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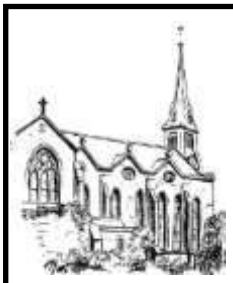

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 4th May 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	**3rd May Vigil**	**7:00 pm**	**Ss Philip & St James** (F) **3rd Sunday of Easter** The Parish
Sun	**4th May**	**9:30 am** **6:30 pm**	**3rd Sunday of Easter** Deceased members of the Gorman Family Aunty Pauline Colyer
Mon	**5th May**	9:30 am 4.00 pm	Michael Grayliss Thanksgiving for Alaine Tolentino
Tues	**6th May**	9:30 am	Service of Word & Communion
Wed	**7th May**	9:30 am	SMSB School Mass Elaine Marsden R.I.P.
Thurs	**8th May**	9.30 am	Jane Kllith
Fri	**9th May**	9:30 am	Mr Sherwood
Sat	**10th May Vigil**	**7:00 pm**	**4th Sunday of Easter** William Derek Waring
Sun	**11th May**	**9:30 am** **11;00 am** **6:30 pm**	**4th Sunday of Easter** Simon Fender Baptism of Logan Shorrock The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	**3rd May Vigil**	**5:30 pm**	**Ss Philip & St James** (F) **3rd Sunday of Easter** The Parish
Sun	**4th May**	**10:30 am**	**3rd Sunday of Easter** Denis Gallagher
Mon	**5th May**	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Service of Word & Communion
Tues	**6th May**	9:15 am	Doreen Wane R.I.P. OLSG School Mass
Wed	**7th May**	9:15 am	Service of Word & Communion
Thurs	**8th May**	6:30 pm	Lorraine GUuillet
Fri	**9th May**		No Services
Sat	**10th May Vigil**	**5:30 pm**	**4th Sunday of Easter** The Parish
Sun	**11th May**	**10:30 am**	**4th Sunday of Easter** Irene May Sanders Sacramental Programme Unit 7

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.

Prayer for Pope Francis RIP:

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth.

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

Pope Francis RIP

We were all deeply saddened to hear the news of the death of our Holy Father, Pope Francis on Easter Monday. It is perhaps a sign of God's providence that his last act of ministry here on earth was to give his Apostolic Blessing, "Urbi et Orbi", "To the City and to the World", from the central loggia of the Basilica of St Peter's; it was from here, 12 years ago, that Jorge Bergoglio, Archbishop of Buenos Aires, emerged from behind the curtain as the 265th successor of St Peter, choosing the name, Franciscus. The first Pope, St Peter was buried in a catacomb, deep below the Papal Altar in St Peter's Basilica, the place where the mortal remains of Francis have been laid this week for pilgrims to come in prayer. The place in front of the Papal Altar is called the "Confessio", marking the confession of St Peter at Caesarea Philippi "You are the Christ the Son of the living God". In response, Jesus replied "Tu es Petrus", "You are the Rock, and upon this Rock I will build my church". Francis has been our Rock, our Peter, for the past 12 years. We have been blessed with a Holy Pope, who gave such great witness to the "Joy of the Gospel"; to a clear proclamation of the dignity of every human person and to the unfathomable mercy of God. His devotion to Mary was very prominent, introducing the world to a little known fresco of Mary "Untier of Knots" in a chapel in Augsburg, Bavaria, where he was studying at a particularly difficult time of his life in his thirties. He was convinced that closeness to the mother of Jesus could indeed untie some of those knots which cause great problems in the lives of so many people. On the first morning of his papacy he visit the Basilica of St Mary Major, in particular, an ancient icon called "Our Lady, health of the Roman People". He subsequently visited this icon before and after each Apostolic journey. He was laid to rest in the chapel just beside this icon on Saturday, the first Pope not to be buried in St Peter's for 120 years. Requiescat in Pace.

Prayer Cards: The Bishops' Conference have sent prayer cards to every parish to encourage us all to pray for Pope Francis and to pray for the Cardinals who are will elect his successor.

Books of Condolence: There books of condolence in both our churches for parishioners to sign and to remember Pope Francis.

New Weekday Missals: The date for publication of the new weekday missals has been pushed back to 30th June. We have pre-ordered them for those who have requested them. If you have missed our order they are available for pre-order at www.ctsbooks.org

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

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

The rest of the world has settled "back to normal" after Easter holidays now, but we continue to dwell on the resurrection of Jesus and the growth of the Church. Today's Gospel, which many people consider the most beautiful of the resurrection stories, has many themes: the failed fishing trip, the inability of Peter to recognise the risen Jesus, the miracle of the 153 fish and the simple, powerful reassuring words of Jesus to his confused disciples: "Come and have breakfast." We can all find ourselves a place in this Gospel story, as we continue to wonder at the resurrection.

R.C.I.A. Learning about the Catholic Faith: We have concluded following 20 sessions of the "Sycamore" journey in faith series. It has been a wonderful experience of learning the faith and growing as part of the Church. Many thanks to Gerry O'Neill and Andrew Wygladala who have supported Fr Mark in leading these sessions; to those who came along to deepen their commitment to the Faith and have shared their experience and to our group of enquirers, **eight of whom were received into the Church this Easter: At the Easter Vigil: James Birchall at St Gerard's; Linda Finch, Elaine Theobald, David Morgan, Isaac Scott, Lewis Redfearn and Geoff Wrennall at St Mary's; On the 2nd Sunday of Easter: Adrian Beeby at St Mary's.** They have all already been baptised in other Christian Communities, thus they will be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church, as well as receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion at the same Mass. Please pray for them.

New Vestments: During Lent on Laetare Sunday (and in Advent on Gaudete Sunday), the priest may 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. Someone from outside the parish who saw the pictures on social media has very kindly donated £100 towards the one for St Mary's Brownedge. Any further donations can be handed in at the Parish Office or made via the website donation portal.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell - Join us for a prayerful pilgrimage this summer as we visit Our Lady's shrine at Ladyewell. Situated on the doorstep of our diocese, this day pilgrimage presents a wonderful opportunity to take up the Jubilee call to pilgrimage without travelling too far away from home. The pilgrimage will take place on **Saturday 28th June.** For more information and to register, please visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ladyewell-pilgrimage-2025

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

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.

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 Display: Please visit our Jubilee display in Our Lady's Transept in St Mary's Church; you can see some of the anchors and prayers prepared by our children; a candle for the jubilee which will be lit on special occasions during the year. Also the jubilee passport books which detail some of things to see in the six jubilee churches in Salford diocese.

Jubilee Votive Candles: These are available frothe Jubille display stand for £2 each and are good way to help our prayer time at home or perhaps to give to someone we are praying for. Put the money into the ordinary voitive candle stands.

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. We told you that Archie still needed to raise £820 towards the cost. We are incredibly grateful to a very generous donor who has now helped Archie reach this target so he now has the funds he needs to make the pilgrimage. Thanks to everyone who has helped! We look forward to hearing all about this wonderful event and pray for all young people on this pilgrimage.

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 wants us all to recognise in our beautiful paschal candle that Jesus is the light who guides our way in the journey of life

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.

Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne
Young pilgrims in Years 7, 8, and 9 are invited to join the Diocese of Salford's Youth Ministry Team for a faith-filled pilgrimage to The Holy Island of Lindisfarne. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop John Arnold and will take place between **20-22 June.** To find out more, please email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2214.

Mass to Celebrate Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries - Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? Join us on **Tuesday 3 June** at 7pm at St Bernadette's in Whitefield. Couples celebrating a jubilee wedding anniversary during this Holy Year of Jubilee are invited to join us for this special celebration and to acknowledge this wonderful sacrament. Friends and family are welcome and everyone is invited to join for refreshments after Mass. For more information please email: formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Diocesan Mass for Young Adults
Young adults across the diocese are once again invited to join our next Diocesan Mass for Young Adults. The Mass will take place at 5.30pm on Sunday 11 May at St Augustine's, Manchester. Confessions are available between 4.45pm - 5.15pm and please join us after Mass for a short talk exploring more about our Catholic faith.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

All those who have recently died:
John Guinan, Imelda Hitchen, Neil Jones, George Wdowick, Baby Maggie Livesey-Gorman, Brian Pails, Brenda McCluskey

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

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

This weekend - As Fr Mark is away on a post-Easter break, we welcome Fr Stephen, from the parishes of Great Harwood, Clayton and Rishton to celebrate Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Please make him welcome.

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.

Nursery Children: Many thanks the children from our nursery who have been making Easter Gardens. These will be displayed during Easter Week.

Recently Deceased - Please Pray for the Soul of Brian Pails who passed away this week and who's funeral will be on Friday 23rd May at 11 am.

St Mary's 200 Club - March 2025			
1st	£200	24	Kim Wearden
2nd	£100	116	Josephine Carty
3rd	£50	326	Michael Davies

St Mary's 200 Club - Easter Hampers			
1st		142	Sheila Pugh
2nd		110	Sophie Kellett
3rd		377	Barbara Whalley

St Mary's 200 Club - April 2025			
1st	£200	222	Madelaine Hankey
2nd	£100	125	Bridget Jackson
3rd	£50	405	Victoria Berry

St Gerard's Parish Lottery No. 606 30/04/25			
1st	£100	26	Mrs M Hunt
2nd	£40	38	Mrs M Richardson
3rd	£20	27	Mrs G Robinson

W/C 5/05/2025	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey
Our Lady	Redmond & Williams Family
St Joseph	Paul & John Duffell

Offertory 26th / 27th April 2025			
Offertory Loose	£367.97		
Offertory Envelopes	£164.63		
Attendance	187		
Bingo Jackpots for 07/05/2028			
£30	£82	£93	£42

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 11th May 9:30 am Mass: Counsell Family

Earthquake Disaster Appeal: From our CAFOD collections, we are sending, £750 on behalf of the parish, 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.

The Tolkien Trail: Would anyone like to join the **Caritas sponsored walk** (The Tolkien Trail) near Hurst Green on **13th September?** – If anyone is interested please contact the Parish Office.

Jubilee Candles: £2 each. Please put money in the regular votive candle stands.

Recently Deceased - Please Pray for the Soul of Brenda McCluskey who passed away this week and who's funeral will be on **Wednesday 14th May** at 11 am.

Ecumenical Worship & breakfast - It was lovely to welcome Revd Stephen Martin to be vicar at St Aidan's and St Leonard's. This is a reminder that our next ecumenical worship and breakfast is at the Valley Church at 8am Wednesday 7th May.

Church Bells - Thank you for the letters received regarding the Church Bells – Its lovely to hear that they bring joy and evoke happy memories.

SVP - A treasure Hunt in aid of the SVP Children's Summer Camp will take place on Sunday 11th May starting at 1:30 pm from The Ape and Apple Pub, 28 Dalton St, Manchester, M2 6HQ. Excellent prizes on offer and light refreshments provided. Entry price: £5

Caritas /CAFOD - Faith in Action - Mrs.Oddie and the staff of St.Mary's High School would like to thank pupils, parents and parishioners for their excellent support of the Lenten fundraising. An amazing £2500 was collected and this will be split between Caritas and CAFOD.

Caritas- Faith in Action - Many thanks to the staff and pupils of the High School for their generosity in collecting toiletries for the Women's Refuge. Brilliant effort which will provide much needed items to those in need. "

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	70
9:30 am	130
6:30 p.m..	61
Total	506261

	Sanctuary Lamps Week 4/05/25
1	In Memory of Richard & Barbara Sharples
2	In Loving Memory of Doreen & Walter Scott