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PENTECOST SUNDAY (Year A)

24th May 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	23rd May	9:30 am	Raymond Hill
	Vigil	7:00 pm	PENTECOST Jim & Lesley Morris
Sun	24th May	9:30 am	PENTECOST Thanksgiving for 60 yrs of Marriage for Linda & Philip Swarbrick
		6:30 pm	Carl Molloy R.I.P.
Mon	25th May	9:30 am	Mary , Mother of the Church ^(M) Peter & Corina Clough
Tues	26th May	9:30 am	St Philip Neri ^(M) Marie Spicer R.I.P.
Wed	27th May	9:30 am	St Augustine of Canterbury ^(F) Norman Kirkby R.I.P.
Thurs	28th May	9.30 am	Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest ^(F) Catherine & Michael Carty & Mary & Michael McNamara
Fri	29th May	9:30 am 11:30 am	St Paul VI ^(OM) Hannah Baron Funeral of Kane Luke Bolton
Sat	30th May	9:30 am	John & Carolyn Kennedy R.I.P.
	Vigil	7:00 pm	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY For a Blessed Marriage
Sun	31st May	9:30 am 6:30 pm	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Phyllis Weston (Anniversary) The Parish.

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	23rd May		PENTECOST
	Vigil	5:30 pm	The Parish
Sun	24th May	10:30 am	PENTECOST Priests Intentions
Mon	25th May	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Mary , Mother of the Church ^(M) Exposition Priest's Intention's
Tues	26th May	2:00 pm	St Philip Neri ^(M) Requiem Mass for Catherine Ann Ellison R.I.P.
Wed	27th May	9:15 am	St Augustine of Canterbury ^(F) Stanislawa & Jan
Thurs	28th May	6:30 pm	Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest ^(F) The Cronin Family
Fri	29th May		St Paul VI ^(OM) NO SERVICES
Sat	30th May	12.00 noon	Mass of Betrothal for Bessie Cronin and Ben Hulme
	Vigil	5:30 pm	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Madelaine Maher R.I.P.
Sun	31st May	10:30 am 12 noon	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Geoff Giddins R.I.P. Baptism of Florence Moran

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.

Prayers For Salford Diocese

Let us pray for the parish of Our Lady and St. Patrick, Oldham, for Fr Philip Sumner, their parish priest, for their parish primary schools and for the chaplaincy to the Cantonese Catholic Community.

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.

Joint Notices

PENTECOST SUNDAY



We arrive at the fiftieth day - the completion of the Easter Season, and the completion of the Paschal Mystery: the Lord has died, is risen, has ascended to heaven and now gives birth to his Church, by sending the Spirit upon the apostles. This feast of the gift of the Spirit is so significant for us, because it

marks the handing on of Jesus's ministry to the Church - in the Church we are guaranteed the presence of the Lord, in his sacraments, in his ministers, in the Blessed Sacrament and in his Celebrated Word. It also marks the fulfilment of our thoughts about baptism throughout this season: the gift of the Spirit which we receive in Confirmation is the 'seal' of our baptism, guaranteeing and confirming all that baptism achieves.

The Pentecost Sequence: Often referred to as the Golden Sequence, the Pentecost Sequence is poetry set to chant that proclaims the depths of the Holy Spirit. Sequences in the life of the Church sprang into practice around the ninth century when Gregorian Chant was flourishing and spreading throughout Europe. Many of the earliest sequences of this time ended each line with the letter "A" in order to emphasize its connection with the Alleluia. The purpose of the Sequence evolved from a teaching tool for the singer into a musical reflection on the Alleluia verse.

The Sequence for Pentecost develops the verse for the Alleluia, which is, "Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love." The Pentecost Sequence picks up this verse and develops into one of the most beautiful poetic masterpieces in the life of the Church.

The poetry of the Sequence allows us to feel the enormous and unfathomable power of the Spirit's love that overshadowed the fearful disciple, opened their hearts to their Advocate, promised by Jesus. The Spirit came to unite and not divide, to heal and to restore, to disturb and free us from complacency, to dispel all fear and wipe out all despair. Why not use the Sequence, which we have before the Gospel today, in your prayer in the coming week.

Confirmation: Congratulation to the group of forty three young people who were confirmed recently by Bishop Arnold. It was a wonderful celebration of joy and hope for the future of the Catholic Faith.

Eucharistic Ministers – Our parishes are inviting volunteers to serve as Eucharistic Ministers, particularly those who can visit the sick and housebound. This is a meaningful and prayerful ministry within our community. If you feel called to serve in this way, we would love to hear from you - please contact the parish office today to find out more or to get involved.

Supporting our Parish Finances: Salford Diocese have asked St Mary's Brownedge to pilot a programme to inform parishes of the financial cost of running our parishes; this will strive to make us more aware of the needs of our parishes and how we can foster a deeper sense of responsibility for meeting those needs. The appeal is over three weekends: This week 23/24 May, the third leaflet is "Our Financial Report". Please take home a copy of this with and spend some time considering how you might be able to help.

Finance Meeting: Many thanks to everyone who came to our meeting last Tuesday. There was an excellent turnout and some good reflections on possible ways forward. We were pleased to have with us, Heather Coogan who is the fundraising adviser for the diocese, and Helen Whall who is the Parish Finance Liaison for all the parishes in the Diocese.

We will do something similar at St Gerard's in the coming months.

Recommendations for Spiritual Reading: There are many websites which offer good Catholic reading and reflection. A particularly fine one is [CHRISTIAN ART | Daily Gospel Reading & Art Reflection](#)

This lovely website offers a unique approach to daily Gospel readings. Each day, they select a work of art relevant to the day's scripture passage and offer a short reflection on the two.

Written by Fr Patrick van der Vorst a Catholic priest for the Diocese of Westminster, London and a former Director of Sotheby's London, Christian Art's mission is to draw people closer to God through the magnificent pairing of art and the Christian faith. You can subscribe to receive email each day with the gospel of the day and a work of art. It could be a very good aid to prayer and an insight into the scriptures, especially for those people who find art helpful in stimulating our hearts and minds.

Newsletter deadlines - Notices for the newsletter each week should in the case of St Gerards be with the office before noon on Thursdays. For St Mary's these should be with the office before 3 pm. This will ensure that they are included in that weeks notices. Anything received after these time MAY get in but it is not guaranteed. This allows for production, checking and printing on Friday before the office closes for the weekend. Thank you.

KSC – Knights of St Columba Prize Bingo – Thanks to everyone who supported the Prize Bingo at St Gerard's Parish Centre on 8th May. A total of £440 was raised to support the Knights' charitable work.

Prayer Group / Scripture Study Group: We have had several enquiries recently about prayer groups. If anyone is interested in this or might help to start up a group, even just by coming along, please get in touch with Fr Mark. A small group of leaders would share the load and help to facilitate it better.

Joint Notices

Free energy bill advice from Caritas - If you are worried about rising energy costs, our diocesan charity Caritas Salford runs a range of free drop-in advice sessions to help with everything from energy debt to making your home more energy efficient. You can find out more about these and other ways the team can help people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire on the Caritas website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport

Day for Life – Sunday 21 June 2026 - Bishops have been invited to publicise and ask parishes to join in the Novena in preparation for the forthcoming Day for Life. The Novena will run from **Saturday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation (Sunday 31 May)**. This is the third year in which the Dioceses of England and Wales will join with those of Scotland and Ireland to pray this Novena. It will be available on the Bishops' Conference website, as well as at <https://prayforlife.ie/>.

Caritas Volunteer Week – National Volunteer Week runs from 1–7 June. Caritas Salford offers a range of volunteering opportunities supporting people facing homelessness, poverty and discrimination across Greater Manchester and Lancashire. To get involved or learn more, visit their website www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer or contact Matt Yates at m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk

Youth Ministry Gap Year Opportunity – Know someone aged 18–25 ready for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster is offering an exciting Youth Ministry Internship based in Keswick in the stunning Lake District. Work with a vibrant team delivering retreats at Castlerigg Manor and supporting schools and parishes, while gaining valuable training, experience and recognised qualifications—all within a welcoming community. **Interested?** director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or look up: www.castleriggmanor.com

Come, Holy Spirit

V. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
R. And kindle in them the fire of your love.

V. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.
R. And you will renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray: O God, who has taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that by the gifts of that same Spirit, we may be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in His consolation, Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

“The Spirit works in all sorts of different ways”

Years ago, on a Marriage Encounter weekend, we had a real experience of the Spirit working “in all sorts of different ways in different people”, not in Church documents, but in real life. We were like the disciples at Pentecost, “filled with joy when they saw the Lord”, and we heard our own native language, deep inside each of us.

London to Brighton Bike Ride - This summer, Rick, Keren and Archie Henderson from St Gerard's are taking on an exciting challenge as they participate in the iconic London to Brighton Bike Ride in support of Caritas Diocese of Salford. On 21st June, they will join thousands of cyclists setting off from the capital and making their way to the south coast, tackling miles of countryside along the route—including the famous climb up Ditchling Beacon, known for its steep and demanding ascent—before a well-earned finish in Brighton (which also has a special connection as Keren's birthplace).

Caritas works tirelessly to support people facing poverty, homelessness and crisis, offering practical help and long-term support to rebuild lives. Their mission is to create a more just society where everyone has the opportunity to live safely and with dignity, and where the voices of those in need are heard and acted upon.

Rick, Keren and Archie are determined to make every mile count with your support. If you are able, please consider sponsoring them and helping Caritas continue its vital work. You can donate via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2afmx937>.

Many thanks to everyone who has already contributed—your generosity is deeply appreciated.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick, and those who care for them:

Sister Louise, Yvonne Jeffrey, Joseph Finch, Brian Morley, Maureen Calderbank, Peter Clough, Joseph O'Grady, Eileen McLaughlin, Marie Davis, Christina Hall, Anne May, Michael Cronin, Anne Gill, Yumi & Yuna Aston. Glenis Allen, Connie Hardacre.

All those who have died recently:

Grace Gee, Stella Hollebone, Francis Brian Nelson, Catherine Ellison, Teresa Jean Smith. Kane Bolton, Pamela Margaret Spencer, Veronica Tipping.

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



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

Sacramental Programme - Congratulation to the children on the sacramental programme who received the Body of Christ for the first time at the 10:30 am Mass last week. The next group will celebrate the Sacrament on Sunday 14th June.

Summer Fair - Make a diary note that our Fair this year is on **Sunday 28th June** from 11:30 am.

Summer Fair Raffle - Tickets for the raffle will go on sale from Saturday 6th June. If anyone would like to donate anything for the raffle we would be grateful.

Caritas: Access to church questionnaires - Please would people take home a copy of the April newsletter sent from Caritas Salford? Besides explaining the vital work which Caritas do to assist the vulnerable, inside each copy there is a questionnaire which parishioners are asked to complete if they know anyone in our community who is unable to get to church. Completed forms can be given to Margaret Cronin who will forward them to Caritas Salford.

Chalices: We have sent 4 of our 6 chalices to be regilded as the original plating is wearing away. The cost of each one is £222 inc. VAT. One of our open Ciboria, which holds the hosts, is also being restored at a cost of £174. If we send the remaining 2 chalices the total cost will be £1506. Thank you to those who have already made donations it is appreciated. We hope they will be with touse at Mass for next weekend.

New Sanctuary Carpet: If anyone would like to make a donation to raise funds to carpet the remainder of the church it would be appreciated. We are still waiting for an estimated cost for this, when it arrives you may wish to sponsor a square metre or two!!

Piety Shop - Now have a selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts on display along with a variety of symbolic cards and money gift wallets.

Parish Lottery - This months draw takes place next Wednesday at the evening Bingo session. If you would like to take part in the Lottery, complete an application form (available in the porch) and return it to the parish office.

W/C 2405/26	This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey		
Our Lady	A Poorly child and their family		
Offertory 9th / 10th May 2026			
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance	
£434.00	£157.40	292	
Bingo Jackpots for 27/05/2026			
£30	£38	£61	£35

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 31st May 9:30 am Mass: Tolentino family

Sudan Humanitarian Crisis - Due to the generosity of parishioners during Lent and at the coffee mornings and raffles, we have been able to send **£2,500 for the Sudan Humanitarian Crisis**. We hope this donation will help, in some small way, provide the people of Sudan with the lifesaving help they so desperately need, clean water, food, medicine, soap & personal hygiene and shelter. We continue to pray for all the people of Sudan as they face such life changing difficulties. Thank you for standing with those affected by the ongoing war in Sudan and showing that love of neighbour is stronger than violence, despair and war. Thank you for all your continued support

Cafod Coffee Morning & Raffle - Many thanks to all who supported our recent coffee morning and raffle which raised **£213**. From the buckets, donations, jewellery and goods on the Cafod stall, **£262**. Thanks to 4 pupils & John, the chaplain, from the High School, for joining us, great to see you again, you are always welcome.

Cafod Board in the porch from our Parish Community Walk. – photos on display - Thanks to David Gorman for printing them for us, a great turnout and great weather. Many thanks also to David for his Big Lent Walk and raising a fantastic **£1377** excluding Gift Aid. Well done David.

Lost Bracelet – Gold Bracelet lost in or around St Mary's Brownedge Church on Sunday 3rd May at 9:30am Mass – It is of great sentimental value to the owner so if found please get in touch with the Parish office

Missio: In the last year we have raised a marvellous total of £2489.97. On behalf of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries a great big Thank you There is a poster at the back of Church showing 3 sisters of the Blessed Sacrament that we are helping in Myanmar. If you don't already have a Red Mission Box and would like one please ring the parish office or Clare on 01772 312558

200 Club Lottery	April 2026		
1 st Prize - £200	No 1056	Vicky Dickson	
2 nd Prize - £100	No 32	Alan Eccleston	
3 rd Prize - £50	No 161	Sharon Smith	
Sanctuary Lamps Week 24/05/26			
1	For Winifred Mary Livesey		
2	Prayer for the souls of Rosenio Abrigo Sr & Perlita Abrigo		
Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
72	142	93	297