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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

19th October 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	18th Oct		St Luke
	Vigil	7:00 pm	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time May Smith (Walburga)
Sun	19th Oct	9:30 am 6:30 pm	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time John May The Parish
Mon	20th Oct	9:30 am	Mary Hewitt (Birthday Memories)
Tues	21st Oct	9:30 am	Service of the Word
Wed	22nd Oct	9:30 am	St John Paul II John Lees R.I.P. (Mary Class)
Thurs	23rd Oct	9.30 am 4:00 pm	St John of Capistrano Deceased Members of the Turner Family Fatima Devotions
Fri	24th Oct	10:00am 2:30 pm	St Antony Mary Claret Requiem Mass for Richard Whalley R.I.P. Dove Haven Care Home
Sat	25th Oct	Vigil 7:00 pm	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mrs Margaret Newsham
Sun	26th Oct	9:30 am 12 noon 6:30 pm	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Margaret Mary Livesey Marriage Vow Renewal for Louise & Lee Counsell Deceased members of the Higney, McArdle & Rowland families

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	18th Oct		St Luke
	Vigil	5:30 pm	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time For Healing
Sun	19th Oct	10:30 am 12:30 pm	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacred Heart Guild Baptism of Freddie Moxley
Mon	20th Oct	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Service of the Word
Tues	21st Oct	9:15 am	Margaret & Edward Livesey R.I.P.
Wed	22nd Oct	9:15 am	St John Paul II Service of the Word
Thurs	23rd Oct	6:30 pm	St John of Capistrano Lillian & George Atherton R.I.P.
Fri	24th Oct		St Antony Mary Claret NO SERVICES
Sat	25th Oct	Vigil 5:30 pm	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Sun	26th Oct	10:30 am	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time John & Derek Tinsley R.I.P.

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.



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 Salford Diocese This Week:

Let us pray for the parish of St Antony of Padua,
Stretford and Trafford Park, for Fr Gerald Murphy,
their parish priest, for their parish primary schools
and for the Faithful Companions of Jesus.

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Perhaps the hardest Olympic event is the marathon: not only does it demand strength and fitness, but it calls for immense perseverance and endurance. Life in general and the Christian life in particular, is a marathon. We will face hills and mountains as well as valleys and gentle slopes in life: we will face obstacles and pressures which will make us want to say, as the prophet Elijah did, "Lord, it is enough!" Especially in our lifetime of prayer, there will be times when we say "Lord, I can go no further." Jesus himself understands the need for perseverance in prayer, and the temptation to lose heart, which is why he offers us this parable and teaching today. And remember the thought from the first reading: sometimes we may need to hold each other in our praying!

Developing Parish Welcome Teams: The Diocese of Salford Synod 2025 recommends that: *"all parishes should retain and develop the welcome team as a feature of parish life"*. While we do have some people at most of our Masses who act as welcomers, it would be good to increase the teams who do this and remind ourselves of the best way to do it. If you are willing to help with this ministry, give your name to one of the welcomers and we will arrange some guidance in the near future.

Sycamore (RCIA): Do you want to become a Catholic or learn more about the faith? A great start to our new course learning about the Catholic Faith. All still welcome to come along this week on **Tuesday 21st October** at 7pm in the Narthex at St Mary's. This week the session is about "The Bible". But what exactly is the bible? Where does it come from? Can we trust it? And what difference can it make to our lives? This Sycamore film will help you appreciate the importance of the bible and see how it can change your life.

SVP – The SVP Collection this weekend will be in aid of SVP South Sudan, which despite the continuous conflict continues to provide a home for 30 young boys who were living on the street, vocational training to hundreds of adults, balanced meals to over 700 infants, free healthcare to rural families, and more. Against a background of growing humanitarian crisis, the SVP in South Sudan are a beacon of hope; the light of Christ in the darkness. Be assured that 100% of your donation will go directly to SVP South Sudan.

Missio "Red Box" Charity – 19th October is World Mission Sunday. There are envelopes available at the back of Church to support Missio or remember to put something extra into the Red Box at home.

Universalis.com: Universalis is a website which provides the Mass texts and readings for each day of the year as well as the Liturgy of the Hours. Online it provides free texts for the upcoming 7 days. Buying the App gives full access. This QR Code will take you straight to the Mass Readings of the day:



Knights of St Columba Social Events:

KSC Festive Prize Bingo Night: is slightly earlier this year, **Friday 31st October** 7pm for 7.30pm. To allow greater numbers, this year it will take place in **St. Gerard's Social Club, Lostock Hall**. Please note change of venue, all welcome including children. We can arrange transport from St. Mary's for anyone needing a lift, please speak to a member of the KSC. Hope to see you there for a great evening.

Brass Band & Carol Concert: St. Mary's, Brownedge, on Sunday, 30th November at 3pm. Tickets £7 including refreshments, children free. There will also be a raffle, proceeds of the concert and bingo to KSC Charities. Your support will be much appreciated. Thank You.

Preston Cecilian Choral Society – Rossini Petite Messe Solennelle – **Saturday 29th November 2025** at 4pm at St Mary's Brownedge Church PR5 6SP – Tickets are £16 each and available from www.trybooking.co.uk/FHEZ - For more information please go to www.cecilians.org.uk.

Celebration of Human Dignity: Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford is holding a free event on **Sunday 26 October** from 10.30am to 3pm at Sacred Heart Church and Parish Centre, Gorton, Manchester, M18 7WJ. The 'Celebration of Human Dignity' event, which is aligned with the memorial of St Pope John Paul II who championed human dignity and the value of human life in his many works, will include music, thought-provoking sessions and Sunday Mass celebrated by Bishop John Arnold. To find out more and book your place at the event, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/humandignity/. Our parish Caritas Reps will be speaking to us about the work of Caritas at Masses on 18/19 Oct.

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 getaway in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/> or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Invitation from SPUC: Letters to the Lords gathering - Join Us in Making a Difference. You are warmly invited to our friendly letter-writing gathering! We'll be handwriting letters to members of the House of Lords to encourage them to vote against the Assisted Suicide and Abortion up to Birth bills. **Come along on Saturday, 1 November at 15:00 to: The Lancaster Room, St Joseph's Church, Skeffington Road, Preston, Preston, PR1 5UQ.** Everyone is most welcome! We will have stationary, stamps, and letter templates ready for you to use or personalise. For more info, contact Nicola on 07523 183758 or email spucpreston@gmail.com

Joint Notices

Be Still and Know that I am God, 14 - 17 November 2025 - A three-day retreat led by Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment.
<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god>

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises: Men's Retreats, 4-9 & 11-16 February 2026 - A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a 5-day, shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France), who were founded with the specific charism of offering this version of the Exercises and with a **particular apostolate to men**. The retreat is open to men in all states of life, who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world.
<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius>

Diocese seeks volunteers for new survivor-led safeguarding panel - The Diocese of Salford is looking for volunteers to join a new safeguarding panel, which seeks to ensure the voice of survivors plays an integral role in how we safeguard against all forms of Church-based abuse, and how we continue to provide meaningful support and healing to those affected. Details of all panellists will be confidential and volunteers can choose to engage anonymously. To find out more or to enquire about becoming a volunteer panellist, please contact the diocesan Department for Safeguarding by emailing safeguarding@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or calling 0161 817 2206. Read more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/survivors-panel-announced/>

October: Month of the Holy Rosary: Pope Leo has encouraged all Catholics to pray the Holy Rosary each day during the month of October with the special intention of praying peace in the Holy Land. A quick reminder of how to pray the rosary:

One Decade of The Most Holy Rosary =
x1 "Our Father"; x10 "Hail Mary"; x1 "Glory Be".

Joyful Mysteries: x5 Decades: 1. The Annunciation; 2. The Visitation; 3. The Nativity; 4. The Presentation; 5. The Finding in the Temple.

Sorrowful Mysteries: x5 Decades: 1. The Agony in the Garden; 2. The Scourging at the Pillar; 3. The Crowning with Thorns; 4. The Carrying of the Cross; 5. The Crucifixion.

Glorious Mysteries: x5 Decades: 1. The Resurrection; 2. The Ascension; 3. Pentecost; 4. The Assumption; 5. The Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven.

Luminous Mysteries: x5 Decades: 1. The Baptism of Jesus; 2. The Wedding of Cana; 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom; 4. The Transfiguration; 5. The Institution of the Eucharist.

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, Jean Doran,
Maureen Calderbank, Joseph Finch, Mick Green.
Mary Bilsborough, Geoffrey Thurman, Ruth Johnstone.

All those who have recently died:

Bill Warbrick, Dorothy Whittle, Fr John Baron.
Richard Whalley, Anna Wignall (Foley).

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

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

Sacramental Programme: This Sunday during 10.30 Mass we welcome those children and their families who wish to be enrolled in the Sacramental Programme to prepare for First Holy Communion. The first session follows the 10:30 am Mass.

Baptism: Welcome to Freddie Moxley who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

Christmas Fair Raffle - Tickets are now on sale at the back of church at £1 per ticket and £5 per book. Please take some books home with you and sell them for us to relatives, friends and neighbours. Fabulous prizes as usual.

Christmas Fair - The Fair this year is on Sunday 30th November in the Parochial Centre starting at 11:30 after the morning Mass.

Metanoia Project is a Catholic charity for the New Evangelisation, based at St Wilfrid's, ministering to people of all ages, proclaiming the Word and serving the poor. At this time of year they usually appeal for small items of clothing which are given out to the homeless. If you are able to donate warm socks, gloves, woolly hats etc and leave them at the back of church we will ensure they get there.

Mass Intentions – If you would like any help or need assistance to have a Mass said please speak to the Sacristans in Church before or after Mass who will gladly help you.

Lost Property – We have 2 pairs of black rimmed glasses handed in to Church – If anyone has lost them please contact the Sacristans in Church.

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.

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



St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 26th October 9:30 am Mass: Ryles Family.

Cafod Harvest Family Fast Day - Thank you for donating to Cafod's Harvest Fast Day Appeal. Your generous donations of £485, with Gift Aid a total of £538, will help Ware' in Ethiopia and her community get safe water for their families. Well done everyone, your support is very much appreciated.

Due to ever increasing costs, there will be **no hyacinth pots for sale this year**. Thank you for your previous generosity and a big 'Thank You' to David and Mary for providing them over the past 12 years.

Rosary Coffee Morning: The GIFT team from the primary school would like to invite parishioners to join them for the Rosary and a Coffee Morning in St Mary's & St Benedict's Primary School – Tuesday 21st October at 10am after the morning service in church. All parishioners invited to attend

Donations: Many thanks for all your donations in support of the parish and some of the appeals we have had recently. The heating pipe has now been replaced, just before the cold of winter begins. Our Catholic churches rely almost solely on the generosity of those who attend. It is much appreciated.

High School Chapel: Fr Mark has approved that there will be reservation the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle in the school chapel. On Tuesday last week we celebrated a Mass 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.

Graveyard notice at St Mary's: Please note that there is new signage in the Graveyard regarding the use of memorial pots and glass containers on the Ashes memorial and graves.

Thank you to everyone who has been in touch regarding the fallen and dangerous Gravestones – These will be laid flat and made safe in the coming weeks.

W/C 19/10/25	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey
St Gerard Majella	Norbert Hardacre (Anniversary)

Offertory 11th / 12th October 2025			
Offertory Loose	£219.75		
Offertory Envelopes	£178.67		
Attendance	137		
Bingo Jackpots for 22/10/2025			
£37	£104	£35	£26

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	61
9:30 am	232
6:30 p.m..	48
Total	341

Sanctuary Lamps Week 19/10/25	
1	For the Eccles & Woods Families
2	In Loving Memory of the Torbitt, Firth & Leonard Families.