



St Mary's Brownedge

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Third Sunday of Lent (C)

23rd March 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	22nd Mar Vigil	7:00 pm	3rd Sunday of Lent Denis Hopwood
Sun	23rd Mar	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	3rd Sunday of Lent Dorothy & John Thurston Sergeant Baptism of Elsie Kellett The Parish
Mon	24th Mar	9:30 am	Kath Harvey (Anniversary)
Tues	25th Mar	9:30 am	The Annunciation of the Lord (S) Ann Ross McCullagh R.I.P.
Wed	26th Mar	9:30 am 1:00 pm	Successful Operation (Benedict & Beesley Class) Funeral Service for Patricia Julie Watson
Thurs	27th Mar	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Ann Sergeant (Birthday Mem) Funeral Mass: Laura Dalley
Fri	28th Mar	7.00 am 9.30 am 12 noon 4.30 pm	In Monastery Chapel Remembrance of Lately Dead Intentions of Cherry Family Funeral Mass: Martin Knowles Stations of the Cross
Sat	29th Mar Vigil	7:00 pm	4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare) Deceased of Brownedge Club
Sun	30th Mar	9:30 am 6:30 pm	4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare) Roy Wilde The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	22nd Mar Vigil	5:30 pm	3rd Sunday of Lent The Parish
Sun	23rd Mar	10:30 am	3rd Sunday of Lent Audrey Robinson R.I.P.
Mon	24th Mar	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Service of Word & Communion
Tues	25th Mar	9:15 am	The Annunciation of the Lord (S) Leo Phelan (School Y5 & Yr 1)
Wed	26th Mar	9:15 am	Service of Word & Communion
Thurs	27th Mar	6.30 pm	Ronald Jackson (Anniversary)
Fri	28th Mar	6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
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Sun	30th Mar	10:30 am	4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare) Margaret Guinan (Anniversary)

OM - Optional Memorial F - Feast
 M - Memorial S - Solemnity

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:

We pray for the parishioners of the parish of St. Mary, Oswaldtwistle, and for Fr. Sean O'Brien, their parish priest. We pray for Mount Carmel High School and for their three parish primary schools.

Prayer For Pope Francis

Lord our God, we pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis, your servant and our shepherd; for strength and healing from his illness, for the comfort of our prayers and the maternal closeness of Mary, and for abundant blessings on his continued ministry as the successor of St. Peter and the Bishop of Rome. Lord in your mercy hear our prayer!

Joint Notices



Third Sunday of Lent

"The man who thinks he is safe must be careful he does not fall." This is the theme of this Sunday: it underlines the need for repentance, which is the focus of our Lenten journey in Year C. Jesus, in the Gospel, uses two recent events in order to illustrate his point

about sin and repentance - there is a price to be paid for sin, but there is a way of avoiding it: if we repent, we will have salvation and a new and real freedom. This idea is emphasised in the parable, where we see a tree not being condemned immediately, but given a chance to change and produce fruit. So are we. This links in with the two other readings, which also talk about escape - the escape of Israel from Egypt. This is to be a warning for us, as Saint Paul says: if we are Christians, we must live as Christians, and be aware of the need to watch our lives and the direction they are taking.

R.C.I.A. Learning about the Catholic Faith: Last week we reflected on how the saints inspire us to reach for heaven and some of the different Saints of our Catholic tradition. Also, we looked at the special role of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our Catholic Faith. We will explore this further especially looking at the Litany of the Saints and Our Lady's Litany of Loreto. **We will continue to meet each Tuesday of Lent.**

Please pray for 8 members of our group who are to be received into the Church at Easter. Last Sunday some of them took part in the "Rite of Election", being presented to the Bishop as candidates to be received into the Church. Many thanks to those who attended to support them. We were one of the largest parish groups in the diocese.

Youth Ministry Internship Scheme at Castlerigg Manor: The Diocese of Lancaster Youth Retreat Centre in Keswick is seeking young volunteers for the 2025-26 team. The internship scheme offers solid experience and training, formal qualifications, and gives participants the chance to live in the Lake District, be part of a dynamic team, make friends for life, and really impact the lives of young people. Interested? jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Castlerigg Easter Retreat for Teens and Young Adults: Maundy Thursday to Easter Sunday, April 17th-20th - A fantastic Easter Retreat for teens and young adults. A chance to journey together through the Triduum and make some friends along the way. The programme offers a combination of fun, relaxation, prayer, talks, and of course the beautiful liturgies. Cost: £85 (subsidies are available—speak to Fr Mark or contact: director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) Further info: www.castleriggmanor.com

LENT DEVOTIONS:

Stations of the Cross: There will be Stations of the Cross **every Friday** during Lent at 4.30pm at St Mary's and at 6:30 pm at St Gerard's.

Mass on Thursday Evenings: Remember we now have a Mass on Thursday at 6.30pm at St Gerard's.

Early Mass on Fridays: There will be the opportunity of attending a Mass at **7.00 am** each Friday during Lent. This year we will hold this Mass in the **Chapel at St Benedict's Monastery**. It is a good chance for the those who cannot usually attend a weekday Mass due to work commitments.

Reconciliation: Lent is an important time to prepare for Easter by going to confession. Perhaps start thing now about when you will do this. We have confessions in both our churches before the vigil Masses on a Saturday evening; you can always ask a priest to hear your confession at any time. We will have a Parish Service of Reconciliation on the Tuesday of Holy Week, **15th April in St Gerard's Church at 7pm.**

Prayer: Make an extra bit of time for prayer during Lent: maybe pray the rosary; listen to a hymn on YouTube; pray the readings from daily Mass on www.universalis.com; listen to the daily reflections on www.pray-as-you-go.org

Fasting: Fridays in Lent are special days of fasting. Eat a little less than we might normally do; go without something which is part of the regular pattern of our lives—a TV programme; social media; offer that sacrifice to God for a special intention.

Almsgiving: give something more than we usually do to a good and worthy cause, especially to help those in need and demonstrate faith in action: CAFOD, Caritas, SVP, your local parish. Maybe set up a direct debit to make your giving a regular habit, or increase slightly the giving which you already make.

Evangelise: Remind family and friends that it is Lent and encourage them to take part.

The Fasting and Feasting Prayer

Fast from fear of illness; feast on God's healing.
Fast from apparent darkness; feast on God's light.
Fast from harsh words; feast on speech that uplifts.
Fast from gossip; feast on affirmations.
Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude.
Fast from pessimism; Feast on hope.
Fast from anger; feast on patience.
Fast from negatives; feast on encouragement.
Fast from resentment; feast on forgiveness.
Fast from suspicion; feast on truth.
Fast from self-centeredness; feast on compassion.
Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
Fast from giving up; feast on enthusiasm.
Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on trust in God.
Fast from focusing on problems; feast on blessings.
Fast from anxiety; feast on faith

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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**. This week she joined us at the Jubilee service in the High School. She wants us help the light of Jesus shine brightly in our world.



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: Lenten Talks: Salford Diocese is holding a series of talks this Lent. 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 on **Tuesdays of Lent at 11am at the house of the Bishop of Salford, Wardley Hall, M28 2ND**. 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 with a hope of becoming a teacher in a Catholic School. The Pilgrimage costs £1180 and thanks to family contribution and donations so far he now has only £820 to raise, 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 Housebound and for those who have asked for your Prayers.

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

CAFOD: Family Fast Day envelopes can be returned this week in the offertory collection or through the Presbytery door.

CAFOD'S Big Lent Walk 2025: Margaret & Michael Cronin are doing the 200km walk during Lent. Please support them. The online link is: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/michael-cronin2025>

Graveyard & Ashes Vault: Please help to keep our Graveyard and Memorial Garden tidy. Please remember to clear old flowers or pots—there are some still there from Christmas. Anything which is no longer wanted can be placed in the large orange bins (or one of the smaller ones) These bins are for general rubbish, including glass, metal, wood, plastic etc. This will help keep the area tidy and make maintenance easier for our volunteer groundsmen. Thanks for your help and a huge thankyou to our volunteers who do a great job.

Recently Deceased: There have been several parishioners who have died recently in both our parishes. Please pray for the repose of their souls:

Forthcoming Funerals at St Gerards:

Harry Riding: Funeral: Tues 1st April 10:45 am
Gerard Porter Funeral Tuesday 8th April at 2 pm

Sound System Repairs - The amplifier on the sound system has undergone repairs this week at a cost of £275.

Wednesday Bingo Easter Break - The Wednesday Bingo Team will be taking a short break over Easter and will be closed on Wednesday 16th and 23rd April. Restarting on 30th April.

Common Notices:

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



SVP Collection: The SVP Collection last week amounted to £89.84 at St Gerards and £154.29 at St Mary's, which gives us a grand total of £244.13. Many thanks for your support.

New Weekday Missals: The CTS are publishing the new weekday missals on 30th April. If you would like a copy, please let the Parish Office know by the 7th April so that we can pre-order. The cost is £55 which is payable before ordering.

W/C 23/03/2025	This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey		
Offertory 15th / 16th March 2025			
Offertory Loose	£326.02		
Offertory Envelopes	£152.65		
Attendance	165		
Bingo Jackpots for 26/03/2028			
£26	£78	£89	£38

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Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 30th March 9:30 am Mass: Tolentino Family

CAFOD - On Fridays in Lent, following the 9.30 Mass, we will have coffee mornings each week starting on **7th March until 4th April**. All welcome

Mystery raffle tickets will be on sale each weekend from **8th/9th March** and drawn at the following Lenten Coffee Morning. There is a list of dates on the Cafod notice board in the porch.

CAFOD'S Big Lent Walk 2025 - Dave Gorman is once again be taking part in the Big Lent Walk and walking a minimum of 200km during the forty days of Lent. Your support and generosity would, once again, be much appreciated in the fight against global poverty Sponsorship forms are available in the Narthex and in the Sacred Heart porch or you can donate online via: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/daves-big-lent-walk-cafod-fundraiser2025>

There will also be a **Parish Community Walk** on Sat **12th April** starting from Church at 10.30am and walking 2.5/5km or a couple of laps of the church grounds. You can get sponsors or give a small donation, and we will add this to David's total. We will meet back at Church for refreshments. All welcome including our four-legged friends!

Women's Refuge Easter Egg Appeal: We are collecting Easter Eggs for the Women's Refuge; Please put donations of Easter Eggs at the back of Church in the boxes provided or contact Clare Haythornthwaite on 312558. Our annual appeal brings a lot of joy to many children

Emergency Lighting: To comply with H&S regulations we are currently adding additional emergency lighting in church which will cost over £8000. We are grateful to all our donors and fundraisers for all they do to help us. Join the 200 Club or give a donation to help maintain our Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick, and those who care for them:

Sister Louise, Peter Clough, Jean Doran, Yvonne Jeffrey, Joseph O'Grady, John Stringfellow, Brian Morley, Dorothy Whittle, Maureen Hopwood, Pope Francis.

All those who have recently died:

Cicely Bajko, Laura Dalley, Geoff Giddins, Martin Knowles, Harry Riding, Julie Watson, Gerard Porter. Audrey Robinson, John Guinan.

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend

7 pm Vigil	85
9:30 am	184
6:30 p.m..	54
Total	323

Sanctuary Lamps Week 23/03/25

1	Deceased Members of KSC (Council 212)
2	For our precious daughter Jade Ellison