

## ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

14th April 2024

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	13th Apr Vigil	7:00 pm	Third Sunday of Easter Alice Fraser
Sun	14th Apr	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Third Sunday of Easter The Parish Holy Souls
Mon	15th Apr	9:30 am	Jack & Nellie Holt, James Robert Holme & Christine Gainer
Tues	16th Apr	9:30 am	Richard & Mary Lloyd & the Lloyd & Fellows Families
Wed	17th Apr	9:30 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	Jack Alsop Funeral Service for Ann Swarbrick SC Hospice - Holy Souls
Thurs	18th Apr	9.30 am	Ian James Woan R.I.P.
Friday	19th Apr	9:30 am	All Departed Loved Ones
Sat	20th Apr Vigil	7:00 pm	Fourth Sunday of Easter Bill Harrison & Margaret Dixon
Sun	21st Apr	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Fourth of Easter The Parish Derek R.I.P.

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	13th Apr Vigil	5:30 pm	Third Sunday of Easter George Dugdale R.I.P.
Sun	14th Apr	10:30 am	Third Sunday of Easter The Parish
Mon	15th Apr	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	16th Apr	9:15 am	Holy Souls
Wed	17th Apr	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	18th Apr	9:15 am	Holy Souls
Friday	19th Apr		No Services today
Sat	20th Apr Vigil	5:30 pm	Fourth Sunday of Easter William Gardner
Sun	21st Apr	10:30 am	Fourth Sunday of Easter 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](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.



### Prayers for Salford Diocese

We pray for the parishioners of the parishes of SS Aidan and Oswald, Royton, and St. Joseph, Shaw, and for Fr Stephen Doyle, as he retires as their parish priest and for Fr Churchill Emeghara as he takes responsibility for the parish. We pray for their Primary schools and for the chaplaincy to the Royal Oldham Hospital and Dr. Kershaw's Hospice.

### 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: Third Sunday of Easter



Today the Gospel tells us about one of the most dramatic and inspiring of the resurrection appearances of Jesus: "The Road to Emmaus". Two of the disciples leave Jerusalem despondent, the dream is over. They are walking away. They are walking in the wrong direction because pain and doubt have convinced them that hope is lost. Someone

walks with them along the road, listens to their story and then begins to explain things. "Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us along the road. And then they recognise Him at the breaking of bread. Do we recognise the presence of God and have the courage to stop walking away and turn back to our true calling? *He is Risen, Alleluia!*

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

**KSC Charity Bingo on Friday 26th April** in the Narthex, 7pm for eyes down at 7.30pm. Good prizes & refreshments. Hope to see you there.

**SPUC Pro-Life Chain: Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April 11.00 am – 1.00 pm** - Please join us for this annual silent act of witness to remember the millions of unborn babies lost to abortion. Meet on London Road, Preston – just north of Ribble bridge. Stay for all or part of the time; bring a chair if required. For information Tel: 01772 723094.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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)

**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](mailto:dorothyhindle234@gmail.com) or Julie: 07943 874257 Email: [julie-st-bedes@hotmail.com](mailto:julie-st-bedes@hotmail.com)

**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)

# Joint Notices

**Choir Concert:** Leeds Male Voice Choir are presenting a concert at St Mary's Brownedge on Saturday 18th May at 2pm. They are a vibrant and dynamic choir who perform regularly across the North of England. They will be performing an eclectic and uplifting mix of music fit for an early summer afternoon. Admission will be by donation and the proceeds will be shared between the parish and Caritas. Make a date in the diary for a great occasion.

**Broughton Catholic Charitable Society:** This charity was founded in 1787 to help the poor of Lancashire. It continues to provide grants for those in need. The objects of the society are the spiritual benefits of its members both living and dead, and the relief of hardship, wherever it is encountered, by making grants of money. Why not consider becoming a member of this society? There are some copies of the latest newsletter at the back of church. Subscription is £10 per year. For more details contact: Peter Van Parys on 01772 655772 or email [BCCSSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:BCCSSecretary@gmail.com)

**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.

**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 where they are distributed at a drop-in on Wednesday evenings.

**Retreat Programme** - The popular retreat programme at St Gerard's continues: The next one is on Monday 15th May 2024: – THE CLOUD OF UNKNOWING – Explore this incredible mystical text written in the 14th Century, a profound guide on prayer. 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. **There are still a few places available for this retreat** - if interested please contact our office on **01772 335387** or email [office@saintgerards.org.uk](mailto:office@saintgerards.org.uk).

**St Gerard's Shields Centre:** This meeting room is a great venue for small conferences, meetings, clubs, community events and private party bookings. Contact the office for details of hire etc...



### **The Chaplet of Divine Mercy:**

1 Our Father, 1 Hail Mary and The Apostles Creed. Then, using the rosary beads, on the Our Father beads say the following:

***Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.***

On the 10 Hail Mary Beads say the following:

***For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.***

(Repeat step 2 and 3 for all five decades).

Conclude by saying three times:

***Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.***

### **Diocese of Salford Synod 2023—2025 Prayer**

*Loving Father be with us as we seek new ways of being your people in our Diocese. May each new day bring us closer to your son Jesus, as we follow his teaching and become disciples of love. As we continue our Synodal journey draw us closer to each other. May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us. Open our hearts, as we listen to each other and reach out in love to your people. Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. Amen*

***Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us,  
St Joseph, Pray for us.***

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

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

Carina Clough, Sr Louise, Peter Clough, Jean Doran, Yvonne Jeffrey, John Molyneaux.

**All Those who have Recently Died:**

Ann Swarbrick, Alice Fraser, Mgr Philip Carroll, Mgr George Hay, Baby Dylan Francis Taylor-Ruse.

## ***Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices***

## ***St Mary's Brownedge Notices***

**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.

**Defibrillator** - 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. Thank you for the generous donations so far but we still haven't covered the cost as yet.

**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.

**Piety Shop** - First Communion and Confirmation gifts plus cards are now on display in the Piety shop

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 21st April 2024 9:30 am Mass: The Taylor Family.

**SVP Collection** - The next SVP collection will be on the weekend of 20th and 21st April.

**Mothers Prayers:** The next meeting is on Wednesday 17th April at 1:30 pm in the Priory Meeting Room.

**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.

**Cafod** - Thanks to all who supported our recent coffee morning which raised £130. From donations and buckets in March another £78 and after the Ecumenical Service on Good Friday £73 was donated for the refreshments. Many thanks for your continued support and generosity

**Ciborium Restoration:** The large ciborium which we usually keep in the tabernacle to reserve the Blessed Sacrament, has recently been beautifully restored. 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 in the Dark:** The Rosemere Cancer Foundation are holding a sponsored "Walk in the Dark" on April 27th. Helen Hardacre and Carol Conway will be taking part. If you are able to sponsor them, forms are available at the back of church, for the next couple of weeks.

<b>W/C 14/4/2024</b>	<b>This Weeks Intentions</b>		
<b>Sanctuary</b>	Yvonne Jeffrey		
<b>St Joseph</b>	In Memory of Kim Fletcher		
<b>Offertory 6th / 7th April 2024</b>			
Offertory Loose	£283.95		
Offertory Envelopes	£163.96		
Attendance	171		
<b>Bingo Jackpots for 17/4/2024</b>			
£28	£35	£46	£28

<b>Mass Attendance:</b> Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	68
9:30 am	155
6:30 p.m..	56
<b>Total</b>	279

<b>Sanctuary Lamps Week 14/4/24</b>	
1	Richard & Mark Lloyd
2	In Memory of Denis Chamberlain

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