



St Mary's Brownedge

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18 th May 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	17th May	12 noon	5th Sunday of Easter MASS FOR POPE LEO XIV
	Vigil	7:00 pm	Derek Nickson R.I.P.
Sun	18th May	9:30 am	5th Sunday of Easter Norman Brown R.I.P.
		6:30 pm	The Parish
Mon	19th May	9:30 am	St Dunstan (OM) Cocker & Dowbakin Families
Tues	20th May	9:30 am	St Bernardine of Sienna (OM) Lloyds & Dellows Families
Wed	21st May	9:30 am	St Christopher Magallanes (OM) Kathleen Tyson R.I.P. (Mary Class)
		2:30 pm	Funeral of Kenneth Delaney
Thurs	22nd May	9.30 am	St Rita Of Cascia (OM) Diane Harvey (Anniversary)
Fri	23rd May	9:30 am	Dixon & Baldwin Families
		12 noon	Wedding of John Dawson & Katherine Hughes
Sat	24th May	11:00 am	6th Sunday of Easter Mass for Jubilee Pilgrims
	Vigil	7:00 pm	May Smith (Walburga)
Sun	25th May	9:30 am	6th Sunday of Easter Susan Calderbank
		11:00 am	Baptism of Taylor Hughes
		6:30 pm	The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	17th May	5:30 pm	5th Sunday of Easter James Stokes (Birthday Ann)
Sun	18th May	10:30 am	45h Sunday of Easter The Parish Baptism Presentations First Holy Communions
		12:30 pm	Baptism of Cohen Kitchen
Mon	19th May	6:00 pm	Exposition
		6:30 pm	Service of Word & Communion
Tues	20th May	9:15 am	St Bernardine of Siena (OM) Agnes & Wilfred Flanagan Yr 4&5
Wed	21st May	9:15 am	Service of Word & Communion
Thurs	22nd May	6:30 pm	St Rita Of Cascia (OM) Catherine Yates
Fri	23rd May	11:00 am	Requiem Mass for Brian Pails R.I.P.
Sat	24th May	5:30 pm	6th Sunday of Easter Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	25th May	10:30 am	6th Sunday of Easter The Parish

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 Salford Diocesan Parishes:

We pray this week for the people of the parish of St. John Paul II, Eccles, and Father Martin Collins, their parish priest. We pray for their three parish primary schools and for St. Patrick's High School, for the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph and for the Chaplaincy to the Salford Royal Hospital, as well as the Syro-Malabar Catholics who worship at St. Mary's.

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. His Mass of Inauguration takes place this Sunday in Rome.

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!

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We are now closer to Ascension and Pentecost than Easter, but we are still in the Easter Season. The readings this Sunday begin to move us along too, as once more we hear the Lord at the Last Supper preparing his disciples for his departure: he does this by giving them a rule to live by, a new commandment. This commandment, “love one another”, is to be the guiding light of the community of believers after Pentecost (check the first reading for the Second Sunday of Easter) – it is the Risen Lord’s parting gift to his Church.

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.

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

Mass of Anointing and Healing: The SVP invite parishioners of both churches to a Mass of Anointing and Healing at **St Mary’s on Saturday, June 7th at 11:00 am**, followed by light refreshments. This will be especially for all those who are sick and housebound but also for those who care for them in any way. Please invite and try to bring along any sick relatives or friends or people who you care for. Contact the office if help is needed to attend.

Mary’s 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** is a wonderful Catholic charity which 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 for any left-over foreign currency or obsolete UK currency that you may have lying around. Put these coins/notes in the envelopes provided and return them to church and we will pass them on. Help them to feed hungry children across the globe. Every 10p is enough to provide a child with a nutritious meal in school. Mary’s Meals would like to thank you for your continuous support & prayers.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell: Bishop John will lead a pilgrimage to our local 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>

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 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 invites us all to walk as Pilgrims of Hope, being guided by Jesus Our Good Shepherd, who guides our way in the journey of life



Jubilee Church Guide: Thanks to David Gorman who has produced a short guide to St Mary's Church for visiting pilgrims. Also, Fr Mark has left copies of the prayers which pilgrims use when they go through the Holy Door of St Peter's. We can use them here when visiting the church.

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. 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 For more information please email: formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Laudato Si' Centre: At Wardley Hall, the Bishop's residence in Salford, there is a 'Laudato Si' centre. It is just ten years since Pope Francis promulgated his encyclical 'Laudato Si' on the environment and the vital importance of caring for our common home. To celebrate the 10th Anniversary, there is a reflection day at **Wardley Hall on Friday May 30th from 10.00am to 2.30pm** with mass in the forest walk area, weather permitting. All our invited but places are limited so registration is requested. Please notify: emily.cahill@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

YOUTH MINISTRY JOB OPPORTUNITY // CASTLERIGG MANOR - Castlerigg Manor is a Catholic retreat Centre in the Lake District run by the Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service. They are looking for a Programme Leader to help look after the residential team of young interns and to lead programmes both at Castlerigg and occasionally around the area. Competitive salary, as well as accommodation and food provided. Anyone interested can contact jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Father Terence OSB - Please pray for Father Terence who is recovering from an operation following a serious car accident in Zimbabwe.

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, Father Terence OSB

All those who have recently died:

Brian Pails, Brenda McCluskey, Kenneth Joseph Delaney, Kathleen Tyson, Maureen O'Hara, Joan Matthews, Doris Stobbs, Joan Mather, Stephen Waring, Winifred Kerry.

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

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

First Holy Communions: The first of our three celebrations of First Holy Communion takes place this Sunday at 10.30. Welcome to all our visitors and congratulations to the children and their families. Further celebrations will be on 15th and 29th June at our Parish Sunday Mass at 10.30am.

Recently Deceased - Please Pray for the Soul of **Brian Pails** who's funeral will be on **Friday 23rd May at 11 am** and also for **Mary Doris Stobbs** who died this week, her Funeral is on **Thursday 5th June at 10:30 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 - A reminder that 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.

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.

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 10th / 11th May 2025			
Offertory Loose	£354.48		
Offertory Envelopes	£166.45		
Attendance	196		
Bingo Jackpots for 21/05/2028			
£31	£84	£95	£25

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 25th May 9:30 am Mass: Ryles Family.

Jubilee Mass: Next Saturday we welcome a group of Jubilee pilgrims from St Patrick's Parish in Manchester. There will be Mass at 11am.

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 Kenneth Delaney who's Funeral will take place on Wednesday 21st May at 2:30 pm. Also for Stephen Philip Wareing who's Funeral is on Friday 30th May at 2 pm and for Winifred Kerry who's Funeral is on Monday 2nd June at 11 am.

V.E. Day Church Bells: As part of the National directive to ring all church bells at 6.30pm to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day, the following ringers took part in general ringing: Graham Turner, Liz Turner, James Turner, Stephen Jackson, Melissa Villiers, Linda Cevik. We rang Rounds and Called Changes, St. Simon's Bob Doubles and Little Bob Minor. By a strange coincidence, this ringing was also performed at the same time as the election of our new Pope Leo XIV and is dedicated in His Honour. The above was followed at 7.45pm by "A QUARTER PEAL OF 1260 CHANGES OF PLAIN BOB MINOR" The ringers rang each bell in the following order: 1. Jan Reeves, 4. Melissa Villiers, 2. Elizabeth G Turner, 5. James C Turner, 3. Viv M Clayton, 6. Graham C Turner (conductor). Rung on the back six with the tenor weighing 14-3-24 cwt. This was rung to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on 8th May 1945 and also to celebrate the election of our New Pope, Leo XIV. Rung on the 30th Anniversary of the Conductor's first peal, which was rung here at Brownedge for the 50th Anniversary of VE Day.

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.

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	63
9:30 am	155
6:30 p.m..	61
Total	279
Sanctuary Lamps Week 18/05/25	
1	In Memory of Ann & Jack Molyneaux
2	In Memory of Michael Cox, Jaki Sanderson &