



St Mary's Brownedge

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

27th July 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	26th July Vigil	7:00 pm	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Derek Nickson R.I.P.
Sun	27th July	9:30 am	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Richard & Barbara Sharples
		11:00am	Baptisms of Sydonie Henderson, Edward Woodruff & Bobby McCarney
		6:30 pm	The Parish
Mon	28th July	9:30 am	Priests Intentions
Tues	29th July	9:30 am	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus (M) Priests Intentions
Wed	30th July	11.00 am	St Peter Chrysologus (M) Requiem Mass for John Frederick Lees R.I.P.
Thurs	31st July	9.30 am	St Ignatius Loyola Peter Haythornthwaite
Fri	1st Aug	9:30 am 12 noon	St Alphonsus Mary De'Liguori Deceased Members of Lesiak Family Requiem Mass for John Prescott R.I.P.
Sat	2nd Aug Vigil	7:00 pm	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Sun	3rd Aug	9:30 am	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Joe McCarthy
		6:30 pm	Mary Bilsborough

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	26th July Vigil	5:30 pm	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Harry Brierley (Anniversary)
Sun	27th July	10:30 am	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Mon	28th July	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Service of the Word
Tues	29th July	9:15 am	Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus (M) Priests Intentions
Wed	30th July	9:15 am	St Peter Chrysologus (M) Service of the Word
Thurs	31st July	6.30 pm	St Ignatius Loyola Pearce McCloskey R.I.P.
Fri	1st Aug		St Alphonsus Mary De'Liguori NO SERVICES
Sat	2nd Aug Vigil	5:30 pm	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Sun	3rd Aug	10:30 am	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gordon Hunt (Birthday Anniversary)

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.

"The Serenity Prayer"

God grant me:

The Serenity to accept the things I cannot change;
The Courage to change the things I can;
and **The Wisdom** to know the difference. Amen.



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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



When we see the child in the sweet shop nagging and moaning at mum or dad for something, we probably don't think of it as a model of our prayer lives! And yet, if we take the word of God seriously today, that is exactly what our faith teaches us to do! The message is persistence - never giving up, even if

prayers do not seem to be answered. We shouldn't ask why they are not answered on the spot (God's probably got a reason), but should just continue beating on the door of heaven in faith and hope.

Thank You from Fr Mark: The celebrations for my 30th Anniversary of Ordination were very emotional and uplifting. I would like to thank everyone who made it such a special occasion. Many thanks for all the kind wishes, prayers and gifts, including the surprise collection made by both parishes which raised an amazing £900. It will help me continue the suffering of watching Manchester United for another season! It was a very good celebration of parish life which we should do more often! Thankyou for welcoming some members of my family and friends. Mass will be offered for all your intentions. Fr Mark.

Pilgrimage To Rome: Our Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome takes place from 4—11 August. The group is made of 32 pilgrims including some of Fr Mark's family. We will try provide updates through a blog on the parish Facebook page.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Some parishioners are travelling with the diocese to Lourdes in the coming days. If you would like to send a prayer petition, please hand in at the Parish Office.

CAFOD: First Friday Coffee Morning - Friday 1st August after 9.30 Mass at St Mary's. Come and join us for tea/coffee and toasted teacakes in the Narthex. All welcome.

CAFOD: Thanks 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.

Women's Refuge: The Women's Refuge is in need of donations of toiletries. Please leave any donations you can offer at the back of either church. Also Thank you for the donation of £50 made by a parishioner – much appreciated.

Parish Office Summer Hours: The Parish Office hours during the School Summer Holidays (21st July—3rd September) will be altered to Monday, Wednesday and Friday only. 9am—1pm at St Gerard's and 1pm—5pm at St Mary's.

Sycamore Journey in Faith: Become a Catholic? A new course will begin in mid-September.

SVP Collection: The total raised from the SVP collections last weekend, 19th/20th July, is £165.90. Many thanks.

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.

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

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/>

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

Joint Notices

ROAD CLOSURES THIS WEEK - 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.**

The work on Stanifield Lane mentioned last week has now been delayed until **28th August** and will last until early December.

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:



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.

CARITAS: Thank you for your continued prayers and support for local people experiencing poverty, homelessness and disadvantage. The new edition of the **Love in Action** Newsletter is available for you at the back of Church – It describes some of their work and the difference your support has made possible.

SPUC: There are some postcards at the back of church which encourage us to become more aware of life issues. To receive more information about life from SPUC please complete the card and place in the box provided. These will be sent off together.

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.
Mary Bilsborough

All those who have recently died:

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

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. 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

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.

Transport Request - A longstanding parishioner who is no longer able to drive asks if anyone can give her a lift to one of the St Gerard's weekend Masses, even if only on an occasional basis. She lives on Church Lane. If you might be able to help please ring Anna, the Parish Secretary, on one of the following numbers and we will take it from there: 07442 385 553 or 01772 335387

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](#)

WOOL APPEAL: Marina McNulty is appealing for any double knit wool you may no longer need. She knits for charities in the area. All colours gratefully received. Please leave in the Porch for collection.

Painting: May thanks for the those who have decorated the Narthex at the back of church.

Pope Leo Last Sunday:

The summer season can help us learn how to slow down and become more like Mary than Martha. We need to take time to rest and try to learn better the art of hospitality. The holiday industry wants to sell us all sorts of "experiences," but perhaps not the ones we are really looking for. Every genuine encounter is free; it cannot be bought, whether it is an encounter with God, with others or with nature. We need only learn the art of hospitality, which includes both welcoming others and allowing ourselves to be welcomed.

W/C 27/07/2025	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey

Offertory 19th / 20th July 2025			
Offertory Loose	£258.36		
Offertory Envelopes	£145.55		
Attendance	150		
Bingo Jackpots for 30/07/2025			
£27	£94	£25	£35

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 3rd August 9:30 am Mass: Worcester Family.

Car Parking: Please be very careful when parking at church, especially in the area at the front of the church. Last Sunday there was a serious incident caused by a car trying to manoeuvre back and forth to get out, and a foot slipping onto the accelerator pedal. It can happen very easily. If you are blocked in, **please wait until you have a very simple and clear way to exit.**

Old Father Time: Apologies that the church clock and the chimes have been 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.

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. They have recently 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.

Heating Repair: The external heating pipe which runs over the old confessionals is leaking badly, causing water damage to internal wall in the Sacred Heart Transept. Quite a long stretch of insulated piping needs to be replaced. This is an expensive job which will cost approx. £12,000. We need to get this repaired before the cold returns. If anyone is willing to donate towards this repair, and stop us being frozen in the winter, it would be much appreciated!

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	65
9:30 am	158
6:30 p.m..	57
Total	280

Sanctuary Lamps Week 27/07/25	
1	For the Deceased members of the Hardacre & Smith & Law Families
2	For Peter Haythornthwaite & the Haythornthwaite Family