



St Mary's Brownedge

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

16th February 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
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
Mon	17th Feb	9:30 am	Seven Founders of Servite Order (OM) Andrew Sugden
Tues	18th Feb	9:30 am	Mary Stead
Wed	19th Feb	9:30 am 3.30 pm	Marie Spicer Novena to Our Lady of Fatima
Thurs	20th Feb	9:30 am	Amanda North
Fri	21st Feb	9:30 am	St Peter Damien (OM) Chris Ashton
Sat	22nd Feb Vigil	7:00 pm	7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Charles Sergeant
Sun	23rd Feb	9:30 am 6:30 pm	7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Maureen Waterhouse The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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
Mon	17th Feb	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	18th Feb	9:15 am	Tommy Coleman
Wed	19th Feb	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	20th Feb	6.30 pm	Holy Souls
Fri	21st Feb		NO SERVICES
Sat	22nd Feb Vigil	5:30 pm	7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Marion Parkinson
Sun	23rd Feb	10:30 am	7th Sunday of Ordinary Time The Parish

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.

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.

Prayers for Salford Diocese: The Deanery of St John Vianney

Let us pray for the people of the parish of the Good Samaritan, Burnley, together with Fr. David Featherstone, their parish priest and Dean, Fr. Job Zirra Stephen and Deacon Theo Sharrock. We pray for Blessed Trinity High School and for the three parish primary schools. We pray for the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph, the Sisters of Mercy and for the Burnley General 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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Life is often about picking our way through opposites - choices and decisions that surround every moment of every day: should I do this or that, choose this way or that way, and so on. Just as

there are choices on either side, so there are opposing consequences - blessings and curses, in the language of the first reading, happiness and woe in the language of the Gospel. In Saint Luke's version of "the Beatitudes", we see Jesus setting out very clearly the teaching that life is about choices, and that we must take control, and be responsible for the life we choose, or even the conditions of life that we embrace or accept.

R.C.I.A. Learning about the Catholic Faith: Our next session in our RCIA programme is this Tuesday 18th February at 7pm at St Mary's Church. Having looked at the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, then the Sacraments of healing, Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick, this week we focus on the Sacraments of Vocation: Matrimony and Holy Orders.

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 2 pm.

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.

ALL Hallows Catholic High School - Will celebrate its 50th Anniversary of the opening this year. The school has played an important role in the education of the local Catholic community and would like to mark the Golden Anniversary with events and activities. They are hoping that past pupils, staff members and people in the them to prepare for these events. There will be an initial meeting at All Hallows on the **26th February at 7 pm** to begin the preparations. If you wish to be involved in the planning of our celebrations, please come along to the meeting!

SVP - SVP retiring collection on the 15th and 16th of February at both churches.

SVP Update: Since September we have provided a tumble dryer, a fridge/freezer and a microwave to two families in need. Forty Vinnie survival packs were purchased and distributed to the Christian Community Larder and Metanoia in Preston for the homeless. Apart from parishioners, we welcomed twenty-five residents and accompanying carers from two local care homes to our Christmas party. A hundred Christmas cards were written for prisoners. £330 in mass stipends for 66 deceased parishioners from both St. Mary's and St. Gerard's for 2024 was given to Fr. Colin to take to Ethiopia. A cheque for £100 was sent to the South Sudan Appeal in November. We continue to visit the sick and housebound, one member regularly visits prisoners in Garth, supporting the Chaplaincy team, assisting the bishop at Saturday masses, and is preparing one prisoner to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. Ten rosary beads have been provided for the use of prisoners. One member lends a listening ear at the larder, whilst another helps at Chorley Buddies. Please keep us in your prayers and contact us through the church office if you know of someone who would benefit from a visit or needs transport to an appointment. Thank you for all your generous donations that ensure the continuance of turning concern into action in our community.

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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 highlighted how Jesus called his first disciples to be pilgrims and to "Follow Me! From now on it is men you will catch"



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:

Thank you to all who braved the cold last Monday evening to attend our first session, Jesus of the Jubilee. Session two: Jesus of Good News, will take place on Monday evening 17th February in St Gerard's porch 7.00pm - 8.00pm. 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.

Winckley Square Convent School Reunion takes place on **Saturday 1st March**: 1pm - 4pm at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive, Fulwood. PR2 9UE. All past pupils (and Staff) are most welcome to attend and bring along memorabilia and photographs to share.

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, Brian Morley, Audrey Robinson, Maureen Hopwood.

All those who have recently died:

Florence Hunt, Jean Rishton, Mildred Corcoran, Brenda Walmsley, Kathleen Taylor, Maureen Cook, Joanne Smith.

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

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

Baptism: Welcome to Joshua & Isaac Wiles who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

Change of Mass Time at St Gerard's: We will revert to 10.30 am for our Sunday morning Mass from next weekend.

However, we will continue with a weekday Mass on **Thursdays in the evening at 6.30pm** rather than have morning Masses in both churches. This will allow those who cannot make morning Masses to attend a weekday Mass.

Sacramental Programme: First Reconciliation will take place 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. Her funeral will be on Tuesday 25th Feb at 2.00pm. The Sacred Heart Guild will be saying prayers for Maureen on **Monday 24th at 6:30 pm** at Neil Buckley Funeral Home if you would like to join them.

Caritas - Many thanks to those who have already contributed to the appeal made at the end of January for Caritas, our local diocesan charity. The money will be counted this week so if anyone has still not returned their envelopes these can be posted through the presbytery letterbox.

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 23rd February 9:30 am Mass: Sethu Family

Novena to Our Lady of Fatima: This Wednesday 19th February at 3.30pm there will be a Novena to our Lady of Fatima lead by the Filipino community. All welcome.

Mothers Prayers – Wednesday 19th February at 1pm in The Priory meeting room.

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. Recently, 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.

CAFOD - Many thanks to all who supported our recent coffee morning and raffle which raised £254 and the buckets and donations in January £117. We are hoping to have coffee mornings every Friday in Lent starting with our usual first Friday one on 7th March. Mystery raffle tickets will be on sale each weekend from 8th/9th March and drawn at the following Lenten Coffee morning.

Family Fast Day is on **Friday 14th March**. There will be a short talk on Saturday 8th March at 7pm Mass and on Sunday 9th March at 9.30am & 6.30pm Mass and envelopes for donations will be available. Your continued support and generosity for our brothers and sisters facing the injustice of poverty around the world is much appreciated.

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 our parishes by scanning the QR codes below:



W/C 16/02/2025	This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey		
Offertory 8th / 9th February 2025			
Offertory Loose	£296.74		
Offertory Envelopes	£262.15		
Attendance	182		
Bingo Jackpots for 19/02/2028			
£39	£73	£84	£33

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	67
9:30 am	180
6:30 p.m..	43
Total	290

Sanctuary Lamps Week 16/02/25	
1	Teresa Turner, Sister Peter, Christopher Chapman & My Family, the Chapmans
2	Ann & Jack Molyneaux