



## St Mary's Brownedge

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### TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

**24th August 2025**

St Mary's, Brownedge			
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 Thanksgiving JH
		11:00 am	Baptism of Adora Zimon, Hallie McDonough & Darcie Rae Chester
		6:30 pm	The Parish
Mon	25th Aug	9:30 am	St Louis Priest's Intentions
Tues	26th Aug	9:30 am	Bl Dominic of the Mother of God Bernard Walne R.I.P.
Wed	27th Aug	9:30 am 4:30 pm	St Monica Joseph Dolphin Fatima Devotions
Thurs	28th Aug	9.30 am	St Augustine Priest's Intentions
Fri	29th Aug	9:30 am 11:00 am	The Passion of St John the Baptist Priest's Intentions Requiem Mass Robert G Smith
Sat	30th Aug	7:00 pm	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Derek Nickson R.I.P.
Sun	31st Aug	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Thanksgiving JH Baptism of Bonnie Grainger The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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
Mon	25th Aug		St Louis NO SERVICES
Tues	26th Aug	9:15 am	Bl Dominic of the Mother of God Priest's Intentions
Wed	27th Aug	9:15 am	St Monica Service of the Word
Thurs	28th Aug	6:30 pm	St Augustine William Craven (Anniversary)
Fri	29th Aug		The Passion of St John the Baptist NO SERVICES
Sat	30th Aug	5:30 pm	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sinead Lawler
Sun	31st Aug	10:30 am	22nd 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

## 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's probably a nightmare we all share - being locked out of the house, the sales, the big match, missing the train, the boat, the plane, whatever, and having to watch the crowds that have got inside, while we can do nothing. Complacency is what leaves us in this situation, and the Lord warns all who listen to him to be careful, taking nothing for granted, but making sure that we are (spiritually at least) like the people waiting with their sleeping bags and thermos flasks by the front door of the ticket office.

**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 Rev Paul Chisnall:** About 18 months ago, Paul did a pastoral placement in our parishes as part of his training for the priesthood. On **Saturday 27th September at 12 noon** he will be ordained as a priest 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 3pm. 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.

**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 is closed for holidays until 3rd September. Please leave messages or emails and we will endeavour to deal with urgent needs.

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

**Mary's Meals** - We have received a thank you from the organisers of the recent obsolete currency appeal in our parishes. The total raised was £151.59 which is enough to pay for at least 7 of the worlds poorest children with a meal in school every day for a whole year, at just 10p per serving, that's 1515 portions of Mary's Meals. A Certificate will follow as a thank you for this incredible generosity and kindness.

**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.

**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. For further information, take a leaflet on your way out of Church. **We can be part of the solution.'**

**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 Intentions:** Canon Law stipulates that a Parish Priest must ensure a Sunday Mass is offered for the intentions of those in his care. Where a priest is Parish Priest of more than one parish, one Sunday Mass for all those in his care is sufficient. Thus, going forward a Mass intention for the parish will be alternated between the two churches. 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](mailto:office@saintgerards.org.uk) or [office@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk](mailto: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.

**Columban Appeal:** Thanks for your welcome to Fr Pat O'Beirne from the Columban Fathers last weekend. Thank you for your generous support of the appeal. We do not yet have the total raised but will announce it in due course.

# Joint Notices

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA:** The Brownedge Council of the Knights of St Columba are seeking new members. The Knights are great way for men to come together to practise the Faith and support the Church in many different ways.

**Rome Pilgrimage:** Many thanks to all who took part in the pilgrimage to Rome. It was a very blessed time with so many highlights; being gathered at the General Audience with Pope Leo in St Peter's Square along with people from all around the world; walking the pilgrim way to St Peter's and entering the Holy Door; visiting the tomb of Pope Francis; the beautiful location and meals outside; amazing sunsets; great company and fellowship; and so many more special personal moments. Mass and prayers were offered for the intentions of all our parishioners.

## Wordsearch from the Gospel of Today

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JESUS MASTER ABRAHAM EAST TEACHING  
OUTSIDE ISAAC WEST KINGDOM INSIDE  
JACOB NORTH DOOR LAST BANQUET  
SOUTH STRIVE FIRST PROPHETS PEOPLE

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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, Mick Green.  
Ruth Johnstone. Mary Bilsborough

#### All those who have recently died:

John Prescott, John Lees, Doreen Gileney, David Parry, Robert G Smith, Catherine Bamber.

## 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.



### 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. We now have a special Luce, knitted by Clare, one of our parishioners and she joined our parish pilgrimage and came with us so see so many amazing things in Rome. She wants us to do amazing things on the journey of our life and always to do things with great hope.



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

**Family Fun Night:** The Fund Raising Committee have organised another Family Fun Night on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 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 Parish Office.

**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. Suggested 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.

### Congratulations to Schools, Students and Staff

It is the season of exam results which can be an emotional time for our young people and their families. No matter what the results the future can be bright for all our young people especially through the support of our schools. We can particularly celebrate how well our local Catholic Schools have done in the exams and tests this summer: Our Lady and St Gerard's and St Mary's & St Benedict's received excellent SATs results earlier this summer; Brownedge St Mary's and All Hallows have produced wonderful GCSE scores this week; Cardinal Newman Sixth Form College announced remarkable A Level, T Level and BTEC results once again. We are very blessed to have such wonderful Catholic Schools in our area.

## St Mary's Brownedge Notices

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 31st 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!**

**Chalice Repairs:** The four identical silver chalices which we often use at Mass have become very tarnished. They have been sent to Ormsby's for re-gilding and hopefully will soon be returned as good as new. The repair is £180 for each of them.

**Recently Deceased** - Please pray for the souls of Robert George Smith whose Funeral Mass is on Friday 29th August at 11 am and Catherine Mary Bamber whose Funeral Service is on Friday 5th September at 11 am. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

W/C 24/08025	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey
Our Lady	For Margaret, Michael & Tont Redmond
St Joseph	Wedding Anniversary Memories - Graham Walton

Offertory 16th / 17th August 2025			
Offertory Loose	£205.50		
Offertory Envelopes	£152.05		
Attendance	142		
Bingo Jackpots for 03/09/2025			
£31	£98	£29	£39

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	66
9:30 am	173
6:30 p.m..	59
<b>Total</b>	<b>298</b>

Sanctuary Lamps Week 24/08/25	
1	In Loving Memory of Jack & Eileen Hayes & Geof & Pearl Pugh – Rest in Peace
2	For Family Unity