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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

13th July 2025

| St Mary's, Brownedge | | | |
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| 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 |
| Mon | 14th July | 9:30 am | St Camillus of Lellis (OM) Josephine Hutchinson |
| Tues | 15th July | 9:30 am | St Bonaventure (M) Deceased members of the Hiney, McArdle & Rowland Families |
| Wed | 16th July | 9.30am 11:00am | Our Lady of Mount Carmel (F) Whole School Mass for the Year 6 Leavers Requiem Mass for Bernard Walne R.I.P. |
| Thurs | 17th July | 9.30 am | Thomas Roberts |
| Fri | 18th July | 9:30 am 7:00 pm | Holy Souls Celebration Mass for Fr Mark's 30 years of Priesthood |
| Sat | 19th July | 10:00am Vigil 7:00 pm | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Knights of St Columba The Parish |
| Sun | 20th July | 9:30 am 6:30 pm | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ann & Jack Molyneaux Bernard & Nora Reynolds |

| St Gerard's, Lostock Hall | | | |
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| Sat | 12th July Vigil | 5:30 pm | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Josephine Topping R.I.P. |
| Sun | 13th July | 10:30 am | 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish |
| Mon | 14th July | 6:00 pm 6:30 pm | St Camillus of Lellis (OM) Exposition Service of the Word |
| Tues | 15th July | 9:15 am | St Bonaventure (M) Whole School Mass for the Year 6 Leavers Priests Intentions |
| Wed | 16th July | 9:15 am | Our Lady of Mount Carmel (F) Service of the Word |
| Thurs | 17th July | 6.30 pm | Holy Souls |
| Fri | 18th July | | NO SERVICES |
| Sat | 19th July Vigil | 5:30 pm | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish |
| Sun | 20th July | 10:30 am 12 noon | 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Geoff Giddens R.I.P. Baptism of Christopher Rimmer |

OM - Optional Memorial F - Feast
M - Memorial S - Solemnity

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 Sea Sunday:

Lord, protect all seafarers and fishers, who work hard on the perilous sea, to bring us so many of the goods that we rely on in our daily lives. We pray especially for those affected by conflicts around the world, particularly in the Red Sea, Ukraine and Israel and Palestine.

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 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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Both first reading and Gospel today invite us to be “down to earth” about the Law of God. It's very easy to become an “expert in religion” - knowing all the right answers, remembering all the right quotes, and so on. But for Moses and for Jesus, if God's Law is to be kept anywhere, it must be in our hearts and in our everyday lives. We are not to be concerned with keeping our eyes fixed on heaven, if it means that we cannot see the poor man at our feet. Enjoy listening to the wonderful “Good Samaritan” parable today and pray about how we can live it now.

Sea Sunday is Sunday 13th July: It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting ‘SEA’ to 70460 to donate £5. There are also envelopes which you can use. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

Jubilee Celebration for Fr Mark: This week 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. The 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. All welcome!

Sycamore Journey in Faith: Thanks to all those who came along to our celebration last Tuesday. We will look to launch a new series of Sycamore in mid-September, especially for those who would like to become Catholics or wish to learn a little more. We will also run some new sessions to deepen our understanding of prayer.

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.

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 SVP will be selling raffle tickets for the SVP Summer Raffle, with a first prize of £5,000 at Masses on the weekend 19/20 July. Tickets are £1 each. The usual monthly SVP collection will also be that weekend.

The next SVP Meeting is Monday 14th July at 6:30pm in the Priory meeting Room at St Mary's.

Cafod: Many thanks to all who supported our recent coffee morning and raffle which raised £230 and from the buckets in June £80. Your continued support and generosity is much appreciated.

Thanks also to over 300 parishioners from St Mary's & Our Lady & St Gerard's who signed a petition, to 'Cancel Debt, Choose Hope', debt which affects 54 of the world's poorest countries with devastating impacts for ordinary people. Let's 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 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.

Family Forest Fun Mornings: Gather the family together to celebrate God's creation with “Family Forest Fun Mornings” at the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre. Taking place between **10am-12.30pm over the first three Tuesdays of August**. These sessions are packed with a range of activities that teach us more about the wonder of creation. Find out more and register at: <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/family-forest-fun-mornings/>

Joint Notices

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.

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.**

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

Women's Refuge - Thank you for the donation of £50 made by a parishioner – much appreciated. The Women's refuge would be grateful of the donation of items suitable for a picnic please.

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:



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



Our Lady & St Gerard's



St Mary's Brownedge

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, John Wilding, Mick Green. Ruth Johnstone. John Lees.

All those who have recently died:

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

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: Many thanks to those attended the Deanery Mass with Bishop John at St Alban's, Blackburn last Friday. It was a lovely celebration in a very impressive church.

Jubilee for Grandparents and Older People:

The Diocese of Salford's Jubilee of Jubilees series continues this month as we celebrate the Jubilee for Grandparents and Older People by sharing a fantastic resource from our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford. For resources, activity ideas, prayers, key contacts, and more, head to <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/>

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 joining in with the hope of coming to the end of the school year and what we will do in our holidays.



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.

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

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

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!

Parish Lottery: If your membership runs from July to July please get in touch with the office if you'd like to continue. Parish Lottery subscription are still £60 for the year – Prizes are drawn monthly, and you can win excellent cash prizes (£100, £40 & £20) with extra prize draws during the year.

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](#)

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/>

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. All colours gratefully received. Please leave them in the Porch for collection.

Pope Francis on the Good Samaritan:

"Each day we have to decide whether to be Good Samaritans or indifferent bystanders ...

There are only two kinds of people: those who care for someone who is hurting and those who pass by; those who bend down to help and those who look the other way and hurry off".

(Fratelli Tutti paras. 69, 70).

| W/C 13/07/2025 | This Weeks Intentions |
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| Sanctuary | Yvonne Jeffrey |

| Offertory 5th / 6th July 2025 | | | |
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| Offertory Loose | £274.45 | | |
| Offertory Envelopes | £177.10 | | |
| Attendance | 131 | | |
| Bingo Jackpots for 16/07/2025 | | | |
| £25 | £92 | £103 | £33 |

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 20th 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 it is now working more correctly.

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 for this year. 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; welcome John!

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:

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| 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 | |
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| 7 pm Vigil | 55 |
| 9:30 am | 160 |
| 6:30 p.m.. | 77 |
| Total | 292 |

| Sanctuary Lamps Week 13/07/25 | |
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| 1 | Deceased Family members of the Hankey & Woodcock Families |
| 2 | For Bernadette Ryles, Anthony O'Connor & All the Deceased members of the Jones & Ryles Families |