



## St Mary's Brownedge

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### SAINTS PETER AND PAUL (Year A)

28th June 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
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
Mon	29th Jun	9:30 am	Gerard Turner (Ann)
Tues	30th Jun	9:30 am	The First Martyrs of the See of Rome (OM) Private Intention
Wed	1st Jul	9:30 am	St Oliver Plunket (M) Prayers Answered Beesley Class Mass
Thurs	2nd Jul	9.30 am	Bernadette Ryles
Fri	3rd Jul	9:30 am	St Thomas (F) Elsie Smith
Sat	4th Jul	9:30 am	St Elizabeth of Portugal (OM) Priests Intentions
	Vigil	7:00 pm	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Haythornthwaite Family
Sun	5th Jul	9:30 am	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Rhoda Radcliffe First Communion Thanksgiving
		6:30 pm	Richard & Mary Lloyd

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	27th Jun	5:30 pm	St Cyril of Alexandria (OM) Saints Peter & Paul Helen McGinley
Sun	28th Jun First Holy Communion	10:30 am	Saints Peter & Paul 21st Birthday Celebration
Mon	29th Jun	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Priests Intentions
Tues	30th Jun	9.15 am	The First Martyrs of the See of Rome (OM) Holy Souls
Wed	1st Jul	9:15 am	St Oliver Plunket (M) Priests Intentions
Thurs	2nd Jul	9.00 am	Mass in School to celebrate First Holy Communions
		6:30 pm	Holy Souls
Fri	3rd Jul		St Thomas (F) NO SERVICES
Sat	4th Jul	5:30 pm	St Elizabeth of Portugal (OM) 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Priests Intentions
	Sun	5th Jul	10:30 am
12 noon			Baptisms of Mabel Wright & Poppy Lofthouse

**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](http://www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk) or  
[www.saintgerards.org.uk](http://www.saintgerards.org.uk) or  
[www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv)

**Prayers For Salford Diocese**

This week we pray for the parish of St. Clement, Bury and Tottington and for Father Paul Cannon, their parish priest.  
 We pray for their parish primary schools.

# Joint Notices

## SAINTS PETER AND PAUL

Peter and Paul are the two great heroes of the Apostolic Age - Peter for leading the first Christian communities and binding them in unity, a role that springs from his profession of faith in Caesarea Philippi, and Paul for travelling throughout the Roman Empire as the Apostle to the Gentiles, ensuring that the Gospel could be heard by all. They both ended up in Rome, the heart of the Empire, where they crowned their lives of witness by shedding their blood for Christ. As the ancient hymn for this feast day ("Decora Lux aeternitatis") says: ""Rejoice, O Rome, this day; thy walls they once did sign With princely blood, who now their glory share with thee. What city's vesture glows with crimson deep as thine? What beauty else has earth that may compare with thee?" In celebrating the death of these apostles we celebrate the triumph of life and death offered fully to God.

The origins of our Church are described in today's Gospel. Simon recognises Jesus as 'Christ the Son of the Living God', and receives the title 'Rock', upon which God's church will be built. As living stones of the Body of Christ ourselves, we pray to be inspired by this continuous outpouring of love that springs forth from Peter's declaration of faith 2,000 years ago, and enthused to reach out to others by the example of Paul. Today, we have in the person of Pope Leo XIV, the Vicar of Christ and Successor of St Peter as the Head of the Church founded on the Rock by Jesus Christ. As faithful members of the Church, we have the obligation to pray for him as did the early Christians that he may continue to be a sign of unity for the Body of Christ. We pray also that we the members may hold firm to the teachings of Christ proclaimed by the Apostles, which the Church continues to uphold.

**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 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.

**Recommendations for Spiritual Reading:** Recommended by a parishioner: "Handbook of Christian Apologetics" is a comprehensive guide to defending Christian faith through reasoned arguments, addressing objections, and exploring core doctrines. The book, co-authored by Peter Kreeft and Ronald K. Tacelli, serves as a systematic guide to Christian apologetics, which is the rational defence of Christian beliefs against intellectual objections. It emphasizes that faith and reason are complementary, not contradictory, and provides tools for engaging skeptics while deepening personal understanding of Christianity.

Anyone with any further recommendations for spiritual reading, please let us know.

**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 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](mailto: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** - Last Sunday Rick, Keren and Archie Henderson from St Gerard's are took part in the London to Brighton Bike Ride in support of Caritas Diocese of Salford. 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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

**SPUC Preston** — SPUC Preston have booked a coach to the **March for Life**, tickets are on sale now! **Tickets are available** on Eventbrite, search 'Coach from Lancaster and Preston to M4LUK' or scan the QR code. For the itinerary or anything else please contact the secretary on 07523 183758 or at [spucpreston@gmail.com](mailto:spucpreston@gmail.com)

**SVP Monthly Collection:** Last Sunday: St Mary's Brownedge: £136.70. St Gerard's: £83.50. Thank you for your support.

# 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.

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



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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](mailto:office@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk) 01772 335168. Further information is available from Fr Mark or from Adrian Duffy at Northern Star Travel: [info@northernstartravel.com](mailto:info@northernstartravel.com) 0161 773 2115

**We have 18 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, Iolanda Walsh.

#### All those who have died recently:

Pamela Spencer, Veronica Tipping, Edmund Crighton, Monica Clarkson, Gloria Duffell, Mary Eileen Spencer, Terry May, Helen Critchlow, Mary Eileen Spencer, Margaret Irene Hobson, Geoffrey Allen Pearson

### MARRIAGE MATTERS

*Love grows when you give it away*

We have become more aware over the years that the more we love, the more it grows. Our natural instinct is to always put ourselves first. 'To love' stands this mentality on its head! The Gospel says: "Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it." When we experience being loved, we are enabled to love too!

**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 - This weekend—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.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support—we couldn't do it without you!

**First Holy Communion:** The 3rd of three cohorts of children will be making their First Holy Communion this Sunday at the 10.30 am Mass. Please welcome them and their families, especially any visitors who may be joining us.

There will a celebration Mass for all those children who have made their First Holy Communion in the School Hall on Thursday 2nd July at 9.00am.

**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!!

**Ordination:** Please pray for Jonathan Henry, the grandson of John and Audrey Robinson, who will be ordained into the priesthood at St. Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham on 4th July 2026 for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Thank you!

**Baptisms:** Welcome to Mabel Wright & Poppy Lofthouse who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

**Foundation Governors Needed:** We are seeking **two people** to join the Governing Body of our Primary School. A governor supports the school's vision and values, helps to shape strategic direction, holds leaders accountable for performance and wellbeing, strengthen links between school, church, and community. You can make a positive impact on children's education, develop leadership and strategic skills, be part of a supportive team, contribute to something meaningful. **Full training provided.** Contact **Fr. Mark** for more information or to apply.

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

**Caritas Collection:** Many Thanks to you for raising almost £302.60 for the poor & underprivileged in our community. This helps children, families and adults across the diocese at a time they need it most. Thank you so much.

## **St Mary's Brownedge Notices**

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 5th July 9:30 am Mass: **Children**

**Spire Appeal 2nd Collection:** We will hold a second collection at Mass for the Spire Appeal at Masses this weekend and on the last weekend of the next 4 months.

**Cafod Coffee Morning** - The monthly CAFOD Coffee Morning will take place on **Friday 3rd July**, 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.

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.

**First Communion Celebration:** Next Sunday at the 9.30 am Mass, there will be a special celebration and "breakfast for all those children who have made their First Holy Communion recently.

**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:** 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.

<b>W/C 28/6/26</b>		<b>This Weeks Intentions</b>	
Sanctuary		Yvonne Jeffrey	
<b>Offertory 20th / 21st June 2026</b>			
<b>Loose</b>	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>Total Attendance</b>	
295.57	200.60	161	
<b>Bingo Jackpots for 23/06/2026</b>			
£34	£42	£65	£39

<b>Sanctuary Lamps Week 28/6/26</b>			
1	Prayer Intention for all the members of the Hayes Family		
2	Richard Whalley & Deceased Relatives RIP		
<b>Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend</b>			
<b>7 pm Vigil</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Total</b>
58	181	66	305