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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

17th August 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	16th Aug		St Stephen of Hungary (OM) 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Murphy & Wynne Families
	Vigil	7:00 pm	
Sun	17th Aug	9:30 am	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary McCormack
		6:30 pm	Deceased members of the Woods & Eccles Families.
Mon	18th Aug	9:30 am	David Parry R.I.P.
Tues	19th Aug	9:30 am	St John Eudes (OM) Priests Intentions
Wed	20th Aug	9:30 am 4:30 pm	St Bernard (M) Joseph Dolphin Our Lady of Fatima
Thurs	21st Aug	9.30 am	St Pius X Priests Intentions
Fri	22nd Aug	9:30 am 2:30 pm	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Priests Intentions Dove Haven Care Home
Sat	23rd Aug		St Rose of Lima 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Derek Nickson R.I.P.
	Vigil	7:00 pm	
Sun	24th Aug	9:30 am	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary McCormack
		11:00 am	Baptism of Adora Zimon, Hallie McDonald & Darcie Rae Chester
		6:30 pm	Deceased members of Woods & Eccles Families

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	16th Aug		St Stephen of Hungary (OM) 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Josephine Topping R.I.P.
	Vigil	5:30 pm	
Sun	17th Aug	10:30 am 12 noon	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish Baptism of Rene Muncaster
Mon	18th Aug	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Service of the Word
Tues	19th Aug	9:15 am	St John Eudes (OM) Priests Intentions
Wed	20th Aug	9:15 am	St Bernard (M) Service of the Word
Thurs	21st Aug	9:15 am	St Pius X Thanksgiving
Fri	22nd Aug		NO SERVICES
Sat	23rd Aug		St Rose of Lima 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacred Heart Guild
	Vigil	5:30 pm	
Sun	24th Aug	10:30 am	21st 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

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When we consider the Christian life, we often think in positive terms: peace, light, joy, goodness, life. And yet, as the Scriptures remind us today, that Christian life must be lived in the midst of a world which is filled with more negative terms: division, distress, cruelty and death. The words of the Gospel may appear shocking to us: Jesus says that he comes to bring "division, not peace", and this seems totally contrary to the message of the Gospel! And yet, Jesus is not announcing his desire – of course he wants peace, not division – but showing his understanding of the world in which we live. He is inviting us to weigh up the cost of the Kingdom, a cost he was willing to embrace: as the second reading tells us: "... Jesus, for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, endured the cross..." Whatever weighs us down, let us endure and persevere, so that the fire of God's love may blaze over the whole earth!

Arrowsmith Walk - This year's Arrowsmith Walk, following in the footsteps of local Martyr, St Edmund Arrowsmith, will take place on Bank Holiday **Monday, 25 August**, meeting at St Joseph's, Brindle for a 1.30pm departure, returning for Mass at 4.30pm, followed by the opportunity to view items associated with St Edmund and refreshments in the parish room. The walk is approximately 5 miles and involves some cross country sections which can be boggy after rainfall. En route there will be an opportunity to visit the Mass Room at Arrowsmith House where St Edmund celebrated his final Mass in 1628, before being captured on Brindle Moss, and to watch a short film about his life. All welcome, further information from Dave Gorman including confirmation of attendance if possible.

Ordination of Paul Chisnell - You will remember that Paul stayed in the two parishes some time ago and on **Saturday 27th September at 12 noon** he will be ordained by the Bishop along with Rev Theo Sharrock at St Luke's Church, Salford (M6 7WR). Paul has extended an invitation to the parishes who hosted his placement. Paul will also be saying his first Mass the following day 28th September at Saints Peter & Paul, Salford (M6 8JR) at 3 pm. If you would like to attend either of these occasions please add your name to the appropriate list at the back of the church so that appropriate catering can be arranged.

Annual Mission Appeal - We welcome this weekend 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.

Parish Office Summer Hours: The Parish Office is now closed for until 3rd September. We will endeavour to answer calls but it is unlikely that emails will be answered.

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.

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

Roadworks: The work on Stanifield Lane starts on **28th August** (the signs have already appeared) and will last until early December.

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

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.

Caritas - Slavery and Trafficking - Unfortunately this is happening in the North West. It is aimed at the poor and underprivileged and, with very little effort on our part, we can help those fighting to stop it **without becoming personally involved**. Please take a leaflet on your way out of Church. **We can be part of the solution.'**

Joint Notices

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!**

Mass Intention - One Mass at the Weekend must be offered for The Parish and as the two churches are now operating as a joint parish this intention will be alternated between the two. In effect this now means that there will be an extra Mass intention available at the weekend.

If a Mass intention is required, please either complete a Mass intention / offering envelope and hand into the Church/Office or Contact the office via email with details of the Mass intentions and correct spelling of names etc. Mass intention **will not** be taken over the phone to avoid misheard or misspelt names and intentions – please contact the office via office@saintgerards.org.uk or office@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk - Offerings for Mass intentions can be paid by cash, card or bacs transfer as necessary. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

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:

Bernard Walne, John Prescott, John Lees, Doreen Gileney, David Parry.

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

Welcome - This weekend we welcome Fr Pat O'Beirne, from the Columbans who will preach at all our five Masses and help Fr Colin by presiding at three of the Masses.

Parish Diary - The diary for 2026 has arrived and we are now able to take requests for Mass intentions.

Majella Companions Meeting – Tuesday 19th August at 2pm in the Shields Centre.

Family Fun Night – The Fund Raising Committee have organised another Family Fun Night on **Friday 19th September - 6:30pm** in the Parochial Centre – Bingo, Disco, Games and lots of Fun for the family – Tickets are £5 each and include entry for 1 adult and up to 2 children – includes a free Hotdog for the children. Tickets available from Church after Mass and from the Presbytery in office hours.

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.

Wednesday Bingo Summer Holiday - the team will be taking a short break in August. There will be **No sessions on 20th or 27th August**. Eyes down again on **3rd September**.

Altar Candles - If you would like to have a Candle intention please leave a note at the Presbytery clearly stating the Location for your Candle. We are suggesting a minimum donation of £5 per candle. If you would like to Gift Aid the Donation please let us know.

Baptism Preparation Books - A request please to **return the Youcat books** loaned to children for these sessions. They are needed for the next groups starting soon. Thank you.

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 24th August 9:30 am Mass: Pangilinan 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.**

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!**

Mothers Prayers meeting on Wednesday 20th August at 1 pm on the Priory Meeting Room at St Mary's.

Altar Servers Albs - There are several spare Servers Albs that need washing before storage. If anyone can help please contact 07443470998 or the Parish Office.

W/C 17/08025	This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey		
Offertory 9th / 10th August 2025			
Offertory Loose	£257.26		
Offertory Envelopes	£212.65		
Attendance	136		
Bingo Jackpots for 20/08/2025			
£30	£97	£28	£38

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	68
9:30 am	113
6:30 p.m..	60
Total	241

Sanctuary Lamps Week 17/08/25	
1	In Loving Memory of Jack & Eileen Hayes &
2	For Family Unity