



St Mary's Brownedge

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SS PETER & PAUL (Year B)

30th June 2024

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	29th June Vigil	7:00 pm	ST PETER & ST PAUL The Parish
Sun	30th June	9:30 am 6:30 pm	ST PETER & ST PAUL Rhoda Rawcliffe Priests Intentions
Mon	1st July	9:30 am	Jack & Nellie Holt, James Robert Holme & Christine Gainer
Tues	2nd July	10:00 am 1:30 pm	Requiem Mass for Joan Murphy Requiem Mass for Margaret Beirne
Wed	3rd July	9:30 am 11:00 am	St Thomas, Apostle ^(F) Jack Allsop ; Benedict Class Funeral Service for James McKendrick
Thurs	4th July	9:30 am	St Elizabeth of Portugal ^(OM) Bernadette Ryles (Anniversary)
Friday	5th July	9:30 am	St Anthony Mary Zaccaria ^(OM) Richard & Mary Lloyd
Sat	6th July Vigil	7:00 pm	14th Sunday of the Year Thanksgiving for 50 yrs Marriage
Sun	7th July	9:30 am 6:30 pm	14th Sunday of the Year Ann & Jack Molyneaux First Holy Communion Breakfast The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	29th June Vigil	5:30 pm	ST PETER & ST PAUL Holy Souls
Sun	30th June	10:30 am	ST PETER & ST PAUL The Parish
Mon	1st July	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	2nd July	9:15 am	Agnes & Wilfred Flanagan
Wed	3rd July	9:15 am	St Thomas, Apostle ^(F) Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	4th July	9:30 am	St Elizabeth of Portugal ^(OM) Mass in School Hall in Thanksgiving for First Holy Communion John & Sadie McNamara & Family
Friday	5th July		NO SERVICES
Sat	6th July Vigil	5:30 pm	14th Sunday of the Year The Parish
Sun	7th July	10:30 am 12 noon	14th Sunday of the Year Martin Braford Baptism of Harriet Airey & Romeo James

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 This Week:

We pray for the people of the parish of St. Margaret Clitherow, for Father Simon Firth, their parish priest, for their parish primary schools, St. Cuthbert's High School, and for Springhill Hospice.

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: SS PETER & PAUL

Peter and Paul are the two great heroes of the Apostolic Age Peter for leading the first Christian communities and binding them in unity, a role that springs from his profession of faith in Caesarea Philippi, and Paul for travelling throughout the Roman Empire as the Apostle to the Gentiles, ensuring that the Gospel could be heard by all. They both ended up in Rome, the heart of the Empire, where they crowned their lives of witness by shedding their blood for Christ. As the ancient hymn for this feast day ("Decora Lux aeternitatis") says: ""Rejoice, O Rome, this day; thy walls they once did sign With princely blood, who now their glory share with thee. What city's vesture glows with crimson deep as thine? What beauty else has earth that may compare with thee?" In celebrating the death of these apostles and martyrs, we celebrate the triumph of life and death offered fully to God.

Sacrament of Confirmation: Bishop John will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for all the young people of our local parishes on **Wednesday 17th July at 7pm at St Mary's Browndedge**. Any Baptised catholic aged 13 or over is encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to complete their initiation into the Church. The pupils at Browndedge St Mary's in Year 8 and above will all be invited to be confirmed, and Rachael, the chaplain will be doing classes of preparation over the next 2 months. Anyone else who attends another school or even an adult who perhaps never got around to being confirmed, please contact the parish office with your details and we can make arrangements to prepare you to receive this great Sacrament. Parents and grandparents, please encourage your children to join up for the Confirmation programme.

First Holy Communions: Many thanks to everyone who make the celebrations of First Holy Communion such special occasions. We had three celebrations in each parish at our Sunday Masses: this is to remind everyone of the importance of coming to Sunday Mass as part of regular lives as Catholics. The children will now have Mass all together to celebrate as a group and to recognise the continuation of their journey of faith:

At Our Lady and St Gerard's, the celebration Mass is this **Thursday 4th July at 9.30am in the School Hall** followed by a "Communion Breakfast".

At St Mary's the Mass will be next **Sunday, 7th July at 9.30am** and followed by a "Communion Breakfast". Congratulations to all the children!

New Lectionary: Many thanks for everyone who has contributed the cost of the new lectionaries. The pre-order has now been made and the book should be with us in October. In the Autumn we will run a session explaining some of the changes and we will have blessing ceremony for our new lectionaries. The new Lectionary will come into use on the **First Sunday of Advent 2024**.

Salford Diocesan Synod: On Saturday, 18 May, hundreds of Synod Members from across the diocese gathered for the latest update in our diocesan synod journey in Bolton. This included Fr Mark and our parish representatives. The day focussed around the four principal themes that emerged from the Big Listen stage of the process, which took place between October 2023 and January 2024. The four themes are: "*Nurturing Faith in Tomorrow's World*", "*Building Connections*", "*Enabling Access*", and "*Fostering Christ-like Care*". These will be the over-arching themes which we will now move on to consider in the next stage. To find out more about the latest updates, what's next for our diocesan synod, or how you can get involved visit: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synod-gathering-1/

Adoremus 2024: The 2024 National Eucharistic Congress - Adoremus 2024 - is set to take place on **Saturday 14 September 2024** at St Mary's College, Oscott. Each diocese has been granted a small number of places to join in this wonderful celebration but places are extremely limited. Fr Richard Howard has kindly taken on the task of organising our diocesan visit this year and finding key people to represent our diocese at the Congress, as guided by Bishop John. One of the groups we are hoping will represent us this year are catechists. If any catechists in our parishes are interested in attending, please contact Fr Richard directly at richard.howard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Invocation at Adoremus: We're delighted to announce the return of "Invocation at Adoremus" this September! Taking place at St Mary's College, Oscott, on **15 September**, this beautiful day is designed specifically for adults discerning a particular vocation or direction; providing them with an opportunity to pray, to talk about their journey, and to find support and resources to help them along the way. Find out more and register online at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/invocation-adoremus-2024/> or email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Scam Emails: In recent weeks there have been some scam emails sent in the guise of Salford Diocesan Clergy using the names of some parish priests, including, Fr Mark Harold, and even from Bishop Arnold. These emails are asking people to reply and to buy vouchers to help people in need. They are fairly easy to spot as they use the name of the Priest but the email address is incorrect e.g. this week, an email arrived to CAFOD from: Fr Mark Harold <revdfrpastor@gmail.com> This is not Fr Mark's email address and is a scam. **Be aware**, priests or people from the diocese will **never** ask you for money or personal information via an email in such a random way. If you come across any such email, please do not engage with it and simply delete it from your inbox. If you are ever unsure about an email from the parish, please call the parish office and we'd be happy to advise.

Joint Notices

General Election: We have a civic responsibility as Catholics, to be present in the public square; to ensure that the political agenda includes issues such as promotion of true human dignity, and tackling poverty and injustice. The Bishops' Conference have put together some resources to help Catholics discern what factors they should consider when voting in an election: gospel values inform how we look at the world as Catholics. These values can also offer a different way of looking at politics, a way that puts the common good before self-interest. Scan the QR code below to visit the website for information and guidance on key issues of importance to help inform how we vote: www.cbcew.org.uk

SPUC: The society for the protection of unborn children have produced a leaflet about the General Election and how we should be challenging candidates on issues of human life. It is available at the back of church

CAFOD/SVP have also worked together to provide insight into the political debate: "A Year of Encounter" is an initiative to equip Catholics to ask the key questions at the key moments. Please see www.cafod.org.uk for more information, or email: sholleron@cafod.org.uk Tel. 07710 094454

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) - New Preston Branch - There will be a meeting to establish a new Preston Branch of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children on **Saturday 6th July at 1pm** at the Preston SPUC Office. The office is located at Unit 10, Lockside Office Park, Lockside Road, Preston, PR2 2YS. Everyone is warmly invited to attend. For further details, please contact Terry Graham, SPUC Northern Development Officer, on 07549 068226 or by email at terrygraham@spuc.org.uk

CAFOD SPEAKER: CAFOD have invited one of their contacts from Sierra Leone to visit the UK in July and he will speaking in various places across the country. On account of the great generosity of our parishes towards the work of Cafod over the years, they have chosen us as one of the places where they would like him to come and meet us to say thankyou. This is not a financial appeal but a means of sharing with us which our help has been able to achieve. Thus, we welcome Michel Monginda-Mondengele from Sierra Leone to speak at our Masses on the weekend of 20/21 July. He will also give a presentation in the Shields Centre on the afternoon of Saturday 20 July.

Mass at St Catherine's Hospice: The Hospice management have raised concerns that our weekly Mass is open to the general public. They have advised us that only those known to hospice services can attend as part of a "pastoral team". They have invited two people to become registered volunteers, who will assist Fr Mark & Fr Colin in the celebration of Mass.

Retreat Programme: The popular retreat programme at St Gerard's continues: The next one is on **Saturday 6th July 2024: - THE FIRE & THE WELL & THE CLOAK** - Explore the spirituality of the wonderful St Brigid and her compelling symbolism. 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.

Signposting resources from Caritas Salford: People in our parishes often get approached by those requiring support or advice from everything from poverty to homelessness, cost-of-living assistance to food crisis, refugee support to helping with addictions, and lots more. Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford, has put together a range of free downloadable signposting guides to help you connect people in your parish with organisations and activities that can help them. Read more and download them on the Caritas Salford website here: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/signposting-resources/>

Foundation Governors - ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT EDUCATION? The Diocese of Salford is seeking people with a broad diversity of thought, backgrounds, skills and knowledge to serve our schools and Catholic Academy Trusts. **Foundation Governors** are appointed by the Bishop to represent his education policy and contribute to the creation of 'Strong Trusts and Great schools'. This involves 10 to 12 hours per term involving attending actual and virtual meetings and training events. If you think you might fit the bill or would like to find out more, why not nominate yourself for consideration by contacting: education@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or by visiting the following website, [Welcome to Education](#) – Roman Catholic Diocese of Salford.

DATA Protection: We are always sensitive about the publication of names in the newsletter. We only do so with permission. This applies especially to the sick list. If you wish to be on the prayer list please do let us know, or if you are asking on behalf of someone else, you must ask them if they are happy with that. When we receive a request we will then keep a note that the person concerned has given permission. For the names of winners of the lottery and the 200 Club, we will draw up new terms and conditions which will state that people should inform us if they do not wish their names to be publicised.

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...

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices



Summer Fair 2024:

Only ONE week to go until our Summer Fair on **Sunday 7th July** between 11:30am - 2:00pm in the Shields Centre Gardens. **We do need more help** on the day to run a 'game station/activity' and stalls—if you can help in some please contact the office.

Donations are requested for the Tombola, Lucky Dip and Bingo and Raffle Prizes of all shapes and sizes please. **Cakes please on the day after 9 am.**

Come along with the family and enjoy **Face Painting, Candy Floss, our Bar-B-Que, raffles** and we will be holding the draw for the **Parish Lottery Summer Hampers.**

Parish Lottery: Subscriptions for July 2024 are due. Please contact the Office during office hours to pay. If You would like to join the OLSG Church Parish Lottery please get in touch with the Parish Office – Numbers are drawn at the end of every month with the chance to win £100, £40 & £20 every month and there are also Bonus drawers in June and November with hampers to be won.

Lottery Fees: 3 Months - £15.00 - 6 Months - £30.00 - Full Year - £60.00. You can pay by cash, Cheque or by Card in the Office.

Account: SRC DTR Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella. Sort Code: 20 – 55 – 34; Account: 40869562.

Wednesday Bingo - Holidays - The Bingo team are taking a break for a couple of weeks in August. **No Bingo on Wednesday 21st or 28th August** back to normal after that.

A Reminder: Mass on Thursday is in the School Hall at 9.30am.

W/C 23/6/2024	This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey		
Offertory 22nd / 23rd June 2024			
Offertory Loose	£295.30		
Offertory Envelopes	£169.00		
Attendance	291		
Bingo Jackpots for 26/6/2024			
£26	£46	£57	£39

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 7th July 2024
9:30 am Mass: The Children Family.

Cafod Coffee Morning - Friday 5th July after 9.30 Mass. Come and join us for tea/coffee & toasted teacakes in the Narthex, all welcome.

Joan Murphy - There will be prayers for Joan on **Monday 1st July at 4 pm** at Ian Wilde's, 211 Station Road, Bamber Bridge.

High School Prize Night: Congratulations to everyone who received an award at our High School Prize Night this week. It was a great celebration of the many wonderful things which our young people and our whole school community do for the good of so many. We are very proud to have such a fine school community.

Saint of the Week: 3 July; St Thomas:

The Apostle Thomas is famous for doubting the resurrection of Jesus when his fellow apostles told him about it; but if he is the sceptical apostle, he is also the believing apostle, for having seen and touched Our Risen Lord, he made the immediate leap of faith and made his famous declaration: "My Lord and My God!". Not too much is known about Thomas's life in the early Church but here is a well-known apocryphal document called the "Acts of Thomas" which relates his missionary journeys to Persia and India. Although the document as it stands is not historical evidence (it was written to provide evidence for certain heretical Gnostic teachings), it still bears witness to the likelihood of a tradition that Thomas did go to India. We will probably never know for certain; but the Christians of Kerala have called themselves for centuries "St Thomas Christians", and they are very proud of this strong Apostolic Tradition. Happy Feast to all those in our parish who come from Indian heritage!

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Peter Clough, Jean Doran, Yvonne Jeffrey,
John Molyneaux, Rosemary Foster, Dorothy Whittle,
Joseph O'Grady.

All Those who have Recently Died:

Fr Robert Halshaw, Canon Tim Sullivan,
Joan Murphy, Margaret Beirne, James McKendrick,
William Newell, Ralph Lawson, Margaret Cross.

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	65
9:30 am	266
6:30 p.m..	65
Total	395
Sanctuary Lamps Week 30/06/24	
1	In Memory of the Holland - Holiday Family
2	In Memory of Margaret Livesey & Winifred Livesey

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