



## St Mary's Brownedge

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### 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

**28th September 2025**

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	27th Sept Vigil	7:00 pm	St Vincent de Paul <b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> William Derek Waring (Ann)
Sun	28th Sept	9:30 am 11:00am 6:30 pm	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> The Parish Baptism of Isabella Sophia Gorton-Perez Harold & Ellen Dixon
Mon	29th Sept	9:30 am	<b>Ss Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</b> (F) William Derek Waring
Tues	30th Sept	9:30 am	St Jerome Phillip Morris
Wed	1st Oct	9:30 am	St Therese of the Child Jesus Thanksgiving for Healing Southworth Class
Thurs	2nd Oct	9.30 am	The Holy Guardian Angels Deceased members of the Ramsdale Families
Fri	3rd Oct	9:30 am	Winifred Mary Livesey
Sat	4th Oct Vigil	7:00 pm	St Francis of Assisi <b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Dowbakin Families
Sun	5th Oct	9:30 am 6:30 pm	<b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Joan Murphy Jack, Mary & John Doolan

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	27th Sept Vigil	5:30 pm	St Vincent de Paul <b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Priest's Intentions
Sun	28th Sept	10:30 am	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> John & Mary Audrey Robinson
Mon	29th Sept	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	<b>Ss Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</b> (F) Exposition Service of the Word
Tues	30th Sept	9:15 am 12 noon	St Jerome Priest's Intentions Year 4 Requiem Mass for Michael Scahill
Wed	1st Oct	9:15 am	St Therese of the Child Jesus Service of the Word
Thurs	2nd Oct	6.30pm	The Holy Guardian Angels Billington Family
Fri	3rd Oct		NO SERVICES
Sat	4th Oct Vigil	5:30 pm	St Francis of Assisi <b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> The Parish
Sun	5th Oct	10:30 am	<b>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Michael Scahill R.I.P. Baptisms of Nova Williamson, Lily Uttley & Chizikora Okaye

#### 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:

As a Diocese this week, let us pray for the people of  
Our Lady and St. John's Parish, Chorlton, for Fr.  
Anthony Ekpunobi, CM, for their parish primary  
schools and for St. John Vianney 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***

## **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Following on from last week ("You cannot be the slave of both God and money") we see a practical illustration of what this means. The division between rich and poor was very striking at the time of Jesus: popular understanding, however, said that to be rich was a blessing from God. Jesus reminds people that riches carry their own responsibility – the duty to notice the poor man, especially when he lies at your own gate. In this parable, Jesus is subtly attacking the people's lack of acceptance of the teaching of the prophets – "They have Moses and the prophets...", but they obviously haven't listened to them. The twist in the last line is powerful: "...they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead." Since our world still sees a division between rich and poor, how true those words have become!

**Pastoral Letter:** This weekend there is a Pastoral Letter from Bishop John. Copies are available at the back of church.

**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 30th September** at 7pm in the Narthex at St Mary's. This week the session is entitled: "A God who speaks", including the ideas: "The hiddenness of God"; "When God broke the silence"; "Discovering the face 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/>

**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.

**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.

**SVP:** 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 this 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](mailto: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](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.

**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

**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](mailto: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.

**St Clares Roman Catholic Church- Day of Renewal – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October** 10am to 4pm at St Clares Church Sharoe Green Lane Preston PR2 9HH – Subject 'Being guided by the Holy Spirit' by Fr Chris Thomas

## 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

**Harvest Mass and Coffee Morning at Gerard's – Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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

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

**CAFOD** - This Sunday there will be an Appeal on behalf of Cafod to prepare us for the Harvest Fast Day next Friday.

**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.

**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.

**Sacramental Programme** of First Holy Communion & Reconciliation – If your child is in Yr 3 or above and would like to take part and have their First Holy Communion & Reconciliation in Summer 2026 please collect an enrolment form and pack from either Church or the Church Office – please return the form by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October to the Parish Office – the first programme session is planned for Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October 10:30am in Church. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

## St Mary's Brownedge Notices

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 5th October 9:30 am Mass: Sethu Family.

**Cafod Family Fast Day - Friday 3rd October** is Harvest Family Fast Day and our monthly coffee morning. There will be a short talk at all Masses this weekend about Ware, a mother of five children from Ethiopia, who has faced drought there over the last four years. Envelopes for donations will be available after Mass. Your continued support and generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.

**Harvest Mass at St Mary's** - Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare and take part Harvest Celebration last Sunday.

**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.

**Bill Warbrick RIP:** 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 Refreshments 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

**High School Chapel:** Fr Mark has approved that there will be reservation the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle in the school chapel. There will be a Mass there on Tuesday at 3.15pm to mark the beginning of this reservation. We hope this will remind the school community of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and they will be introduced to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the help of our new lay chaplain, John Griffin. Please encourage our young people to make the most of this wonderful opportunity.

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



**Mass Attendance:** Our attendance last weekend

7 pm Vigil	56
9:30 am	206
6:30 p.m..	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>315</b>

### Sanctuary Lamps Week 28/09/25

1	Joshua & Matilda Sugden
2	Andrew & Peter Sugden

St Gerard's Parish Lottery No. 611 24/09/25			
1st	£100	10	Ms C Flanagan
2nd	£40	41	Mr R Nisbet
3rd	£20	39	Mrs J Maher

W/C 28/09/25	This Weeks Intentions
<b>Sanctuary</b>	Yvonne Jeffrey
<b>Sacred Heart</b>	In Memory of Eileen McGivern
<b>Our Lady</b>	In Memory of Cicely Bajko

Offertory 20th / 21st September 2025			
Offertory Loose	£221.20		
Offertory Envelopes	£177.60		
Attendance	133		
Bingo Jackpots for 01/10/2025			
£34	£101	£32	£42