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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

3rd August 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	2nd Aug Vigil	7:00 pm	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Sun	3rd Aug	9:30 am 6:30 pm	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Joe McCarthy Mary Bilsborough
Mon	4th Aug	9:30 am	St John Mary Vianey (M) Ann & Jack Molyneaux
Tues	5th Aug	9:30 am	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major Service of the Word
Wed	6th Aug	9:30 am 4:00 pm	The Transfiguration of the Lord (F) John Lees Fatima Devotions
Thurs	7th Aug	9.30 am	Ss Sixtus II and Companions John Lees
Fri	8th Aug	9:30 am	St Dominic Ann & Charles Sergeant
Sat	9th Aug	11:00 am	St Teresa Benedicta (F) Baptism of Emerald Robinson
	Vigil	7:00 pm	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time William Derek Waring (Ann)
Sun	10th Aug	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary & Carmel Mullarkey (Ann) Baptism of Luca Fazackerley The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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)
Mon	4th Aug	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	St John Mary Vianey (M) Exposition Service of the Word
Tues	5th Aug	9:15 am	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major Elizabeth Tipping-Alston R.I.P.
Wed	6th Aug	9:15 am	The Transfiguration of the Lord (F) Service of the Word
Thurs	7th Aug	6.30 pm	Ss Sixtus II and Companions James Maher R.I.P.
Fri	8th Aug		St Dominic NO SERVICES
Sat	9th Aug Vigil	5:30 pm	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary Brierley (Anniversary)
Sun	10th Aug	10:30 am	19th 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.

"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.

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today we contemplate a great truth about our life: you can't take it with you. The old phrase "There are no pockets in a shroud" is what we confront today, in the preaching of both Ecclesiastes and the Lord Jesus. What Jesus makes us think about, however, is not just this truth, but the consequences of it: if we are not to build up treasure here on earth, what are we to do? The answer is simple: by our way of living we "make ourselves rich in the sight of God"!

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 this week 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. We hope to be at the Papal Audience on Wednesday which will be live on Vatican YouTube from 9am BST.

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

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.

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

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:

"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

Roadworks: Browndge Road has now been reopened but there remains temporary traffic light controls. 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:



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.

Joint Notices

Pope Leo this week to Young People at Jubilee of Youth in Rome: “Today marks the beginning of a few days, a journey, the Jubilee of Hope, and the world needs messages of hope. You are that message, and you must continue bringing hope to everyone. We hope that all of you will always be signs of hope in the world. Today we are at the beginning. In the coming days, you will have the opportunity to be a force that brings God’s grace, a message of hope, a light to the city of Rome, to Italy, and to the entire world. Let us walk together with our faith in Jesus Christ. And our cry must also be for peace in the world. Let us all say together: We want peace in the world! **“Let us pray for peace,”** the Pope invited the young to reply in chorus, “and let us be witnesses of the peace of Jesus Christ, of reconciliation, this light of the world that we are all seeking.”

St John Henry Newman set to become newest Doctor of the Church: The title “Doctor of the Church” is given to those saints who are regarded as having contributed deeply to our understanding of God. St John Henry Newman becomes just the 38th Doctor of the Church and only the second Englishman, following St Bede the Venerable (672-735). This was announced this week in Rome by Pope Leo. John Henry Newman (1801– 1890) was an Anglican priest of great learning, who studied the faith deeply using his great intellect: that important combination of faith and reason which is the essence of theological thinking. He discerned that the truth of apostolic succession lies in the Roman Catholic Church and thus was received into the Church in Oxford by Blessed Dominic Barberi. His was greatly influence by St Philip Neri and thus joined the Oratorian Fathers based in Birmingham. He helped to found University College in Dublin. He was made a Cardinal by Leo XIII in 1879, canonised by Pope Francis 2019 and made a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIV in 2025. **St John Henry Newman; Pray for us!**

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, David Parry.

All those who have recently died:

Bernard Walne, John Prescott, 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

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.

Wednesday Bingo Summer Holiday - the team will be taking a short break in August. There will be **No sessions on 21st or 28th August**. Eyes down again on **4th September**.

Congratulations to our three **Lottery Hamper Winners** in our Summer draw. They are; Mrs S Walker, Mrs M Pails and Ms J Watson.

Pilgrimage and Holiday Cover

Fr Mark will be away with the parish pilgrimage next week and then be on holiday the following week. Next weekend, either Fr Stephen or Fr Ethelbert from Great Harwood will cover the Saturday and Sunday Masses at St Gerard's. The following weekend, (16/17 August) we welcome our annual missionary appeal which this year in our diocese is to support the Columban Fathers. Fr Pat O'Beirne, from the Columbans will preach at all our five Masses that weekend and help Fr Colin by presiding at three of the Masses. There will be a retiring collection of the work of the Columban Fathers at all our Masses over the weekend of 16th and 17th August.

St Gerard's Parish Lottery No. 609 30/07/25

1st	£100	78	Ann Gill
2nd	£40	48	Parish
3rd	£20	32	Mr K Bowman

W/C 03/08025	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey

Offertory 26th / 27th July 2025

Offertory Loose	£280.09
Offertory Envelopes	£285.55
Attendance	142

Bingo Jackpots for 06/08/2025

£28	£95	£26	£36
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St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 10th August 9:30 am Mass: Agbewornu Family.

Car Parking: Please be very careful when parking at church, especially in the area at the front of the church. At a recent Sunday Mass 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.**

Mothers Prayers Meeting - The next meeting is on Wednesday 6th August in the Priory Meeting Room at St Mary's.

Old Father Time: Apologies that the church clock and the chimes continues to be erratic. We are trying to resolve the problem.

Bell Ropes: The ropes which are used to ring the church bells had become frayed; we have replaced 6 of the 8 ropes. This has cost £1488. We are grateful for a further donation of £500 towards this cost. Any further contributions, to help "defray" the cost, would be most welcome.

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! **Many thanks to four donors who have already promised £7000 between them! Fantastic generosity to support our community!**

Recently Deceased: Doreen Gileney. Her Funeral Mass is on **Monday 11th August at 12 noon**.

200 Club: Thanks for you support of the 200 Club and to those who organise it. Please consider joining: office@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk

200 Club July Winners:

1 st Prize - £200	No 178	Peter Waterhouse
2 nd Prize -£100	No 38	Ted Ryles
3 rd Prize - £50	No 88	Mary Sergeant

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend

7 pm Vigil	69
9:30 am	167
6:30 p.m..	65
Total	301

Sanctuary Lamps Week 03/08/25

1	Francis & Elizabeth Dowbakin
2	Prayer Intentions of Fr Maselino Lafaele