



## St Mary's Brownedge

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### 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

26th July 2026

| St Mary's, Brownedge |           |                                |                                                                                          |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat                  | 25th July | 9:30 am                        | St James (F)<br>Kathleen Evans (Carey) - Get Well Wishes                                 |
|                      | Vigil     | 7:00 pm                        | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Vera Eaves                                               |
| Sun                  | 26th July | 9:30 am<br>11:00 am<br>6:30 pm | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Thanksgiving<br>Baptism of Chloe McWhinnie<br>The Parish |
| Mon                  | 27th July | 9:30 am                        | Kathleen & Diane Harvey                                                                  |
| Tues                 | 28th July | 9:30 am                        | Lea & Francis & Hannah & Philip for wellbeing.                                           |
| Wed                  | 29th July | 9.30 am<br>11:00 am            | St Martha, Mary & Lazurus (M)<br>Neil Harold<br>Funeral Service for Angela Davis R.I.P.  |
| Thurs                | 30th July | 9.30 am                        | St Peter Chrysologus (OM)<br>Sister Beatrice Molyneux                                    |
| Fri                  | 31st July | 9:30 am                        | St Ignatius Loyola (M)<br>Mary Eileen Spencer                                            |
| Sat                  | 1st Aug   | 9:30 am                        | St Alphonsus Mary De'Liguori<br>Priest's Intentions                                      |
|                      | Vigil     | 7:00 pm                        | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Bernard Barton                                           |
| Sun                  | 2nd Aug   | 9:30 am<br>6:30 pm             | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Joan McCarthy<br>Kathleen Evans                          |

| St Gerard's, Lostock Hall |           |                     |                                                                                                       |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat                       | 25th July |                     | St James (F)                                                                                          |
|                           | Vigil     | 5:30 pm             | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Doreen & George Wane(B'Day)                                           |
| Sun                       | 26th July | 10:30 am            | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Sacred Heart Guild                                                    |
| Mon                       | 27th July | 6:00 pm<br>6:30 pm  | Exposition<br>Priest's Intentions                                                                     |
| Tues                      | 28th July | 9.15 am             | Harry Brierley                                                                                        |
| Wed                       | 29th July | 9:15 am             | St Martha, Mary & Lazurus (M)<br>Holy Souls                                                           |
| Thurs                     | 31st July | 6:30 pm             | St Peter Chrysologus (OM)<br>Priest's Intentions                                                      |
| Fri                       | 1st Aug   |                     | St Ignatius Loyola (M)<br>NO SERVICES                                                                 |
| Sat                       | 2nd Aug   |                     | St Alphonsus Mary De'Liguori                                                                          |
|                           | Vigil     | 5:30 pm             | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>The Parish                                                            |
| Sun                       | 3rd Aug   | 10:30 am<br>12 noon | 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Gloria Duffell R.I.P.<br>Baptism of Francesca Crane & Lennie Leathard |

#### 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: Online at 8pm each evening from St Mary's.

#### Prayers For Salford Diocese

This week we pray for the parish of St Peter and St. Thomas More, Middleton and for Father Boniface Ambe, MSSCC, and Father Sunday Ihueze, MSSCC. We pray for their parish primary schools.

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)

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

## 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

What a gift it is, to be able to recognise the true value of things, and choose those which will last forever and bring us true happiness ! Solomon, renowned for wisdom, is able to make the right choices when offered the chance to have anything he wants. What would we choose? The parable in the Gospel tells us that, in a sense, the choice is already before us: we can see the kingdom of heaven waiting for us: it is of greater value than anything else, and so all our hearts should be set on it. Nothing should stand in our way.

### 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](http://cafod.org.uk/Venezuela) or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.



### Former Browndedge St Mary's Pupils Needed!!! -

Are you a former pupil of Browndedge 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](mailto: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>.

**"March for Life" Saturday 5th September:** A coach is available to attend the March for Life in London on 5th Sept. **Tickets are available** on Eventbrite, search 'Coach from Lancaster and Preston to M4LUK'. For the itinerary or anything else please contact the secretary on 07523 183758 or at [spucpreston@gmail.com](mailto:spucpreston@gmail.com)

**Statue Restoration:** We have been given 2 small statues recently which are in need of painting and restoration; one of the Sacred Heart which is 16 inches high and one of St Therese of Lisieux which is 12 inches high. These might present a project for someone who is talented at creative artwork.

Also, it would be good to have the papal coat of arms displayed over the doors of our churches. If anyone might be able to design this, see Fr Mark.

**Second Collection for Spire Appeal:** As announced previously, there will a second collection for the Spire Appeal this weekend—the final weekend of July—at St Mary's. Further collections at the end of August and September. Thank you for your great generosity thus far, and please continue to give what you can to help us reach our goal.

**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; we have currently raised over £2400. 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/YlbBQBKl](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/qr/YlbBQBKl)

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 church maintenance.*

### Recommendations for Spiritual Reading:

Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP has written widely about faith and prayer in a very accessible way. Two of his popular works for those seeking are:

**"What is the Point of Being a Christian?"** His argument for Christian belief is profoundly Catholic and profoundly human. A book full of a deep understanding of human nature and the problems and anxieties of modern men and women.

**"Why Go to Church?: The Drama of the Eucharist"** takes us through the Mass to give us a deeper appreciation of it. Both of these are easily available from online bookshops.

**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.

# Joint Notices

**Mass Intentions:** If you would like to have a Mass offered for an intention please leave a note at the Parish Office clearly stating the Mass Intention. Don't forget any offering made can be gift aided.

**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'*. 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>

**Catholic Holidays in the Lake District:** During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information: [castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us](http://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us) or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711

**Quiet Retreats for Adults in October:** During October half term, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there will be a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, and then a lot of time to explore the area, pray, or just simply relax. Book at [castleriggmanor.com/events](http://castleriggmanor.com/events) or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk)

**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.

**Knights of St Columba:** Thanks to our local KSC Council which has raised £369 for the DEC Venezuela Earthquake Fund.

**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.: **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](mailto: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, Yumi & Yuni Aston, Anne Gill, Glenis Allen, Iolanda Walsh.

### All those who have died recently:

Geoffrey Allen Pearson, Patrica Byrne, Bernard Barton, Mary Angela Davis. Michael Cronin, James McGrath.

## MARRIAGE MATTERS

### "Discover what loving really means"

Instead of praying for 'treasure', King Solomon prayed for wisdom 'to discern good from evil'. When discerning what 'loving' really means, you find 'hidden treasure' in these weekly reflections on Scripture. They will also help you to discover the 'hidden treasure' in each other. Sharing this, you sow 'seeds' of love in the minds and hearts of others.

**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

**Recently Deceased:** It is a great sadness to announce that Michael Cronin has died this week. Michael was involved in so much of the life of our parish, expressing a deep and wonderful faith. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 15th August at 9.30 am. Please pray for the Repose of his Soul and for his family at this time. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

**Foundation Governor Needed:** We are seeking one more person 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.

**CAFOD – Debt Justice Campaign** - A letter from Cardinal Mulla, head of the Sudan and South Sudan Catholic Bishops' Conference, is displayed on the notice board near the repository. He asks for support for CAFOD's Debt Justice Campaign by signing the petition at the back of church. Many of the world's poorest countries spend more on debt repayments than on education, healthcare, and climate protection measures. CAFOD highlights that this is not only a financial issue but also a moral one. Please support our parish's commitment to debt justice by adding your signature.

**BINGO Caller Needed - Could you be the voice of Wednesday Night Bingo?** - One of our much-loved Wednesday Night Bingo callers is moving out of the district, leaving a spot open on the team. We're on the lookout for **one or more enthusiastic volunteers** to step up and help keep this popular community event running.

- Enjoy meeting people?
- Confident speaking to a crowd?
- Want to be part of a fun, friendly team?

This is a fantastic opportunity to get involved, have some fun, and play a key role in a great community evening. **Interested or want to find out more? We'd love to hear from you!** *Take your turn on the microphone and help make Wednesday Night Bingo a winner!*

**Altar Candles** - If you would like to have a candle lit for a special intention, please leave a note at the Presbytery clearly stating your intention and the location where you would like the candle placed. A minimum donation of **£5 per candle** is suggested.

| Offertory 18th / 19th July 2026 |           |     |                  |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----|------------------|
| Loose                           | Envelopes |     | Total Attendance |
| £419.54.                        | £217.00   |     | 162              |
| Bingo Jackpots for 22/07/2026   |           |     |                  |
| £37                             | £45       | £68 | £27              |

## St Mary's Brownedge Notices

**Baptisms:** Welcome to Chloe McWhinnie who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 2nd August 9:30 am Mass: Sethu Family

**Cafod – New Global Debt crisis - Thank You** - Many thanks to all who supported our recent coffee morning and raffle which raised £247. From the buckets, jewellery, sale of homemade jam, knitted items and goods on the Cafod stall £143.

**Global Debt Crisis** - Thanks to all who signed the Cafod Petition about the Global Debt Crisis. We have sent over 150 signatures to Cafod in support of this petition as we stand alongside our sisters and brothers around the world in solidarity and hope. Thank you for helping to build a better world.

**Venezuela Earthquake Appeal:** On behalf of the Parish, we are sending £1,000, which we hope will help the people of Venezuela as they face the uncertain future. Thank You for your support.

**Christian Community Larder — How to Get Help** If you, or someone you know, needs food support, the Christian Community Larder offers practical help and a warm welcome for local families.

Opening times: Monday and Friday, 9.30am to 11.30am Telephone: 07762 905978

Email: [christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com](mailto:christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com)

The Community Larder opened in July 2022 behind St Aidan's Church, supported by Five Churches Together and South Ribble Council. It grew from Brownedge Together Food Bank into a Community Hub, offering food, refreshments, groups and advice sessions. With around 20 volunteers, the Larder supports about 50 families each week. Please visit or share these details with anyone who may need support.

**Sacramental Programme:** Many thanks to all who helped this year with our programme for First Holy Communion; When the schools return in September we will begin the process of enrolling children for next year. Any child who is baptised and in Year 3 or older may join the programme. If your child is not baptised but they would like to make First Holy Communion please speak to Fr Mark about arranging a Baptism.

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

| Sanctuary Lamps Week 26/7/26                 |                                                        |         |       |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| 1                                            | In Memory of Jim Slater & The Slater & Taylor Families |         |       |
| 2                                            | For Bernard Lucas & Tony Harrison                      |         |       |
| Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend |                                                        |         |       |
| 7 pm Vigil                                   | 9:30 am                                                | 6:30 pm | Total |
| 76                                           | 102                                                    | 66      | 244   |