



## St Mary's Brownedge

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### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

**26th January 2025**

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	25th Jan	7:00 pm	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
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
Mon	27th Jan	9:30 am	St Angela Merici (OM) Andrew Sugden
Tues	28th Jan	9:30 am	St Thomas Aquinas (M) Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Wed	29th Jan	9:30 am	With Rigby Class Andrew Sugden
Thurs	30th Jan	9:30 am	Rita Sugden
Fri	31st Jan	9:30 am 2:30 pm	St John Bosco (M) Friend of Joan & Alan Ramsdale Requiem Mass for Florence Hunt
Sat	1st Feb Vigil	7:00 pm	Presentation of the Lord William Derek Waring
Sun	2nd Feb	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Presentation of the Lord Andrew Sugden . The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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
Mon	27th Jan	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	28th Jan	9:15 am	St Thomas Aquinas (M) With Yr 5 & Yr 1 In Memory of Abigail Bowman (Birthday)
Wed	29th Jan	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	30th Jan	6.30 pm	Holy Souls
Fri	31st Jan		NO SERVICES
Sat	1st Feb Vigil	5:30 pm	Presentation of the Lord The Parish
Sun	2nd Feb N.B.TIME	11:00 am 12:30 pm	Presentation of the Lord Florence Porter R.I.P. Baptism of Munachimso Okeke

#### 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.

**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.

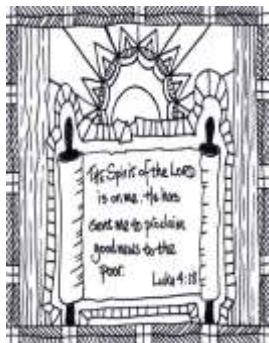
#### Prayers for Salford Diocese: The Deanery of St John Southworth

We pray for the people of the parishes of English Martyrs, Whalley, St. Mary's, Langho, St. Mary's, Osbaldeston, and their parish priest, Fr David Yates. We pray also for their primary schools, St. Augustine's High School, and Kemple View 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: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

After our brief excursion last week into Saint John's Gospel, we are back on track this week with Saint Luke - whom we will follow for the rest of the year. Today is about beginnings: the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. It begins with the

Word of God, in the synagogue. Jesus reads from the Old Testament, as we do every Sunday, and tells the people that it is fulfilled in him. Everything that God has said to his people, through his prophets, comes together in Jesus, the Incarnate Word of God. Today is an ideal Sunday to think about the ministry of reader - about how as readers we make present the same fulfilment, Jesus, when we read the word of God in our Churches.

**Sunday of the Word of God:** The third Sunday in Ordinary Time is a day when we called to remember the importance of God's Word in Holy Scripture. A good way to pray with the bible is using the daily readings at Mass—see the link to Universalis in this bulletin or use the 10 minute daily podcast, [www.pray-as-you-go.org](http://www.pray-as-you-go.org)

**Caritas Sunday:** This Sunday across the Diocese of Salford is Caritas Sunday. This is our Diocesan charity supporting those in need in our own area. Caritas does this in very many ways: caring for the homeless, supporting families in poverty, sending family support workers into schools, providing refuge for people living in fear of violence as well as many other ways. Some of our young people will make an appeal at our Masses this weekend and there will be a collection to support the work of Caritas. Gift Aid envelopes are now at the back of Church: if you pay tax please use the envelopes to make your donation at the end of Mass.

**R.C.I.A. Learning about the Catholic Faith:** Our next session in our RCIA programme is this Tuesday 28th January at 7pm at St Mary's Church. We will be looking at the parts of the Mass.

**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.

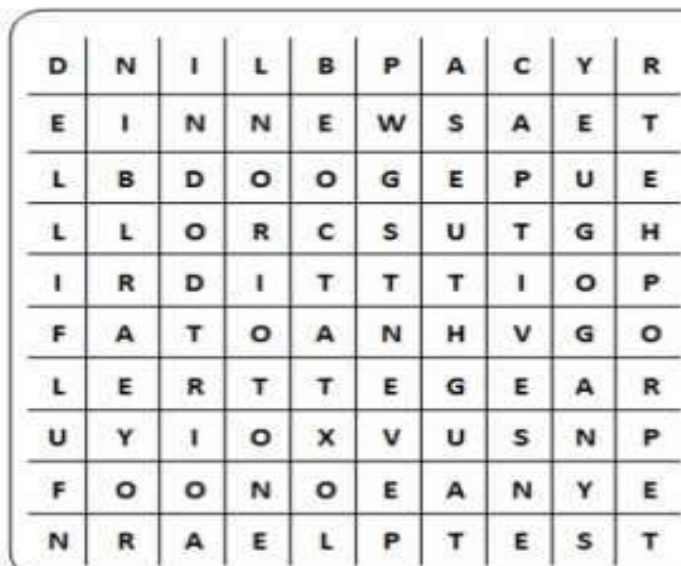
**Catholic Teaching Alliance:** we need more good catholic teachers - Have you thought about a career in teaching? Established since 2014, the CTA has 10 years' experience in delivering teacher training. Train locally - schools in Preston, Blackburn, Blackpool or the Fylde coast.

**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](mailto:CTAPGCE@olchs.lancs.sch.uk) <https://www.catholic-teaching-alliance.org/pgce-courses.html>

**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.

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

## Wordsearch from Today's Gospel



REPUTATION  
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PROPHET  
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WORD  
SCROLL  
POOR  
BLIND  
GOOD  
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# 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. There is also a "Jubilee Passport" produced by the diocese with some of the details about the six churches and what we can see when we visit them.

**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**. Last week she passed on a message for us; she asked us to do whatever Jesus tells us to do, just like Mary told the servants at the Wedding Feast of Cana.



**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.

## CAFOD & Missio Introduction to the Jubilee Year:

Pope Francis has called upon us to be "tangible signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year. Find out how you can play your part by watching this video: [CAFOD's Introduction to the Jubilee Year](https://www.cafod.org.uk/jubilee). This was a wonderful morning which included a video message from Cardinal Vincent Nichols, other guests and fabulous music. Find it and other Jubilee resources at [cafod.org.uk/jubilee](https://cafod.org.uk/jubilee) and scrolling down. Missio also have some excellent resources on their website: [www.missio.org.uk](https://www.missio.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:

Margaret Guinan, Giovanni Puzo, Paul Mather.  
Florence Hunt, Jean Rishton, Mildred Corcoran,  
Brenda Walmsley, Kathleen Taylor.

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



## Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

**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.

Also, on Thursdays, our Mass will be in the evening at 6.30pm rather than in the morning.

**Parish Lottery** - If your membership runs from January to January please get in touch with the office before the next draw next week 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.

**CARITAS** - The annual appeal for Caritas will be made at St Gerard's at both our masses this weekend. 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 our Diocese.

**Family Fun Night – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 7pm** – Tickets £5 per adults up to 2 children free – Tickets on sale next weekend and include a sausage barm for adults and a hotdog for children. Your Host Lee McNulty and Disco by Mike Lambert. All the usual games and Bingo of course.

**Volunteers** - All volunteers need to apply for a **new DBS before April 2024** – please contact the office for a new form – **This even applies to those on the DBS auto renewal system**. 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.

**Red Mission Boxes** - Many thanks to collectors and boxholders for the December collection which amounted to £789.51.

## St Mary's Brownedge Notices

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 2nd February 9:30 am Mass: Mullarkey Family

**Sacramental Programme:** This Sunday at 9.30 am we welcome those families preparing for First Holy Communion. The theme of this unit of the programme is "We are a people who pray".

**Baptism:** we welcome into the family of God, Sebastian Mason who will be baptised on Sunday at 11 am.

**Mass on Tuesday:** for the next three weeks, there will be a Service of Word and Holy Communion at St Mary's at 9.30am.

Mass on Tuesdays will be at St Gerard's at 9.15 am.

**SVP Meeting – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** – 6:30pm – Priory meeting room

**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.

Thank you for the donations from the Red Boxes, Brownedge banked an amazing £1325.63 – Thanks to all the collectors and Box holders – Keep up the good work

**Parish Lunch, Sunday 26th January 2025:**

**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 26/01/2025	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey
St Joseph	Ellen & Joseph Hunt—Anniversary

Offertory 18th / 19th January 2025			
Offertory Loose	£341.50		
Offertory Envelopes	£172.10		
Attendance	147		
Bingo Jackpots for 29/01/2028			
£36	£70	£81	£30

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	62
9:30 am	150
6:30 p.m..	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>277</b>

Sanctuary Lamps Week 26/01/25	
1	Prayers & Intentions of the Townsley Family
2	Deceased Members of the McGrath & Whittaker Families