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THE EXHALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS - YEAR C

14th September 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge				St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	13th Sept		St John Chrysostom	Sat	13th Sept		St John Chrysostom
	Vigil	7:00 pm	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Denis Hopwood		Vigil	5:30 pm	Exaltation of the Holy Cross James Stokes R.I.P.
Sun	14th Sept	9:30 am	Exaltation of the Holy Cross Joan McCarthy R.I.P.	Sun	14th Sept	10:30 am	Exaltation of the Holy Cross The Parish
		6:30 pm	The Parish	Mon	15th Sept	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Our Lady of Sorrows (M) Exposition Service of the Word
Mon	15th Sept	9:30 am	Our Lady of Sorrows (M) Jack & Nellie Holt, James Robert Holme & Christine Gainer	Tues	16th Sept	9:15 am	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian Year 6. Michael Scahill R.I.P.
Tues	16th Sept	9:30 am	Ss Cornelius & Cyprian Ann Sutton	Wed	17th Sept	9:15 am	St Robert Bellarmine Service of the Word
Wed	17th Sept	9:30 am	St Robert Bellarmine Sheila May Parkinson Woodcock Class	Thurs	18th Sept	6.30pm	Emily Finch (Anniversary)
Thurs	18th Sept	9.30 am	Deceased Members of the Ziolkowska Family	Fri	19th Sept		St Januarius NO SERVICES
Fri	19th Sept	9:30 am	St Januarius Priests Intentions	Sat	20th Sept		Ss Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang & Comp
Sat	20th Sept		Ss Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang & Comp		Vigil	5:30 pm	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacred Heart Guild
	Vigil	7:00 pm	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time John Lees R.I.P.	Sun	21st Sept	10:30 am 12 noon	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish Baptisms of Orla & Isla Greenwood & Pak Yuet Wong
Sun	21st Sept	9:30 am	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Joan McCarthy R.I.P.				
		6:30 pm	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:

This week, as a Diocese, we pray for the people of the parishes of St Ambrose, and St. Bernadette, Chorlton and Withington, and for Fr. Peter Tierney, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for Loreto High School.

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



FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

The image of the cross is one of the great symbols of the Christian faith. On the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, which conquers all sin and death. The cross is the symbol of salvation; a holy sign, it invites us to contemplate God's abounding love for us. This one of 4 "Feasts of the Lord" which, when they fall on Sunday take precedence over the "Ordinary Time" Sunday.

Sycamore (RCIA): Do you 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. All welcome—invite someone along with you!

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.

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/>

Mass for the Care of Creation - This Season of Creation, the Diocese of Salford and the Laudato Si' Centre are joining with the Columban Missionaries in Britain for a special Mass to pray for the future of our common home. Join us at **6pm on Thursday 25th September** at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church as we pray the new Mass for the Care of Creation, approved by Pope Leo this summer. All are welcome to attend!

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.

CAFOD Coffee Morning at St Mary's - Many thanks to all who supported the recent coffee morning and raffle which raised £292. From the buckets, apples, homemade jam, jigsaws, jewellery and cards £164. We have also received a generous donation of £100. Many thanks to all for your generosity and continued support. We welcomed Kayode, Cafod African representative, who visited us whilst in the area and inspired us with his brief talk on his work and how we are part of that. Recently, £1500 was sent to be used to support the people of Gaza and Ukraine. We cannot fail to be affected by the scenes we see on television about the situation in both places, especially so many children and their families affected by such devastating conflicts. We continue to remember them all in our prayers.

SVP: There is our monthly collection of the SVP after Masses next weekend. **September is SVP Awareness Month.** To find out more about what your local conference does and the wider Vincentian family, leaflets will be available next weekend to take as you leave church.

As part of Barbara Hall's fundraising for the SVP through her Camino walk, a knitted Nativity scene will be on display next weekend at St. Mary's and at St. Gerard's the following weekend. Raffle tickets will be on sale to win the Nativity scene. Thank you to the team of knitters: Frances Sharples, Rose Grayless, Barbara Culshaw, Kathy Hanshaw and Teresa Worden for a splendid job! If you already have a nativity scene, why not buy a ticket to win it for your child's school, your grandchild's classroom, a children's hospital ward, a care home, the office.

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.

Diocesan Talk on Pilgrimages: Dr Kathryn Hurlock from Manchester Metropolitan University will give a talk on 'The Catholic Experience of Pilgrimage; Medieval to Modern'. It will take place at St Ann's Parish Centre (M32 8LF) on Saturday 20th September, starting at 10.30am. details: Gerald.Murphy@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Joint Notices

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.

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

A New Saint: Saint Carlo Acutis

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 was canonised on September 7, 2025, alongside Pier Giorgio Frassati. This was 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!

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, Michael Scahill.

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

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

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Family Fun Night Cancelled: We are disappointed that we have had to cancel The Family Fun Night which had been arranged for Friday 19th September. There was some interest but we had sold very few tickets which made it unviable. We encourage everyone to try support these such events which are big part of community life.

Harvest Mass and Coffee Morning at Gerard's – Sunday 28th September: After 10.30am Mass there will be a Coffee Morning and Cake Sale. There will also be a Prize Raffle Draw — tickets for the raffle are on sale at the back of Church after weekend Masses - Please can any cake bakers please bring cakes for the cake stall on the morning of the 28th September.

Harvest Mass: On the same day as the Coffee morning and cake sale, the 10.30 Mass will be a Mass for the Harvest; Please bring in produce which we donate to local food banks. The Primary School will also be hold a Harvest Celebration in School on Friday 3rd October.

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: For 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. (Can be gift aided).

Vacancy for Site Supervisor: Our Lady & St Gerard's primary school to start October 2025. The link below gives full details and where to apply. <https://www.ourlady-st-gerards.lancs.sch.uk/vacancies/>

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



W/C 14/09025	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey

Offertory 30th / 31st August 2025			
Offertory Loose	£224.62		
Offertory Envelopes	£280.30		
Attendance	150		
Bingo Jackpots for 17/09/2025			
£32	£99	£30	£40

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 21ST Sept 9:30 am Mass: Children

Harvest Mass at St Mary's - Next Sunday the **21st September at 9.30am** is one of our regular Children's Masses and is our Annual Celebration of the Harvest - Children are asked to bring a small contribution of food which they will place on the Sanctuary, everyone is welcome to contribute, just take up their gift during the collection or place it in the box at the back of church.

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.

Donations: Many thanks for all your donations in support of the parish and some of the particular appeals we have had recently. We hope to proceed with the repair to the decayed heating pipe very soon. Our Catholic churches rely almost solely on the generosity of those who attend. It is much appreciated.

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.**

First Holy Communion Programme:

Both parishes will be starting the preparation for First Holy Communion very soon. Children in Year Three at our Parish Schools will receive a letter inviting them to join the programme. If your child is at another school or in a higher year group and you would like them to make their First Communion, please contact the Parish Office and we will give you an application form.

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend

7 pm Vigil	69
9:30 am	152
6:30 p.m..	56
Total	277

Sanctuary Lamps Week 14/09/25

1	Deceased Members of the Youell Family
2	Members of the McEvoy Family