



## ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER "Good Shepherd Sunday"      21st April 2024

St Mary's, Brownedge			
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.
Mon	22nd Apr	9:30 am	Intentions of Norma Thompson
Tues	23rd Apr	9:30 am	<b>St George (S)</b> Ann Swarbrick R.I.P.
Wed	24th Apr	9:30 am 2:30 pm	St Fidelis (OM) Juliet Banks Mary & Rigby Class SC Hospice - Holy Souls
Thurs	25th Apr	9.30 am	<b>St Mark (F)</b> Peter Haythornthwaite
Friday	26th Apr	9:30 am	Susan Harold (Anniversary)
Sat	27th Apr Vigil	7:00 pm	Fifth Sunday of Easter George & Monica Clark
Sun	28th Apr	9:30 am 11:00am 6:30 pm	Fifth Sunday of Easter Ann Sergeant (Anniversary) Baptism of Oscar Giles The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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
Mon	22nd Apr	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	23rd Apr	9:15 am	<b>St George (S)</b> Holy Souls (Sch Yr 5 & Rec)
Wed	24th Apr	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	25th Apr	9:15 am	<b>St Mark (F)</b> Holy Souls
Friday	26th Apr		No Services today
Sat	27th Apr Vigil	5:30 pm	Fifth Sunday of Easter The Parish
Sun	28th Apr	10:30 am	Fifth Sunday of Easter Denis Gallagher (Anniversary)

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 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.

**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.

**Prayers for Salford Diocese**  
 20th/21st April - This week we pray for the people of the parishes of Our Lady of Good Counsel and the Guardian Angels, Bury, and St. Hilda's, Tottington, with Father Paul Cannon, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools.

**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: Fourth Sunday of Easter



This is known as Good Shepherd Sunday and is the Day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and the religious life. The image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd is one of the most powerful images of the gospels. Today we hear an iconic line from the gospel of St John: "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full". The reference is one of the easiest to remember: John:

10:10. In other words, to get full marks (ten out of ten) listen to this line and believe it. Live in the way mapped out for us by Jesus and we have life to the full—we get full marks! He is Risen, Alleluia!

**Good Shepherd Sunday** - This weekend, we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday and to mark this year in a special way, we're delighted to share with you a newsletter from our Vocations Team. Please scan the QR code below for the latest updates on vocations to the priesthood and permanent diaconate in our diocese:



**Welcome** - We welcome Father Kadane from Ethiopia. Fr Kadane is a Cistercian Priest and will be staying with Fr Mark and Fr Colin in St Benedict's Monastery for a few weeks. He will celebrate some of our Masses allowing Fr Mark to take a post-Easter break in Devon next week with a couple of fellow golfing priests. Please pray for Canon Jude Harrison from St Albans in Blackburn who should have been joining them but suffered a leg fracture just before Easter making 18 holes a little more difficult than usual! May he make a good a speedy recovery.

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**Lostock Hall Childrens Choir Mini Concert / Performance - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April – 4:30pm till 5pm** – Our Lady & St Gerard's Church – It would be lovely if you were able to come along and show your support.

**BINGO NIGHT! KSC Charity Bingo on Friday 26th April** in the Narthex at St Mary's Brownedge. 7pm for eyes down at 7.30pm. Good prizes & refreshments. Hope to see you there.

**SVP Meeting:** Following the recent appeal for new members, there will be a meeting of the SVP this Wednesday **24th April** at 7 pm in the Shields Centre at St Gerard's, Lostock Hall. Please come along if you are willing help even a little in their great ministry caring for those who need our help in our community. Our SVP Conference will now be one conference working across the two parishes.

**SPUC Pro-Life Chain:** Saturday 27th 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.

**Recently Deceased:** Please pray for Fr Billy Molloy, a priest of Salford Diocese who died this week. Also, Fr John Heaney: a priest of Lancaster Diocese who has died. In retirement he lived in a house in Walton le Dale, in the parish of St Mary's Brownedge. His funeral will be at Holy Family Barrow on Friday 3 May followed by interment in the graveyard at St Mary's Brownedge.

Fr Heaney served in the following parishes:

Preston:	St Walburge 1963-68
Whitehaven:	St Benedict 1968-70
Preston:	St Ignatius 1970-79
Preston:	Our Lady & St Edward 1979-84
Claughton	1984-87
Barrow:	Holy Family 1987 - until his retirement in 2010

Also, pray for Frank Shaw who has died. Frank was a former parishioner and member of the KSC Council. His funeral will take place on Tuesday 30th April at St Catherine's Farington at 11am May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory!

**CAFOD/SVP Joint Venture: The General Election:** A UK general election is due and those standing will want our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics, to ensure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to them. A Year of Encounter; is an initiative by CAFOD and the S.V.P. to equip Catholics to ask the key questions at the key moments. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) for more information, including online sessions on 25th April and 4th May. Or email: [sholleron@cafod.org.uk](mailto:sholleron@cafod.org.uk) Tel 077 100 944 54

**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. The Annual Lunch is on Whit Tuesday each year, this year, Tuesday 21st May. All welcome. For more details contact: Peter Van Parys on 01772 655772 or email [BCCSSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:BCCSSecretary@gmail.com)

**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...

# Joint Notices

**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.

**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 the office.

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)

**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).

**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.

## Jesus The Good Shepherd



## For the Children to Colour at Home

### **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, Fr Murphy

#### **All Those who have Recently Died:**

Ann Swarbrick, Alice Fraser, Fr John Heaney,  
Fr Billy Molloy, Darren Towey

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

**Majella Companions** - Meet again this week on Tuesday 23rd April at 2 pm in the Shields Centre.

**Sacramental Programme** - This Sunday we welcome the Children who are on the Sacramental Programme with their parents to the 10:30 am Mass for Unit 5.

Next Week (28th April) the children will return again at the 10:30 am Mass for Unit 6

**Crowning of Our Lady:** there will be Marian procession and the Crowning of Our Lady on Sunday 12 May at the 10.30am Mass.

**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

**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.

**School Governors:** There are vacancies for Foundation governors at both our Parish Primary Schools and at Brownedge St Marys High School. Please contact Fr Mark if you might be able to take on this role.

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

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 28th April 2024 9:30 am Mass: The Tolentino Family.

**SVP Collection** - SVP collection this weekend **20th and 21st April.**

**Sacramental Programme:** Meeting for Unit 5 is on Wednesday 24th April at 6.30pm. The celebration for this Unit will be held on Sunday 5th May at 9.30am Mass which will include a Marian procession and the **Crowning of Our Lady.**

**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

**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.

**Thankyou!** A huge thankyou to Tony Turner for many years of service as a governor of our Primary School. He has decided to retire from the governing body where he has been a source of wisdom and support for the whole school community. We are delighted that he will maintain his support for the school by continuing to listen to the children reading each week. This leaves a vacancy on the governing body. Please contact Fr Mark if you might be able to take on this role.

**200 Club Winners:** March Draw 2024:  
1st - £200.00 – No 1 – Dorothy Livesey  
2nd - £100.00 – No 359 – Terence McCarthy  
3rd - £50.00 – No94 – Geoff Yeomans

April Draw 2024 – Drawn early as both Kathryn & Sandra are away end of April.

1st - £200.00 – No 244 – Catherine Bamber  
2nd - £100.00 – No 311 – Sheila Doherty  
3rd - £50.00 – No 50 – Angela Butterworth

Congratulations to the winners and thank you for all of your continued support.

<b>W/C 21/4/2024</b>	<b>This Weeks Intentions</b>
<b>Sanctuary</b>	Yvonne Jeffrey

<b>Offertory 13th / 14th April 2024</b>			
Offertory Loose	£343.04		
Offertory Envelopes	£182.85		
Attendance	153		
<b>Bingo Jackpots for 17/4/2024</b>			
£29	£36	£47	£29

<b>Mass Attendance:</b> Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	65
9:30 am	180
6:30 p.m..	60
<b>Total</b>	<b>305</b>

<b>Sanctuary Lamps Week 21/4/24</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.**