

St Mary's Brownedge

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SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

29th June 2025

	St Mary's, Brownedge				
Sat	28th Jun	9:30 am	Mass with Diocesan World Youth Day Pilgrims		
	Vigil	7:00 pm	ST PETER & ST PAUL (S) Margaret Harrison		
Sun	29th Jun	9:30 am	ST PETER & ST PAUL (S) Rhoda Rawcliffe		
		6:30 pm	The Parish		
Mon	30th Jun	9:30 am	First Martyrs of the See of Rome Annie Jenkins (Ann)		
Tues	1st July	9:30 am	St Oliver Plunket (OM) In Memory of Owen & Margaret Beine R.I.P.		
Wed	2nd July	9:30 am	Bernadette Ryles (Benedict & Beesley Classes)		
Thurs	3rd July	9.30 am	St Thomas (F) Margaret Mildred Maguire (Ann)		
Fri	4th July	9:30 am	St Elizabeth of Portugal (OM) Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassatti Haythornthwaite Family		
		12 noon	Funeral Service for Edward Denn-Lloyd R.I.P.		
Sat	5th July Vigil	7:00 pm	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time May Walburga Smith		
Sun	6th July	9:30 am	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish 1st Holy Communion Breakfast		
		6:30 pm	Jack Allsop		

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.

	St Gerard's, Lostock Hall				
Sat	28th Jun Vigil	5:30 pm	ST PETER & ST PAUL (S) Sacred Heart Guild		
Sun	29th Jun	10:30 am	ST PETER & ST PAUL (S) The Parish 1st Holy Communion		
Mon	30th Jun	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Service of the Word		
Tues	1st July	9:15 am 12 noon	St Oliver Plunket (OM) Holy Souls Funeral Service for Lisa Percy		
Wed	2nd July	9:15 am 10:30 am	Service of the Word Funeral Service for Pauline Sharples R.I.P.		
Thurs	3rd July	6.30 pm	St Thomas (F) Priests Intentions		
Fri	4th July		St Elizabeth of Portugal (OM) BI. Pier Giorgio Frassatti NO SERVICES		
Sat	5th July Vigil	5:30 pm	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Maureen Cook R.I.P.		
Sun	6th July	10:30 am	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish		
		12 noon	Baptisms of Freddie Davies, Francis Halliwell and Jack Ormisher		

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.

Prayer for Salford Diocesan Parishes:

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St, James and All Souls. Pendleton and Weaste, and for Father Ian Farrell, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school.

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



SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

Peter and Paul are the two great heroes of the Apostolic Age. Peter for leading the first Christian communities and binding them in unity, a role that springs from his profession of faith in Caesarea Philippi, and Paul for travelling throughout the Roman Empire as the Apostle

to the Gentiles, ensuring that the Gospel could be heard by all. They both ended up in Rome, the heart of the Empire, where they crowned their lives of witness by shedding their blood for Christ. As the ancient hymn for this feast day ("Decora Lux aeternitatis") says: ""Rejoice, O Rome, this day; thy walls they once did sign With princely blood, who now their glory share with thee. What city's vesture glows with crimson deep as thine? What beauty else has earth that may compare with thee?" In celebrating the death of these apostles and martyrs, we celebrate the triumph of life and death offered fully to God.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: Thank you to everyone who attended the Procession of the Blessed Sacrament last Sunday. There were heavy showers just as we were getting prepared, thus, the procession took place within the church but it was, nonetheless, a beautiful and sacred way to celebrate this great feast.

Ecumenical Morning Prayer and breakfast - the next celebration is on **Wednesday 2nd July** at 8am at St Mary's Brownedge. All are welcome.

Sycamore Journey in Faith: Tuesday 8th July: St Mary's Narthex at 7pm: Following the success of our Tuesday evening sessions we are holding a social evening to celebrate with all those who have taken part in the programme, including those who have been received into the church over the past 9 months. Also to welcome anyone who may be interested in joining a new programme beginning in September. Anyone thinking of becoming a catholic or interested in learning a little more about the faith is welcome to come along to this little "party".

Jubilee Celebration for Fr Mark: This summer Fr Mark celebrates his 30th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood (15/7/95). As his Silver Jubilee, five years ago, was overshadowed by the Pandemic lockdown, we will be celebrating his 30th anniversary to give thanks for the gift of the priesthood. There will be a Mass on Friday 18th July at St Mary's Brownedge at 7pm followed by a reception in Bamber Bridge Catholic Club. Tickets for the reception will be on sale at all Masses on 28th / 29th June - £8 for Adults & £4 for a child.

Mothers Prayers – Fortnightly meeting – Wednesday 9th July 1pm – St Mary's Priory. Please come along to pray for all our families. All welcome.

SVP Fundraising: To raise funds, 100 members of the National SVP will be walking The Pilgrim Way of St. James (The Camino) next April 2026 and a member of our conference, Barbara Hall, will be joining them. She needs to raise £1500 over the next months. Please join the pilgrimage by donating any coins new & old in the bottles found at the back of both churches, or donate to www.justgiving.com/page/barbara-hall-1. Thank you for helping the SVP turn concern into action.

Recently Deceased: Please pray for the following: *Lisa Percy,* whose funeral will be on Tuesday 2nd July at 12 noon at St Gerard's.

Pauline Sharples, whose Funeral will be on Wednesday 2nd July at 10:30 am at St Gerard's. Eddie Lloyd, whose funeral will be on Friday 4th July at 12 noon at St Mary's;

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

"Cancel Debt; Choose Hope": You still have the opportunity to sign the petition as you leave church. It is being signed by Catholic Parishes all over the world. 'Lets be Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year.'

Summer Courses at Boarbank Hall: Following the election of Pope Leo who is a member of the Order of St Augustine, The Augustinian Sisters at Boarbank Hall near Carnforth are offering 2 special weeks this summer. It might be attractive for some people to mix with a bit of a summer break in the Lake District:

"Thinking Leo": 26th July—2nd August: Time out for working Catholics. Combine holiday, retreat and a chance to discover the background of Pope Leo XIV. Topics will include: The Rule of St Augustine; The life of the Augustinian Friars; On the mission in Peru; The first Pope Leo; Leo XIII and Rerum Novarum; The IT/AI revolutions.

The week will be led by: Sr Margaret Atkins CRSA (Boarbank), Fr Richard Finn OP (Blackfriars, Oxford), with Guest Speaker Fr Ian Wilson OSA (Santa Monica, Rome)

"The Confessions of St Augustine": 18th-22nd August. St Augustine's spiritual autobiography is one of most famous of all Christian writings. Here is a chance to read it together in depth and ask as many questions as you would like! Enjoy all this just by the Lake District, as part of a relaxing and prayerful holiday.

For cost and more information on either week see: www.boarbankhall.org.uk

To book, email margaret@boarbankhall.org.uk

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children - Preston branch: meetings of the our new branch will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 2.00 pm at St Joseph's church hall, Skeffington Road PR1 5UQ. Next meeting is on Saturday 12 July. Please contact Nicola at spucpreston@gmail.com or telephone 07523 183758 for more information or just come along and join us. All welcome.

Joint Notices

Jubilee for Children and Families This month, we join Catholics around the world in celebrating the Jubilee for Children and Families. As we come together in this Holy Year, we invite you to pray for all families in our diocese. May we look to the love of the Holy Family to guide us in our vocation to family life; praying for the grace to love with peace, gentleness, and hope in the face of all our challenges.

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.

Stay up to date with our Laudato Si' Centre Discover more about the Diocese of Salford's environment hub - the Laudato Si' Centre - by following us on social media. Get the latest on upcoming events, discover top tips, prayer and reflection resources, and catch a glimpse of our beautiful grounds changing from season to season! Simply search "Laudato Si' Centre" on Facebook and Instagram to follow!

www.universalis.com:

The readings for Mass and the Divine Office: Scan this QR code with your camera to take you straight to the Universalis site and the readings for Mass each day:



"With all the strength of my soul I urge young people to approach the Communion table as often as you can. Feed on this bread of angels whence you will draw all the energy you need to fight inner battles. Because true happiness, dear friends, does not consist in the pleasures of the world or in earthly things, but in peace of conscience, which we have only if we are pure in heart and mind."

--Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

4th July is the feast day of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassatti; an inspirational figure, especially for young people; he lived a very practical and active faith, enjoying life like most young people, and yet with a passionate desire for going to Mass, from which he drew the inspiration to care for those most in need. Look up the story of his life online.

Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati (1901 – 1925) and Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006) will be canonised by Pope Leo on 7th Sept.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick, and those who care for them:

Sister Louise, John Stringfellow, Peter Clough, Yvonne Jeffrey, Joseph O'Grady, Brian Morley, Dorothy Whittle, Jean Doran, Maureen Calderbank, Joseph Finch, Father Terence OSB, John Prescott. David Livesey

All those who have recently died:

Winifred Kerry, Eunice Gough, Frank Gileney, Eddie Lloyd, Pauline Sharples, Lisa Percy.

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.



Deanery Mass for the Jubilee of Hope: Friday 4th July at 7pm, Bishop John will be celebrating a Deanery Mass at St Alban's in Blackburn. St Alban's is one of the Jubilee churches of the Diocese and is well worth a visit. It will also be an opportunity to congratulate the Parish Priest, Canon Jude Harrison, who will soon be retiring after serving the parish and deanery for very many years. Please try to come along and demonstrate our unity as the family of God in our area

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 from 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 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. She is excited to celebrate the life stories of St Peter and St Paul on their feast day this weekend as we remember how heroic they were in spreading the good news about Jesus.



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.

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

Summer Fair - Thank you to every one who helped or attended the Summer Fair last Sunday, the weather was doubtful but the rain held off until afterwards. We raised a magnificent sum of £1000 for parish funds. A list of Raffle winners is available in the Porch with unclaimed prizes

First Holy Communions: We welcome the children and parents this Sunday for our final celebration of First Holy Communion for this year and thank the Sacramental Programme team for all their work.

Catholic Schools Inspectorate: Our Lady & St Gerard's school is delighted to have received a wonderful report from the Catholic School Inspection which took place a few weeks ago. The report recognises that the "Catholic life and mission" of our school is OUTSTANDING! The report truly reflects the school and captures all the efforts made in recent years which have rebuilt the connections with the parish.

The inspection team recognised the changes to the curriculum to fully embed Catholic Social Teaching in all that we do. The criteria for inspections is now very high, so to have another OUTSTANDING is a great achievement for our whole school community. Congratulations everyone involved in the school: staff, pupils, parents, governors, volunteers, parishioners. So many people work together to make our school such a special place, with a living Catholic Faith as its heartbeat. A copy of the report can be found on the school website: Catholic Schools Inspection Report | Our Lady & St. Gerard's R.C. Primary School

School GIFT Team: On Friday 11th July our GIFT team will be hosting another morning of entertainment to thank any volunteers who support us in school or at church. Any parishioners who wish to come into school to enjoy the entertainment and have some refreshments are most welcome; Friday 11th July 9.15—11am.

WOOL APPEAL - Marina McNulty is once again appealing for any double knit wool you may no longer need. Marina knits varies woollen items for charities in the area. Bright colours (rainbow) in particular are need at the moment but all colours gratefully received. Please leave them in the Porch for collection.

W/C 29/06/2025	This Weeks Intentions			
Sanctuary		Yvor	nne Jeffrey	
Offertory 21st/ 22ndJune 2025				
Offertory Loose		£299.30		
Offertory Envelopes		£172.20		
Attendance		159		
Bingo Jackpots for 02/07/2025				
£38		£90	£101	£31

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 6th July 9:30 am Mass: Children.

Jubilee Candles: available from the Jubilee display in the Marian Transept, £2 each. Please put money in the regular votive candle stands or piety stall.

CAFOD Message: "Thank you to the Parishioners of St Mary's Brownedge Bamber Bridge for your generous support for CAFOD this year and for your latest donation of £1000.00 received on 17th June. Thank you for supporting your global family".

Old Father Time: Apologies that the church clock and the chimes have been so erratic for the past couple of weeks. We hope to get it corrected soon.

Bell Ropes: Unconnected to the automated clock chimes, the ropes which are used to ring the church bells have become frayed; we have replaced 6 of the 8 ropes. This has cost £1488. We are grateful for a donation of £600 towards this cost. Any further contributions, to help "defray" the cost, would be most welcome.

Brownedge St Mary's High School: Well done to all those who received prizes this week. A special word of congratulations goes to two of our parish Altar Servers: Ryan Counsel who has completed his year as "Head Boy" and to Ace Tolentino who will be School "Head Boy" for the next 12 months. We also welcome John Griffin, a new lay chaplain to the school, who has begun this week.

OFSTED Report: Our High School has received a glowing report following the recent OFSTED inspection. Whilst the new framework does not give a one word judgement, the inspectors found that the school continues to provide excellent standards in all areas. Congratulations to everyone involved in the school for their hard work in making it a community of which we can we truly proud. The report is available on the school website: Inspection Reports Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School

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





Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend		
7 pm Vigil	64	
9:30 am	339	
6:30 p.m	67	
Total	470	

	Sanctuary Lamps Week 29/06/25
1	In Memory of David Coxhead
2	In Memory of Stella Wood