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EASTER SUNDAY

31st March 2024

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	30th Mar	9.30 am 8:00 pm	HOLY SATURDAY Office of Readings The Easter Vigil Derek Nickson
Sun	31st Mar	9:30 am 6:30 pm	EASTER SUNDAY Roy Wilde (Anniversary) The Parish
Mon	1st Apr	9:30 am	Easter Monday Holy Souls
Tues	2nd Apr	9:30 am	Easter Tuesday Margaret Peacock R.I.P.
Wed	3rd Apr	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Easter Wednesday Family of Margaret Peacock SC Hospice - Holy Souls
Thurs	4th Apr	9.30 am 11:00 am	Easter Thursday Mary Stead (Birthday Anniversary) Funeral Service for Christopher Banks
Friday	5th Apr	9:30 am 12 noon	Easter Friday Deceased members of the Spicer Family Requiem Mass for Denis Kelly
Sat	6th Apr Vigil	7:00 pm	Easter Saturday Watson Family
Sun	7th Apr	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday 80th Birthday—Brian Spicer The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	30th Mar	6:00 pm	HOLY SATURDAY The Easter Vigil The Parish
Sun	31st Mar	10:30 am	EASTER SUNDAY George Pails RIP (Anniversary)
Mon	1st Apr		Easter Monday No Services today
Tues	2nd Apr	9:15 am	Easter Tuesday Stephen Phelan R.I.P.
Wed	3rd Apr	9:15 am	Easter Wednesday Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	4th Apr	9:15 am	Easter Thursday Simon Hobson R.I.P. (Anniversary)
Friday	5th Apr		Easter Friday No Services today
Sat	6th Apr Vigil	5:30 pm	Easter Saturday The Parish
Sun	7th Apr	10:30 am	Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy Sunday Eileen McGivern R.I.P.

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.

Prayers for Salford Diocese

In our Diocese, this week we pray for the people of the Parish of St. Francis of Assisi, Oldham, for Fr. Kevin Tierney, 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

Joint Notices



TODAY: Easter Sunday RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

The Paschal Mystery; the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, is the single most important event in the history of human existence. And yet it is not merely an event in history; it transcends time

and space to be a real and true event in our present time and in our locality. Our celebrations over the Sacred Triduum make present the Paschal Mystery for us here and now.

Easter is the greatest feast on our calendar: We are asked to attend Mass every Sunday because of what happened on Easter Sunday: He is risen! Alleluia! Indeed this feast is so important that it is more than a day—there is an Octave of Easter this week whereby every day is Easter Day. There can be no other feasts celebrated during the days of Holy Week and Holy Week, thus when another Solemnity falls on those days it gets moved to the first available day e.g. The Annunciation occurs usually on 25th March but that was during Holy Week this year so the Solemnity of the Annunciation will be celebrated on Monday 8th April this year. As we know, the date of Easter changes each year; this is because of a decision at the Council of Nicaea in 325 that Easter Sunday will be the first Sunday after the Spring Equinox (21 March). Thus, the earliest date for Easter 22nd March and the latest would be 25th April.

Therefore Easter is not simply one feast among others, but the "Feast of feasts," the "Solemnity of solemnities," St. Athanasius calls Easter "the Great Sunday" and the Eastern Churches call Holy Week "the Great Week."

The Triduum and Easter Services - Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare the Churches and the wonderful liturgies over this Sacred Time.

Happy Easter! Fr Mark and Fr Colin would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support. Many members of our community do so much to help us all; it is much appreciated. We pray for every blessing of this sacred feast to be with each of you, your loved ones, and our whole community.

Divine Mercy Sunday: On the 2nd Sunday of Easter we remember the devotion to Divine Mercy. In our area there are a couple of churches holding afternoon devotions to the Divine Mercy on Sunday 7th April:

St Joseph's Audley Range, Blackburn BB1 1TG from 2pm.

Sacred Heart, Chorley, PR6 0NG from 3pm.

Why not go along and experience something about this very powerful and popular devotion.

Eucharistic Ministers: Many thanks to all those who have offered to take on the role of being a Minister of the Eucharist. There will be 2 sessions of training for new Ministers on **Sat April 13th and Sat April 20th at 10.30 for about 1 hour**. This will take place in the Narthex at St Mary's Browedge, and is for ministers from both our parishes. Also, any current ministers who would like to attend to deeper their appreciation of this ministry will be very welcome.

Commemorating Our Benedictine Heritage: Priests from The Order of St Benedict, mostly from Ampleforth Abbey, have played a huge part in serving the Catholic communities in our area for hundreds of years. This included founding the parish of St Mary's Browedge in 1780 and subsequently Our Lady and St Gerard's in 1891. We have been looking for some time to have a permanent commemoration to their work. We have commissioned marble plaques for each church which will list the names of all those monks who have served as our Parish Priests over those years. The stonemasons have indicated that it could take several months for the white marble tablets to arrive but we will provide updates on the progress and potential unveiling.

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: dorotheahindle234@gmail.com or Julie: 07943 874257 Email: julie-st-bedes@hotmail.com

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

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@stmarysbrowedge.org.uk** or **office@saintgerards.org.uk**
We will send you all the details.

Joint Notices



GIFT AID: 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 the office. Thank you to all our regular Gift Aiders for your continued support.

Please consider contributing to the upkeep of our Churches by using the Gift Aid system. Many more people (including pensioners) have been dragged into the tax system by the freezing of the personal allowance. If you pay any income tax you are allowed to gift aid the equivalent amount to a charity and it means **for every £1 you gift aid we gain 25 pence**. Any donation which you make to the Church, either through the offertory or otherwise can be gift-aided. It all adds up.

Please also consider donating to the church via Standing Order or paying on the card machines in Church; it cuts down on administration. We can provide envelopes for people who donate in this way so that you have something to place in the collection when it comes round to indicate you have already given your donation. Thank you.

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

Easter Sequence

Victimae paschali laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled, hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended! Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose: I saw Christ's glory as He rose

The angels there attesting; shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: He goes before you into Galilee.

*That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!*

Altar Servers: A huge thank you to our altar servers who have helped so much over Holy Week and Easter. They are a fine team in both our parishes who add dignity and reverence to our celebrations. Anyone who would be interested in serving on the altar please let us know. It would be great to have more!

New Priest Chasubles: Many 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.

Catholic Papers: Lancaster Voice: this is monthly publication by the Diocese of Lancaster. We receive a lot of copies for distribution and they are free, so please take one home with you.

The Catholic Post: this is a new Catholic publication. It is the only National Catholic newspaper that is Carbon Neutral. It is published monthly and aims to bring news, information, faith and Catholic teaching to readers throughout the UK.. They have sent us some free copies for this month which are available at the back of Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Carina Clough, Sr Louise, Peter Clough, Jean Doran, Valerie Jeffrey, John Molyneaux, Fr Michael Murphy

All Those who have Recently Died:

Frank Jeffrey, David Coxhead, Margaret Peacock, Pat Reeves, John Dalton, Denis Kelly.
Tony Meakins, Ann Swarbrick.

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

CAFOD - Many thanks indeed to all parishioners who responded by donating to the Lenten family fast day appeal. The final amount came to £571.50 and when gift aid is taken into account the donations come to well over six hundred pounds! This is a wonderful amount considering parishioners donated so generously to the Caritas collection in January. If you were unable to donate to CAFOD you can still sponsor Michael and Margaret at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafods-big-lent-walk-Michael-and-Margaret> who are committed to walking 5 kms a day throughout Lent to raise funds for the Lenten project.

Relic of St Gerard Majella - We were pleased recently 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.

Easter Bunny Raffle - The Raffle for Derian House was won by John Wilding. Thank you to all that contributed, the raffle raised £102.

Parish Lottery No. 594 26/03/23			
1st	£100	No. 16	Mr E F Taylor
2nd	£40	No. 22	Mr F Page
3rd	£20	No. 63	Mr & Mrs M Cronin

W/C 31/3/2024	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey
Our Lady	65th Wedding Anniversary John & Margaret Guinan

Offertory 23rd / 24th March 2024			
Offertory Loose	£386.88		
Offertory Envelopes	£130.85		
Attendance	187		
Bingo Jackpots for 3/4/2024			
£26	£33	£44	£26

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 7th April 2024
9:30 am Mass: The Spicer Family.

Lourdes Appeal: Many thanks for your support of the four Brownedge High School students who are going to Lourdes in July. The collection last weekend raised approx. £400 (exact total to follow). Also a huge thankyou to the incredibly generous donor who has gifted £1000 to the School Lourdes Fund to support the pilgrimage.

Mothers Prayers – Wednesday 3rd April at 1 pm.

CAFOD - From our Lenten Coffee Mornings, including donations we have collected **£478** and from the Mystery Raffle **£692**. The Family Fast Day collection raised **£865** and with Gift Aid this total well exceeded **£900**

Our Community Walk, on 9th March, photos of which are on the Cafod board in Church, raised **£190** which will be added to David Gorman's Big Lent Walk.

Many thanks for all your generosity and support during Lent and our thanks to David for again taking on the challenge to walk 200km in 40 days during Lent to help fight Global Poverty. The total raised for this will be available soon. Well done David!!

Ciborium Restoration: The large ciborium which we usually keep in the tabernacle to reserve the Blessed Sacrament, has recently been beautifully restored. We will begin using it again at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. With it being empty we have been able scrutinise it more closely and on the base is the following engraving: *Pray for the donor Margaret Mercer and her son and daughter, Thomas and May. Brownedge 1927.* Also, many thanks and prayers for David & Pat Livesey who have paid for this restoration, returning it to the pristine condition it was when new almost 100 years ago.

Walk of Witness: Many thanks to everyone who supported the Good Friday Walk in the Centre of Bamber Bridge. There was an excellent turnout and it was an encouraging and uplifting ecumenical service in the middle of our community. Thanks also to those who provided the refreshments.

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend is shown below.	
7 pm Vigil	55
9:30 am	203
6:30 p.m..	77
Total	335

Sanctuary Lamps Week 7/4/24	
1	Teresa Turner, Sister Peter, Christopher Chapman & My Family the Chapmans
2	Ann & Jack Molyneaux

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