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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 7th September 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
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
Mon	8th Sept	9:30 am	Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F) Peter Haythornthwaite
Tues	9th Sept	9:30 am	St Peter Claver John Prescott
Wed	10th Sept	9:30 am	St Ambrose Barlow (F) Primary School Mass to mark the start of the new term Veronica Driver (100th Birthday Celebration)
Thurs	11th Sept	9.30 am	Nellie Smith
Fri	12th Sept	9:30 am	The Most Holy Name of Mary May Walburga Smith
Sat	13th Sept Vigil	7:00 pm	St John Chrysostom Exaltation of the Holy Cross Denis Hopwood
Sun	14th Sept	9:30 am 6:30 pm	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Joan McCarthy R.I.P. The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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 Risley
Mon	8th Sept	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F) Exposition Service of the Word
Tues	9th Sept	9:15 am	St Peter Claver Primary School Mass to mark the start of the new term Priest's Intentions
Wed	10th Sept	9:15 am	St Ambrose Barlow (F) Service of the Word
Thurs	11th Sept	6.30pm	Nellie Smith (Birthday)
Fri	12th Sept		NO SERVICES
Sat	13th Sept Vigil	5:30 pm	St John Chrysostom Exaltation of the Holy Cross James Stokes R.I.P.
Sun	14th Sept	10:30 am	Exaltation of the Holy Cross 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.

Prayer for Salford Diocese This Week:

We pray for the people of St Augustine's Parish, Manchester, and for Fr. Moses Agada, their priest. We pray for their Parish Primary School and the Daughters of Charity. We also pray for the Jesuit Community at the Holy Name and the Chaplaincy to the Manchester Universities and the Royal Northern College of Music.

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

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

This is a very difficult set of readings. The Gospel itself starts with a saying which many find hard to understand: must we really "hate" our family to be the Lord's disciple? The point is that it is relative: what are we prepared to give up for the Gospel? Are we going to try and make our own cross, or accept whatever we are given? Jesus is probably trying to discourage the crowd of sensation seekers and hangers-on who are crowding round him. He wants real disciples, who are aware of the possible cost: not like the incompetent builder, or the useless king. To be a disciple, one must be prepared to follow Jesus anywhere, whatever it might cost in possessions, family or friends. We may never understand why, but then "Who can know the intentions of God?"

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 .

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, behind St Gerard's Church.

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.

Baptism Preparation Course - The next Joint Baptism course starts this **Tuesday 9th September** at 7 pm at St Gerard's.

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.

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@stmarysbrowndedge.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.

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, Lostock Hall/Farington will last until early December.

Joint Notices

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.cmt.e.fyi/InquiryRedressBill>. Postal contributions can also be made: Room 247, Parliament Buildings, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT4 3XX

Bl. Carlo Acutis & Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassatti to be canonised on Sunday in Rome:

About Carlo: Born and baptised in London in 1991 to Italian parents, and they relocated to Milan a few months later. Carlo displayed deep Catholic faith, especially a love for the Eucharist—and he was a whiz with code. At just 11–12 years old, he created a website cataloguing Eucharistic miracles and Marian apparitions.

Often called **“God’s influencer,”** a millennial who loved gaming, Nutella and God and is recognized as the first millennial saint. Though raised by non-devout parents, Carlo’s faith was contagious for his peers and adults, including his parents. Tragically, he was diagnosed with leukemia in October 2006 and died just days later on October 12, aged 15.

Two official miracles attributed to Carlo’s intercession paved his journey to sainthood: healing a child in Brazil and a Costa Rican woman recovering from brain trauma after visiting his tomb. He was beatified by Pope Francis on October 10, 2020, in Assisi. He will be canonised on September 7, 2025, alongside Pier Giorgio Frassatti. This will be Pope Leo XIV’s first canonization ceremony.

Carlo’s remains lie in a glass tomb at the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore in Assisi. Pilgrims, especially young people, visit in droves, sometimes virtually, drawn to this witness.

Why Carlo Acutis Matters Today: Bridging tech and faith: Carlo exemplifies how digital tools can serve lasting spiritual purposes. His love for the Eucharist resonates deeply with the young searching for authenticity. A modern saint for modern times: His life story speaks powerfully to a generation fluent in screens but searching for meaning. Ora pro nobis!

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 a fantastic 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, Marie McCulloch. Peter Smith

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

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

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.

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

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.

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 Gerard's Parish Lottery No. 610 03/09/25

1st	£100	32	Mr K Bowman
2nd	£40	74	Mrs H Lyth
3rd	£20	10	Ms C Flanagan

W/C 7/09025	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey

Offertory 30th / 31st August 2025

Offertory Loose	£262.70
Offertory Envelopes	£181.17
Attendance	140

Bingo Jackpots for 10/09/2025

£31	£98	£29	£39
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St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 14 Sept 9:30 am Mass: Ryles Family.

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.

Bell Ringing - There will be a Bell Ringers meeting and Bell Ringing practice on 13th and 14th September.

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.

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. Thank you for the kind donation to pay for one of them.

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!**

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.**

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend

7 pm Vigil	56
9:30 am	176
6:30 p.m..	53
Total	285

Sanctuary Lamps Week 07/09/25

1	Margaret Mary Livesey
2	The Forshaw Family