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30th Sunday of the Year (Year B)

27th October 2024

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	26th Oct Vigil	7:00 pm	30th Sunday of the Year William Derek Waring (Anniversary)
Sun	27th Oct CLOCKS GO BACK	9:30 am	30th Sunday of the Year Mary McCormack (Birthday)
		6:30 pm	The Parish
Mon	28th Oct	9:30 am	SS Simon & Jude (F) Jack & Nellie Holt, James Robert Holme & Christine Gainer
Tues	29th Oct	9:30 am	Bernadette Ryles (Anniversary)
Wed	30th Oct	9:30 am	School Class Mass Joan McCarthy
Thurs	31st Oct	10:30 am	Requiem Mass for John 'Jack' Cooper
Fri	1st Nov Holyday of Obligation	9:30 am 4:30 pm	ALL SAINTS DAY (S) Whole School Mass Jaki Sanderson Holy Souls
Sat	2nd Nov Vigil	7:00 pm	All Souls Day 31st Sunday of the Year Joan Murphy R.I.P.
Sun	3rd Nov	9:30 am	31st Sunday of the Year John Rawcliffe
		6:30 pm	The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	26th Oct Vigil	5:30 pm	30th Sunday of the Year The Parish
Sun	27th Oct CLOCKS GO BACK	10:30 am	30th Sunday of the Year Catherine Yates R.I.P.
Mon	28th Oct	6:30 pm	SS Simon & Jude (F) Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	29th Oct	9:15 am	Holy Souls
Wed	30th Oct	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
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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:
 Let us pray this week in our Diocese for the people of the parish of St. Mary, Horwich, Fr. Richard Howard, their Parish Priest, their Parish Primary School and St. Joseph's High School.



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.

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TODAY: 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

All of Jesus' miracles can be read in many different ways: there is always a message behind each one, that tells us something about God, about his care for his people, about Jesus and about the promises God has made to us, his children. Today is no exception: we see Jesus offering Bartimaeus the gift of sight. It shows us Jesus' love and care for those who suffer. But that alone is not the whole meaning of this story, as the first reading makes clear: there, through Jeremiah, God promises to gather his children into a new and perfect Kingdom, washing away the tears and restoring comfort. So Jesus appears as a fulfilment of this prophecy, as the One who brings this Kingdom into the world. But it doesn't end there: in our own age we still have the blind, and those who suffer: there are still tears to be washed away; Jesus' work is begun, but not completed. God's promises extend to us as well. As followers of Jesus, we should imitate him in doing what we can to bring that comfort which is the Kingdom of God to all in need.

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 have had an excellent first few meetings—don't worry if you missed them – you can catch up!

Next Meeting: Tuesday 29th October 7pm at St Mary's Brownedge in the Narthex. Week 8: "The Power of Prayer" This session addresses the questions: What is prayer? Why is it important? What difference can it make to my life? And how do I actually pray? There will be regular Tuesday evening meetings through until next Easter. Let Fr Mark or the office know if you are interested in this. All welcome.

Retreat Programme: The next retreat will be on Thursday 21st November 2024: THE RAISING OF LAZARUS (John 11:1-44)| Journeying with John's Gospel to the tomb and resurrection. 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**

Retreat at Stonyhurst: Praying with St Dominic, 1st – 3rd November 2024: This retreat explores the life and faith of St Dominic de Guzman, founder of the Order of Preachers (the Dominicans), whose objective was to continue safeguarding the Catholic faith. His Marian devotion and the place of the rosary in Christian prayer will be a special focus of this retreat preached by Fr Lawrence Lew, OP. For more information on this and other events contact the Christian Heritage Centre: www.christianheritagecentre.com

Stand up for life - There is likely to be a vote on assisted suicide in Parliament before Christmas. This is often portrayed in the media as being compassionate - **IT IS NOT!** The media is conducting a campaign to make people believe they are a burden and it would be better and less painful to end their life prematurely. This is a devious lie promoted by people who do not care about the sick, the elderly or those who need greater support than others.

Watch actor and disability rights advocate Liz Carr's BBC documentary on assisted suicide, *Better Off Dead?* where she examines the impact of one of the world's most extreme assisted suicide laws in Canada.

Watch for free online (you do not need a TV licence): www.righttolife.org.uk/betteroffdead

Write to your MP telling them you oppose "assisted suicide" and that you want a society which promotes the best possible support for all human life rather than dispensing with life as though it has become too burdensome for society to care.

Quarante Ore Devotions: These will take place from Thursday 21—Sun 24 November. Envelopes for Sanctuary Lamps are at the back of Church.

SALFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD - As part of the 'Exploration stage, of the Synod, the parish representatives from St Mary's Brownedge & Our Lady & St Gerard's Churches would like to invite you for joined gatherings, during which in a prayerful atmosphere we will explore the key themes that arose from the Big Listen event. These will allow us to deepen our understanding and discernment as well as practice our synodal listening when once again sharing our personal reflection with others. The gatherings will be as follows:

Sunday 17th November – 11:30am till 1:30pm at Our Lady & St Gerard's Church - The Shields Centre building behind church – Focusing on Theme 2: Building Connections.

Thursday 12th December – 10:30am till 12:20pm at St Mary's Brownedge Church in the Narthex – Focusing on Theme 3 & 4 : Enabling Access and Fostering Christ like care.

The remaining 2 meetings are again for both Parishes to attend, and everyone is welcome – Light refreshments will be provided.

SVP: We support the SVP with a monthly retiring collection after Mass. We need some volunteers to do the collection at Our Lady and St Gerard's. Please let us know if you can help.

SVP Appeal for Sudan: The people of South Sudan urgently need help. After a decade long civil war, the population faces widespread hunger and food insecurity, sky rocketing prices and the constant threat of violence and insecurity. Can you help? To donate online please visit: [https://fundraising.svp.org.uk/South Sudan](https://fundraising.svp.org.uk/South%20Sudan).

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November: Month of the Holy Souls:

During November, the final month of the Church's year, we pray for those who have died. We begin the month with the Feast of All Saints followed by All Souls Day.

Holy Souls: Envelopes are available at the back of Church—put the names of any Holy Souls you wish to be prayed for, with a donation towards Masses for the Holy Souls. These intentions will be kept on the altar throughout November as well as the at Masses offered for the Holy Souls throughout the Year.

On Remembrance Sunday, 10th November we will remember those who have died in war and conflict.

On the weekend of 16/17th November we remember in a special way those of our parish and our families who have died in the past year:

Saturday 16th at 5.30pm at St Gerard's and Sunday 17th at 9.30am at St Mary's, we invite all those who have lost loved ones to join us at Mass and light a candle for each of them.

New Lectionary: Our new lectionaries have arrived. These will be used from the 1st Sunday of Advent. Some people like to have their own Sunday Missal to follow Mass; St Mary's Piety Shop have some copies of the new Sunday Missal available for both our parishes @ £19.95. The New Weekday Missal will be published in the spring.

We will bless our new Lectionaries to be used at Mass on the Feast of Christ the King 23/24 Nov. and we will hold a meeting "Explaining the New Lectionary" in the coming weeks.

Commemorating our Benedictine Heritage: The new plaques commemorate all those Benedictines, primarily from Ampleforth Abbey, who have served in each parish and specifically list those who have served as Rectors and Parish Priests, (including Priests-in-charge). The plaque at St Mary's, which is located on the wall of the Lady Chapel transept, covers the period 1780 - 2016, whilst at Our Lady and St Gerard's, the plaque, which is located on the South wall of the nave, covers 1891 - 2018. **Any donations which people would like to make towards the cost of these plaques would be most appreciated.**

Preston Cecilian Choral Society conducted by Marc Murray: Concert at St Mary's Brownedge **Saturday 30th November** at 4.00pm. They will be performing Dvorak Mass in D. Tickets are £14 on the door (cash or card) or at www.trybooking.co.uk

Grants for Listed Buildings: the scheme for offering VAT refunds on the maintenance works carried out on listed buildings, such as our church, is coming up for review. Please sign the petition on this link to the Bishops' Conference website to inform new MPs and decision makers of the importance of this scheme and encouraging them to renew it. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/listed-places-of-worship-grant-scheme/>

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.

Vatican II Talks: In preparation for the Jubilee Year, Pope Francis is asking Catholics to study the documents of the Second Vatican Council and to dedicate more time to prayer. **Join the Metanoia Team at St Wilfrid's Parish Centre, PR1 8BU, 7.30 – 9.30pm, Mondays 28th October – 25th November 2024.** for a series of guest speakers reflecting on five of the main documents. More info: emily@metanoiaproject.co.uk 07463 555090.

Jubilee 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 Salford Youth Office: youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk



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, Philip Wilcock.

All those who have recently died:

Lorraine Baxter, Mgr John Chaloner; Gordon Hobson, John 'Jack' Cooper, Audrey Gould, Maria Swarbrick

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

PIETY SHOP - Our new Christmas stock and cards have arrived and are now on display in the shop...please come in and have a browse. Also we are now selling raffle tickets (draw takes place at Christmas Fair) at the back of church and in the shop. This year we have 3 lovely themed food hamper's to win plus 2 consolation gifts. The prizes are on display in the shop. Thank you for your continuing support over the years.

Senior Citizens Party - This years party takes place on Saturday 23rd November from 2 pm to 5 pm in the Parochial Centre. **If any parishioner over the age of 65 would like to receive an invitation please put your name and contact details on the sheet at the back of the church.**

Christmas Raffle - Tickets at now on sale in church at £1 or £5 for a book. Prizes available are Fairhaven Adventure Golf Gift Card, Cash prizes, Luxury Hampers, Johnstone Paint vouchers, Roma Bakery Voucher & much more – Please take a book or books and help sell them.

OLSG Primary School - We am hoping to enable our GIFT team (Growing in Faith Together) to be more involved in any events, charitable works etc. Our GIFT Team comprises of our worship leaders, Laudato Si' group and Caritas Ambassadors so we are looking to make parish contacts with CAFOD, Caritas, Laudato Si representatives in the Parish. If you would like to get involved and be an active link between Church and school, please do get in touch with school or the Church office.

Live Streaming: Church Services TV is live 24/7 in our Church and thus picks things up before and after Mass. Please be aware of the way we behave before and after Mass, especially on sanctuary, as this is being observed by people who may be preparing for Mass or giving thanks afterwards. Also while the church microphone system is still on, the audio can pick up noise and conversations and sometimes these can be overheard online.

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 3rd November 9:30 am Mass: The Sethu Family.

Cafod Coffee morning Friday 1st November after 9.30am Mass. Come and join us in the Narthex for tea/coffee, toasted teacakes and a chat. All welcome.

Cafod – Thank you to all parishioners at St Mary's Brownedge for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £750.00 which we received on 17th October 2024. Thank you so much for being there for our Global Family.

SVP: The SVP collection on the 19th & 20th October raised a very generous £202.84, Thank you for all of your support & kindness. **The SVP Meeting on 29th October is now cancelled.**

SVP Christmas Party is Wednesday 4th December 1pm till 4pm – Sign-up sheet available at the back of Church. There is also a box for any raffle prize donations that you can spare

Sudan Appeal - Envelopes for those wishing to donate can be found at the back of the Church.

Upcoming Funerals: Funeral for Audrey Gould on Wednesday 6th November at 11am.

Funeral Mass for Maria Swarbrick Thursday 7th November at 12:45pm

Knights of St Columba - Bingo at St Mary's on **Friday 15th November** starting at 7:30 pm, everyone is welcome.

Carol Service with Lostock Hall Brass Band: Advance notice that we will have a Carol Service in aid of Church funds on **1st December** at 3 pm at St Mary's Brownedge.

Hyacinths for Cafod: Will be available from **Friday 6th December;** Pre-order directly with David Dearden.

Advance Notice: The next **Parish Lunch** will be on Sunday 26th January 2025 - Details to follow.

Piety Shop: Christmas stock is now available with a great selection of religious Christmas cards.

W/C 27/10/2024	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey
Our Lady	Marie Redmond R.I.P.
St Gerard	Norbert Hardacre (Anniversary)

Offertory 19h / 20th October 2024			
Offertory Loose	£332.37		
Offertory Envelopes	£169.22		
Attendance	220		
Bingo Jackpots for 30/10/2024			
£26	£60	£71	£37

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	65
9:30 am	130
6:30 p.m..	57
Total	252

Sanctuary Lamps Week 27/10/24	
1	Deceased Members of the Thompson Families
2	For all our Grandchildren
3	All our Departed Loved ones
4	Deceased Members of the Hardacre & Hickey Families

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