



## St Mary's Brownedge

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**24th Sunday of the Year (Year B)**

**15th September 2024**

St Mary's, Brownedge				St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	14th Sept Vigil	7:00 pm	<b>24th Sunday of the Year</b> Mick & Ruth Brennan Diamond Wedding Anniversary	Sat	14th Sept Vigil	5:30 pm	<b>24th Sunday of the Year</b> James Stokes R.I.P.
Sun	15th Sept	9:30 am 11:00am 6:30 pm	<b>24th Sunday of the Year</b> Simon Fender (Birthday Ann) Baptism of Isla Sumyet Wong The Parish	Sun	15th Sept	10:30 am 12:00 noon	<b>24th Sunday of the Year</b> The Parish Baptism of Maeve Rawlinson
Mon	16th Sept	9:30 am	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian (M) Mothers Prayers	Mon	16th Sept	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	17th Sept	9:30 am	St Hildegard of Bingen (OM) Diane Harvey (Birthday Memories)	Tues	17th Sept	9:15 am	St Hildegard of Bingen (OM) Holy Souls Class Mass - Year 6
Wed	18th Sept	9:30 am	Joseph & Mary Sullivan Class Mass: Yr 6	Wed	18th Sept	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	19th Sept	9:30 am	St Januarius (OM) Veronica Haythornthwaite	Thurs	19th Sept	9:15 am	St Januarius (OM) Emily Finch (Anniversary)
Fri	20th Sept	9:30 am 2:30 pm	St Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang & Comp (OM) Margaret Dowbakin Dove Haven Care Home	Fri	20th Sept		NO SERVICES
Sat	21st Sept Vigil	9.30 am 7:00 pm	<b>25th Sunday of the Year</b> Mass for the Filipino Community Parish	Sat	21st Sept Vigil	5:30 pm	<b>25th Sunday of the Year</b> The Parish
Sun	22nd Sept	9:30 am 11:00am 6:30 pm	<b>25th Sunday of the Year</b> Winifred Mary Livesey Baptism of Oakley Adams Bernadette Ryles Anniversary	Sun	22nd Sept	10:30 am	<b>25th Sunday of the Year</b> John Molyneux R.I.P.

**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](http://www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk) or  
[www.saintgerards.org.uk](http://www.saintgerards.org.uk) or  
[www.churchservices.tv](http://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:**

This week let us pray for the people of Corpus Christi parish, Bolton, for Fr. Alfred Rebello, their Parish Priest, and for 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: 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As we follow through the Gospel of Saint Mark, we come to an important turning point this week: after the preaching, the miracles and the journey so far, Simon Peter publicly recognises Jesus as the Messiah. But there is an important point, which is brought out by the choice of first reading today: this Messiah is a king who is destined to be rejected and killed. Jesus knows this very well, and rebukes Peter when he tries to lead him on a different path. From this point on, Saint Mark's Gospel leads to the cross: Jesus himself accepts his own cross, and reminds all his followers that the cross is a part of following him. If we are considering the question "Who is Jesus?", these scripture passages give us a deep insight into the mission of salvation that he accepts for us.

## 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. We had an excellent first meeting last week—don't worry if you missed it— you can catch up!

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 17th September 7pm at St Mary's Brownedge in the Narthex.** Week 2: *"The Existence of God"*. 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. We hope these new plaques will be installed this week.

**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](http://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](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)



# Joint Notices

**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? How about a blind person; a deaf person; someone with mobility issues, or a learning disability. How can they access the Church? How would someone with neurodiversity or 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.

**St Clare's Day of Renewal:** St Clare's Church in Fulwood is holding one of their regular days of renewal on Saturday 5th October from 10am to 4pm. The theme is: "Forgiveness—Following the example of Jesus Christ". The main speaker is Mary Hardiman, who comes from Stockport; she has set up a special ministry befriending prisoners on "Death Row" in America.

**"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](mailto:emilytraynor@lifecharity.org.uk) to receive more information.

**Mass Intentions:** We now have the Parish Diaries for next year in the offices. If you would like an intention on a specific weekend next year it would be advisable to get them booked in early as the dates soon get filled up.

**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/](http://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 this 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. If you'd like to read more about Dominic's journey and/or donate to the Brain Tumour Charity, please visit the Just Giving page at: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/helen-barrow-1719570795401>

**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://The Sixteen: Masters of Imitation - Blackburn Cathedral](http://TheSixteen:MastersofImitation-BlackburnCathedral)

## 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, Norman Podmore.

## ***Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices***

**Baptism:** Welcome to Maeve Rawlinson who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

**Congratulations & Happy Birthday** - To Marina McNulty who celebrates her 90th Birthday on Sunday 15th September.

**Harvest Mass:** There will be a School Mass for Harvest on **Tuesday 1st October**. We will have a Parish Mass for Harvest on **Sunday 29th September at 10.30am**. If you would like to donate non-perishable items these can be brought to Church Porch on the weekend of Sat 28 / Sun 29 Sept.

**Coffee Morning** - The Fundraising team are hosting a coffee morning in church on **Sunday 6th October** and will be selling raffle tickets at the Masses on the weeks before. Donations of cakes would be appreciated and can be brought on the morning.

**Sky Dive** - Alf Cook (89) a parishioner at St Gerard's is doing a Sky Dive next Saturday **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.

**Intentions** - If you would like to have a Candle intention on the Sanctuary, by Our Lady, Sacred Heart, St Joseph, or St Gerard please leave a note at the Presbytery clearly stating the Location for your Candle. The suggested donation is £5. This can be Gift Aided if you are a tax payer.

## ***St Mary's Brownedge Notices***

**Baptism:** Welcome to Isla Sumyuet Wong who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

**Children's Mass:** Next Sunday, 22nd Sept at 9.30am we have a special Mass for children and families. It will be on the theme of "Harvest". Please bring along some non-perishable food to contribute to the Community Larder.

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 22nd September 9:30 am Mass: The Counsell Family.

**St Vincent de Paul Society:** There will be the regular monthly retiring collection for the S.V.P. after Masses this weekend.

The SVP Meeting on 17th September has been cancelled, the next meeting will be on 1st October in the Shields Centre, Lostock Hall.

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.

**CAFOD** - Many thanks to all who supported our recent coffee morning and raffle which raised £190. From the buckets, sale of watches, apples, home-made jam, cards, jewellery, and donations £212.

**CAFOD Coffee morning** - The next coffee morning is on **Friday 4th October** which is also **Family Fast Day**.

**This Fast Day** we are asked to support people like Daniel, the carpenter, to learn new skills and continue to fulfil their God given potential. There will be a short talk and envelopes available on weekend 28/29th September. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to support Cafod's work both with your donations and prayers.

200 Club		August Winners
1st £200	430	John Cooper
2nd £100	260	Joyce Cronin
3rd £50	55	Josephine Carty

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	70
9:30 am	189
6:30 p.m..	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>298</b>

Sanctuary Lamps Week 15/9/24	
1	For the Cherry Family & all that need Prayers
2	Jim Slater, Eric Taylor, George & Mabel Taylor & Margaret Smith

W/C 15/9/2024	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey

Offertory 7th / 8th September 2024			
Offertory Loose	£353.11		
Offertory Envelopes	£232.62		
Attendance	157		
Bingo Jackpots for 18/09/2024			
£34	£54	£65	£31

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