



St Mary's Brownedge

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CORPUS CHRISTI (Year A) Week 10 in Ordinary

7th June 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	6th Jun	9:30 am 11.00a m	St Norbert (OM) Priest's Intentions Ashes Burial: Mary Bilsborough
		12 noon	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	THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST Geoffrey Thurman R.I.P.
		6:30 pm	Maria Ljustina (Wakefield) LD
Mon	8th Jun	9:30 am	Priest's Intentions
Tues	9th Jun	9:30 am	St Ephrem Holy Souls (OM)
Wed	10th Jun	9:30 am 11:00 am	Priest's Intention School Mass Requiem Mass for Pamela Spencer R.I.P.
Thurs	11th Jun	9.30 am	St Barnabas (M) For a successful heart procedure
Fri	12th Jun	9:30 am	Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (S) Requiem Mass for Edmund Crighton R.I.P.
Sat	13th Jun	9:30 am	Holy Souls
		Vigil 7:00 pm	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Sun	14th Jun	9:30 am	Joseph Dolphin (Anniversary)
		11:00 am	Baptism of Rosie Crabb
		6:30 pm	Agnes Crook (Anniversary)

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	6th Jun		St Norbert (OM)
		Vigil	5:30 pm
			THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST The Parish
Sun	7th Jun		THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST Margaret Mary Cross
		10:30 am 12 noon	Baptism: Savannah Taylor Hall
Mon	8th Jun	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Priest's Intentions
Tues	9th Jun	9.15 am	St Ephrem Stanislawka & Jan (OM)
Wed	10th Jun	9:15 am	Priest's Intentions
Thurs	11th Jun	6:30 pm	St Barnabas (M) Karl Billington
Fri	12th Jun		Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (S) NO SERVICES
Sat	13th Jun	5:30 pm	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	14th Jun First Holy Communion	10:30 am	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Souls
		12:15 pm	Baptism of Ruby Murphy

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.

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 people of the parishes of SS Aidan and Oswald, Royton, and St. Joseph, Shaw, and Fr Gavin Landers, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and the chaplaincies to the Royal Oldham Hospital and Dr Kershaw's Hospice.

Joint Notices

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

The Eucharist – the Body and Blood of Christ – is a mystery with so many layers and a depth that takes more than a lifetime to penetrate. It is not just a “thing” that we receive – however reverently – it is a person, a relationship, a belonging and a transformation that we consume, that becomes part of us: “Receive what you are – the Body of Christ”. The readings invite us to reflect on how our celebration of the Eucharist brings Christ’s words to our reality: “...who eats my flesh and drink my blood lives in me and I live in him.” The people of the Old Testament had God living in their midst, walking with them on their journey, feeding and nourishing them with the gift of manna from heaven. Jesus walks with us, not looking on from afar, journeying “in communion” with us – living within us, as we eat and drink the gifts he extends from the Last Supper. And as Saint Paul reminds us, our communion with the One Christ is also a communion with each other – God lives in us as the Church, as we become His Body.



CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION:

There will be a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament on the Feast of Corpus Christi: This **Sunday 7th 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.

Supporting our Parish Finances: Salford Diocese has asked St Mary’s Brownedge to pilot a programme to inform people of the financial cost of running our parishes; this will help to make us more aware of the needs of our parishes and foster a deeper sense of responsibility for meeting those needs. The third leaflet is “Our Financial Report”. Please take home a copy of this with you and consider how you might be able to help:

- **Give a little more each week to help with the cost of inflation;**
- **Create a Standing Order or use offertory envelopes;**
- **Gift Aid any money you give to the Church if you pay tax;**
- **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 £32,000 for our Spire repairs.**

Spire Fundraising Meeting: There will be a meeting to discuss ideas to raise funds for essential maintenance work on the clocktower and spire of St Mary’s Brownedge. This will be on Tuesday **16th March at 7pm** in the Narthex. Please be considering ideas of how we can raise money. We need to raise £32,000 for the repair work.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Visit of the relics of St Gerard Majella: The Redemptorist Fathers are celebrating the 300th anniversary of the birth of St Gerard’s with a tour of the UK to honour his relics. The Lancaster Diocesan visit takes place this month and will be in Preston on **Friday 19th June at St Joseph’s, Preston (PR1 5UQ)**. Veneration from 5.30pm followed by Mass at 6.30pm. After Mass there will be an opportunity to be blessed with the relics. The final visit of the UK tour will be at our own **Parish of St Gerards in Lostock Hall Friday 27th November. Further details nearer the time.**

Joint Notices

Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus: June is traditionally the month when we remember the great Catholic devotion to the Sacred Heart. The Feast Day varies each year as it is dependent on the date of Easter and Pentecost: as Corpus Christi follows on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday (relating it Maundy Thursday), thus, the feast of Sacred Heart falls eight days after that on the 2nd Friday after Trinity—Friday relating in to the love Our Lord showed for us on Good Friday. This great solemnity is this coming Friday 12th June.

Caritas - Accessibility Coordinator: We need to ensure our churches are accessible so that everyone 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.

Parish Care for Creation Guide: Salford Diocese has developed this guide to support our parish communities in responding to the call to care for our common home. The guide offers practical guidance for every stage of our parish's journey—from getting started and improving energy use, to deeper engagement through living and praying *Laudato Si'*. Only a limited number have been printed but you can access the full guide via the parish websites or online here: <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Parish-Guide.pdf>

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). You can donate via this link: <https://tinyurl.com/2afmx937>. Many thanks to everyone who has already contributed—your generosity is deeply appreciated.

MARRIAGE MATTERS
"Feed your love"
Without food we die! Our wedding promise was to nourish each other so that we bring life to our marriage. We feed each other in all the little countless ways, but particularly in our tender lovemaking, our talking and listening, support and encouragement, particularly in times of doubt and uncertainty. In these ways our marriage will grow and shine.

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi:
This year is the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis. Some people have shown interest in going to Assisi in this memorial year. Northern Star Travel have put together a package for us to see what interest there might be in this: **Monday 2nd November to Sunday 8th November**. Flights from Manchester; First three nights near Rome at the English College Villa, Palazzola with a day into Rome for a General Audience with Pope Leo; Other visits either into Rome or maybe taking the opportunity to visit Subiaco or Monte Cassino—both great abbeys associated with St Benedict. The exact itinerary will be firmed up when we know if there is enough interest. We will spend three nights in Assisi visiting the great shrines of St Francis and St Clare as well the tomb of the newly canonised, St Carlo Acutis. A further possibility for the itinerary is a visit to Greccio on our journey from Rome to Assisi where St Francis created the first nativity scene. Also, the shrine of St Rita in Cascia and the birthplace of St Benedict and St Scholastica in Norcia are within just over an hour from Assisi so we will try to visit them. The cost will be £1249 per person sharing or £1499 for a single room (limited numbers).

The provisional programme is available at the back of church. Please register your interest with the parish office: office@stmarysbrowndedge.org.uk 01772 335168. Further information is available from Fr Mark or from Adrian Duffy at Northern Star Travel: info@northernstartravel.com 0161 773 2115

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
The sick, and those who care for them:
Sister Louise, Yvonne Jeffrey, Joseph Finch, Brian Morley, Peter Clough, Maureen Calderbank, Joseph O'Grady, Eileen McLaughlin, Marie Davis, Christina Hall, Anne May, Michael Cronin, Anne Gill, Yumi & Yuna Aston.
Glenis Allen, Connie Hardacre, Roger Hardacre.
All those who have died recently:
Francis Brian Nelson, Catherine Ellison, Teresa Jean Smith, Kane Bolton, Pamela Margaret Spencer, Veronica Tipping, Edmund Crighton, Gloria Duffell, Margaret Hobson, Michael Guy Smart.

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

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.

First Holy Communion: The 2nd of three cohorts of children will be making their First Holy Communion next Sunday 14th June at 10.30 am Mass. Please welcome them and their families, especially any visitors who may be joining us.

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 and for Margaret Irene Hobson. Margaret's Requiem Mass is on Wednesday 17th June at 12 noon. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Fr Xavier: Please keep Fr Xavier in your prayers. The Archbishop of Liverpool has asked him to move from St Gregory's in Chorley to the Blessed Sacrament Parish in Aintree. Also we remember his sister, Maria Ho Thi Xuan who died recently in Vietnam.

W/C 07/06/26		This Weeks Intentions	
Sanctuary		Yvonne Jeffrey	
Offertory 30th / 31st May 2026			
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance	
£284.26	£198.05	166	
Bingo Jackpots for 10/06/2026			
£32	£40	£63	£37

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 14th June 9:30 am Mass: Worcester Family.

First Holy Communion: We welcome at 9.30 am Mass on Sunday the first of 2 celebrations of First Holy Communion. The 2nd is Sunday 21st June.

Mothers Prayers - This week on Wednesday 9th at 1 pm in the Priory Meeting Room.

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

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: This week a donation of £4000 was presented to Father Mark for the Church Spire repairs appeal on behalf of the 200 Club. Many thanks to our organisers, Kathryn and Sandra who do such a wonderful job. Please consider joining the 200 Club—just £1 per week.

Recently Deceased - Please pray for the souls of Pamela Spencer who has died recently and whose funeral is on Wednesday 10th June at 11am. Also for Edmund Crighton whose funeral is on Friday 12th June at 9:30am and for Veronica Tipping whose funeral is on Tuesday 16th June at 2:30pm. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

200 Club Lottery		May 2026	
1 st Prize - £200	No 51	Glyn Watson	
2 nd Prize - £100	No 190	Peter Dowbakin	
3 rd Prize - £50	No 325	Marie Craven	

Sanctuary Lamps Week 0706/26	
1	For Improved Family Health
2	For the Livesey & Sheeham Families

Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
68	166	94	328