



## St Mary's Brownedge

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### THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

**12th January 2025**

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	11th Jan Vigil	7:00 pm	The Baptism of the Lord Sister Mary Higney RIP
Sun	12th Jan	9:30 am 6:30 pm	The Baptism of the Lord May Walsh (Anniversary) The Parish
Mon	13th Jan	9:30 am	St Hilary (OM) Jack Cooper R.I.P.
Tues	14th Jan	9:30 am	Lizzy Dowbakin (Anniversary)
Wed	15th Jan	9:30 am	Angela Russell R.I.P.
Thurs	16th Jan	9:30 am	Marie Spicer R.I.P.
Fri	17th Jan	9:30 am 2.30 pm	St Antony of Egypt (M) Mary Patricia Hewitt Dovehaven NH: For Peace
Sat	18th Jan Vigil	7:00 pm	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Mrs Agnes Crook
Sun	19th Jan	9:30 am 6:30 pm	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Father Jonathon Cotton OSB The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	11th Jan Vigil	5:30 pm	The Baptism of the Lord The Parish
Sun	12th Jan	10:30 am	The Baptism of the Lord Margaret & Michael Redmond
Mon	13th Jan	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	14th Jan	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion with Yr 6 and Yr 2
Wed	15th Jan	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	16th Jan	9:15 am	NO SERVICES
Fri	17th Jan		NO SERVICES
Sat	18th Jan Vigil	5:30 pm	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Margaret Craven (Anniversary)
Sun	19th Jan	10:30 am 12 noon	<b>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Roy & Margaret Cross (Ann) Baptism of Eesha Kandola

**Cycle of Prayer:** We pray for Peace on Earth, Openness to the Word of God, Christian Unity, The Sick and those who care for them, victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it, the unemployed.

**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:  
 The Deanery of St John Southworth**

This week we pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady of the Valley, Clitheroe, Sabden and Dunsop Bridge, together with Provost Paul Brindle, their Parish Priest, and Deacon Damian Buggie. Let us pray also for their Parish Primary schools and Clitheroe Hospital.

**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: The Baptism of the Lord



It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God:

first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved". On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

**Epiphany Blessing Instructions for Blessing the Home:** Using the blessed chalk write 20 + C + M + B + 25 on the lintel of your front door (front porch step or other convenient location) while saying:  
*The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and twenty five years ago. May Christ bless X our home and remain with us throughout the New Year. Amen.*

Then offer the following prayer:  
*Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and for ever. Amen.*

**R.C.I.A. Learning about the Catholic Faith:** Our next session in our RCIA programme is this Tuesday 14th January at 7pm at St Mary's Church. This 15th session is about the power of the sacraments. This Sycamore film speaks about the seven Christian sacraments. It helps to show how Baptism can change your life, and how the gifts of the Holy Spirit can come alive in you through the power of Sacrament of Confirmation.

**CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY LARDER** - A heartfelt thank you for your amazing food and cash donations. As a result of your generosity, the larder supported 60 families a week throughout 2024. You contributed to the "Meal in a Bag" and "Slow Cooker" initiatives. They look forward to your continuing support in 2025. They are a designated Warm Space and welcome you to join them for light refreshments Monday or Friday 9-30 to 11-30am.

**Deanery Holy Hour for Vocations: On Thursday 16th January** at 6pm at English Martyrs Church in Whalley, there will be a Holy Hour lead by one of our diocesan seminarians, Carmine Rea, to pray for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Carmine will offer some reflections from the saints during an hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Please try to support this if you can. Maybe offering the time needed to get to Whalley and back will bring extra grace to this much-needed intercession.

**New Lectionary:** We have now begun using the new translation of the Liturgy of the Word: The English Standard Version replaces the Jerusalem Bible translation. Many thanks to those who attended the talk last week by Maria Hall. It was an excellent presentation with a good attendance from across the deanery. It is available to view on the "Recordings" tab of St Mary's streaming service. It is recommended that all our readers should watch this.

**Catholic Teaching Alliance:** we need more good catholic teachers - Have you thought about a career in teaching? Established since 2014, the CTA has 10 years' experience in delivering teacher training. Train locally - schools in Preston, Blackburn, Blackpool or the Fylde coast.

**Apply now for a September 2025 start PGCE with QTS** - Minimum requirements are GCSEs in Maths and English (and Science for primary), plus an honours degree, class 2:2 or above. For more information call: 01772 326931 or email: [CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk)  
<https://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/pgce-courses.html>

**Baptism Preparation Course** - A New course starts this week on **Tuesday 14th January** at 7 pm at St Gerard's. Contact the Parish Office for further information.

**Baptism Course for Older Children** - This will start on Sunday 19th January after the 10:30 am Mass at St Gerard's. Contact the Parish Office for further information.

**Caritas** - Caritas Sunday will be on **26th January**, There will be an appeal and a collection for those in need. Gift Aid envelopes are now at the back of Church: if you pay tax please take an envelope and return it on 26th.

**World Day of Prayer Notice – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March –** Brownedge St Mary's Church 3pm.

### The Gate of the Year: 'God Knows'

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown". And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

Minnie Louise Haskins

# Joint Notices



## 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. The Pope has added a fifth Holy Door in a prison in Rome to symbolise our liberation from the captivity of our sin.

**Jubilee Visits in Salford Diocese:** The Diocese have nominated six churches as places of pilgrimage in the Jubilee Year. This includes St Mary's Brownedge as a place of pilgrimage. We are asked to make people welcome to visit our church during the Holy Year and offer opportunities for prayer and devotion. It would be good to have a team of people who would be willing to help with this. There is a booklet at the back of church detailing the six churches and the idea of being pilgrims of hope in the upcoming Jubilee Year.

**Jubilee Mascot:** "Luce" is the mascot for the Jubilee. Her name is the Italian for "Light" and she, like each of us, is a **Pilgrim of Hope**. Look out for her in the coming year! This week she is reminding us that like Jesus at his Baptism, I too am a beloved child of God and His favour rests on me.



**Jubilee Guide Book:** Alive Publishing have produced a small booklet which has a lovely explanation of the Jubilee Year including prayers and devotions. These are available at the back of Church for £1.50.

Also, Mgr John Allen has produced a Jubilee guide to places in our Diocese that we can visit. We hope to have copies of this available soon.

**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)

**Jubilee Parish Pilgrimage to Rome:** To celebrate the Jubilee Year and Fr Mark's 30th anniversary of priesthood, there is the opportunity of a trip to Rome from Mon 4th to Mon 11th August 2025. It will be based at Palazzola, Villa of the Venerable English College, 20 miles south of Rome. There will be a couple of organised visits into the city of Rome as well as local excursions and plenty of time to relax and enjoy this beautiful setting. The cost is between £695 and £895 (depending on type of room) and includes all meals (with wine). Price of the flight is not included but can be organised if required. **Full details and booking forms are available from the back of church or the parish office.** Further information: Anthony R Coles Travel and Conferences, 18 Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 5SX Tel: 020 7431 3414 email: [arctc@btinternet.com](mailto:arctc@btinternet.com)

## Make a regular financial contribution to your Church:

**Our Parish Lotteries:** St Mary's has a 200 Club and St Gerard's has a Parish Lottery. These are great fun ways in which we can financially support our Church. We know many people come to church at Christmas but not necessarily every week. However, **we do need regular weekly income in order to continue to exist.** Perhaps if you are not able to come more regularly, you could consider a way of making a regular financial contribution to the church: Join St Mary's 200 Club or St Gerard's Parish Lottery. Make a small commitment to support your church: A pound a week ... Send an email now to the Parish Office while you are in the Christmas spirit!

[office@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk](mailto:office@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk) or  
[office@saintgerards.org.uk](mailto:office@saintgerards.org.uk)

We will send you all the details.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

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

### All those who have recently died:

Andrew Sugden, Norman Brown, Christopher Ashton, Rita Swarbrick, Philomena Hanlon, Margaret Guinan, Giovanni Puzo, Paul Mather.

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

## Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

**Fund Raising Meeting** - The next meeting is on **Wednesday 15th January** at 6 pm in the Shield's Centre. All are welcome especially if you have any new ideas.

**Parish Lottery** - If your membership runs from January to January please get in touch with the office if you'd like to continue. Parish Lottery subscription are still £60 for the year – Prizes are drawn monthly, and you can win excellent cash prizes (£100, £40 & £ 20) with extra prize draws during the year.

**Piety Shop Christmas Raffle** - There is one outstanding prize still to be claimed on the Piety Shop Christmas Raffle Orange Ticket 276 to 280.

**Wednesday Night Bingo** - Bingo starts again **this week on Wednesday 15th January**. If you would like to help this wonderful team raise funds for the parish please come along and speak to one of the team members especially if you would like to lend a hand at 'calling'.

**Mass Intentions:** One of the weekend masses must be for the Parish so requests for a particular weekend must be booked well in advance. At the moment the diary at St Gerard's is more or less full for the first two month of the year, Weekday Masses on a Tuesday or Thursday are still available.

**Recently Deceased** - The Funeral Service for Paul Mather will be on **Wednesday 22nd January at 11 am**.

### Wordsearch from Today's Gospel

E	G	N	I	H	C	A	E	R	P	JOHN	POWERFUL	KNEEL
S	A	N	D	A	L	I	C	E	O	STRAP	SANDAL	BAPTISED
P	A	R	T	S	R	E	T	A	W	WATER	SPIRIT	HEAVENS
I	S	T	N	N	K	D	V	O	E	DOVE	VOICE	BELOVED
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## St Mary's Brownedge Notices

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 19th January 9:30 am Mass: Counsell Family.

**Cafod Thank You** - Many thanks to all who supported our recent coffee morning and raffle which raised £228 and the buckets in December £143. We are hoping to have a mystery raffle again in Lent, please leave any unwanted gifts in the box under the table in the piety shop. Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support during 2025.

**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.

**Parish Lunch, Sunday 26th January 2025:** Order forms are available at the back of Church. For further information ring David on 465313.

**Thanks:** Brian and all the Spicer family would like to thank everyone for their prayers and messages of love and support at the loss of Marie. Donations to St Catherine's Hospice in memory of Marie came to £650. Many thanks!

### 200 Club Winners – December 2024:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - £200 – No 286 – Mr & Mrs Hunt

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - £100 – No 179 – Bernard Walne

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - £50 – No 20 – Ann Gorman

Many Thanks for the donation of £20 from a recent winner and Good Luck to all for 2025.

[www.universalis.com](http://www.universalis.com): The readings for Mass and the Divine Office:

Scan this QR code with your camera:



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<b>W/C 12/01/2025</b>	<b>This Weeks Intentions</b>
<b>Our Lady</b>	Joseph Lever 1st Anniversary
<b>Sanctuary</b>	Yvonne Jeffrey

<b>Mass Attendance:</b> Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	65
9:30 am	75
6:30 p.m..	48
<b>Total</b>	188

<b>Offertory 4th / 5th January 2025</b>			
Offertory Loose	£298.15		
Offertory Envelopes	£130		
Attendance	108		
<b>Bingo Jackpots for 15/01/2028</b>			
£34	£68	£79	£28

<b>Sanctuary Lamps Week 12/01/25</b>	
1	For the Repose of the Soul of William Derek Wareing
2	In Memory of Winifred Livesey