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14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5th July 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	4th July	9:30 am	St Elizabeth of Portugal (OM) Priests Intentions
	Vigil	7:00 pm	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Haythornthwaite Family
Sun	5th July	9:30 am	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Rhoda Rawcliffe First Communion Thanksgiving
		6:30 pm	Richard & Mary Lloyd
Mon	6th July	9:30 am	St Maria Goretti (OM) Jack & Nellie Holt, Robert James Holme & Christine Gainer
Tues	7th July	9:30 am	Michael Smart
Wed	8th July	11:30 am	Funeral Mass for Mary Eileen Spencer
Thurs	9th July	9.30 am	St Augustine Zhaq Rong & Comp (OM) John Prescott (1st Anniversary)
Fri	10th July	9:30 am	Whole School Mass Feast of St Benedict (anticipated)
Sat	11th July	9:30 am	St Benedict (F) Owen Boyle R.I.P.
	Vigil	7:00 pm	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time John Anthony Lawson R.I.P.
Sun	12th July	9:30 am	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Birthday
		11:00 am	Baptism of Elsie Cookson & Jonah Scott
		6:30 pm	The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	4th Jul		St Elizabeth of Portugal (OM)
	Vigil	5:30 pm	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Priests Intentions
Sun	5th Jul	10:30 am	14th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
		12 noon	Baptisms of Mabel Wright & Poppy Lofthouse
Mon	6th July	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	St Maria Goretti (OM) Exposition Priests Intentions
Tues	7th July	9.15 am	School Mass for Year 6 Leavers Geoff Pearson
Wed	8th July	9:15 am	Priests Intentions
Thurs	9th July	6:30 pm	St Augustine Zhaq Rong & Comp (OM) Gordon Hunt (Anniversary)
Fri	10th July		NO SERVICES
Sat	11th July		St Benedict (F)
	Vigil	5:30 pm	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Priests Intentions
Sun	12th July	10:30 am	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gloria Duffell R.I.P.

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 or
www.saintgerards.org.uk or
www.churchservices.tv

Prayers For Salford Diocese

This week we pray for the parish of Our Lady and St. Joseph, Heywood, for Father Franklin Ebuka Umekachikelu, MSP their parish priest, their parish primary schools and Holy Family Roman Catholic and Church of England College.

Joint Notices

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel is an answer to a very simple question: who is this Jesus we follow? What is he like? He tells us himself: he is gentle, and humble of heart. There is a simplicity about this Gospel which speaks very clearly to tired hearts. Indeed, it is often the case that we overlook the simplicity of the Gospel message - which is why it is valuable to be as children, constantly wondering and marvelling at the beauty and fascination of Jesus. How much God must love us: the message of salvation is so easy to receive, the promise is so welcome. This is a Sunday to wallow in the wonder of a God who is 'kind and full of compassion.'

CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal -

You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.



Former Brownedge St Mary's Pupils Needed!!! -

Are you a former pupil of Brownedge St Mary's? We would love to hear from you! We are building an "alumni network" and are looking for former pupils from all career backgrounds who would be willing to visit the school and share their career journey with our current students, as part of a current requirement! If you would like to inspire the next generation, please contact the school. Your experience could make a real difference. If you are able to help, please email or speak to Andrew Wygladala via careers@st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk

SRBC - FiveDinners Weekly Meal Planner -

FiveDinners is an online meal planning service which creates fully personalised meal plans with easy to cook recipes. The purpose is to create affordable and healthy meals whilst tackling food waste. Any SR residents are eligible to access this for free by registering. <https://fivedinners.com/mycommunity>.

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 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.

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 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 £245 has been donated with a further £50 gift aided. They also raised £390 plus £80 in gift aid for the British Heart Foundation** who organise the ride. **A total of £770 inc. Gift Aid.** Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

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.

Joint Notices

Supporting our Parish Finances: It is important that we are aware of the financial costs of running our parishes and take some responsibility to help provide the necessary support. Are you able to:

- **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: Many thanks to all those who have contributed to the appeal; there has been an excellent response: We have launched a “Crowdfunder” page where people can donate directly and add gift aid; in just 5 days this has raised over £1000. Please encourage your family and friends to contribute—we want to reach all the community, including those who may not be



Catholic but value the presence of our Church in the town. There is video message from Fr Mark to encourage people: Scan the QR Code or Visit:

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/qr/Y1bBQBkI

There is also an icon on the contactless machine in church to contribute to the Appeal.

If we raise funds over £32,000, anything extra will be used for towards other maintenance work for the church.

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.: **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 later. 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. 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.

We now have 25 people who have registered interest. To confirm your place, please complete the booking form and send to Northern Star Travel including £300 deposit.

We will email the booking form to those who given an email address and it can be completed electronically. Paper copies are at the back of church. Send to: info@northernstartravel.com

or post to: **Northern Star Travel 46-48 Long Street, Middleton Manchester. M24 6UQ**

The deposit can also be paid with a card over the phone: 0161 773 2115.

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. Michael Cronin.

All those who have died recently:

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

MARRIAGE MATTERS

A 'yoke' keeps oxen together when carrying a heavy load or ploughing a field. On the day you married you chose to be 'yoked' together 'till death us do part'. The burdens of life can lower your spirits and create a barrier to intimacy in your relationship. Jesus says: "Stay 'yoked' to me and I will help you, however heavy the load."

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

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

Summer Fair - thank you to all the wonderful team of volunteers who worked so hard on Saturday morning and all day Sunday to make such an event happen and Farrington Parish Council for the loan of 2 gazebos, Holme Farm Dairies for the donation of another amazing hamper for the raffle and for everyone who donated cakes and prizes to make the event successful – We could not run these events without the help, generosity & support of our wonderful volunteers and parishioners. We raised £800 for parish funds.

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!!

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.

Thank You - The family of the late Margaret Irene Hobson would like to thank Father Mark & the Parishioners who attended for the Requiem Mass Funeral and for the support & kindness from everyone that new Irene. We also thank you for your kind donation to the Parish of Our Lady & St Gerard's Church.

Lottery Bonus Hampers - The Summer Bonus hampers have been won by Mrs M Gregory, Mrs R Hughes and Mr B Howard. These are available to collect from the parish office.

St Gerard's Parish Lottery No. 209 1/07/26			
1st	£100	72	Mr M Nisbet
2nd	£40	48	Parish
3rd	£20	74	Mrs H Lyth

W/C 5/7/26	This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey		

Offertory 20th / 21st June 2026		
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance
£153.85	£456.61	251

Bingo Jackpots for 08/07/2026			
£36	£44	£67	£26

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 12th July 9:30 am Mass: Counsell Family

Spire Appeal 2nd Collection: This raised £450 last weekend. Many thanks for your support. We will hold collections for the Spire Appeal at Masses on the last weekend of the next 3 months.

Mothers Prayers - Meet on Wednesday 8th July at 1 pm in the Priory Meeting Room.

Cafod Coffee Morning - 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: This 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.

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 High School – The High School Presents a dramatisation of the Touchstone Motion Picture, 'Sister Act' written by Joseph Howard – The show dates are Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th & Friday 10th July at 7pm – Tickets £5 each via the school website [Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School](#) and the QR code



Pupil Chaplains: on Monday we are hosting a day for Pupil Chaplains from schools across the diocese on behalf of the Diocesan Education Service.

Sanctuary Lamps Week 5/7/26	
1	For John Green
2	Intentions of Jacqueline Widdows

Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
50	145	70	265