



## St Mary's Brownedge

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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER "Good Shepherd Sunday"

**11th May 2025**

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	10th May Vigil	7:00 pm	4th Sunday of Easter William Derek Waring
Sun	11th May	9:30 am	4th Sunday of Easter Simon Fender
		11:00 am	Baptism of Logan Shorrock
		6:30 pm	The Parish
Mon	12th May	9:30 am	St Nereus & Achilleus (OM) Father Jonathan Cotton (Ann)
Tues	13th May	9:30 am	Our Lady of Fatima Service of Word & Communion
Wed	14th May	9:30 am	St Matthias (F) May & Frank Hewitt (Ann) (Rigby Class)
		11:00 am	Funeral of Brenda McCluskey
Thurs	15th May	9.30 am	Parish of St Joseph's Brindle
Fri	16th May	9:30 am 2.30 pm	Bill Grayliss (Ann) Dove Haven Care Home
Sat	17th May Vigil	12 noon 7:00 pm	MASS FOR POPE LEO XIV 5th Sunday of Easter Derek Nickson R.I.P.
Sun	18th May	9:30 am 6:30 pm	5th Sunday of Easter Norman Brown R.I.P. The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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
Mon	12th May	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Service of Word & Communion
Tues	13th May	9:15 am	Our Lady of Fatima Holy Souls School Mass Yr 1,3 & Recept.
Wed	14th May	9:15 am	Service of Word & Communion
Thurs	15th May	6:30 pm	Agigail Bowman R.I.P. (Ann)
Fri	16th May		No Services
Sat	17th May Vigil	5:30 pm	5th Sunday of Easter James Stokes (Birthday Ann)
Sun	18th May	10:30 am	5th Sunday of Easter The Parish Baptism Presentations First Holy Communion
		12:30 pm	Baptism of Cohen Kitchen

**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](http://www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk) or  
[www.saintgerards.org.uk](http://www.saintgerards.org.uk) or  
[www.churchservices.tv](http://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 Salford Diocesan Parishes:

Let us pray this week for the people of the Cathedral Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Joseph, for Canon Michael Jones, the Cathedral Dean, and Fr Nathan Horne, and Fr. Frankie Mulgrew, together with their parish primary schools and the Chaplaincy to the University of Salford with Fr Arthur-Marie Matip, CSsP

#### 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

## Deo Gratias. Habemus Papam! Pope Leo XIV:

With people throughout the world we rejoice in the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, 266th successor to St Peter.

### Short Biography of Pope Leo XIV:

Born Robert Francis Prevost in Chicago in 1955. In 1977 he earned a Degree in Mathematics at the University in Pennsylvania. He then joined the Order of St Augustine (OSA) and after studies in America and Rome, he was ordained as a priest in Rome in 1982. While completing his doctoral studies he was sent to an Augustinian Mission in Peru. He served in Peru from 1985 to 1999, as a Parish Priest as well as Prior and seminary tutor.

In 1999, he was elected Provincial Prior of the Augustinians in Chicago, and in 2001– 2013 he became “Prior General” of the worldwide Augustinian Order being based in Rome.

Having served 2 terms of six years he briefly returned to Chicago until, in 2014, Pope Francis appointed him as Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Chiclayo, being ordained as Bishop on December 12, the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. His episcopal motto is “In Illo uno unum”—words pronounced by Saint Augustine in a sermon on Psalm 127 to explain that “although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one.” This will also be his papal motto. He was Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, from 2015 to 2023. During these years Pope Francis also invited him to sit on the congregations for clergy and For Bishops in Rome.

In January 2023 Pope Francis recalled him to Rome to become the Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, promoting him to the rank of Archbishop. He was created Cardinal at the Consistory of September 30 2023.

Since that time, for these past 18 months, Pope Francis entrusted him with many things: he accompanied Pope Francis on his most recent Apostolic Journeys; he became a member of the dicasteries of Evangelisation; Doctrine of the Faith; for the Eastern Churches; for the Clergy; for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life; for Culture and Education; for Legislative Texts; and of the Pontifical Commission for the Vatican City State.

In what is now a remarkably prophetic act, on February 6 of this Jubilee Year 2025, just a week before Pope Francis with admitted to hospital with pneumonia, Francis promoted him to the “Order of Cardinal Bishops”, granting him the title of the Suburbicarian Church of Albano.

On Thursday 8th May 2025 he was elected by the Conclave as Pope Leo XIV, the 267th Pope in the line of St Peter. Our New Holy Father.

**Ad Multos Annos!**

## Special Mass for Pope Leo XIV:

Next Saturday, 17th May, at 12 noon, at St Mary's Brownedge, we will celebrate Mass in Thanksgiving for the election of Pope Leo. All welcome!

## 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.



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

This is traditionally known as “Good Shepherd” Sunday, and is part of the continuing journey of Easter – remember that Jesus is the Good Shepherd who both gives his life for his sheep and takes it up again. His relationship with us, after the resurrection, is closer than we can imagine: through his dying and rising, Jesus fulfils the promise he

makes in today's Gospel: “I give them eternal life, and they will never be lost.” This Sunday is another opportunity for us to consider the consequences of the Resurrection – how we live the Easter Story.

**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; congratulations to: **James Birchall, Linda Finch, Elaine Theobald, David Morgan, Isaac Scott, Lewis Redfearn and Geoff Wrennall & Adrian Beeby** who have been received into the Catholic Church, as well as receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion at the same Mass. Please pray for them.

**Journey in Faith:** We will soon embark on a new journey in faith: Sycamore have produced a new series of reflections which will launch in the parishes very soon.

**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>

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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.

## 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 for the Jubilee 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 votive 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](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or call 0161 817 2214.

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

**Baptism Preparation** course starts on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May with presentation on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May during Mass.

**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. It would be helpful to have an idea of numbers and there will be a personalised souvenir for couples, therefore we would ask that you register your details using the link below: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-MyWxSUioD3FNQ8\\_pJeHesn6uQMDTPDBiHbpy4q0EIIzslg/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-MyWxSUioD3FNQ8_pJeHesn6uQMDTPDBiHbpy4q0EIIzslg/viewform?usp=header) For more information please email: [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto: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.

**Cafod** - On **Tuesday 13th May at 7.30pm**, AT Our Lady of Dolours church, Cavendish road, Prestwich M7 4WW, people from Siembra one of CAFOD's partners in Colombia, will be explaining how your CAFOD donations make a difference in supporting marginalised people in maintaining their livelihoods and local environment in the face of huge challenges from big business. All are welcome.

**S.V.P. Monthly Collection** - This will take place next weekend the 17th/18th May at all Masses in both churches.

### 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, For recovery from a serious operation

#### All those who have recently died:

Baby Maggie Livesey-Gorman, Brian Pails, Brenda McCluskey, Kenneth Joseph Delaney, Kathleen Tyson, Maureen O'Hara, Joan Matthews.

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



## Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

**Crowning of Our Lady:** This lovely May tradition will take place this Sunday at 10.30am Mass.

**First Holy Communions:** There will be three celebrations: 18th May 15th June and 29th June all at our Parish Sunday Mass at 10.30am.

**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's funeral will be on **Friday 23rd May at 11 am.**

**Altar Candle & Mass Intentions** - If you would like to have a Mass intention or Candle intention please leave a note at the Presbytery clearly stating the Mass Intention or Location for your Candle. For the Candles we are suggesting a minimum donation of £5 per candle.

**Graveyard & Ashes Vault:** Please help to keep our Graveyard and Memorial Garden tidy. Please remember to clear old flowers or pots. Anything which is no longer wanted can be placed in the large orange bins (or one of the smaller ones) Thanks for your help and a huge thankyou to our volunteers who do a great job.

**Ashes Memorial Plaque:** If anyone would like an Ashes Memorial engraving on the plaque you must request this directly via the office and the Parish Secretary by email or phone. The fee for Ashes memorial plaque engravings are available in the parish office. The format is deceased full name and the date of death (e.g. John Smith – 24.02.2024). Engravings are usually completed every 6 months.

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



W/C 11/05/2025	This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey		
Offertory 4th / 5th May 2025			
Offertory Loose	£260.02		
Offertory Envelopes	£193.65		
Attendance	142		
Bingo Jackpots for 14/05/2028			
£30	£83	£94	£43

## St Mary's Brownedge Notices

**Crowning of Our Lady:** Many thanks to all arranged and took part in this beautiful ceremony last Sunday.

**First Holy Communion:** There will be two celebrations for this: 8th & 22nd June at our Parish Sunday Mass at 9.30 am.

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 18th May 9:30 am Mass: Mullarkey Family

**CAFOD Big Lent Walk** - Thanks to everybody who supported my CAFOD Big Lent Walk this year. Between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday, I walked 268.7km and raised an amazing £1,220. The support and generosity of everybody is much appreciated and truly humbling. Many Thanks, Dave Gorman

**Mothers Prayers** - The next meeting is on **Wednesday 14th May** at 1 pm in St Mary's Priory.

**The Tolkien Trail:** Would anyone like to join the **Caritas sponsored walk** (The Tolkien Trail) near Hurst Green on **13<sup>th</sup> 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. And for Kenneth Delaney who's Funeral will take place on **Wednesday 21st May** at 2:30 pm

**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 11<sup>th</sup> 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

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



Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	62
9:30 am	192
6:30 p.m..	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>320</b>
Sanctuary Lamps Week 11/05/25	
1	For Joan & George Murphy & All Deceased members of the Murphy & Wynne Families
2	Deceased Members of the Sharrock & Southworth Families