



St Mary's Brownedge

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

19th January 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	18th Jan Vigil	7:00 pm	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mrs Agnes Crook
Sun	19th Jan	9:30 am 6:30 pm	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Father Jonathon Cotton OSB The Parish
Mon	20th Jan	9:30 am	St Fabian (OM) Andrew Sugden
Tues	21st Jan	9:30 am	St Agnes Marie Spicer
Wed	22nd Jan	9:30 am	St Vincent (OM) Marie Spicer
Thurs	23rd Jan	9:30 am	Marie Spicer
Fri	24th Jan	9:30 am	St Francis De Sales (M) Robert, Nellie & Joseph Delaney
Sat	25th Jan Vigil	7:00 pm	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Sun	26th Jan	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Deceased members of the Gorman Family Baptism of Sebastian Mason Maureen Waterhouse

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	18th Jan Vigil	5:30 pm	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Sun	19th Jan	10:30 am	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Roy & Margaret Cross (Ann)
Mon	20th Jan	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	21st Jan	9:15 am	St Agnes Holy Souls (Sch Yrs 2 & 6)
Wed	22nd Jan	11:00 am	Requiem Mass for Paul Mather
Thurs	23rd Jan	9:15 am	Holy Souls
Fri	24th Jan	1:00 pm	St Francis De Sales (M) Requiem Mass for Jean Rishton
Sat	25th Jan Vigil	5:30 pm	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	26th Jan	10:30 am	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish

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.


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.

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: The Deanery of St John Southworth

Let us pray for the people of the Sacred Heart parish, Darwen, and for Fr. Brian Keeley, their parish priest, as well as 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: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Gospel of this second Sunday of Ordinary Time continues the theme of the end of Christmas - revelation. Jesus is re-vealed to the world by his birth, by his baptism, and by his miracles - the "signs" as

John calls them. The wedding in today's Gospel is interpreted in many ways: today, reading the Gospel with the First Reading in mind, we can see it as an image of the way in which God is so close to his people, it is as though he is married to them. Thus Jesus, the spouse of the people, shows God's close-ness by revealing his glory in this miracle.

R.C.I.A. Learning about the Catholic Faith: Our next session in our RCIA programme is this Tuesday 21st January at 7pm at St Mary's Church.

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.

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
<https://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/pgce-courses.html>

SVP Collection - There will be a collection at both Churches on weekend of 25th/26th January.

Baptism Preparation Course - The Next preparation course starts on **Tuesday 11th March** at 7 pm at St Mary's Brownedge. Contact the Parish Office for further information.

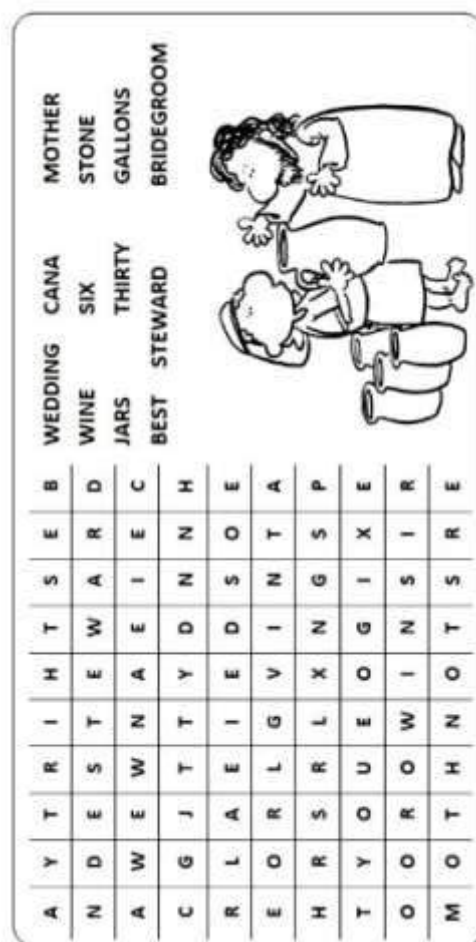
Baptism Course for Older Children - This will start on Sunday 19th January after the 10:30 am Mass at St Gerard's. Contact the Parish Office for further information.

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 7th March – Brownedge St Mary's Church 3pm.

Advanced Notice of Change of Sunday Mass Time at St Gerard's during February. On Sundays 2nd, 9th and 16th February Mass will be at 11:00 am. This is to enable Father Mark to Celebrate Mass at both Churches whilst Father Colin is away.

Wordsearch from Today's Gospel



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

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

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 or
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, Florence Hunt, Jean Rishton.

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

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

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 is back again each **week on Wednesday evening**. Doors open at 7 pm with eyes down at 8 pm. 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'.

CARITAS - Next weekend **25th/26th of January** the annual appeal for Caritas will be made at St Gerard's at both our masses. The children who are Caritas Ambassadors at St Gerard's will be speaking at one of the masses and explaining the vital services Caritas provide in our local area. Donation envelopes will be provided at both masses and these can be returned the following weekend or posted through the presbytery letter box. If you are a taxpayer you will need to fill out your details and tick the gift aid box which will increase your donation by 25%. Please take a leaflet from the porch explaining how Caritas helps the vulnerable in Salford.

Volunteers - All volunteers need to apply for a **new DBS before April 2024** – please contact the office for a new form – Also we need someone to come forward as a new DBS coordinator to help manage the DBS application process. Training will be given. Please contact the Office if interested.

Recently Deceased - A Requiem Mass for **Paul Mather** will be on **Wednesday 22nd January at 11 am** and a Requiem Mass for **Jean Rishton** on **Friday 24th at 1 pm**.

Family Fun Night – Friday 28th February 7pm – Tickets £5 per adults up to 2 children free – Tickets on sale next weekend.

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 26th January 9:30 am Mass: Children.

Mothers Prayer Meeting - The next meeting is on **Wednesday 22nd January at 1 pm** in the Priory Meeting Room.

Message from the Altar servers - A big thank you from the altar servers for the thoughtful cards, gifts and kind wishes received over Christmas. Your kindness and encouragement is wonderful as we continue to serve our parish community. Wishing you all a blessed New Year!

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: No Fully Booked.

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!

Baptism Presentations - During the 9:30 am Mass on Sunday 26th January.

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



Donations: Make an online Donation to support your parish by scanning the QR codes below:



W/C 19/01/2025	This Weeks Intentions		
Our Lady	Joseph Lever 1st Anniversary		
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey		
St Joseph	Ellen & Joseph Hunt—Anniversary		
Offertory 11th / 12th January 2025			
Offertory Loose	£216.06		
Offertory Envelopes	£193.70		
Attendance	132		
Bingo Jackpots for 22/01/2028			
£35	£69	£80	£29

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	46
9:30 am	167
6:30 p.m..	48
Total	261

Sanctuary Lamps Week 92/01/25	
1	The Bailey & McQuillan Families
2	The Byrne, Reilly & Fitzpatrick Families & all relatives that have died.