



St Mary's Brownedge

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

2nd August 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	1st Aug	9:30 am	St Alphonsus Mary De'Liguori Priest's Intentions
	Vigil	7:00 pm	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Bernard Barton
Sun	2nd Aug	9:30 am	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Joan McCarthy
		6:30 pm	Kathleen Evans
Mon	3rd Aug	9:30 am	Dave & Ann Gorman - Thanksgiving for Silver Wedding
Tues	4th Aug	9:30 am	St John Mary Vianney ^(M) Claretta Musumeci - One Sick
Wed	5th Aug	11:00 am	Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major ^(OM) Requiem Mass for James David McGrath R.I.P.
Thurs	6th Aug	9.30 am	The Transfiguration of the Lord ^(F) Michael Cronin R.I.P.
Fri	7th Aug	9:30 am	Ss Sixtus II & his Comps ^(OM) John Anthony Lawson R.I.P.
Sat	8th Aug	9:30 am	St Dominic The Parish
	Vigil	7:00 pm	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Priest's Intentions
Sun	9th Aug	9:30 am	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary & Carmel Mullarkey
		11:00 am	Baptism of Eleanor Dunn
		6:30 pm	Mary & Dominic McCormack

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	1st Aug		St Alphonsus Mary De'Ligouri 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Vigil	5:30 pm	The Parish
Sun	2nd Aug	10:30 am	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gloria Duffell R.I.P.
		12 noon	Baptism of Francesca Crane & Lennie Leathard
Mon	3rd Aug	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Priest's Intentions
Tues	4th Aug	9.15 am	St John Mary Vianney ^(M) Holy Souls
Wed	5th Aug	9:15 am	Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major ^(OM) Priest's Intentions
Thurs	6th Aug	6:30 pm	The Transfiguration of the Lord ^(F) Michael Cronin R.I.P.
Fri	7th Aug		Ss Sixtus II & his Comps ^(OM) NO SERVICES
Sat	8th Aug		St Dominic 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Vigil	5:30 pm	Mary Brierley
Sun	9th Aug	10:30 am	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Michael Cronin 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: Online at 8pm each evening from St Mary's.

Prayers For Salford Diocese

This week we pray for the parish of St Vincent,
 Norden, Rochdale and for Father James Manock,
 their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary
 school.

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

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Divine providence is a wonderful thing: God is so generous with his creation (it is human greed that denies some their rightful share). The Kingdom of God is the time and place when this vision will be fully realised, when all who wish may 'come to the water', when all who are hungry may 'eat as much as they want', when what is left over is still enough for all the twelve tribes of Israel. Our contemplation of the kingdom of God, through the parables and miracles of Jesus, should stir us up to build this kingdom here and now. The miracle of Divine providence is allowed to work when human greed and selfishness give way to the power of the Spirit working within us, and we share all we have with those in need. Our hearts are set on the kingdom of God, where there is corn and wine and milk in abundance.

CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal:

Support people affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela by helping provide emergency shelter, food, and water. CAFOD is working with local Church partners to support those who have lost their homes. Donate today at [CAFOD Venezuela Earthquake Appeal](#), call 0300 999 0030, or scan the QR code. Please keep the people of Venezuela in your prayers.



Former Brownedge St Mary's Pupils Needed:

Brownedge St Mary's is creating an alumni network and would love to hear from former pupils willing to share their career journeys with current students. To get involved, contact Andrew Wygladala at careers@st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk.

Red Mission Box Appeal: On the weekend of 29/30 August we welcome Fr Noah who will come to speak at all our Masses about the work of Missio. He will not be taking a collection but he will be encouraging us to keep a Red Collection Box in our homes to put money in to support the work of Mission. He will also be appealing for new collectors of the boxes.

"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

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.

Lourdes at Home The 92nd Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop John, takes place this week from **30 July to 5 August**. If you cannot join in person, you can take part through **Lourdes at Home**. The Diocesan Masses, processions and other liturgies will be live-streamed, with links, liturgy sheets and the weekly programme available : www.salfordlourdes.co.uk

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 £2600.

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/q/YlbBQBkI



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:

"The Seven Storey Mountain" by Thomas Merton. One of the most famous books ever written about a man's search for faith and peace. It tells of the growing restlessness of a brilliant and passionate young man, who at the age of twenty-six, takes vows as a Trappist monk. At the abbey, he wrote this extraordinary testament, a unique spiritual autobiography that has been recognized as one of the most influential religious works of our time. Translated into more than twenty languages, it has touched millions of lives. Widely available.

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.

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Parish Care for Creation Guide: Developed by Salford Diocese, this guide helps parishes care for our common home, offering practical steps from improving energy use to living and praying *Laudato Si'*. The full guide is available on parish websites or online here: <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/Parish-Guide.pdf>

Catholic Holidays in the Lake District: Castlerigg Manor, Keswick, is offering affordable August and September stays for families, groups, and individuals. Breakfast, evening meals, and daily Mass are included. More information: [Stay at Castlerigg Manor](#) or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711.

Quiet Retreats for Adults: Castlerigg Manor is hosting a quiet retreat for adults during October half term, offering time for prayer, reflection, and relaxation in the Lake District. The retreat includes daily talks, Mass, and evening prayer. Book at [Castlerigg Manor Events](#) or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk.

CARITAS - You all know the wonderful work that Caritas do in our diocese to end poverty and homelessness in our area. In order to raise funds for their vital work they are holding a sponsored hike in Downham, Lancashire on **Saturday 5th September**. If any parishioners feel they could take part in this fundraising campaign or even sponsor anyone willing to walk, there are details and booklets 'Every Step' at the back of church with all the relevant information.

SVP Collection in August – there will no be an SVP Collection in August at either Church

SVP Raffle Prize Draw – Tickets are £1 each and are on sale at the back of church – 1st prize is an amazing £5000.

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, 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, Fr Michael O'Leary.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

"It can be hard to have compassion sometimes"

It's hard to have compassion for my spouse when caught up in my own worries and stress. Jesus moved on from His own sadness to see the need of the crowds; He fed them. We witness to the Good News that nothing can come between us when we nourish each other in all ways - physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

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 Francesca Crane & Lennie Leathard who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

Recently Deceased: A Requiem Mass for Michael Cronin 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 Foundation Governor for our Primary School. The role involves supporting the school's vision, helping shape its future, and strengthening links between school, church, and community. Full training is provided. For more information or to apply, contact **Fr. Mark**.

CAFOD – Debt Justice Campaign: Cardinal Mulla has appealed for support for CAFOD's Debt Justice Campaign. Please sign the petition at the back of church to help call for fairer treatment of poorer countries burdened by debt. Further details are on the notice board near the repository.

BINGO HOLIDAYS - The Team will be taking a short break for two weeks to allow for holidays. There will be **no BINGO on 26th August or 2nd September**, Eyes down again on 9th September

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.

Mass Intentions - If you would like to have a Mass intention please leave a note at the Parish Office clearly stating the Mass Intention. Mass intentions will not be taken over the telephone to avoid spelling mistakes. If you would like to Gift Aid the Donation please let us know.

News & Views - There is an article in this months edition on why Catholics make Mass Offerings including history and origins.

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Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 9th August 9:30 am Mass: Farbon Family

Cafod: 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

The Community Larder opened in July 2022 behind St Aidan's Church, supported by Five Churches Together and South Ribble Council. The Larder offers food, refreshments and support services. Around 20 volunteers help 50 local families each week. Please share with anyone in need.

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.

Spire Appeal: The second collection for the Spire appeal last weekend raised over £700. Many thanks for your continued generosity.

R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of Bernard Barton. His Requiem Mass is on Weds 12 August at 11am.

W/C 2/8/26	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Michael Cronin R.I.P.
Our Lady	Margaret & Michael Redmond R.I.P.

St Gerard's Parish Lottery No. 210 29/07/26			
1st	£100	15	Ms J Watson
2nd	£40	48	Parish
3rd	£20	76	Mr A Topping

Offertory 25th / 26th July 2026		
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance
£199.85	£267.66	146

Bingo Jackpots for 05/08/2026			
£39	£47	£70	£29

Sanctuary Lamps Week 02/08/26	
1	Pray for Ralph, Hilda & Tony Livesey
2	For the Turner & Haythornthwaite Families

Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
71	144	62	279