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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

21st September 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	20th Sept		Ss Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang & Comp
	Vigil	7:00 pm	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time John Lees R.I.P.
Sun	21st Sept	9:30 am 6:30 pm	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Joan McCarthy R.I.P. The Parish
Mon	22nd Sept	9:30 am	Winifred Mary Livesey
Tues	23rd Sept	9:30 am	St Pius of Pietrelcina Bernadette Ryles
Wed	24th Sept	9:30 am	Our Lady of Walsingham ^(F) Ward Class. Diane Harvey (Birthday Memories)
Thurs	25th Sept	9.30 am 4:00 pm	Francis, John & Elizabeth Dowbakin Fatima Devotions
Fri	26th Sept	9:30 am 12 noon 2:30 pm	Ss Cosmas & Damian Spicer & Dowbakin Families Wedding of Matthew Brennan & Rhianne Lealman Wedding of Daniel Taylor & Agnieszka Nowaczjk
Sat	27th Sept	7:00 pm	St Vincent de Paul 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time William Derek Waring (Ann)
Sun	28th Sept	9:30 am 11:00am 6:30 pm	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish Baptism of Isabella Sophia Gorton-Perez Harold & Ellen Dixon

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	20th Sept		Ss Andrew Kim Taegon & Paul Chong Hasang & Comp
	Vigil	5:30 pm	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	21st Sept	10:30 am 12 noon	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish Baptisms of Orla & Isla Greenwood & Pak Yuet Wong
Mon	22nd Sept	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Service of the Word
Tues	23rd Sept	9:15 am	St Pius of Pietrelcina Sch Year 5 - Priest's Intentions
Wed	24th Sept	9:15 am	Service of the Word
Thurs	25th Sept	6.30pm	Michael Scahill R.I.P.
Fri	26th Sept		Ss Cosmas & Damian NO SERVICES
Sat	27th Sept		St Vincent de Paul
	Vigil	5:30 pm	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Priests Intentions
Sun	28th Sept	10:30 am	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time John & Mary Audrey Robinson

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How easy to take the words of Jesus out of context: "Use money to win you friends," is one of those lines that sounds strange to us outside the context of the parable and the teaching in today's Gospel. Even the parable itself can seem a little strange – is Jesus really recommending that we act like dishonest stewards? No, of course not! The point that reveals this is hidden half way down: "The children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind..." Jesus in a way praises the effort of the dishonest steward, but wishes that it was directed less to worldly things, but to the things of heaven. And this is the message that we are to take: where do we direct our energies – to making money, fame, fortune and success, or to finding "friends in heaven"?

Sycamore (RCIA): Do you want to become a Catholic or learn more about the faith? A great start to our new course last Tuesday. All still welcome to come along this week on **Tuesday 23rd September** at 7pm in the Narthex at St Mary's. This week the session is entitled: "The Existence of God", including the ideas: Why bother thinking about religion? Five reasons not to believe in God. Arguments for the existence of God? All welcome—invite someone along with you!

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!

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.

Brownedge St Mary's High School: Open Evening on Wednesday 1st October 5:30pm - 8:30pm. Come and visit our wonderful High School. Family guided tours and Headteacher's Talk. Also, see our beautiful chapel where, from 30 Sept, we will begin reservation of the Blessed Sacrament, making Christ truly present in the heart of our community.

SVP: There is our monthly collection of the SVP after Masses this 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.

The Mercy Brothers: Enjoy a family-friendly night of musical entertainment with clergy band, "The Mercy Brothers", including Fr Mark & Fr Joe Gee. 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.

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.

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 lists at the back of the church to help with numbers.

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 recent donations of £100 & £50 which have been made by parishioners. Much appreciated.

Family & Group Stays at Castlerigg Manor this October half term - Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups once again during October Half Term (Oct 27-31). A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/> or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

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.

St Mary's Graveyard Notices: There are 2 large gravestones in the older section (D) of the Graveyard that have fallen over; one has landed on another Gravestone. The names on the 3 Gravestones affected are:

- Plot 156 - Grave of Michael & Margaret Doolan 1916, James Doolan, William Doolan, Robert & Sophia Doolan
- Plot 168 - Grave of Sgt William Halpin 1916, Charles Halpin & Elizabeth Halpin.
- Plot 167 - Grave of Alice Margaret Frances Southworth & Catherine Hindle.

Please contact the Parish office if you are linked to these graves so that we can discuss the safest plan of action to make the graves safe.

Also there are several gravestones in the older sections of the graveyard that are loose and could pose a danger to someone if they were to fall unexpectedly. These have been marked with a notice for attention to be addressed within the next 3 weeks. Please can you contact the office if any of them are linked to you or you know whose they may be.

D Plot 71 - Thomas & Elizabeth Cocker & Mary Pritt & John Rishton.

D Plot 102 - John & Martha & Walter Slater. Joseph Brimley.

Marty, Wilfred & Henry Hardman
Robert & Faith Elizabeth Swarbrick.

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,

All those who have recently died:

David Parry, Robert G Smith, Catherine Bamber, Marie McCulloch. Peter Smith, Michael Scahill. William "Bill" Warbrick

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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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; The Primary School will also be hold a Harvest Celebration in School on Friday 3rd October.

CAFOD - Next Sunday there will be an Appeal on behalf of Cafod.

WOOL APPEAL: Marina McNulty thanks everyone for your contributions for the double knit wool you may no longer need. Please continue as she knits for charities in the area. All colours gratefully received. Please leave in the Porch for collection.

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/>

Volunteer Rewarded: Anna Barton who volunteers in the Presbytery gardens with Katarina Tothova and look after the pots of plants around the church was recently nominated by Katarina as a "local hero" for her work in the gardens. She was awarded the prize and has received £300 in gardening tokens by the company that Katarina works for— Eville & Jones Veterinarians Limited, Anna and Katarina along with Michael Phelan and Geoff Hawarden do wonderful work around the church and Presbytery and we are extremely grateful to them. Thank you and Well done.

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



W/C 21/09025	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey

Offertory 13th / 14th September 2025			
Offertory Loose	£251.91		
Offertory Envelopes	£140.90		
Attendance	142		
Bingo Jackpots for 24/09/2025			
£33	£100	£31	£41

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 28th Sept 9:30 am Mass: Children

Harvest Mass at St Mary's - this 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.

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.

William "Bill" Warbrick - The family have asked us to inform the parish of his passing on 5th September. Bill attended Saturday evening Mass at St Mary's and his Funeral will be held at St Joseph's Brindle on 29th September at 10:30 am Refreshment after the service will be at Beeston Manor. Anyone who wishes to attend for refreshments should let the family know for catering purposes please via brtaylorian@lancashire.as.uk

St Mary's RC High School Message - On Friday, 26th September, Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School will be holding their annual Cancer Awareness Coffee Morning, supporting Macmillan Cancer Support. There will be a huge array of cakes on offer being served by the pupils from 9.30am. Please come along and have a cake and a chat whilst supporting this wonderful charity. It would be great to see as many of you as possible!

200 Club August Winners:		
1 st Prize - £200	No 361	Greg Ashe
2 nd Prize -£100	No 117	Pat Bailey
3 rd Prize - £50	No 65	Tim McAloone

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	68
9:30 am	153
6:30 p.m..	66
Total	290

Sanctuary Lamps Week 21/09/25	
1	For Peace
2	In Memory of Lee Darwen & Family