



St Mary's Brownedge

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18th Sunday of the Year (Year B)

4th August 2024

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	3rd Aug Vigil	7:00 pm	18th Sunday of the Year George & Monica Clark R.I.P.
Sun	4th Aug	9:30 am 11:00am 6:30 pm	18th Sunday of the Year Mary & Carmel Mullarkey (Ann) Baptism of Martin Murphy-Taylor The Parish
Mon	5th Aug	9:30 am	Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major (O.L. of the Snows) (M) Holy Souls
Tues	6th Aug	9:30 am	Transfiguration of the Lord (F) Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Wed	7th Aug	9:30 am	St Sixtus II (M) Basiling Sisson R.I.P.
Thurs	8th Aug	9:30 am	St Dominic (M) Jim & Agnes Livesey
Friday	9th Aug	9:30 am 11:30am	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (OM) Ann & Peter Collings Wedding Anniversary Funeral of Philip Mills R.I.P.
Sat	10th Aug Vigil	7:00 pm	19th Sunday of the Year Margaret Beirne R.I.P.
Sun	11th Aug	9:30 am 11:00am 6:30 pm	19th Sunday of the Year The class of 84; In Memory of those no longer with us. Baptism of Jacob Lawrence The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	3rd Aug Vigil	1:00 pm 5:30 pm	17th Sunday of the Year Wedding of Leanne Wilson and Mathew Wood The Parish
Sun	4th Aug	10:30 am	17th Sunday of the Year Clive & Margaret Benson
Mon	5th Aug	1:30 pm	Requiem for Mary Miller R.I.P.
Tues	6th Aug	9:15 am	Transfiguration of the Lord (F) Elizabeth Tipping-Alston & Family
Wed	7th Aug	8:45 am 9:15 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	8th Aug	9:00 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Friday	9th Aug		NO SERVICES
Sat	10th Aug Vigil	5:30 pm	19th Sunday of the Year Mary Brierley (Anniversary)
Sun	11th Aug	10:30 am	19th Sunday of the Year The Parish

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 This Week:

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Michael and St. Bernadette, Whitefield, and for Canon Steven Parkinson, their parish priest. We pray for the 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: 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We continue reading from John 6: this is the aftermath of the miracle, and we see the beginnings of a misunderstanding that will develop over the next four weeks. People have seen the miracle, but not the message: they have seen the sign, but not what it points towards. The bread that was given is a sign of the Bread of Life, which is the teaching, the words and the very person of Jesus, as the revelation of the Father. His mission is to draw people back to his Father, to found a New Covenant or relationship. As the weeks go by, we will see that the people's hunger is simply for spectacle and miracle, not for the much harder teaching of living nourished by God's word and the presence of his only Son. For us, the People of the New Covenant, these passages must make us think of how we receive the Lord in the Eucharist. Are we nourished by his presence, so that all the hunger and thirst of our lives is answered by the One who is the Bread of Life?

Next Weekend: Annual Mission Appeal: Each year every parish is asked to offer the opportunity to a religious missionary order to come and speak to us about their work and to appeal for financial support. This year, Salford Diocese have been asked to allow the **Society of African Missions (SMA Fathers)** to make an appeal in each parish in the diocese. Our parishes will be visited by one of the SMA Fathers on the weekend of **Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th August** to make an appeal.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: The feast of Our Lady's Assumption is on the Thursday 15th August and is a Holyday of Obligation. Our Masses on that day will be as follows:

9.30am and 4.30pm at St Mary's Brownedge; 7.30pm at Our Lady and St Gerard's.

If you are away, look up where the local church is located and remember our obligation to come together for Mass on that day (and on Sundays!)

Want to become a Catholic? Perhaps you have been interested in the Catholic faith for a while but not done anything about it? Maybe someone you know is searching for deeper meaning in their life? Why not make some enquiries? In September we will begin a series of meetings to learn more about the Catholic Faith. This could be for people with a view to becoming a Catholic or for those who are already Catholics but would like to learn a little more. Let Fr Mark or the office know if you are interested in this.

It's coming home... Is it time to come home? Have you or someone you know been away from the practice of your faith? Maybe it's not just football that we want to come home. Maybe we are seeking a better "home" for our lives. Maybe it's time to come home to church?

Shields Centre @ St Gerard's: 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...

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**.

Accessibility and your parish - Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, supports people in our diocese to develop their understanding of accessibility, disability and inclusion of people with access needs. Being accessible is important to maximise positive experiences and so everyone has opportunities to participate in ways that suit them. Caritas is looking for people from our parishes to help advocate for positive accessibility with a view to encouraging positive solutions. Often, a small change can make a world of difference to a person – can you help make the change possible? If you are interested, please email accessibility@caritassalford.org.uk or visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer

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/>

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: 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 dioceseofsalford.org.uk/invocation-adoremus-2024/ or email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Joint Notices

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. We are grateful to Delia Molloy and Geoff Yeomans for agreeing to take on this role.

"LIFE": Pilgrim's Progress to Rome: The charity "LIFE" are organising an eight-day fundraising pilgrimage trek in Autumn 2025, along 110 Km of the "Via Francigena" - the ancient pilgrim route to Rome. Life supports women in unexpected and crisis pregnancies and those experiencing pregnancy loss. Life are calling all those with "an adventurous spirit and a compassionate heart", to email: emilytraynor@lifecharity.org.uk to receive more information.

Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage Centenary Window: The Salford Lourdes Coordination Team is commissioning of a stained-glass window, which will be installed in our newly-restored cathedral, commemorating the centenary of the pilgrimage. You can be part of this wonderful legacy by donating in memory of a loved one, as a gift, or in your family name, with names being recorded in a special commemorative book. To find out more, visit www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/centenary-window.

Diocesan Pilgrimages for 2025 Year of Jubilee
We are delighted to announce a number of pilgrimage opportunities in celebration of the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee. From Lourdes and Lindisfarne, to Walsingham and Rome - and a wealth of opportunities on our very doorstep - there is something for everybody in this upcoming Year of Jubilee. Bookings for Rome will open on Monday 5th August with bookings for our other pilgrimages opening soon. Please stay tuned for further information on how to book or find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/pilgrimages/>

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/

Our Lady of Walsingham raised to the rank of "Feast": The Vatican has granted permission for Our Lady of Walsingham to be celebrated as a new Feast in the dioceses of England, starting this year on **24 September**. Cardinal Arthur Roche, Prefect of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, wrote to Cardinal Vincent Nichols, president of the Bishops' Conference, in response to his request last year that the Obligatory Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Walsingham be raised to the rank of Feast.

Retreat Programme: The popular retreat programme at St Gerard's due to be held on **27th August** with has been cancelled. The next retreat will therefore be on **Saturday 19th October** and will be **"THE WOMAN WHO ANOINTED JESUS"** 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. - If interested please contact our office on **01772 335387** or email office@saintgerards.org.uk.

CAFOD: Many thanks for the kind welcome given to Michel Mondengele from Sierra Leone a couple of weeks ago. He has been in touch to say how much he enjoyed his visit and wished to extend his thanks to you all.

News and Views: The August edition of Our Lady & St Gerard's **"News and Views"** is now available for the back of Church. Remember, we are always looking for interesting things to share about current or past things from parish life or to do with the wider life of faith of the Church in the world. Also, things such as poems, book reviews, prayers or spiritual reflections are welcome.

School Holiday Meal Deals: "Money saving Central" have produced a list of places offering special meal deals for children. There is a flyer at the back of church.

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 winners of the lottery and the 200 Club, there are terms and conditions which will state that people should inform us if they do not wish their names to be publicised.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Peter Clough, Jean Doran, Yvonne Jeffrey,
Dorothy Whittle, Joseph O'Grady,

All Those who have Recently Died:

Edna Cartwright, Rosemary Foster, Margaret Maguire,
John Molyneaux, Mary Miller, Phillip Ainsworth

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

Weddings: Congratulations to Mathew Wood and Leanne Wilson who will be married at St Gerard's on Saturday 3 August at 1pm.

Also, to Anna Thornhill and James Birchall who will be married on Saturday 17th August at 1pm.

Mass on Monday: Requiem Mass for **Mary Miller** will be on Monday 5th August at 1:30 pm.

There will be **NO Monday Evening Service** of the Word this week. However there will be **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday 7th August from 8:45 am** prior to the Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion at 9:15 am.

On **Thursday 8th August** the Celebration of the Word and Holy Communion Service will start at the earlier time of **9 a.m.**

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 draws in June and November with hampers to be won.

You can pay by cash, Cheque or by Card in the Office.

Account: SRCDTR 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.

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. If you would like to Gift Aid the Donation please let us know.

W/C 4/8/2024	This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey		
Our Lady	Teresa		
Offertory 27th / 28h July 2024			
Offertory Loose	£288.56		
Offertory Envelopes	£202.05		
Attendance	154		
Bingo Jackpots for 7/8/2024			
£30	£50	£61	£27

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 11th August 9:30 am Mass: The Spicer Family.

The **SVP** collection on the 20th & 21st July raised a very generous £182.85. Thank you

Baptism: Welcome to Tiggi Malaney & Martin Murphy-Taylor who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

Xaverian Missionaries: the Xaverians have had a presence in Preston for many years, but now, sadly, they have left their Missionary House in Sharoe Green Lane. (previously "Tabor", home to the Carmelite Fathers). They have now moved not too far away into Salford Diocese to the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Blackley, Manchester. We thank them for all they have done in our area and wish them well in their new mission.

Women's Refuge – The Women's Refuge have requested sanitary products and toiletries – This is their first request for a long time so please can you help – The box for donations is at the back of Church – Many Thanks for the generous donations received since last week.

200 Club: Many thanks to all those who support the 200 club. The Club has presented a cheque to the Parish for **£3000** which follows on from the £5000 raised just before Christmas. A huge thank you also to our wonderful team, Kathryn Haythornthwaite and Sandra Laverick, who do a fantastic job in promoting the Club and making it function so well. More members are always welcome—it is a great way to support our parish. Just £1 per week for the regular monthly draw plus extra ones on special occasions. Send an email now to the Parish Office while you thinking about it! office@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk

Volunteers: we always welcome anyone who would like to help in any way: keeping the parish grounds and graveyard tidy or attending at funerals to welcome people and make sure everything is order for the priest or indeed lots of other things. Let us know if you can help.

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	71
9:30 am	104
6:30 p.m..	68
Total	243

Sanctuary Lamps Week 4/8/24	
1	In Remembrance of Kathleen Kelly
2	In Memory of Carmel Mullarkey

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