



St Mary's Brownedge

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 31st August 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	30th Aug		22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Vigil	7:00 pm	May Smith R.I.P.
Sun	31st Aug	9:30 am 11.00am 6:30 pm	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary McCormack Baptism of Bonnie Grainger Joan McCarthy
Mon	1st Sept	9:30 am	Priest's Intention
Tues	2nd Sept	9:30 am	Priest's Intention
Wed	3rd Sept	9:30 am 4:30 pm	St Gregory the Great (F) Private Intention Fatima Devotions
Thurs	4th Sept	9.30 am	St Cuthbert Ann & Charles Sergeant
Fri	5th Sept	9:30 am 2.00 pm	Philip Morris Funeral Service for Catherine Mary Bamber R.I.P.
Sat	6th Sept	Vigil 7:00 pm	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time William Grayless
Sun	7th Sept	9:30 am 6:30 pm	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Simon Fender The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	30th Aug		22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Vigil	5:30 pm	Sinead Lawler
Sun	31st Aug	10:30 am	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Mon	1st Sept		St Louis NO SERVICES
Tues	2nd Sept	9:15 am	Stanislawa Paz R.I.P.
Wed	3rd Sept	9:15 am	St Gregory the Great (F) Service of the Word
Thurs	4th Sept	11.00 am 6.30pm	St Cuthbert Funeral Service for Marie McCulloch Priest's Intentions
Fri	5th Sept		NO SERVICES
Sat	6th Sept	Vigil 5:30 pm	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Doreen & George Wane R.I.P.
Sun	7th Sept	10:30 am 12 noon	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish Baptism of Sophie Riley

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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Humble behaviour is the mark of the Christian, as it always was the mark of someone "in favour with the Lord". In the Gospel, we see Jesus watching the Pharisees: it's almost amusing to picture them shuffling for the best places, being as polite as they can about it, of course, to put themselves in a better position. How would they have reacted to his teaching? They may well have remembered the passage we read from the Old Testament, and realised that Jesus was teaching the teachers something they should know only too well but often forget to put into practice.

Want to Become a Catholic or learn more about the faith? A new course will begin on Tuesday 16th September at 7pm in the Narthex at St Mary's .

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.

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.

Roadworks: The work on Stanifield Lane has started (**28th August**) and will last until early December.

Season of Creation: This September, we celebrate the Season of Creation - an ecumenical celebration running from 1st September to 4th October that invites Christians around the world to reflect on our call to be loving stewards of God's creation. This year's theme is "Peace with Creation" and further information and resources can be found at <https://seasonofcreation.org/>

Action Planning for the Season of Creation in our Parishes: In addition, our own diocese will be continuing its Jubilee celebrations with a special focus on caring for our common home this month. To help parishes respond to this call, the Laudato Si' Centre has organised a drop-in session to offer advice and guidance on taking steps towards preserving God's creation. It will take place on Thursday 11th September from 9:30am – 2:00pm. If any parishioners, would like to attend, please email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

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.

Columban Appeal: Fr Pat O'Beirne from the Columban Fathers has written to thank everyone for their welcome and generosity to his mission appeal. The collection raised £320 at St Gerard's and £444 at St Mary's plus the gift aid which will be claimed. Many thanks once again for your wonderful generosity.

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 or office@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk Offerings for Mass intentions can be paid by cash, card or bacs transfer as necessary.

The Martyr-Saints of the North-West: Mgr John Allen, A priest of Salford Diocese will be leading a weekend of study at Stonyhurst, exploring more about the Reformation-era martyrs of the North West. Part-retreat, part-biographical. Mgr Allen, has recently published a book on the history of the diocese. The study weekend runs from 12-14th September at the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. For more information and to book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/the-martyr-saints-of-the-north-west/>

The Mercy Brothers: Enjoy a family-friendly night of musical entertainment with clergy band, "The Mercy Brothers". The concert will raise funds for our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund, which supports our sick pilgrims and medical team. The concert takes place on Friday 3rd October at St Michael's RC Parish, Whitefield. Doors open at 7pm for 7.30pm start. Tickets cost £15 for adults, £10 for 16-21 year olds, and free for under 16s. Food is provided and included in the cost. Book by email: Lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

Joint Notices

Mary's Meals: 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.

Righting a Wrong: We have been asked to share the following message from the Northern Ireland Assembly: Politicians in Northern Ireland are working to make reparations for conditions imposed upon young women in mother and baby institutions, Magdalene laundries, and workhouses between 1922 – 1995. A consultation is taking place to hear from survivors of these institutions to inform legislation around a public inquiry and financial redress scheme. Contributions can be made before the end of Sept at: <https://lk.cmte.fyi/InquiryRedressBill>. Postal contributions can also be made: Room 247, Parliament Buildings, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT4 3XX

Arrowsmith Walk: A group from both St Mary's and Our Lady and St Gerard's took part in the annual Arrowsmith Walk on a very warm Bank Holiday Monday, an approximate 5 mile route following in the footsteps of local Martyr, St Edmund Arrowsmith SJ, who was martyred for his faith at Lancaster on 28 August 1628. Highlights of the walk included a visit to Arrowsmith House, Gregson Lane and the Mass Room where St Edmund celebrated his last Mass before fleeing the priest-hunters and walking across Brindle Moss, below Hoghton Tower, where St Edmund's horse faltered resulting in his capture and imprisonment in Lancaster Castle. At the end of the walk, Mass was celebrated by Fr Raphael at St Joseph's Church with refreshments in the parish room. Another highlight was being able to see a number of relics associated with St Edmund, including a vestment, two small chalices and a tiny ivory statue in a case of Our Lady holding the Child Jesus. A big thank you to the parishioners at St Joseph's, Brindle for their usual welcome and hospitality, especially at such a difficult time for the parish, and to Maria at Arrowsmith House. A full article will be in the October edition of News and Views and you can see photographs on our parish Facebook pages.

Altar Servers Party: The KSC are hosting a well-deserved pizza party for the altar servers from both parishes on Sunday 7th Sept at 2pm in the Shields Centre.

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



Our Lady & St Gerard's



St Mary's Brownedge

Year of Jubilee 2025:

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. Clare has put together an amazing account of the pilgrimage through the eyes of Luce and taken photos of her in all the places we visited. This lovely book is on our Jubilee display table. Many thanks to Clare for producing such a wonderful little book!**



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 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, Linda Swarbrick

All those who have recently died:

David Parry, Robert G Smith, Catherine Bamber.

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

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

OLSG Fundraising Group Meeting: Tuesday 2nd September at 6:00pm at 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 Back This Week! 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.

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. It is one of the very top sixth form colleges in the whole country. We are very blessed to have such wonderful Catholic Schools and Colleges in our area. Spread the good news!

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 7 Sept 9:30 am Mass: Mullarkey Family.

Mothers Prayers meeting on Wednesday 3rd September at 1 pm on the Priory Meeting Room at St Mary's.

SVP Meeting: Monday 1st September at 6:30pm in the Priory meeting room.

Cafod: Our First Friday Coffee Morning will take place this Friday, 5th Sept following 9.30am Mass.

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.**

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.

Flat for Rent: The one bedroom apartment above the former Parish Charity Shop on Station Road will be available for rent from 23rd Sept. Contact the Parish Office if interested.

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend

7 pm Vigil	67
9:30 am	160
6:30 p.m..	53
Total	280

Sanctuary Lamps Week 31/08/25

1	Intentions of the Hickey & Hardacre Families
2	Catherine & Michael Carty & Mary & Michael McNamara

W/C 31/08025	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey

Offertory 22nd / 23rd August 2025

Offertory Loose	£253.15
Offertory Envelopes	£187.50
Attendance	

Bingo Jackpots for 03/09/2025

£31	£98	£29	£39
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