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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Year A) 1st Week in Ordinary Time (Weekday Cycle 2)


11th January 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	10th Jan		The Baptism of the Lord
	Vigil	7:00 pm	Sister Mary Higney
Sun	11th Jan		The Baptism of the Lord
		9:30 am	Private Intention
		11:00 am	Baptism of Reuben Howarth-Pye
		6:30 pm	The Parish
Mon	12th Jan		St Aelred of Rievaulx
		9:30 am	John Lees
Tues	13th Jan		St Hilary (OM)
		9:30 am	Lizzy Dowbakin
Wed	14th Jan	9:30 am	Woodcock Class Deceased members of the Bibby & Cole Families
Thurs	15th Jan	9:30 am	David Clunan
Fri	16th Jan	9:30 am	In Loving memory of Mary Hewitt
Sat	17th Jan		St Anthony (M)
	Vigil	7:00 pm	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time William Grayless
Sun	18th Jan		2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9:30 am	Father Jonathon Cotton OSB
		6:30 pm	Agnes Cook (Ann)

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	10th Jan		The Baptism of the Lord
	Vigil	5:30 pm	Mark McNulty (Birthday Ann)
Sun	11th Jan		The Baptism of the Lord
		10:30 am	Sacred Heart Guild
Mon	12th Jan		St Aelred of Rievaulx
		6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Service of the Word
Tues	13th Jan		St Hilary (OM)
		9:15 am	Year 6 & Year 2 Allan Swindlehurst (safe Operation)
Wed	14th Jan	9:15 am	Service of the Word
Thurs	15th Jan	6:30 pm	Priests Intentions
Fri	16th Jan		NO SERVICES
Sat	17th Jan		2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Vigil	5:30 pm	Mary Patricia Hewitt (Ann)
Sun	18th Jan		2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
		10:30 am	The Parish
		12 noon	Baptism of Nina Boyle & Solenne Bullough

OM - Optional Memorial F - Feast
 M - Memorial S - Solemnity

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.

Hope in the Future - Cycle of Prayer
 We pray for the people of St. Joseph's Parish, Reddish, for Fr. Damien Loudon, their Parish Priest, and for their parish primary school.

Joint Notices

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially

Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved". On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, that we fully understand the reason for the joy with which we celebrated Christmas Day. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospel in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

Sycamore (RCIA): Do you want to become a Catholic or learn more about the faith? The next session of our RCIA Class is on Tuesday 13th January at 7pm. We will continue a little more on Baptism and then Confirmation. 14C: Confirmation and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We may also start looking at the Sacrament of the Eucharist—the source and summit of life as a Catholic.

Seminarian: We were due to host a seminarian on a pastoral placement in our parishes for the month of January. He has now decided to take some time away from his formation for the priesthood. Please keep John and all our seminarians in your prayers.

St Carlo Acutis: This month, the Diocese will host some relics of St Carlo Acutis at two of our churches over five days, and schools, parishioners and people from all over the diocese are welcome to visit. St Carlo is the first millennial saint, and is celebrated for his profound faith and his use of the internet to log Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He was passionate about spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church up until his death from leukaemia at the age of 15.

The relics will be at **St Mary's Church, Burnley from 28-29 January 2026 then at St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst from 30 January to 1 February 2026.** More information will be shared soon with parishes and on our website and through our social media channels.

Confirmation Programme 2026: Young people who are in Year 8 at school and above are invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be celebrated in Summer 2026 (date TBC). The preparation for our local parishes is being provided by Brownedge St Mary's High School in collaboration with Fr Mark and the parishes. Sessions will begin during Lent 2026 and will take place at 3.15pm on weekdays at our High School. Pupils who attend the parish but not the high school are also welcome to register. The Sacrament of Confirmation During Confirmation, candidates receive the power of the Holy Spirit, through which they are strengthened to be witnesses of Christ in the world. If you would like your child to take part in this programme, please complete the registration form which can be found at the top of this webpage www.st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk/catholic-life/chaplaincy by **Monday 19th January at 12noon.** If you have any questions, please speak to Fr Mark.

Eucharistic Ministers: There will be a short meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers at the end of our weekend Masses over the next couple of weeks. It should take no more than 15 mins:

At St Gerard's on Sat 17th Jan after 5.30pm Mass and Sun 18th Jan after 10.30am Mass.

At St Mary's on Sat 24th Jan after 7pm Mass and on Sun 25th after 9.30am and 6.30pm Masses.

Mass Intentions - If you would like to have a Mass intention please leave a note at the Parish Office clearly stating the Mass Intention. Mass intentions will not be taken over the telephone to avoid spelling mistakes. If you would like to Gift Aid the Donation please let us know.

Diocesan Synod News: Our emerging vision for a synodal Church in Salford centres on six themes: (1) Prayer, listening, and renewal as the heart of Eucharistic life; (2) Welcoming, inclusive, and accessible communities celebrating diversity; (3) Participation and representation through diverse leadership and formation; (4) Young people and families fully engaged in faith and service; (5) Collaboration and resources shared among all; (6) Outreach, dialogue, and healing with compassion for survivors and interfaith ties. There is a leaflet available at the back of church.

The Synod is also looking at models for Parish Leadership teams and at how to better support the welfare of our priests in general.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick, and those who care for them:

Sister Louise, Yvonne Jeffrey, Mary Bilsborough, Joseph O'Grady, Brian Morley, Jean Doran, Mick Green, Maureen Calderbank, Joseph Finch, Ruth Johnstone, Peter Clough, Eileen McLaughlan.

All those who have died recently:

Dorothy Fleming, Jennifer Sharples, John Harry Riding, Elsie Smith, Dominic McCormack, Jerry Sarmiento, Fr Peter Foulkes, Fr Francis Frost.

Joint Notices

Christian Community Larder message: On behalf of the volunteers and families associated with the LARDER, we would like to extend our thanks for your continued support and wish you all a Happy New Year! Your generosity has a profound impact on our ability to assist those in need within our community. Your kindness and ongoing contributions make a real difference and are deeply appreciated by all those who benefit from the LARDER's services. Thanks to you, we support an increasing number of individuals and families who are struggling to provide essential food items. At present, we assist 65 families each week, and as demand continues to rise, your help becomes ever more crucial. Our work relies on the continued food and monetary donations from our Christian communities: Brownedge St. Mary's, Methodist Church, St. Aidan's, St. Bede's, St. Gerard's and local Schools. We are also grateful for the generosity of local residents, especially the customers of Morrison's and Sainsbury's. Without your support, the LARDER's efforts would not be possible. We invite you to join us for morning coffee or tea, toast and cakes. Our dedicated volunteers are willing to listen and chat. We have contacts with a range of professionals who can offer advice - Opening Hours: 09:30 to 11:30am every Monday and Friday - Location: St. Aidan's, 46 Station Road, Bamber Bridge, PR5 6QL - Email: christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com - Telephone: 07762 905978

Year of Jubilee 2025:

Last Tuesday, on the Feast of the Epiphany, Pope Leo closed the Holy Door of St Peter's and thus concluded our wonder year of Jubilee. We give thanks for the many graces received during this year and go ahead with greatly renewed hope as pilgrims on our faith journey. The Holy Door has been bricked up, and usually is not unbricked for 25 years, but we expect there will an extraordinary Holy Year in 2033 to celebrate 2000 years since the Death and Resurrection of Jesus—something to look forward to!



Copies of Clare Haythornthwaite's picture diary of Luce's pilgrimage to Rome are available at the back of Church.

New Diocesan Yearbook: This year, the diocese have combined two books into one: The Diocesan Ordo and the Almanac. The Ordo is at the back of the Yearbook and details which Mass/feast we should be celebrating each day; what the readings and prayers should be, and even what colour vestments the priest should wear! Copies are available at the back of Church priced £5 each or £6 for a ring-bound version.

Wordsearch based on the Gospel for the Feast The Baptism of the Lord

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Our Lady & St Gerard's



St Mary's Brownedge

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:



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

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

Majella Companions - Meet this week on Tuesday 6th January at 2 pm in the Shields Centre.

Wednesday Bingo - The Team are looking forward to seeing you again as Bingo starts again this week on Wednesday 7th January.

Parish Lottery - If your membership runs from January to January please get in touch with the office if you'd like to continue. Parish Lottery subscription are still £60 for the year – Prizes are drawn monthly, and you can win excellent cash prizes (£100, £40 & £ 20) with extra prize draws during the year.

Metanoia project - Recently a box has been placed at the back of church next to the larder box. This box is from the Metanoia project based at St Wilfrid's in Preston and they are collecting warm socks, hats, gloves etc for the homeless in Preston who are struggling to keep warm at this time of year. Besides providing warm clothing the Metanoia group provide the homeless with a warm meal every Tuesdays night. If anyone can cook and has a couple of hours to spare on Tuesdays they would welcome the help. If you are able to assist with this essential work please contact Jen on 07957566741 or Jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk . Help of any kind, however infrequent, would be gratefully received.

Make a regular financial contribution to your Church:

Our Parish Lotteries: St Mary's has a 200 Club and St Gerard's has a Parish Lottery. These are great fun ways in which we can financially support our Church. We know many people come to church at different times but not necessarily every week.

However, **we do need regular weekly income in order to continue to exist.** Perhaps if you are not able to come more regularly, you could consider a way of making a regular financial contribution to the church: Join St Mary's 200 Club or St Gerard's Parish Lottery. Make a small commitment to support your church: **Just £1 a week**
office@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk or **office@saintgerards.org.uk**

Thank you for your support throughout 2025
Best Wishes for 2026

W/C 18/01/26	This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey		
Offertory 4th / 5th January 2026			
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance	
£283.11	£188.00	151	
Bingo Jackpots for 14/01/2026			
£26	£26	£45	£36

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Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 18th January 9:30 am Mass: Tolentino Family

CAFOD - Thank You - Many thanks to all who supported our first coffee morning & raffle of 2026, we raised £258. From the buckets, knitted goods, jewellery, cards & jigsaws £197.

A display of the **World Gifts we bought, £1496**, are on the Cafod board in the porch. Each gift represents Hope and makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty and climate change around the world.

We are hoping to have a mystery raffle again in Lent. Please leave any unwanted gifts in the box under the table in the Piety shop.

Happy New Year to everyone & thank you for your continued support during 2026.

SVP - Message from HQ – We recently had a collection for the SVP South Sudan and have received a thank you letter expressing most sincere thanks for our support. Please read the full letter on the church bulletin board.

Parish Dinner – Sunday 25th January 2026 – All places have now been taken for the Lunch, thank you for your continued support.

SVP: There will be a meeting of the SVP on Monday 12th January at 6:30 pm in St Mary's Priory.

200 Club: Just before Christmas, the 200 Club presented the Parish with **£4000** raised over recent months. A great effort and support to the upkeep of our beautiful church. Thanks to all our members and especially to Kathryn and Sandra who do such a wonderful job in organising the 200 Club.

200 Club Lottery	Christmas Hamper Winners	
1 st Prize	No 370	Clare Haythornthwaite
2 nd Prize	No 13	Mark Wearden
3 rd Prize	No 46	Tony Turner
Runner Up	No 16	Josephine Carty
Runner Up	No 73	Mary Lofthouse
Runner Up	No 359	Terrence McCarthy

200 Club Lottery	Christmas Draw 2025	
1 st Prize - £200	No 31	Keith & Christine Morris
2 nd Prize - £100	No 118	Emma Fishwick
3 rd Prize - £50	No 6	Joanne Boyes

Sanctuary Lamps Week 18/01/26			
1	In Loving Memory of Ann & Charles Sergeant		
2	In Remembrance of Deceased Members of the KSC (Council 212)		
Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
65	161	42	268