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20th Sunday of the Year (Year B)

18th August 2024

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	17th Aug Vigil	7:00 pm	20th Sunday of the Year William Derek Waring R.I.P.
Sun	18th Aug	9:30 am 6:30 pm	20th Sunday of the Year The Parish Barrie & Marie Walters (Silver Wedding Anniversary)
Mon	19th Aug	9:30 am	St John Eudes (OM) Frank Hewitt (Anniversary)
Tues	20th Aug	9:30 am	St Bernard (M) Joseph Dolphin
Wed	21st Aug	9:30 am	St Pius X, Pope (M) Haythornthwaite Family
Thurs	22nd Aug	9:30 am	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M) Holy Souls
Friday	23rd Aug	9:30 am	St Rose of Lima (OM) Holy Souls
Sat	24th Aug Vigil	7:00 pm	21st Sunday of the Year Derek Nickson R.I.P.
Sun	25th Aug	9:30 am 11:00am 6:30 pm	21st Sunday of the Year Margaret Beirne Baptism of Arthur Garner & Ivy Mahon The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	17th Aug Vigil	1:00 pm 5:30 pm	Wedding of Anna Thornhill & James Birchall 20th Sunday of the Year Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	18th Aug	10:30 am 12 noon	20th Sunday of the Year The Parish Baptism of Hallie Rutledge
Mon	19th Aug	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	20th Aug	10:00 am	St Bernard (M) Requiem Mass for Phillip Ainsworth
Wed	21st Aug	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	22nd Aug	9.15 am	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M) Holy Souls
Friday	23rd Aug		NO SERVICES
Sat	24th Aug Vigil	5:30 pm	21st Sunday of the Year Monica Sharples
Sun	25th Aug	10:30 am	21st Sunday of the Year 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 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 is something we all need to do as Missionary Disciples. The Holy Spirit is the prime agent of evangelisation and works through us all. He will inspire, guide and strengthen our mission to share the Good News in our communities. Let us pray together as a Diocese for the success of the Hope in the Future Programme.

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: 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The readings for this Sunday tell us of the nourishment that comes from heaven and of our need to draw everlasting life from our relationship with Jesus – as well as pursuing wise and Spirit-filled paths in life. The **First Reading** makes explicit the value of Wisdom, depicted as a woman seeking and inviting everyone to come and be nourished at her table of learning. (**The Second Reading**) St Paul, encourages the early Christians to live with awareness and intelligence, and not to be thoughtless. He advises them to discern and recognise the will of the Lord in their own times, and to live lives filled with the Holy Spirit. This message continues to be very relevant to us in the present. In the **Gospel**, Jesus invites those around him to believe in him; to be in communion with him; to live in him and draw life from him, just as he himself draws life from the living Father. Let us pray for each other throughout this week, that we may seek the nourishment of a life-giving relationship with God, with one another, and with the planet we share.

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**.

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.

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

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.

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/>

Joint Notices

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

“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.

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/

Caritas - Sponsors for the Poor - As you're aware the number of children and families living in poverty is at it's highest ever. Kaye Hodgson will be walking with Caritas group (September 9) to raise money to help feed and clothe those in the immediate and greatest need. There are sponsorship forms at the exits to the church and any amount that you are able to donate would be greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

Wedding: Congratulations to our Parish Secretary, Anna Thornhill, and James Birchall who were married at St Gerard’s on **Saturday 17th August at 1pm**. May God’s blessing be upon them and their family.

The **Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ)** are having a conference on **21st September in Oldham** which is free and open to anyone to attend. It **starts at 10:30am** and finishes with Mass at 3:15pm. Lunch and other refreshments are provided. The Conference title is The Changing Face of Britain and the speakers are Alison Lowe (deputy Mayor of West Yorkshire) Father Philp Sumner (Agenda for Change), Canon Micael Job (Representing the African Priests of the Diocese) and Eric Olivier Kowac (Chair of St Patrick’s African Community). Please let Father Mark know if you are going so that he pass it on for catering purposes.

Society of African Missions: Many thanks to Fr Henry from the SMA Fathers who spoke at our Masses last weekend and thank you everyone for your generosity in supporting his appeal for funding.

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:
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,
Philip Mills, Veronica Haythornthwaite

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

Weddings: Congratulations to Anna Thornhill and James Birchall who were married at St Gerard's on Saturday 17th August.

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.

Morecambe Bay Walk - The Foster Family and a few friends are walking the 8 miles across Morecambe Bay on **Saturday 17th August** to raise money for St Catherine's Hospice in memory of Rosemary. If you would like to support them there is a Just Giving Page via this QR code.



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Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 25th August 9:30 am Mass: The Tolentino Family.

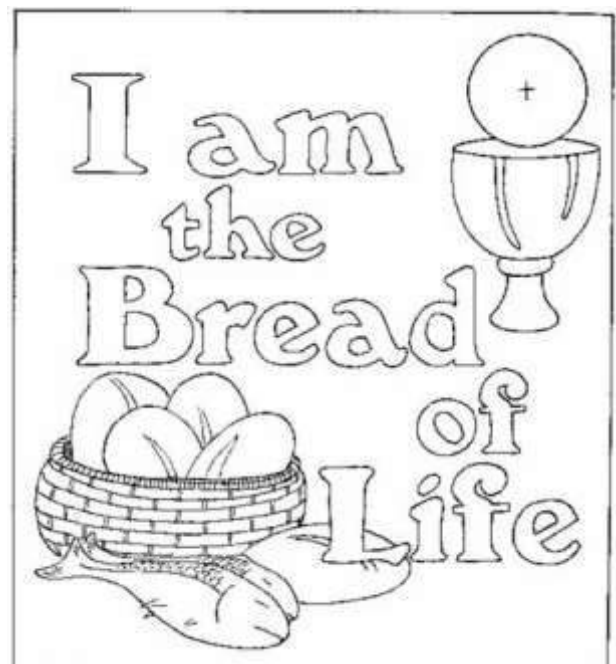
SVP—. Our next collection is this weekend 17th/18th August.

Mothers Prayer Meeting - The next meeting is on Wednesday 21st August at 1 pm in the Priory Meeting Room.

CAFOD - The next coffee morning will be on **Friday 6th September**, all welcome

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.

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.



W/C 11/8/2024	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey
St Gerard	Thanksgiving for the Hulme Family

Offertory 10rd / 11th August 2024			
Offertory Loose	£304.67		
Offertory Envelopes	£202.40		
Attendance	146		
Bingo Jackpots for 21/8/2024			
£32	£52	£63	£29

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	67
9:30 am	141
6:30 p.m..	51
Total	259

Sanctuary Lamps Week 18/8/24	
1	Josephine & Frank McCarthy
2	Kathleen & Harry Hunt

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