



St Mary's Brownedge

Founded c1780 SDTRTR No. 250037
 St Mary's Priory, Brownedge Lane, Bamber Bridge, Preston PR5 6SP
www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk Facebook: @stmarysbrownedge
 Live Streaming via website (churchservices.tv)

Parish telephone (01772) 335168 Office Mobile 07442 385553
 Parish Office email: office@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

Lostock Hall - Preston - PR5 5AA
 Parish Tel: (01772) 335387 Office Mobile 07442 385553
 Parish e-mail: office@saintgerards.org.uk



Facebook : @stgerardslostockhall Twitter : @stgerardslostoc Instagram : @stgerardsslostock

Parish Clergy: Fr Mark Harold (Rural Dean & Parish Priest), Tel: 01772 335168 (Office)
 email: pp@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk
 Assistant Priests: Fr Colin Battell OSB. Fr Charles Essien Tel: 01772 321201 (Monastery)

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

21st June 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	20th Jun	9:30 am	St Alban (OM) Thanksgiving for 90th Birthday of Mr Peter Waterhouse
	Vigil	7:00 pm	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time William Derek Waring
Sun	21st Jun	9:30 am	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time First Holy Communion Margaret Livesey
		6:30 pm	Betty Sumner
Mon	22nd Jun	9:30 am	SS John Fisher & Thomas More (F) Private Intention
Tues	23rd Jun	9:30 am	St Etheldreda (OM) For a Better Job
Wed	24th Jun	9:30 am	The Nativity of St John the Baptist (S) Terry May. Finch Class Mass
		1:30 pm	Requiem for Monica Clarkson
Thurs	25th Jun	9.30 am	Iolanda Walsh
Fri	26th Jun	9:30 am	St John Southworth (F) Priest's Intentions
Sat	27th Jun	9:30 am	St Cyril of Alexandria (OM) Jade Ellison
	Vigil	7:00 pm	Saints Peter & Paul Margaret Harrison
Sun	28th Jun	9:30 am	Saints Peter & Paul Richard & Barbara Sharples
		6:30 pm	The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	20th Jun		St Alban (OM)
	Vigil	5:30 pm	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Sun	21st Jun	10:30 am	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Teresa Florence & Gerard
		12 noon	Francis Porter Baptism of Cassiopeia Bullen
Mon	22nd Jun	6:00 pm	SS John Fisher & Thomas More (F) Exposition
		6:30 pm	Holy Souls
Tues	23rd Jun	9.15 am	St Etheldreda (OM) Helen Critchlow (Sch Yr 2&3)
Wed	24th Jun	11:30 am	The Nativity of St John the Baptist (S) Requiem Mass for Gloria Duffell
Thurs	25th Jun	6:30 pm	Holy Souls
Fri	26th Jun		St John Southworth (F) NO SERVICES
Sat	27th Jun		St Cyril of Alexandria (OM)
	Vigil	5:30 pm	Saints Peter & Paul Helen McGinley
Sun	28th Jun	10:30 am	Saints Peter & Paul First Holy Communion 21st Birthday Celebration

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

This week we pray for the parish of the St. Marie and St. Joseph, Bury; for Father William Foley, their parish priest, and for Deacon Paul Griffin; for their parish primary schools, St Gabriel's High School and Holy Cross College as well as the chaplaincy to Fairfield General Hospital and the Bury Hospice.

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

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel turns our thoughts to the strange phenomenon of persecution: throughout the history of mankind, the truth has been a commodity that often leads to persecution: the prophets of the Old Testament were attacked because of their message, as was the Lord Jesus himself. For his followers, the same may be true. The point of the readings is not simply to face up to the reality of the opposition the Gospel may meet, but to remember where the truth of the Gospel comes from: the Father in heaven, who knows us and values us. So we can be confirmed in our mission to witness to the truth, not fearing those who merely kill the body.

SVP - The monthly collection for the SVP is this weekend.

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.

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 week's notices. Anything received after these times 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.**

Caritas - Accessibility Coordinator: To help ensure our churches are physically accessible to all, Rushani Merina has kindly taken on the role of Accessibility Coordinator at St Mary's. If you know of anyone who would like to attend church but is unable to, please contact Rushani at merinarushani@gmail.com so support can be arranged where possible. If anyone is willing to take on this role at St Gerard's, please speak to or contact Margaret Cronin. 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 Sunday 21st June, Rick, Keren and Archie Henderson from St Gerard's are taking on the London to Brighton Bike Ride in support of Caritas Diocese of Salford. Their start time is 7:15 am as they join thousands of cyclists riding from London to Brighton, tackling countryside miles and the challenging Ditchling Beacon climb before finishing by the coast. Donate here: <https://tinyurl.com/2afmx937>. **Thank you to everyone who has already supported them so far £125 has been donated with a further £31.25 gift aided.**—your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Day of Renewal: St Clare's in Fulwood are holding one of the regular days of renewal: - Led by Philip McParland – 'Love not Fear - The good news of Jesus' on Saturday 27th June 10am till 4pm at St Clares Church Parish Hall, Sharoe Green Lane, Fulwood, Preston PR2 9HH – Contact Christine for more info Christine - 07745 009694

Joint Notices

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 appeal applies equally to promote the finances of St Gerard's; 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: Many thanks to those who came to the fundraising meeting last week. There were several good ideas of how we can about raising the £32,000 we need for the remedial works to the Bell tower and the spire: crowdfunding; quiz night; silent auction; were a few of the ideas.

Donations via QR Codes and Online Giving: The Diocese have changed our online giving portal from PAYA to DONA. The Dona portal is the same as our card machines in church;

The advantage of this is that Dona only charge 1.58% as opposed to 5% on every donation; Gift aid is much easier to process; the money comes directly to the parish account rather via Salford Diocese. Thus we have new QR Codes which take you directly to the new DONA portal. The same new portal will be used for donations via the website and streaming site. If you have the old links to PAYA please use the new links. Thank you.

New QR Codes:

Donations: Make an online Donation to support our parishes by scanning the QR Codes Here:



St Mary's, Brownedge



Our Lady & St Gerards

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@stmarysbrownedge.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

So far we have 16 people who want to go. We need to 20 to make it viable—contact the office!

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick, and those who care for them:

Sister Louise, Yvonne Jeffrey,
Joseph O'Grady, Brian Morley, Jean Doran, Maureen Calderbank,
Joseph Finch, Peter Clough, Eileen McLaughlin, Marie Davis, Anne May,
Anne Gill, Yumi & Yuni Aston, Glenis Allen, Roger Hardacre, Iolanda Walsh

All those who have died recently:

Kane Bolton, Pamela Spencer, Veronica Tipping, Edmund Crighton,
Monica Clarkson, Terry May, Helen Critchlow, Mary Eileen Spencer.

MARRIAGE MATTERS: *Fear conceals itself...*

How easy to become paranoid, to wonder what others might be saying about us. These aspects can be present outside our relationship and within it; at their core is fear! Jesus continuously exhorts the Twelve, "do not be afraid...every hair on your head has been counted". Living our life now in Christ, we will not fear what others think.

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



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 3rd of three cohorts of children will be making their First Holy Communion on Sunday 28th 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!

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.

Cleaner Required - We have been asked to see if we can find a reliable and trusted cleaner for one of our parishioners. If you have anyone in mind please contact the office with details.

Foundation Governors Wanted - We are seeking **two committed individuals** to join our Governing Body as **Foundation Governors**—a great opportunity to make a real difference in our school and community.

The Role - Support the school's vision and values, Help shape strategic direction, hold leaders accountable for performance and wellbeing, strengthen links between school, church, and community

What You'll Gain - Make a positive impact on children's education, develop leadership and strategic skills, be part of a supportive team, contribute to something meaningful

No experience needed—**full training provided**. **Interested?** - Contact **Fr. Mark** for more information or to apply.

Lottery - If your subscriptions ends in July subscriptions' are now due please.

W/C 21/06/26	This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey		
Offertory 13th / 14th June 2026			
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance	
£329.34	£240.76	271	
Bingo Jackpots for 24/06/2026			
£34	£42	£65	£39

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 28thth June 9:30 am Mass: Pangilinan Family.

First Holy Communion: The 2nd of our two cohorts of children will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday 21st June at the 9.30 am Mass. Please welcome them and their families, especially any visitors who may be joining us.

Cafod Thank You - Many thanks to all who supported our recent coffee morning and raffle which raised £193. From the buckets, donations, jewellery and goods on the Cafod stall £132

Last year we signed petitions to tackle the Global Debt Crisis when over 35,000 people stood in solidarity with low income countries by signing the petition. The petition is about the debt crisis affecting 54 countries, we have achieved a lot and need to carry on. We are asked to build on last year's progress by signing this new petition which we will do at the July coffee morning and over masses at a weekend in July. Many thanks for your support.

200 Club: The 200 Club continues to support the Parish in a really good and fun way. Last 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.

Offertory Collection - Please check coinage before placing them in the envelopes or in the offertory baskets as unfortunately we still get euro's and other foreign coins on a regular basis and these cause blockages in the counting equipment. Thank you.

Brownedge St Mary's Prize Night: Congratulations to all those who received awards at a wonderful ceremony in Church this week. Many thanks to those who supported a collection for the Spire Appeal which raised £175.

Spire appeal 2nd Collection: We will hold a second collection at Mass for the Spire Appeal on the last Sunday of the next 4 months: first one is next Sunday 28th June.

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 21/06/26			
1	In Memory of Mary Alice Hilton & Teresa Taylor		
2	Deceased Friends & Family of the Cherry & Wilson Families		
Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
66	180	65	311