



St Mary's Brownedge

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TRINITY SUNDAY (Year A) Week 9 in Ordinary Time

31st May 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
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.
Mon	1st Jun	9:30 am	St Justin (M) Priests Intentions
Tues	2nd Jun	9:30 am	Ss Marcellinus & Peter (OM) Holy Souls
Wed	3rd Jun	9:30 am 11:00 am	St Charles Lwanga & Comp (M) Mary Class Mass Peter Haythornthwaite Requiem Mass for Teresa Smith
Thurs	4th Jun	9.30 am	Priests Intentions
Fri	5th Jun	9:30 am 12:30 pm	St Boniface (M) John Anthony Lawson R.I.P. Yr 11 Leavers Mass
Sat	6th Jun	9:30 am 11.00a m 12 noon	St Norbert (OM) Priest's Intentions Ashes Burial: Mary Bilsborough Wedding: Emily Lancaster & William Russell
	Vigil	7:00 pm	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST Joan Murphy (Anniversary)
Sun	7th Jun First Holy Communion	9:30 am 6:30 pm	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST Geoffrey Thurman R.I.P. Maria Ljustina (Wakefield) LD

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	30th May	12.00 noon	Mass of Betrothal for Bessie Cronin and Ben Hulme
	Vigil	5:30 pm	THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Madeleine 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
Mon	1st Jun	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	St Justin (M) Exposition Priest's Intention's
Tues	2nd Jun	9.15 am	Ss Marcellinus & Peter (OM) Holy Souls
Wed	3rd Jun	9:15 am	St Charles Lwanga & Comp (M) Priests Intentions
Thurs	4th Jun	6:30 pm	Holy Souls
Fri	5th Jun		St Boniface (M) NO SERVICES
Sat	6th Jun		St Norbert (OM)
	Vigil	5:30 pm	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST The Parish
Sun	7th Jun	10:30 am 12 noon	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST Margaret Mary Cross Baptism: Savannah Cusick Hall

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

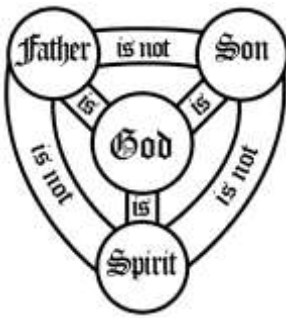
We pray for the people of the parish of St. Francis of Assisi, Oldham, for Fr Kevin Tierney, their parish primary schools and the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph.

 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.

Joint Notices

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



We begin our Summer 'Ordinary Time' by celebrating a strange feast - not of a particular saint or event, but of the awesome paradoxes of our God, the Three-in-One, Father, Son and Spirit: so immeasurably distant, yet so amazingly close, so full of power and so full of love. It is love that

is the key to the mystery: the revelation of God, to Moses and in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, shows a perfect love - a perfect unity. In the beginning, in the story of Creation in Genesis, God made man and woman 'in the image and likeness of God', to live together as a community of love. So too, the Church is an image of this perfection of community which is Father, Son and Spirit. We, as many members of one Church, strive in our everyday lives to imitate God who is Three and One, perfect unity and perfect love.

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 was over the past three weekends: 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:

- **Give a little more each week;**
- **Create a Standing Order or use offertory envelopes;**
- **Gift Aid any money you give to the Church if you can;**
- **Give via contactless card machine;**
- **Leave a legacy in your will;**
- **Consider acting as a benefactor with a large donation if you find you are in a position to do so;**
- **Help raise £30,000 for our Spire repairs.**

Finance Meeting: Many thanks to everyone who came to our recent meeting. 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.

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

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.

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

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/>.

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.

Joint Notices

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:

There will be a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of Corpus Christi: Next **Sunday 14th June at 3 pm at St Mary's**. This will begin in Church with a procession around the grounds and finish with Solemn Benediction in Church. Please come along to celebrate this great tradition of our faith.

Caritas - Accessibility Coordinator - It's important that everyone who wishes to join in the Mass has access to it and, where possible, is able to come into the Church physically. Rushani Merina has agreed to become the Accessibility Coordinator at St Mary's: if you know of someone who wants to come to church but is unable to do so, please let Rushani know so that, where possible arrangements can be made to extend the welcome to everyone. Rushani's contact details are as follows - merinarushani@gmail.com If anyone is willing and able to take on the role at St Gerard's speak or contact Margaret Cronin. The questionnaires are still available at the back of both Churches.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST GERARD MAJELLA - The relics of St Gerard Majella will be visiting Preston in June. This is part of the nationwide tour to celebrate the 300th anniversary since St Gerard's birth. He is popularly known as the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. On **Friday 19th June** the relics will come to **St Joseph's, Preston (PR1 5UQ)** and will be available for veneration between 5.30pm-6.20pm, followed by a votive Mass, with Sermon, at 6.30pm. After Mass there will be an opportunity to be blessed with the relics. The tour of the Salford Diocese and National Tour will end on **Friday 27th November when there will be a Mass at St Gerard's, Lostock Hall, further details nearer the time.**

Donate in memory this Father's Day - Donating to our diocesan charity Caritas Salford in someone's name is a special way to honour their memory while supporting people experiencing poverty, homelessness or isolation in our parishes. This Father's Day, if you'd like to make an in-memory donation, visit the special space on the Caritas Salford website for remembering a loved one. www.caritassalford.org.uk/InMemory or contact Kirstie Davidson 0161 817 2281.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

"Be united and live in peace"

In today's readings, God is revealed as full of compassion, tenderness and love for His people. Through the sacrament of marriage, we are called to reflect these qualities through our relationship with each other. When we are irritated and react angrily, it is important that we look at ourselves together, trying to recognise why, and seek to correct the causes.

Lark Hill Association - 125th Anniversary Celebration Saturday 27th June 2026 Mass in the chapel at Lark Hill (Newman College) at 12 noon followed by a light buffet lunch. (£10) For further details please contact Janet Metcalf 07713300192 or janet.metcalf53@icloud.com To help with the catering please book no later than Saturday 13th June. The college will be open from 11.30 am.

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 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.

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. Edmund Crighton, Gloria Duffell

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

Congratulations to Ben Holme and Bessie Cronin on their betrothment at Mass on Saturday morning. May God bless you both as you prepare for the sacred vocation of marriage. The parish wish you every grace and happiness during this time of preparation, and praying that your future life together may be richly blessed with faith, love, and steadfast devotion.

Summer Fair - Please make a note in your diaries that our **Summer Fair** will take place on **Sunday 28th June, starting at 11:30 am.** We hope to see as many of you there as possible for what promises to be a fun and enjoyable day for everyone.

Summer Fair Raffle—Tickets for the raffle will go on sale from **Saturday 6th June.** We would be very grateful for any donations to support the raffle—prizes of any kind are welcome and help make the event a success. We are also looking for suitable items for our **Bingo stall** and **Tombola**, as well as donations of **books** and other good-quality items. Your support really helps us make the fair bigger and better each year. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support—we couldn't do it without you!

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.

The Chalices and Paten have now been carefully cleaned, polished, and re-plated, and have been returned to the Church by Ormsby's. The total cost of this work was **£1,073.94.** We would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed—your generosity and support are very much appreciated.

Recently Deceased - Please pray for the soul of Gloria Duffell who died this week. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

St Gerard's Parish Lottery No. 619 27/05/26			
1st	£100	13	Mrs D Gardner
2nd	£40	76	Mr A Toppin
3rd	£20	55	Mrs P Jackson

W/C 31/5/26	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey

Offertory 23rd / 24th May 2026		
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance
£313.36	£226.71	156

Bingo Jackpots for 3/06/2026			
£31	£39	£62	£36

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 7th June 9:30 am Mass: Children

First Holy Communion: Next Sunday at 9.30 am will be the first of 2 celebrations of First Holy Communion. The 2nd is Sunday 21st June. There is a preparation meeting for Children and Parents on Wednesday at 6.30pm in Church.

Cafod Coffee Morning - The monthly CAFOD Coffee Morning will take place on **Friday 5th June,** after the **9:30 am Mass.**

All are very welcome to join us for refreshments and a chance to come together in support of CAFOD's important work..

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 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.

Sanctuary Lamps Week 31/05/26	
1	For Improved Family Health
2	For the Livesey & Sheehen Families

Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
65	128	64	254