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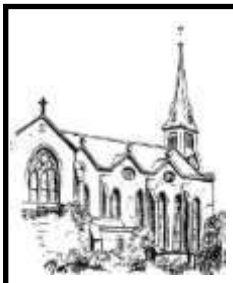

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Fifth Sunday of Lent (C) 6th April 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	**5th Apr Vigil**	**7:00 pm**	St Vincent Ferrer (OM) **5th Sunday of Lent** The Watson Family
Sun	**6th Apr**	**9:30 am** **6:30 pm**	**5th Sunday of Lent** The Spicer Family The Parish
Mon	**7th Apr**	9:30 am	St John Baptist de le Salle (OM) Audrey & Bill Gould R.I.P
Tues	**8th Apr**	9:30 am	Livesey Family
Wed	**9th Apr**	9:30 am	Brian Palmer
Thurs	**10th Apr**	9:30 am	Andrew Sugden R.I.P.
Fri	**11th Apr**	7.00 am 9.30 am 4.30 pm	St Stanislaus (OM) ***In Monastery Chapel*** Noreen Rowsome R.I.P. Fred & Mary Cowburn Stations of the Cross
Sat	**12th Apr Vigil**	**7:00 pm**	**PALM SUNDAY** Kathleen Taylor
Sun	**13th Apr**	**9:30 am** **11:15 am** **6:30 pm**	**PALM SUNDAY** Joan McCarthy Baptism of Alexander John Parr The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	**5th Apr Vigil**	**5:30 pm**	**5th Sunday of Lent** The Parish
Sun	**6th Apr**	**10:30 am** **12 noon**	**5th Sunday of Lent** Mary Audrey Robinson Baptism of Eva Horne & Bodhi Talbot
Mon	**7th Apr**	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	St John Baptist de le Salle (OM) Exposition Service of Word & Communion
Tues	**8th Apr**	2:00 pm	Requiem Mass for Gerard Porter R.I.P.
Wed	**9th Apr**	9:15 am	Service of Word & Communion
Thurs	**10th Apr**	6.30 pm	John Guinan R.I.P.
Fri	**11th Apr**	6.30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	**12th Apr** **Vigil**	11:00am **5:30 pm**	Requiem Mass for Dominic Gray R.I.P. **PALM SUNDAY** The Parish
Sun	**13th Apr**	**10:30 am**	**PALM SUNDAY** Margaret Guinan R.I.P.

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 Holy Apostles, Rawtenstall and Newchurch-in-Rossendale, and for Fr, Simon Stamp, their parish priest. We pray for their three parish primary schools, for All Saints High School and for The Teaching Sisters of St Dorothy, Daughters of the Sacred Heart.

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 of Lent

'There is a logical development in the readings this Sunday: in the Old Testament, God asks us to look forward to the "new deed he will do", when he will put "water in the wilderness"; we then see the new deed, which Paul talks about, to be the "supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus", and sharing the "power of his resurrection"; so who is this Jesus, and how is he "water in the wilderness"? It is because he brings hope for the future and forgiveness of our sins, as the Gospel story relates. This Sunday's readings are there for our encouragement, to help us look forward to Easter, and the meaning of Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection: that meaning is Reconciliation and a new creation (as we heard last week). We are driven on through Lent by a vision of the marvels that God has worked, and that God will work for us.

R.C.I.A. Learning about the Catholic Faith: We have concluded following 20 sessions of the "Sycamore" journey in faith series. For the next 2 weeks we will look at the amazing liturgies of the Great Triduum and we will prepare especially for the Easter Vigil. On Tuesday 15th April we will join with the parish in celebrating Reconciliation at St Gerard's
Please pray for 8 members of our group who are to be received into the Church at Easter.

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.

SVP District Council Meeting: on Monday 7th April at St Mary's Brownedge, beginning with Mass at 7 pm followed by meeting in the narthex.

Knights of St Columba Bingo Night – St Mary's Church Narthex **Friday 9th May** 7pm – Eyes down 7:30pm.

New Vestments: During Lent on Laetare Sunday (and in Advent on Gaudete Sunday), it is an option for the priest to wear Rose coloured vestments at Mass rather than Purple. We now have a new Rose coloured Chasuble for each church. A generous parishioner donated the cost of the one at St Gerard's. Any donations towards the one for St Mary's Brownedge, can be handed in at the Parish Office.

St Aidan's & St Leonard's Anglican United Benefice: Rev Stephen Martin has been appointed as the new Vicar and will be installed on Sunday 27 April at 6.30pm at St Aidan's on Station Rd.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
The sick, and those who care for them:
Sister Louise, Peter Clough, Yvonne Jeffrey, Joseph O'Grady, John Stringfellow, Maureen Calderbank, Brian Morley, Dorothy Whittle, Maureen Hopwood, Eunice Gough, Jean Doran,

All those who have recently died:
Martin Knowles, Harry Riding, Gerard Porter, John Guinan, Dominic Gray, Fr Stephen Wright OSB.

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.

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.

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

✠ HOLY WEEK NOTICES ✠

Palm Sunday: Next Sunday palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service: The opportunity to go to confession on Tuesday 15th April at 7pm at St Gerard's. This is for the parishes of both St Mary's & St Gerard's.

Holy Week & Easter Cards: Please take a card for Easter which details all our services. Invite someone to come to Church.

Holy Week Posters: There are posters available to display in our windows at home.

Maundy Thursday: Washing of the Feet: It would be good to have 12 volunteers to have their feet washed. Please see the list at the back of Church.

Watching at the Altar of Repose: At St Mary's, after the Mass of the Last Supper, we are invited to pray before the Blessed Sacrament up until midnight. Please sign up at the back of Church.

Good Friday Ecumenical Walk of Witness: Churches Together are holding the usual Good Friday Walk of Witness. Leave from St Mary's Church at 10.45 am to process with the cross to McNamara Gardens, outside Morisons in Bamber Bridge, where there will be a service of Hymns and readings at 11.00am. All welcome. Afterwards we are invited to St Aidan's for tea & hot cross buns.

Easter Triduum Liturgies

"The Paschal Triduum is the matrix of our personal and communitarian lives"- Pope Francis.

Maundy Thursday:
Mass of the Lord's Supper:
St Gerard's at 6pm; St Mary's at 8pm

Good Friday: Celebration of the Passion:
St Gerard's and St Mary's both at 3pm

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil:
St Gerard's 6pm; St Mary's 8pm

These three celebrations are a unity and they give meaning to everything else in our lives as Catholics. Make the Triduum a priority in your diary.

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**. She listened with awe to God speaking from the burning bush and was amazed to hear him tell us "I am who I am!"

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.

Marys Meals - Foreign & Obsolete Currency Collections – There are some envelopes at the back of the church for unwanted foreign & no longer in use coinage. **Mary's Meals** currently works in 16 of the world's poorest countries, feeding over 2.6 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. They are asking you to donate any left-over foreign currency or obsolete UK currency that you may have lying around. Just bring any foreign or old coins/notes to church and we will pass them on. The money raised from this initiative will help Mary's Meals bring hope to more desperately hungry children across the globe. Every 10p is enough to provide a hungry child with a nutritious meal in school. Mary's Meals would like to thank you for your continuous support & prayers. And every penny counts!

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 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

Easter Flowers - Donations towards the cost of fresh flowers for Easter would be gratefully accepted. Envelopes for donations are in the porch. Thank you.

CAFOD collection - Many thanks to all our parishioners who donated so generously to our Lenten appeal. The final amount came to £546 and £285 of this was gift aided which increases the amount to well over£600. If you were unable to contribute to CAFOD at this time, you will still be able to sponsor Margaret and Michael who are continuing their Lenten walk for the next few weeks to pursue Cafod's vital work, on the following link: https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/michael-cronin2025

Easter Raffle - Tickets now available at the back of Church.

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

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:
Gerard Porter: Funeral Tues 8th April at 2pm
Dominic Gray: Funeral Saturday 12th April at 11am
John Guinan: Funeral Mon 14th April at 11:45am.

Sound System Repairs: The amplifier on the sound system has undergone repairs 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.

Notice: A gravestone has fallen over in the graveyard and the names on the gravestone are Bert and Elizabeth Wright – The first burial is of a Cuthbert Wright dated 1982 and Elizabeth Wright dates 2004. Please can the family member linked to the deceased please get in touch with the Parish Office so that we can get it resolved.

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 13th April 9:30 am Mass: Agbewornu Family

CAFOD - Thank you for giving to Cafod's Family Fast Day Appeal this Lent. Thanks to support like yours and your generous donations of £750, with Gift Aid over £800, Lokho and her neighbours now have a way to keep their crops and their hope for the future alive. Shade nets have helped Lokho and her community to grow vegetables and feed their families in harsh climates. The net provides shade for the young leaves so they don't wilt in the sun but lets every precious drop of rain through.

Earthquake Disaster Appeal - We are also sending, on behalf of the parish, £750 to the Earthquake Disaster Appeal in Myanmar. Your support will provide urgent practical help and hope to people affected by this tragedy. Please join us in praying for the communities affected & thank you for your generosity.

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 proved or contact Clare Haythornthwaite on 312558. This will be the last weekend for donations. Thank you.
Many thanks to students and staff of Runshaw College who have been collecting Eggs for our appeal.

W/C 06/04/2025	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey
St Gerard	For a Safe Delivery

Offertory 29th/ 30th March 2025			
Offertory Loose	£349.25		
Offertory Envelopes	£140.20		
Attendance	187		
Bingo Jackpots for 09/04/2028			
£28	£80	£91	£40

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	70
9:30 am	208
6:30 p.m..	43
Total	321

	Sanctuary Lamps Week 06/04/25
1	For the Deceased Relatives & Friends of the Swarbrick & Whiteley Families
2	Pray for the Deceased Members of the Ashe & Corcran Families