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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

6th July 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	5th July Vigil	7:00 pm	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time May Walburga Smith
Sun	6th July	9:30 am 6:30 pm	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish 1st Holy Communion Breakfast Jack Allsop
Mon	7th July	9:30 am	Jack & Nellie Holt, James Robert Holme & Christine Gainer
Tues	8th July	9:30 am	Service of the Word
Wed	9th July	9:30 am 4:00 pm	St Augustine Zhao Rong & Comp ^(OM) Worden & Gilbert Families Our Lady of Fatima Devotions
Thurs	10th July	9.30 am	Richard & Mary Lloyd
Fri	11th July	9:30 am	St Benedict ^(F) Holy Souls Whole School Mass
Sat	12th July Vigil	7:00 pm	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Priest's Intentions
Sun	13th July	9:30 am 6:30 pm	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th Anniversary Blessings The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	5th July Vigil	5:30 pm	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Maureen Cook R.I.P.
Sun	6th July	10:30 am 12 noon	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish Baptisms of Freddie Davies, Francis Halliwell and Jack Ormisher
Mon	7th July	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Service of the Word
Tues	8th July	9:15 am	Holy Souls (Reception, Yr 3, Yr4)
Wed	9th July	9:15 am	St Augustine Zhao Rong & Comp ^(OM) Service of the Word
Thurs	10th July	6.30 pm	Gordon Hunt (Anniversary)
Fri	11th July		St Benedict ^(F) NO SERVICES
Sat	12th July Vigil	5:30 pm	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Josephine Topping R.I.P.
Sun	13th July	10:30 am	15h Sunday in Ordinary Time 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:
 This week we pray for the people of the parish of St. Teresa of Avila and St. Joseph, Irlam, with Fr Anthony Clarke, their parish priest. We pray for both their parish primary schools.

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The link between the First Reading and Gospel is not immediately apparent today, until you look at the “headings” which are always chosen “to make the connection between readings of the same Mass clear.” (Introduction to the Lectionary n.123.) The “headings” present us with a simple picture today: a river of peace flowing out from the Lord, which we see in the Gospel as the flowing of the disciples as they are sent out on their first mission. From the Lord of Peace, others, like ripples in a pool, flow out carrying his simple message: “Peace to this house!”

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. Any remaining tickets for the reception will be on sale at Mass this weekend. (£8 for Adults & £4 for a child). Unfortunately, there is a restriction on the numbers in the club but there should be plenty of room in church for the Mass

Pilgrimage To Rome: Those travelling to Rome for the Jubilee Pilgrimage from 4—11 August should receive some information from our tour operator, Mr Anthony Coles, in the next few days. The programme has been altered a little so that we should be able to go to the General Audience with Pope Leo on Wed 6th Aug. We will have a meeting about the trip on **next Thursday morning (10th July) at about 10.15am** at St Mary’s in the Narthex, following the morning Mass. Don’t worry if unable to attend, any further information will be shared with everyone.

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.

SVP - The June SVP collection at St Marys raised £141.22 and with the £119.17 from St Gerard’s gives us a grand total of £260.39. Thank you to all those that have donated and supported your help and support is always appreciated, Thank you.

Recently Deceased: Please pray for the following: Bernard Walne whose Funeral takes place on Wednesday 16th July at 11am. Also, John Prescott who has died. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

“Cancel Debt; Choose Hope”: Last chance this weekend 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.’

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

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

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.

Joint Notices

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.

ROAD CLOSURE ADVANCED NOTICE - Brownedge Road from Todd Lane to No 156 Brownedge Road (on corner of Todd Lane South and Brownedge Road) will be closed to traffic from 8 am on **Monday 21st July to 5 pm Wednesday 13th August** or until work is completed. This is to enable work on the Gas Main at that location. Access for Emergency Vehicles and residents will be maintained wherever possible. Alternative suggested route London Way – Lostock lane – Watkin Lane – Brownedge Road - **Allow extra time if travelling to or from Bamber Bridge.**

Lancaster Voice: The latest copy of the Lancaster Diocesan Newspaper is available at the back of Church. There is no charge so please do take a copy home with you to catch up on some local catholic news.

Family and Group Stays at Castlerigg Manor this August: Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and this summer they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups. A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/open/> or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

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:



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 was excited to celebrate the life stories of St Peter and St Paul on their feast day last 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.

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick, and those who care for them:

Sister Louise, Peter Clough, Yvonne Jeffrey, Joseph O'Grady, Brian Morley, Dorothy Whittle, Jean Doran, Maureen Calderbank, Joseph Finch, Father Terence OSB, David Livesey, Mick Green. Ruth Johnstone.

All those who have recently died:

John Prescott, Bernard Walne, Eddie Lloyd, Pauline Sharples, Lisa Percy, Patricia Allan.

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

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

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.

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.

School Summer Fair: Our Lady & St Gerard's School Summer Fair – **Thursday 17th July** between 2:00pm and 4:30pm – Lots of stalls and games on the school playground – Everybody welcome!

WOOL APPEAL - Marina McNulty is once again appealing for any double knit wool you may no longer need. Marina knits various woollen items for charities in the area. All colours gratefully received. Please leave them in the Porch for collection.

Congratulations to Melanie in 5J, who was awarded the Individual Achievement Award in this year's Laudato Si' awards, given by the Bishop at Wardley Hall on Thursday. To be chosen from all the schools across the diocese is just amazing!

There is more information on these awards on the diocesan website: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/winners-laudato-si-awards-25/>

St Gerard's Parish Lottery No. 608 02/07/25			
1st	£100	28	Ms M Waldron
2nd	£40	21	Mrs Jean Taylor
3rd	£20	61	Mr M Cullen
W/C 29/06/2025		This Weeks Intentions	
Sanctuary		Yvonne Jeffrey	

Offertory 28th/ 29th June 2025			
Offertory Loose		£283.69	
Offertory Envelopes		£222.45	
Attendance		207	
Bingo Jackpots for 08/07/2025			
£39	£91	£102	£32

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 13th July 9:30 am Mass: Taylor Family.

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.

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 be truly proud. The report is available on the school website: [Inspection Reports | Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School](#)

200 Club: Many thanks to Sandra & Kathryn, organisers of the 200 club. This week they have presented the parish with £3000 raised over the past 6 months. Please consider joining the Club or gifting a membership to someone in your family to support the upkeep of the parish.

Congratulations to our June winners:

1 st Prize - £200	No 259	John Doherty
2 nd Prize -£100	No 18	Maureen Hopwood
3 rd Prize - £50	No 126	Brian Spicer

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	76
9:30 am	162
6:30 p.m..	67
Total	305

Sanctuary Lamps Week 06/07/25	
1	For the McCarten & Turner Families
2	For John May & Joyce Hilton