



## St Mary's Brownedge

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### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

**24th November 2024**

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	23rd Nov	9.30 am	Andrew Sugden
	Vigil	7:00 pm	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b> Lesley Morris - Anniversary
Sun	24th Nov	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b> Stephen Colligan Baptism of Havanna Robson Benediction The Parish
Mon	25th Nov	9:30 am 7.00 pm	St Catherine of Alexandria (OM) Rosalind Forest R.I.P. <b>Talk on the New Lectionary</b>
Tues	26th Nov	9:30 am 6.00 pm	Margaret Russell Reception of Marie Spicer
Wed	27th Nov	11:00 am	Requiem Mass for Marie Spicer
Thurs	28th Nov	9:30 am 1:00 pm	Tom & Thomas Carty (Ann) Requiem Mass for Sheila Brown
Fri	29th Nov	9:30 am	William, Catherine & John Morton
Sat	30th Nov		<b>St Andrew</b> (F)
	Vigil	7:00 pm	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Deceased members of the Catholic Club
Sun	1st Dec	9:30 am 6:30 pm	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> The Parish In Thanksgiving

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	23rd Nov	5:30 pm	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b> Marie Phelan
Sun	24th Nov	10:30 am	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b> The Parish
Mon	25th Nov	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	26th Nov	9:15 am	James Wright (Anniversary) Year 3 /4 School Mass
Wed	27th Nov	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	28th Nov	9:15 am	Kathleen Igae R.I.P.
Fri	29th Nov		NO SERVICES
Sat	30th Nov	5:30 pm	<b>St Andrew</b> (F) <b>First Sunday of Advent</b> Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	1st Dec	10:30 am 12 noon	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b> The Parish Baptism of Pippa & Elijah Barnes

#### 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:

##### The Deanery of St John Southworth

This week we pray for the parishes of St. Mary's, Bamber Bridge, and Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Gerard Majella, Lostock Hall, with Fr. Mark Harold, their parish priest, and Fr. Colin Battell, OSB. We pray for their Parish Primary schools, for Brownedge St Mary's High School, and for St. Catherine's Hospice.

#### 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

### THIS WEEK!

**New Lectionary:** Our new lectionaries will be used from the 1st Sunday of Advent. We will bless our new Lectionaries at Masses this weekend 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.

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.

### TODAY: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, UNIVERSAL KING

Every time we complete the cycle of the liturgical year, there is a seamless blending into the new year: so, just as this week we hear of the King who is to come, next week, we begin a New Year and the Season of Advent by more meditation on the end of time, and the One who is to come again, as he once came among us. This feast affirms that Christ is King, that he is Judge, that he is Ruler of the kings of the earth. By his own words we know that this is true, as he stands before Pilate and says, "Yes, I am a king." But his kingship is different: it is not of the same kind as earthly kings, whose empires fade and pass away. His kingship is eternal, and holy until the end of time. Through his love for us, we share in this sovereignty - this holiness - as priests and kings who "serve his God and Father". We end our year in simple, awe-filled praise of the One who is, who was, and who is to come the Almighty. Alleluia! Amen!

**R.C.I.A. Learning about the Catholic Faith: Next Meeting: Tuesday 26th November 7pm at St Mary's Brownedge in the Narthex.** Week 12: "Creation, Fall, Salvation": Sometimes we don't appreciate the gift of creation – the beauty of the world around us, and the special place that we have in it as human beings. But why does God allow suffering? And why do we sometimes use our freedom to do harm and to sin? This Sycamore film looks at gift of God's creation, and what went wrong in the Fall. But then it shows how God did not abandon us and how Jesus Christ brings us his forgiveness and salvation. All welcome.

**SALFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD: Please come along to our next meeting for both our parishes on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Carol Concert with Lostock Hall Brass Band:** A Carol Concert in aid of Church funds on **Sunday 1st December** at 3pm at St Mary's Brownedge. Tickets on sale at £3 per child and £6 per Adult or pay at the door.

**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](http://www.trybooking.co.uk)

**Retreat Programme:** The next retreat will be on **Saturday 7th December 2024: TIME TO REFLECT** - Explore the beautiful space of Advent. 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](mailto:office@saintgerards.org.uk)**

**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.**

**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](http://www.bioethics.org.uk) in the "Educational Resources" section. It gives excellent and clear guidance to us in the light of Catholic teaching.

**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](mailto:paul.foster.mp@parliament.uk)

Maya Ellis MP for Ribble Valley:  
[maya.ellis.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:maya.ellis.mp@parliament.uk)

Or, write to them at: The House of Commons London. SW1A 0AA. There are also postcards provided at the back of church to send to your MP.

Offer an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament that life will be valued in our country!

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

# Joint Notices

**Quarant' Ore:** Many thanks for those who have helped prepare the altar for Quarant' Ore. Also those who have sponsored sanctuary lamps. If you have given an unnamed envelope and pay tax, can you let us know so that it can be gift-aided. Our Devotions will conclude this Sunday at 6pm with Benediction.

**November: Month of the 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.

**SVP Collection** - The collections at both churches last weekend amounted to £72.20 at St Gerard's and £193.69 at St Marys, thank you all for your generosity and continued support.

**ADVENT RETREAT (AGE 15 TO YOUNG ADULTS) AT CASTLERIGG MANOR** - Bookings will close for the Advent Retreat at Castlerigg on **December 11<sup>th</sup>** at Midday. The open retreats at Castlerigg give teens and young adults a great way to make friends, deepen their faith, and have some fun and they usually prove very popular. The weekend costs £65 but anyone who might struggle with this is invited to get in touch. Further details – [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk). Sign up at [castleriggmanor.com](http://castleriggmanor.com) >> what's coming up.

**Salford School Singing Programme Carol Service** - A one-hour service of traditional carols and readings featuring school-children from Our Lady & St Gerard's, St Mary's and St Benedict's, Bamber Bridge with Lostock Hall Children's Choir will take place on **Wednesday 11th December** at 6:30 pm at St Mary's Bamber Bridge. Free Admission with Retiring Collection, all are welcome.

**Brownedge St Mary's High School – Christmas Market** - We are holding our annual Christmas Market in school on **Friday 6 December from 4pm until 8pm** and it would be great to welcome members of our parish and community. All proceeds will go to St Catherine's Hospice and CAFOD. Each year it gets bigger and better and this year we have over 30+ stalls in attendance. There will be turkey butties available, Brownedge Band will be providing the festive music and Santa will be in his grotto. Its always a lovely occasion – Everyone welcome.

**Cafod World Gifts for Christmas** - This Christmas give your loved ones something exceptional & life changing. Buying Cafod's virtual World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters & brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Each gift represents a gift of hope. You can purchase World Gifts at [www.worldgifts.cafod.org.uk](http://www.worldgifts.cafod.org.uk) or pick up a booklet from the Narthex. There is information about World Gifts on the notice board at the entrance to church. Thank You.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

#### The sick, and those who care for them:

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

#### All those who have recently died:

Marie Spicer, Audrey Gould, Harry Jeffrey, Sheila Brown, Andrew Sugden, Wilfred Sergeant, Norman Brown, Christopher Ashton, Ian Edwards.



## Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

**Senior Citizens Party:** Many thanks to everyone who helped to organise the party on Saturday 23rd November. A lovely parish occasion for people to come together enjoy each other's company.

**Christmas Fair – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 11:30am – 1:30pm** – Donations for prizes and good quality items for the stalls desperately needed for the Christmas Fair / Donations of cakes for the cake sale on the day please too along with bottles for Bottle Tombola & Stuffed toys for Toy Tombola.

**Christmas Raffle:** Tickets on sale in church at £1 or £5 for a book. Cash and many, many more prizes. Please buy or take some to sell.

**Our Lady & St Gerard's Primary School:** Congratulations to everyone connected to our school on a wonderful report just published following our recent OFSTED inspection: **"Outstanding"** in Early Years provision and **"Good"** in every other area. Fantastic news for our great school. Thanks to staff, pupils and governors for working so hard to achieve this. The full report is on the school's website.

**School Open Event - Thursday 28th November 3:45pm-5:00pm.** Please come along to see our school. Places available in our pre-school (from age 3) and in our Reception Class for September 2024. Details of the recent Ofsted Inspection results will be published in News and Views next month.

**Piety Shop:** Our new Christmas stock and cards have arrived. Also we are now selling raffle tickets (draw takes place at Christmas Fair). This year we have 3 lovely themed food hamper's to win plus 2 consolation gifts.

**CAFOD:** CAFOD is a member of DEC supporting the humanitarian crisis in Gaza and Lebanon they are asking us to continue to donate, if possible, to this Middle East Humanitarian Appeal on Cafod.org.uk. As Christmas is approaching, please consider giving your friends a world gift outlined in the **CAFOD World gift catalogue** available at the back of church.

**www.universalis.com:** The readings for Mass and the Divine Office:  
Scan this QR code with your camera:



W/C 25/11/2024	This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey		
St Gerard	Alison Dawson R.I.P.		
Offertory 16th / 17th November 2024			
Offertory Loose	£446.34		
Offertory Envelopes	£158.05		
Attendance	243		
Bingo Jackpots for 27/11/2024			
£30	£64	£74	£41

## St Mary's Browndedge Notices

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 1st December 9:30 am Mass: Turner Family

**Giving Tree 2024:** Our Christmas Giving Tree is now up at the back of church. Gift tags will be on a table next to the tree. Please take one (or use your own) if you are able to contribute. All presents with gift tag attached need to be returned at the latest by the weekend of 14th/15th December. We will then deliver to the charities we support on Monday 16th December. Thankyou so much for continuing to support this amazing Parish effort.

**CAFOD** - A regular supporter of our Cafod Group, Teresa Worden, has knitted many things including clothes for a baby doll which we are asking you to guess the name of, 50p a go. A list of names and donation box is on the Cafod table in church. Also, a selection of bottle gift bags are available for a donation—great for your Christmas gifts.

**SVP Christmas Party is Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 1pm till 4pm** – Sign-up sheet available at the back of Church. Last week for sign-up please.

**Mission Red Boxes** – This is the Popes chosen Charity. Thank you also to all the Collectors for their brilliant help – Anyone who would like a Red Box in their home Please contact Clare Haythornthwaite or the Parish Office.

**Upcoming Funerals:** Chris Ashton: Requiem Mass on Thurs 5th Dec at 2,30pm.

Norman Brown: Requiem Mass Weds 11th Dec at 10am.

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	52
9:30 am	220
6:30 p.m..	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>329</b>

Sanctuary Lamps Week 25/11/24	
These are the final intentions from last year's Quarant' Ore and will all be used this week in Church so that we can begin Advent with this year's intentions.	
1	Richard & Margaret Proctor, James & Teresa Lawson & Winifred Woodruff
2	For those Deceased Most in Need of Mercy
3	For Healing from Cancer
4	For Faith in my Family and Friends
5	In Loving Memory of Steven Robert Colligan & Francis Christopher Cronin
6	Deceased Members of the Valeriano Family, Nini Noel VI, Joseph, Marcicel & All the Souls in Purgatory
7	For the Fast Recovery of Nereo Valeriano
8	In Memory of the Turner and Slater Families
9	The Private Intentions of the Monaghan Family