



St Mary's Brownedge

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

9th February 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	8th Feb Vigil	7:00 pm	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Marie Spicer
Sun	9th Feb	9:30 am 6:30 pm	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time John Rawcliffe The Parish
Mon	10th Feb	9:30 am	St Scholastica Agnes & Jim Livesey (M)
Tues	11th Feb	9:30 am	Our Lady of Lourdes (OM) Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Wed	12th Feb	9:30 am	Whole School Mass in honour of Our Lady Denise Crabtree
Thurs	13th Feb	9:30 am	Intentions of Mothers Prayers
Fri	14th Feb	9:30 am 2:00 pm	Ss Cyril & Methodius (F) Richard Worden Requiem Mass for Kathleen Taylor
Sat	15th Feb Vigil	7:00 pm	6th Sunday of Ordinary Time George & Monica Clark
Sun	16th Feb	9:30 am 6:30 pm	6th Sunday of Ordinary Time Joan McCarthy The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	8th Feb Vigil	5:30 pm	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Kathleen Igo R.I.P.
Sun	9th Feb	11:00 am 12 noon	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time The Parish Sacramental Programme Unit 3
Mon	10th Feb	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	11th Feb	9:15 am	Our Lady of Lourdes (OM) Whole School Mass Margaret Guinan (Birthday Memories)
Wed	12th Feb	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	13th Feb	6.30 pm	Sister Louise Shields
Fri	14th Feb		NO SERVICES
Sat	15th Feb Vigil	5:30 pm	6th Sunday of Ordinary Time Maureen & Jack Maher
Sun	16th Feb	11:00 am 12:30 pm	6th Sunday of Ordinary Time The Parish Baptism of Joshua & Isaac Wiles

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 Vianney

This week we pray for the parishioners of the parish of St. Anne and St. Joseph, Accrington, together with Fr. Francis Wadsworth, their Parish Priest. We pray for their parish primary school, the Accrington Victoria Hospital and the Mount Clinic.

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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Duc in altum"
"Put out into deep water"

We hear the call of another prophet this week - Isaiah. This introduces the Gospel, where we see Jesus calling his first disciples to follow him. Notice that the initiative is

Jesus': there is no application process or interview procedure! Notice also the way that Jesus calls his disciples in this account - not with words, but with a miracle that is also a parable. It is, in a way, a miraculous "job description": if the disciple trusts completely in the one who calls, then the result will be truly amazing - a huge catch of men and women hungry for God. Simon's simple words "if you say so" give us an example of Christian discipleship: we should leave our own concerns behind, and simply follow the Lord with great trust.

R.C.I.A. Learning about the Catholic Faith: Our next session in our RCIA programme is this Tuesday 11th February at 7pm at St Mary's Church. Having looked at the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, we will now look at the Sacraments of healing: Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick. This week we will focus in particular on the Sacrament of Anointing of the sick.

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 before Christmas 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.

Baptism Preparation Course: The Next preparation course starts on **Tuesday 11th March** at 7.00 pm at St Mary's Brownedge. Contact the Parish Office for further information.

World Day of Prayer Notice – Friday 7th March – Brownedge St Mary's Church 3pm.

The Franciscan Mass Association (FMA Office) has relocated to St Clares Parish 186 Victoria Avenue, Manchester M9 0RR – Poster with more information to be displayed in Church – 0161 749 7626 / fma@thegreyfriars.org for more information.

Pilgrims of Hope: Lenten Talks - The Diocese of Salford is holding a series of talks this Lent that explores themes of journeying and pilgrimage through the lens of the Jubilee. Each week, the talks will focus on a different person from the Bible to help us better understand how the journey we are called to make this Holy Week year is rooted in scripture. The weekly talks begin on **Tuesday 4 March** at 11am at Wardley Hall. Contact Sr Joan Kerley on joankfmsj@gmail.com or call 0161 971 7842 to find out more.

'Understanding our Everyday Beliefs' Retreat

A three-day Lenten retreat is taking place at the Loreto Spirituality Centre In Llandudno in March to help people reflect on our relationship with God and to gain a deeper understanding of our faith. The course explores three core topics: Scripture, the Sacraments, and the Church and will take place between **Wednesday 12 March and Saturday 15 March 2025**. Further information is available at www.loretocentre.org.uk

Are you aged between 18 and 35 or know someone who is? - Our diocesan charity Caritas Diocese of Salford is looking for young adult volunteers to join their governance committee as co-opted members to help shape the charity in the coming months and years. Find out more about how you can help tackle poverty, homelessness, disadvantage, and displacement in our parish communities at www.caritassalford.org.uk/youngadultboard

The Mercy Brothers. A concert to raise funds for our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund, which supports our sick pilgrims and medical team will take place on **Friday 21 February** at Hough End Centre, Chorlton. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £20 (free for under 16s) and includes a hot supper. Book now: www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/fundraising or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: Archbishop McMahon has declared the case of Jack Traynor a miracle. Traynor was a pilgrim on the Liverpool archdiocese's first official pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1923. He was cured of epilepsy, paralysis of the right arm and paraplegia during the pilgrimage. The case has been believed to be miraculous for many years, but there has never been an official ecclesiastical declaration until now. Deo Gratias!

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!

Why not enrol some of your family members as a gift or encourage them to join up. Remind those who don't come regularly that if they want the Church to be there when they need it, they need to show support.

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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 and for our Children's Liturgy Group. Her name is the Italian for "Light" and she, like each of us, is a **Pilgrim of Hope**. Last week she reminded us to listen to the words of Simeon as he lifted up the baby Jesus and told everyone he is "The Light of all the nations!"



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.

"PILGRIMS OF HOPE" Reflection Evenings: We will be holding four sessions to help us understand the Jubilee better. We will be using resources provided by CAFOD. These will take place over four Monday evenings starting on **February 10th** and continuing on **February 17th, February 24th and March 3rd**. The meetings will take place in the porch of Our Lady and St Gerard's from 7.00pm - 8.00pm after Exposition and our Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion. The gatherings will involve prayer, reflection and discussion as to how we can be pilgrims of hope in this Jubilee Year. All are most welcome from both parishes.

Jubilee World Youth Day Rome 2025: Salford Diocesan Youth Service are taking a group to World Youth Day in Rome this summer. Archie Henderson, an Altar Server at St Gerard's, has secured a place with this pilgrimage which will take place between **28 July and 3 August**. Archie is currently a second year under graduate at UCLan studying History and when he graduates next year he will then take a years teacher training before hopefully becoming a teacher in a Catholic School. Archie was fortunate to attend the WYD in 2023 and wrote about his experience in News and Views over several months. Lee McNulty from St Gerard's will also be attending as a group leader. The Pilgrimage costs £1180, if you are able to help Archie raise this money he would eternally grateful. Any ideas for fundraising or any donations can be left at the Parish Office. Thank you.

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

We currently have about 26 signed up. Contact Fr Mark for more 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, Maureen Cook.

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

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes: This Tuesday we celebrate our co-patron, Our Lady of Lourdes. We will have Mass at 9.15am with the primary school leading our celebration.

Change of Sunday Mass Time at St Gerard's during February. On Sundays 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, **for the next two Thursdays, our Mass will be in the evening at 6.30pm** rather than in the morning. This Thursday Mass is offered for Sr Louise.

Sacramental Programme: Welcome to those families preparing for First Holy Communion. The next session takes place after Mass this Sunday. Also please note that First Reconciliation will not take place this Tuesday. It will be on Saturday 8th March at 10.30am. Apologies for any inconvenience which this change of date may cause.

Family Fun Night – Friday 28th 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 - DBS applications – There will be DBS forms at the back of Church for all volunteer members of staff to complete and return to the office as soon as possible – Any questions or queries, please get in touch. 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.

Appeal for Wool - Marina McNulty is still knitting, and raising funds for various charities and is fast running out of Double Knit wool. If you have any that is no longer required, any colour, it can be left at the back of church for her to collect. Thank you.

Maureen Cook RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Cook. Maureen was secretary at our School for many years before her retirement. He funeral will be on Tuesday 25th Feb at 2.30pm.

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 14th February 9:30 am Mass: Turner Family

Mass on Tuesday: there will not be a Mass at St Mary's this Tuesday. There will be a Service of Word and Holy Communion at 9.30am.

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

School Mass: This Wednesday 12th Feb we will be joined by our whole primary school community for Mass at 9.30am. In particular we will remember Our Lady of Lourdes and all those who are sick as it her Feast Day this week.

Caritas Sunday: Many thanks for your support of Caritas Sunday and to our High School pupils who helped to make the appeal. The collection for those in need came to £615.

200 Club – Well done to all the members of The 200 club. Last week, our wonderful organisers Kathryn & Sandra, presented Fr Mark with a cheque for £4000 which supports the ongoing maintenance of the Church – Thank you for your continued support.

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



St Valentine's Day: This week the world will be consumed with signs of love. Let us remember the great love which God has for us: Why not read "Dilexit nos," the Encyclical by Pope Francis which retraces the tradition and relevance of thought on "the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ". It is a love beyond compare. **Text of Dilexit Nos:** <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/>

Donations: Make an online Donation to support our parishes by scanning the QR codes below:



W/C 9/02/2025	This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary	Winifred Lever Anniversary		
Sacred Heart	Yvonne Jeffrey		
Our Lady	Margaret Guinan Birthday Memories		
Offertory 18th / 19th January 2025			
Offertory Loose	£279.83		
Offertory Envelopes	£196.40		
Attendance	164		
Bingo Jackpots for 12/02/2028			
£38	£72	£83	£32

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	68
9:30 am	185
6:30 p.m..	70
Total	317

Sanctuary Lamps Week 9/02/25	
1	In living memory of deceased members of the Lawson & Garaway Families
2	In loving memory of the deceased Worcester, Sergeant & Knight Families