



St Mary's Brownedge

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31st Sunday of the Year (Year B)

3rd November 2024

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	2nd Nov		All Souls Day 31st Sunday of the Year Joan Murphy R.I.P.
	Vigil	7:00 pm	
Sun	3rd Nov	9:30 am 6:30 pm	31st Sunday of the Year John Rawcliffe The Parish
Mon	4th Nov	9:30 am	St Charles Borromeo (M) Deceased Members of the Bibby Family
Tues	5th Nov	9:30 am	Ken Lofthouse (Ann)
Wed	6th Nov	9:30 am 11:00 am	Veronica Holden Requiem Mass for Audrey Gould R.I.P.
Thurs	7th Nov	9:30 am 12:45 pm	St Willbrord (OM) Denis Gallagher R.I.P. Requiem Mass for Maria Swarbrick R.I.P.
Fri	8th Nov	9:30 pm	Prayers for Lisjana, Kliti, Kian & Hoxha
Sat	9th Nov	12 noon	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (F) Missio Mass; Prayers Answered
	Vigil	7:00 pm	32nd Sunday of the Year Derek Nickson
Sun	10th Nov	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Remembrance Sunday 32nd Sunday of the Year Jack Hartley The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	2nd Nov		All Souls Day 31st Sunday of the Year The Parish
	Vigil	5:30 pm	
Sun	3rd Nov	10:30 am	31st Sunday of the Year David Benson
Mon	4th Nov	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	5th Nov	9:15 am	Whole School Mass for family members who have died. Stephen Phelan
Wed	6th Nov	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	7th Nov	9:15 am	St Willbrord (OM) Holy Souls
Fri	8th Nov		NO SERVICES
Sat	9th Nov	5:30 pm	32nd Sunday of the Year Father Vincent Naylor (Anniversary)
Sun	10th Nov	10:30 am	Remembrance Sunday 32nd Sunday of the Year The Parish

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:

In our Diocese this week we hold in prayer the people of the parish of St. John Fisher, Kearsley. We pray for Fr. Bryan Cunningham and Fr Reginald Amanze and the Schoenstatt Fathers together with the work of the Schoenstatt Shrine.

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: 31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Every priest, and indeed every Catholic, can sometimes find themselves in the position of being asked, "This religion of yours – what's it all about, really, when you come down to it?" Our temptation might be to go on at length, which is when we should remember this Gospel. Jesus, asked a very similar question, pins our faith down to two very simple things – love of God and love of neighbour – which together make up the foundation for everything else in our religion. The very simplicity of these two commandments is a gift, so that we can try to live them out each day of our lives. The first commandment, which is also that given by Moses in the first reading, is actually a prayer that our Jewish brothers and sisters still recite every single day. Jesus, our perfect High Priest, gives us these two commandments to be written in our heads and our hearts, to remember each day, so that we may conduct ourselves in the paths of the Kingdom of God.

Red Mission Box Meeting and Mass: The Missio Team from Salford Diocese are holding a meeting for our Deanery at St Mary's Brownedge next Saturday 9th November at 10 am followed by Mass at 12 Noon. All those who help to collect the Red Mission boxes are encouraged to attend as well as any parishioner who has a Red Box at or home or who wants to support the work of Missio. If you can't make the meeting from 10 am come to the Mass which is at 12 noon.

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 5th November 7pm at St Mary's Brownedge in the Narthex. Week 9: "Finding True Freedom" This session addresses some big moral questions and how the Catholic Faith can help us find the answers: "Is there such a thing as right and wrong?" – "Where can we find moral guidance?" – "How do you discover your true identity?" 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**

Stand up for life - There is a second reading of the "Assisted Dying Bill" on 29th November. There is a lot of debate on this in the media but much of it is uninformed. The Anscombe Centre have launched a set of resources to help and encourage people to engage on this issue. The Centre now have a new 'Resources' page about assisted suicide and euthanasia and the dangers that legitimising it will cause. Go to their website: www.bioethics.org.uk in the "Educational Resources" section. It gives excellent and clear guidance to us in the light of Catholic teaching.

Also, 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: It does not have to be complicated: simply ask them to oppose the "The Assisted Dying Bill". Tell them 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. Email your MP:

Paul Foster MP for South Ribble:
paul.foster.mp@parliament.uk

Maya Ellis MP for Ribble Valley:
maya.ellis.mp@parliament.uk

Or, write to them at: The House of Commons London. SW1A 0AA

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, 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.

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/>

Joint Notices

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. A sign-up sheet is at the back of both churches.

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 at Mass on the Feast of Christ the King 23/24 November so that they are ready for use the following weekend.

"Explaining the New Lectionary": On Monday 25th November at 7pm at St Mary's Brownedge, Maria Hall will present a session helping us to understand what the Lectionary is, how the new translation compares with the old one, and how we might gain more from the proclaiming and receiving of The Word of God at Mass. This session is for parishioners from across our whole deanery. It will be especially useful for readers but helpful for all of us in praying with the scriptures.

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

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, Dorothy Whittle, Marie Spicer, Jean Doran, Yvonne Jeffrey, Joseph O'Grady, Philip Wilcock.

All those who have recently died:

Mgr John Chaloner; Gordon Hobson, Jack Cooper, Audrey Gould, Maria Swarbrick, Teresa Colyer, Harry Jeffrey.



Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

Mass with School: On Tuesday we remember at Mass all those family members who have died. All welcome.

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.

Majella Companions Meeting - On Tuesday 5th November at 2 pm in the Shields Centre.

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 are hoping to enable our GIFT team 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 links with representatives in the Parish. If you would like to be an active link between Church and school, please 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.

W/C 3/11/2024	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey
Saint Joseph	Graham Walton - Birthday Memories
St Gerard	Norbert Hardacre - Anniversary

Offertory 26th/ 27th October 2024			
Offertory Loose	411.39		
Offertory Envelopes	148.50		
Attendance	159		
Bingo Jackpots for 6/11/2024			
£27	£61	£72	£38

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 10th November 9:30 am Mass: The Spicer Family.

Remembrance Sunday: Next Sunday at 9.30 Mass we will remember all those who have died in War and conflict, especially those from our community. After Mass we will process to the War Memorial on Duddle Lane for a short **Service of Remembrance at approx. 10.30 am**

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

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

Ecumenical Morning Prayer and Breakfast: This week at St Mary's Brownedge on Wednesday 6th November at 8.00 am. All welcome to come and join us for morning prayer and some tea and toast!

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

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

Christmas Craft Fair for Tender Nursing Care on **Saturday 16th November** 10:30am till 4pm at Bamber Bridge Catholic Club PR5 6TA

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. Tickets £3 per child and £6 per Adult.

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.

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	72
9:30 am	178
6:30 p.m..	41
Total	291

Sanctuary Lamps Week 03/11/24	
1	For World Peace
2	For the Intentions of Helen & Sarah
3	Intentions of W.F.
4	Intentions of K.F.

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