



St Mary's Brownedge

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23rd Sunday of the Year (Year B)

8th September 2024

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	7th Sept Vigil	7:00 pm	23rd Sunday of the Year Denis Hopwood
Sun	8th Sept	9:30 am 11:00am 6:30 pm	23rd Sunday of the Year The Parish Baptism—Coby Ewin, Eli Davies & Mark Benedykciński Joan Murphy RIP
Mon	9th Sept	10:30am	Funeral Mass for Margaret Harrison
Tues	10th Sept	9:30 am	St Ambrose Barlow (F) Jack & Nellie Holt, James Robert Holme & Christine Gainer
Wed	11th Sept	9:30 am	Stan Campey R.I.P. SMSB Whole School Mass
Thurs	12th Sept	9:30 am	The Most Holy Name of Mary Sr Julian Breakell (SHCJ)
Fri	13th Sept	9:30 am	St John Chrysostom (M) Veronica Haythornthwaite
Sat	14th Sept Vigil	7:00 pm	24th Sunday of the Year Mick & Ruth Brennan Diamond Wedding Anniversary
Sun	15th Sept	9:30 am 6:30 pm	24th Sunday of the Year Simon Fender (Birthday Ann) The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	7th Sept Vigil	5:30 pm	23rd Sunday of the Year The Parish
Sun	8th Sept	10:30 am	23rd Sunday of the Year Clive Benson
Mon	9th Sept	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	10th Sept	9:15 am	St Ambrose Barlow (F) Nellie Smith (Birthday) OLSG Whole School Mass
Wed	11th Sept	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	12th Sept	9:15 am	The Most Holy Name of Mary Frank & Betty - 65th Anniversary
Fri	13th Sept		NO SERVICES
Sat	14th Sept Vigil	5:30 pm	24th Sunday of the Year James Stokes R.I.P.
Sun	15th Sept	10:30 am 12:00 noon	24th Sunday of the Year The Parish Baptism of Maeve Rawlinson

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.

Prayers for Salford Diocese:

Let us pray, this week, for the people of the parish of Christ the Redeemer, Bolton, for Father Morrough O'Brien, their Parish Priest, and 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: 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What shows us the presence of God? In the Biblical world it was miracles signs, which pointed towards the emergence of a new Kingdom, the Kingdom of God. This had been prophesied from of old: it was said that One would come, and also that certain things would be associated with this Messiah which would display the perfection of the Kingdom God wanted to establish. Jesus, in both his preaching and his miracles, proclaims that the Kingdom of God is at hand, in his own person. He fulfils the prophecies of the past, as he displays to the people of his own time, and to us, the nature of Gods Kingdom: in it all diseases and afflictions are abolished: so opening the man's ears and eyes tells us two things: first that Jesus is God, present in our midst, and secondly that he calls us into a Kingdom where all is perfect.

R.C.I.A. Learning about the Catholic Faith:

Perhaps you, or someone you know, have been interested in the Catholic faith for a while but not done anything about it? Come along to our 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.

First Meeting: Tuesday 10th September 7pm at St Mary's Browedge in the Narthex. Followed by regular Tuesday evening meetings through until next Easter. Let Fr Mark or the office know if you are interested in this.

Commemorating Our Benedictine Heritage:

Priests from The Order of St Benedict, (OSB), mostly from Ampleforth Abbey, have played a huge part in serving the Catholic communities in our area for hundreds of years. This included founding the parish of St Mary's Browedge in 1780 and subsequently Our Lady and St Gerard's in 1891. We have commissioned marble plaques for each church which will list the names of all those monks who have served as our Parish Priests over those years. These are almost ready and will be installed very soon.

Marriage preparation - Anyone wishing to marry in the Catholic Church in Salford Diocese must have attended a marriage preparation course. If anyone is thinking of marrying in the next year or two, Marriage Care provides such courses which can be accessed through their website: marriagecare.org.uk. The next full day face-to-face course in Salford is taking place on Saturday 5th October at Holy Souls church Blackburn and is run by parishioners of St Gerard's.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne - Discover the fascinating history of our Northern Saints with this one-off pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, Ripon, and Durham in celebration of our 2025 Year of Jubilee. Led by Bishop John, the pilgrimage will take place between **15th-17th May 2025**. Find out more about this and all of our pilgrimages during our Jubilee year at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/pilgrimages/>

Year of Jubilee 2025: In the Catholic Church, the concept of Jubilee or 'Holy Year' was used to declare special years for forgiveness and reconciliation. The first Jubilee was declared by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300 to mark the beginning of that century.

He later recommended it occurring every 100 years. Various other Popes changed the length of the interval between the observances. But Pope Saint Paul II set the present 25-year interval in the 1500s. So Holy Years are "ordinary" when they occur at regular intervals (25 years in these modern times) and "extraordinary" when they are proclaimed for a very special reason. More recently a Great Jubilee was declared in 2000 by Pope Saint John Paul II to celebrate the new millennium. That Jubilee year brought the total number of universal Jubilee years to 28 that so far had been celebrated by the Church.

The 2025 Jubilee, which has the theme of "Pilgrims of Hope" will be a year of hope and trust for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increased threats to the climate. Intended as a time of conversion and emphasis on God's mercy and forgiveness of sins, Jubilees begin with the opening of the Holy Door in St. Peter's Basilica. Holy Doors at each of the four papal basilicas in Rome are destination points for pilgrims, who pass through seeking special graces. In preparing spiritually for the 2025 Jubilee, Pope Francis has asked Catholics to:

a) *Study the key documents from the Second Vatican Council, held between 1962-1965.*

The four constitutions of Vatican II are:

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy – Sacrosanctum Concilium

Dogmatic constitution on the Church – Lumen Gentium

Dogmatic constitution on the Divine Revelation – Dei Verbum

Pastoral constitution on Church in the modern world – Gaudium et Spes

b) *Begin 2024 by focusing on prayer:* The Bishops' Conference have produced resources for the preparatory year of prayer, focusing on the Our Father, as well as resources about Jubilee in the Catholic Church.

World Youth Day Rome 2025 - Are you aged 16-35? Are you looking for an unforgettable opportunity to share your faith with other young Catholics? Pope Francis has announced a special World Youth Day in Rome next summer to celebrate the Church's Year of Jubilee and our diocesan Youth Ministry team invites you to be part of this once-in-a-25-year event! The pilgrimage will take place between **28 July and 3 August**. For more information and to register your interest, speak to Fr Mark or please email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk



Joint Notices

Baptism Preparation Course: our next course is on Tuesday 10th September at Our Lady & St Gerard's Church at 7pm. This is for those preparing for Baptism in both St Mary's and St Gerard's Parishes. Please contact the Parish Office to enrol.

First Holy Communion Programme: In the next couple of weeks, children in Year Three and above, who have not made their First Holy Communion, will be invited to enrol on our Parish Preparation Programmes. Children in our Parish Primary Schools will receive a letter via the schools. If your child attends a different school or has missed out in previous years for whatever reason, please contact the Parish Office about enrolling on the programme.

Accessibility and your parish: Are you active in your parish; SVP; Eucharistic Minister; Reader? Do you go into the community, with the Church? What does accessibility mean to you?

Think about how; a blind person; a deaf person; someone with mobility issues, or a learning disability. How can they access the Church - or neurodiversity? How would someone with Autism manage? There will be a talk on Accessibility, at St Edward's Hall, Darwen, BB3 0AA. 17th September, from 7 - 9pm. It would be good if someone in our parishes can represent us at this.

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.

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.

"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 Diocesan Synod: Since sharing The Big Listen report with you at the beginning of August, we hope you have had time to prayerfully read and discern the contents as you prepare for the next stage of our Diocesan Synod. From September to December we enter the "Exploration Stage" during which time the parish reps will plan and facilitate gatherings in the parish in stages, based around the four themes to have emerged from *The Big Listen*:

1. Nurturing Faith for Tomorrow's World;
2. Building Connections;
3. Enabling Access;
4. Fostering Christ-like Care.

More information on the Synod:

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synod-gathering-1/

Dominic's long walk home - Most parishioners know that Dominic, one of Margaret and Michael Cronin's grandsons, was diagnosed with a malignant brain tumour 13 months ago. His treatment has hopefully ended now and the indications are good. In thanksgiving for the excellent, ground-breaking treatment Dominic has received, his parents and aunt are walking 50 miles from Manchester children's hospital to Blackpool Victoria over the weekend Saturday 14th/15th September to raise funds for brain tumour research. Timings are unpredictable but they should be passing through Station Road Bamber Bridge early evening of September 14th. If you are in the area please give them a cheer as they will already have walked over 25 miles that day! All the family are enormously grateful for all the prayers and support they have received during this difficult time.

The Sixteen Choir, conducted by Harry Christophers, is performing at **Blackburn Cathedral** on Saturday **21 September** at 3pm as part of our annual Choral Pilgrimage Tour. The programme is celebrating the art of imitation, and explores music from the master of parody, Orlande de Lassus, alongside works by Josquin, Casulana and Bob Chilcott.

There will also be a **Choral Workshop**, taking place at **Blackburn Cathedral** on the same day (**21 September**) at 9.30am. There is a discount if you book both the workshop and concert! Tickets are £30 and can be obtained from <http://TheSixteen.MastersofImitation-BlackburnCathedral>

S.V.P.: There will be the regular monthly retiring collection for the S.V.P. after Masses next Sunday 14/15 Sept.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick, and those who care for them:

Sister Louise, Peter Clough, Jean Doran, Marie Spicer, Yvonne Jeffrey, Dorothy Whittle, Joseph O'Grady.

All those who have recently died:

Maureen Wood, Nicholas Bajko, Margaret Harrison, Veronica Haythornthwaite, Mgr Michael McKenna, Fr Michael Gallagher O. Praem, Norman Podmore.

Photographs may be taken during Services for display on Social Media, if you have any objections please let the photographer know at the end of the service.

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

Start of Year Mass: Tuesday 10th Sept at 9.15am there will be a Mass in Church with OLSG School.

Harvest Mass: Our Mass for Harvest will be on Tuesday 1st October with the children from the Primary School. If you would like to donate non-perishable items these can be left in the Church Porch on the weekend of Sat 28 / Sun 29 Sept.

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.

Sky Dive - Alf Cook (89) a parishioner at St Gerard's is doing a Sky Dive on **21st September** in aid of the Alzheimer's Society. Alf's wife of 64 years Maureen was diagnosed with this cruel disease 7 years ago and worldwide over 10 million people are diagnosed with it every year, that's one person every 3.2 seconds. If you would like to support him there is a Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/alfred-cook-1721064811913>

OLD COINS AND EUROS - We regularly get Euro's in the Offertory collection and still occasionally old £1 coins. Recently again these have been placed in the offertory, obviously by mistake after a holiday. We are grateful for all donations of all current UK coins and notes but these old coins and Euros play havoc with the counting machine and mean extra work for our volunteers who do the banking.

Maureen Wood R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Wood who has died. Her funeral will take place at St Mary's on Tuesday 24th Sept at 10am.

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Baptism: Welcome to Coby Ewin, Eli Davies & Mark Benedykinski who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

Start of Year Mass: Weds 11th Sept at 9.30am there will be a Mass in Church with SMSB School.

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 15th September 9:30 am Mass: The Ashe Family.

Caritas Coffee Morning: St Mary & St Benedict RC Primary School : Please come along after morning Mass on **Thursday 12th September** to join the GIFT Chaplaincy team to raise money for Caritas and to pray for those in need.

Joyce Crook - The family of Joyce Crook would like to thank the parishioners for making her day by coming along to celebrate her 90th birthday. She had a lovely day and was so happy to see many old friends.

September is SVP Awareness Month. To learn how St. Mary's Conference has been active so far this year and how your donations have been used please look at the poster at the back of the church. Also do let us know if anyone in the parish needs our help or if you would like to offer a small amount of your time and talents as a volunteer.

Caritas - Sponsors for the Poor: The number of children and families living in poverty is at a higher rate than ever before. Kaye Hodgson will be walking with the Caritas group on **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.

Caritas Salford Sponsored Walk – September 14th - Everyone is invited to join in this Salford Diocesan Walk in the Ribble Valley around the Whalley area. The walk will cover a moderately challenging route of 14km, there's an option to finish after 5km if anyone wishes to do so. We will also be led by a professional guide. Every step you take will also help local people experiencing homelessness, poverty and discrimination. To sign up to join the walk, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/lancswalk

Parish Lottery No. 599 4/09/23			
1st	£100	No. 76	Mr A Topping
2nd	£40	No. 15	Ms J Watson
3rd	£20	No. 21	Mrs J Taylor

W/C 8/9/2024	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey
St Gerard	Frank & Betty - 65th Anniversary

Offertory 31st August / 1st September 2024			
Offertory Loose	£239.00		
Offertory Envelopes	£175.50		
Attendance	139		
Bingo Jackpots for 11/09/2024			
£33	£53	£64	£30

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	71
9:30 am	138
6:30 p.m..	60
Total	269

Sanctuary Lamps Week 8/9/24	
1	Frank & Mary Taylor
2	In Memory of Leo & Doreen McMellon & their Families May they Rest in Peace, Amen

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