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Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

23rd February 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
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
Mon	24th Feb	9:30 am	Marie Baron
Tues	25th Feb	9:30 am	Michael Walsh
Wed	26th Feb	9:30 am	With Marsden Class Norman Carter
Thurs	27th Feb	9:30 am	St Gregory of Narek (OM) Mary Grealis
Fri	28th Feb	10:00 am	Funeral Mass for Joanne Smith
Sat	1st Mar Vigil	7:00 pm	St David (F) 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time Christina & Patrick Hall
Sun	2nd Mar	9:30 am 6:30 pm	8th Sunday of Ordinary Time Sheila Brown The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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
Mon	24th Feb	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	25th Feb	2:00 pm	Requiem Mass for Maureen Cook
Wed	26th Feb	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	27th Feb	6.30 pm	St Gregory of Narek (OM) Marie Phelan
Fri	28th Feb		NO SERVICES
Sat	1st Mar Vigil	5:30 pm	St David (F) 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	2nd Mar	10:30 am	8th Sunday of 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.

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.

Prayers for Salford Diocese: The Deanery of St John Vianney

We pray for the parishioners of the parishes of St. Mary, Clayton-le-Moors, Our Lady and St. Hubert with St. Wulstan, Great Harwood and St. Charles Borromeo, Rishton, with Fr. Ethelbert Arua OSJ, their parish priest, and Fr. Stephen Adediji OSJ. Let us pray for their four 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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



What is compassion? What is love? And how do we live them out in our own age? These are the questions that spring from the Gospel today. In many ways this is the hardest teaching Jesus offers us, because it goes against so much of what the "modern world" would have us believe. Look at the first reading: David and Saul are enemies, and Saul is suddenly in David's power.

The logic of the modern world would say "Strike while you can." But David chooses another path. He is compassionate. We can all think of times when we were in a position to take revenge, score a victory over someone, take it out on them. Our measure of our faith is whether or not we were compassionate - especially with our enemies - as Jesus taught us.

R.C.I.A. Learning about the Catholic Faith: Our next session in our RCIA programme is this Tuesday 24th February at 7pm at St Mary's Church. As today's gospel tells us, the Christian faith has important implications for how we treat others and how we live together in society. This session opens up beautiful message of the social teaching of the Catholic Church. It looks at the themes of human dignity, the right to life, Christian teaching about the family, how we live together in society and work together in political life, and how we are called to speak the truth and follow our conscience. It gives some inspiring examples from Christian history.

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.

'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

SVP – Thank you to all who have donated to the recent SVP collections at St Mary's Brownedge and St Gerard's Church; we will usually hold these on the 3rd Sunday of each month to support the ongoing work of the SVP in our parishes. Last week, for February, we have jointly raised a grand total of £239.64 – Thank you for all your support.

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.

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

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 will help 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!

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year - You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Perhaps journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/> and help to change people's lives. Or call Simon Holleron on 077 100 944 54 for more information.

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.

Day of Renewal: St Clare's, Fulwood are holding one of their regular Days of Renewal on **Saturday 1st March 2025 10am till 4pm**. It will be lead by Daniella Stephens from the Prince of Peace Community – at St Clare's Church Parish Hall, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood Preston PR2 9HH

Salford Diocesan Synod: The members of the Synod are meeting on Saturday 1st March at Thornleigh College in Bolton. On this day all Synod Members (clergy and laity) will be voting on the recommendations that have emerged following our Big Listen and Theme Gathering events. There were 450 proposals which emerged from the process; these have all been considered and narrowed down to a much smaller set of proposals which will be voted upon. Those which are accepted will be incorporated into our Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Please pray for our delegates, Fr Mark, Fr Colin, Anna Barton, Emma Ashe & Andrew Wygladala.

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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 Sunday her message from the gospel was to live good lives and do the things that God wants us to do.



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" Parish Reflection Evenings: Thank you to all who braved the cold last Monday evening to attend our first session, Jesus of the Jubilee. Session three: Jesus the Liberator, will take place on Monday evening 24th February in St Gerard's narthex from 7.00pm - 8.00pm. All are most welcome from both parishes.

Pilgrims of Hope: Lenten Talks: Salford Diocese 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. Further information: Sr Joan Kerley: joankfmsj@gmail.com or 0161 971 7842.

Jubilee World Youth Day Rome 2025: Salford Diocesan Youth Service are taking a group to World Youth Day in Rome this summer from **28 July and 3 August**. Archie Henderson, an Altar Server at St Gerard's, is taking part. Archie is currently at UCLan studying History and when he graduates he hopes to train to be a teacher in a Catholic School. Archie was attended 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.

Parish Jubilee 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. There is still an opportunity to come on this fantastic trip. 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, Kathleen Taylor, Maureen Cook, Joanne Smith, Sheila Kellett, Frances Cottam, Kathleen Nuttall.

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

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

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.

Change of Mass Time at St Gerard's: 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 from this parish and further afield, 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.

Majella Companions: The Lunch date changed to **Wednesday 26th February**. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 4th March** at 2 pm in the Shields Centre.

Caritas Collection: Many thanks again for the donations made to our CARITAS appeal at the end of January. The final amount for Our Lady and St Gerard's came to £622 with £415 being gift aided. Thanks to the 5 children from our primary school who made the appeal so well at the Sunday Mass.

School Coffee Morning - On Thursday 20th March from 9.30am to 10.30am all parishioners are warmly invited to the school for a coffee morning where the children are hoping to raise some money for their St Joseph's Penny Appeal. (Caritas Salford).

Volunteers & DBS applications: There are forms at the back of Church for all volunteers to complete and return to the office as soon as possible – Any questions or queries, please get in touch. Many thanks to Claire Westbury who has kindly agreed to take on the role of our Parish Safeguarding Officer to help manage the volunteer applications which anyone undertaking any role in the parish needs to complete and also the DBS application process for those roles which require them.

Appeal for Wool - Marina McNulty is raising funds for various charities and requires some Double Knit wool of any colour. It can be left at the back of church for her to collect. Thank you.

Frances Cottam RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Frances Mary Cottam. Her funeral will be on **Friday 14th March at 10:30 am**.

W/C 23/02/2025	This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey		
Offertory 15th / 16th February 2025			
Offertory Loose	£300.25		
Offertory Envelopes	£167.65		
Attendance	153		
Bingo Jackpots for 25/02/2028			
£40	£74	£85	£34

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Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 2nd March 9:30 am Mass: Children

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.

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.

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.

Novena to Our Lady of Fatima: Many thanks to all who supported the Novena to our Lady of Fatima lead by the Filipino community last Wednesday.

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.

Jubilee 2025: Thanks to Linda and Philip Swarbrick for doing the display in our street display box detailing some of the elements of this Jubilee Year.

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:



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

Sanctuary Lamps Week 23/02/25	
1	Deceased Members of Brownedge Choir
2	Richard & Mary Lloyd