people of Israel after the return from Babylon. Now we come to one of the most significant parts of the Old Testament: the promise of a brand new Covenant, which will be different from all those that went before. This Covenant will see God and Man living more closely together. For the ratification of a Covenant, something was always sacrificed as a sign of the new relationship – normally man would offer some animal offering to God. But the New Covenant will be ratified not with the death of sheep or bull, but by the death of Jesus Christ, God and Man. In this perfect sacrifice is the source of our eternal salvation.

**Alpha Course:** Alpha is short course looking at the basics of the Christian faith. St Mary's Leyland are running a 6 week course each Wednesday from 10th April at 7pm at St. Mary's Parish Centre in Leyland. For further information contact: Sr. Dorothy: 07530 238222 Email: dorothyhindle234@gmail.com or Julie: 07943 874257 Email: julie-st-bedes@hotmail.com

**Would you like to be a Youth Ministry Leader in the Lake District?** - Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Previous youth ministry experience preferred. Contact: [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**Blackburn Chamber Choir and Blackburn Music Society** jointly present: "Uncovered Treasures". Premiere performance of newly discovered works by Sir Edward Bairstow. The Blackburn Music Society and Blackburn Chamber Choir performance is on **Wed 27th March 2024** 7.30pm in Blackburn Cathedral, Blackburn, BB1 5AA Tickets £12 (under 18 and students Free) Available via this link <https://rb.gy/1zww3f>

**New Priest Chasubles:** We have a new set of Mass vestments for each of our churches. There is one of each of the four main liturgical colours. Thanks to those who have already contributed towards the cost of these which was £120 for each vestment. Any further contributions would be most welcome.

**Knights of St. Columba** – The Knights of St. Columba are the largest lay Order of Catholics in the UK and have been serving the Church and communities for over 100 years. If you would like the opportunity to help fundraise for charitable causes and make a difference, to have a purpose in life and make lifelong friends, then come and join us! To find out more about the Knights of St. Columba contact Philip Swarbrick on 01772 311130 or David Dearden 01772 465313 or go to [www.ksc.org.uk](http://www.ksc.org.uk)

## Easter Triduum

*"The Paschal Triduum is the matrix of our personal and communitarian lives"- Pope Francis.*

### Maundy Thursday:

#### Mass of the Lord's Supper:

**St Gerard's at 6pm; St Mary's at 8pm**

### Good Friday: Celebration of the Passion:

**St Gerard's and St Mary's both at 3pm**

### Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil:

**St Gerard's 6pm; St Mary's 8pm**

These three celebrations are a unity and they give meaning to everything else in our lives as Catholics. Make the Triduum a priority in your diary.

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**Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service:** The opportunity to go to confession on Tuesday 26 March Monday at 7pm at St Gerard's. This is for the parishes of both St Mary's & St Gerard's.

**Holy Week & Easter Cards:** Please take a card for Easter which details all our services. Remember the call of our mission to invite someone to come to Church.

**Holy Week Posters:** There are posters available to display in our windows at home.

**Maundy Thursday:** Washing of the Feet: We need 12 volunteers to have their feet washed. Please see the list at the back of Church.

**Watching at the Altar of Repose:** At St Mary's, after the Mass of the Last Supper, we are invited to pray before the Blessed Sacrament up until midnight. Please fill up the slots at the back of Church.

**Good Friday Walk of Witness:** The usual procession will take place from St Mary's Church at 10.45am (following Stations of the Cross at 10am) on Good Friday. We will process to meet with other Churches outside Morrisons for a prayer service. Afterwards, all are invited to return to St Mary's in the Narthex for refreshments / hot cross buns. All are welcome.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Carina Clough, Sister Louise, Peter Clough, Valerie Jeffrey, Jean Doran, Kevin Lyth

### All Those who have Recently Died:

Marcella Varey, Ann Denise Crabtree, Frank Jeffrey, David Coxhead, Margaret Peacock, Pat Reeves