



ST MARY'S BROWNEGE

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5th May 2024

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	4th May Vigil	7:00 pm	Sixth Sunday of Easter The Parish
Sun	5th May	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Sixth Sunday of Easter Deceased members of the Gorman Family Michael Grayliss
Mon	6th May	9:30 am	Joe Howard
Tues	7th May	9:30 am	Ann Swarbrick R.I.P.
Wed	8th May	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Julia Banks SC Hospice - Holy Souls
Thurs	9th May Holy Day of Obligation	9.30 am 4:30 pm	The Ascension of the Lord Father Jonathon Cotton R.I.P. Whole School Mass Holy Souls
Friday	10th May	9:30 am	St John Avila (OM) Michael McGarvey
Sat	11th May Vigil	7:00 pm	Seventh Sunday of Easter Ken Hazelwood R.I.P.
Sun	12th May	9:30 am 11:00am 6:30 pm	Seventh Sunday of Easter Simon Fender (Anniversary) Baptism of Boby McBride Davies & Nora Lowe The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	4th May Vigil	5:30 pm	Sixth Sunday of Easter Josephine Topping R.I.P.
Sun	5th May	10:30 am 12 noon	Sixth Sunday of Easter The Parish Baptism of Ida Raye Cross
Mon	6th May	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	7th May	9:15 am	Holy Souls
Wed	8th May	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	9th May Holy Day of Obligation	9:15 am 7:30 pm	The Ascension of the Lord Holy Souls Whole School Mass Holy Souls
Friday	10th May		No Services today
Sat	11th May Vigil	5:30 pm	Seventh Sunday of Easter James Stokes R.I.P.
Sun	12th May	10:30 am	Seventh 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.

Prayers for Salford Diocese

4th/5th May - We pray this week for the people of the parish of Our Lady and St. Joseph, Heywood, with Fr. Augustine Frankin and Fr. John Okeme, of the Missionaries of St. Paul. We pray for their parish primary schools and Holy Family RC/CE College.

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



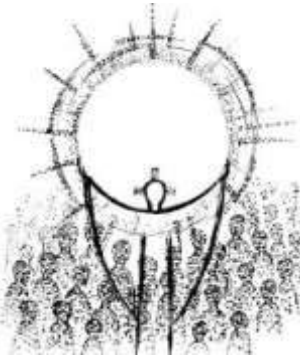
You can usually plug a PC into your TV to watch it on the big screen, On a 'Smart TV' save the site in the TV web browser. Please help any relatives or friends to access the internet.

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: The Sixth Sunday of Easter



There are two obvious themes to today's readings: Saint Peter summarises many of the ideas of Easter - baptism, the name of Jesus, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit; the other readings talk simply of love, both God's love for us and our love for each other. Our Gospel is taken from the

great discourse at the Last Supper, and has at its centre the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples - the commandment of love. This love has its origins in the love of the Father, manifested in the love shown by the Son (willing to die for his friends); we, like the disciples, are called to imitate the love we see in Jesus's life and death - not because we are servants, but because we are friends.

Ascension Thursday: Next Thursday is Ascension Day and is a **Holyday of Obligation**. Masses at **St Mary's Brownedge** are at **9.30am (with the School)** and **4.30pm** and at **St Gerard's** at **9.15am (with the School)** and **7.30pm**

Father Colin's 80th Birthday Party – A Buffet Lunch to celebrate Father Collins 80th Birthday will be held on **Sunday 2nd June** at St Gerard's Club 12:30 for 1pm – Adults £12, Children £6 – Limited Numbers and admission by ticket only which are on sale after all weekend Masses at both Churches.

Retreat Programme - The popular retreat programme at St Gerard's continues: The next one is on **Monday 13th 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.

Baptism Course Enrolment - The Next Baptism Course commences on **Tuesday 14th May**. Baptisms will usually take place on the first and third Sundays of the month at St Gerard's and the second and fourth Sundays of the month at St Mary's. **Initial enquiries can be made by telephoning the parish secretary who will then direct you to one of the baptism team available at both churches at weekend masses. They will provide you with an enrolment form, a letter outlining the programme and a "Welcome to our parish community" card.** This card, requested by the Bishop of Salford, is to be filled in whenever you attend one of six masses. It is not intended to make life difficult for parents but just to help you

familiarise yourselves and your little ones with the church, the mass and the parish community into which your child is to be baptised and welcomed. Courses will take place approximately every two months. Further details can be obtained from Fr Mark, Fr Colin, Anna the parish secretary, or anyone on the baptism team.

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.

CAFOD - Wills - No one watching the news or reading the weekly notices can be unaware of the many crises the world is facing at the present time and of the need for us as Christians to respond. CAFOD, with our financial support, are doing this on our behalf but as more and more crises emerge they are always trying to raise funds. Over one third of their income comes from legacies and they are asking that anyone who has not yet made a will to consider leaving a small legacy to them. There is no obligation to do so of course but they do offer a free Will-writing service. There are notices and leaflets at the back of church if anyone is interested, with contact details.

CAFOD - Sudan - Whilst Ukraine and Gaza are constantly in the news, another crisis has been emerging in Sudan where over the past year the Sudanese Government and paramilitaries have been fighting constantly. As a result, 8 million people have been made homeless and 25 million are facing starvation. Borders have been closed and humanitarian aid is proving difficult to get into the country. CAFOD, however, are on the ground and still able to support families with food packages, cash payments, and helping locals to rebuild pipelines so they can access clean water. Please pray for the Sudanese caught up in this crisis and over the next few weeks we will discuss action we can take as a linked parish, but meanwhile anyone who feels they can donate to this crisis appeal can donate on cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal

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/

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encounter for more information, including online sessions on 25th April and 4th May. Or email: 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

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 or 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

Ashes Memorial Plaque - A reminder that if anyone would like an Ashes Memorial engraving on the plaque you must request this directly via the office and the Parish Secretary by email or phone. The fee for Ashes memorial plaque engravings are £5 per character. The format is deceased full name and the date of death (e.g. John Smith – 24.02.2024). Engravings are usually completed every 6 months and if an engraving is required, please contact the office directly .

Opera Gala - Rebecca Barry and Armand Rabot at the Blackburn Music Society **Saturday 8th June** at 7pm at St Silas Church, Blackburn - £12 per tickets – Under 18s Free – Enquiries 01254 377153 – www.ticketsource.co.uk/blackburn-music-events -

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...

Salford Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes - 25th July to 1st August 2024 - This year marks the 100th anniversary of the first Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1924. Bishop John would like to invite clergy and people of the Diocese to join him as we return to Lourdes to give thanks to our Blessed Mother and respond to this year's theme; 'that they come here in procession'. The hope is that every parish in the diocese will be represented in Lourdes. If you or parishioners cannot attend you may consider donating to the Lourdes Pilgrimage Centenary Fund as a way to be present in spirit and support the Centenary events. For information is available at www.salfordlourdes.co.uk or 0161 817 2209

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,
Rosemary Foster

All Those who have Recently Died:

Ann Swarbrick, Alice Fraser, Fr John Heaney,
Fr Billy Molloy, Darren Towey, Joan Rocks. Hilda Owen.
Josephine Mary Catterall.

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Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

Crowning of Our Lady: May is the month of Mary and we will celebrate the **Crowning of Mary next Sunday 12th May at the 10.30am Mass**. This will be a family Mass with the children, including all those preparing for First Holy Communion, taking part. Each child is asked to bring a small posy of flowers to place around Our Lady's Statue at the offertory.

Fund Raising Meeting - The next meeting is on **Tuesday 14th May at 6 pm** in the Shields Centre. All are welcome.

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

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.

Working Party - The Working Party have started to meet again (weather permitting) after the Winter break. We meet on a Saturday morning from 9 am until about 12 noon to carry out minor works in and around the Church etc. If you would like to join us let the office know and we can add you to the Whatsapp group to keep you informed.

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.

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Crowning of Our Lady: This Sunday at the 9.30 am Mass we will celebrate the **Crowning of Our Lady for the month of May**. The children will be invited to come forward and place a posy of flowers around the statue of Mary at the offertory.

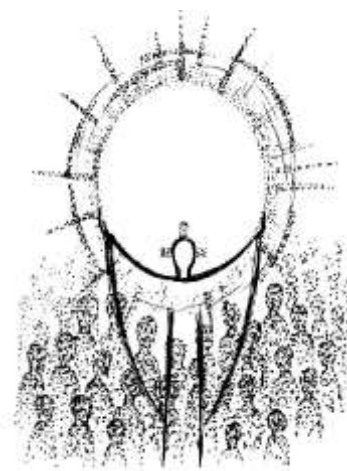
Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 12th May 2024 9:30 am Mass: The Worcester Family.

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

SVP Meeting – The next meeting is on Tuesday 7th May – 1:30pm - Priory Meeting Room

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.

Blackpool 10K Fun Run – Mike Sugden is competing in the Blackpool 10k Fun run again this year on **Sunday 12th May to raise money for Tender Nursing Care** – If you would like to sponsor Mike, Sponsor forms are available at the back of Church and in the office vestibule. Thank you.



W/C 05/05/2024	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey

Offertory 27th / 28th April 2024			
Offertory Loose	£421.01		
Offertory Envelopes	£195.40		
Attendance	239		
Bingo Jackpots for 8/5/2024			
£31	£38	£49	£31

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	83
9:30 am	160
6:30 p.m..	67
Total	310

Sanctuary Lamps Week 5/5/24	
1	In Loving Memorial for my Dearest Mary Elizabeth & Geoff Yeomans
2	Bernadette Ryles & all the Deceased members of the Walsh & O'Connor Families

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound and for