



St Mary's Brownedge

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19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

9th August 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
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
Mon	10th Aug	9:30 am	St Lawrence (F) Jim & Agnes Livesey
Tues	11th Aug	9:30 am	St Clare (M) Carmel Sweeney
Wed	12th Aug	11:00 am	St Jane Frances De Chantal (OM) Requiem for Bernard J Barton
Thurs	13th Aug	9:30am	Ss Pontian & Hippolytus (M) Michael Cronin R.I.P.
Fri	14th Aug	9:30 am	St Maximilian Kolbe (M) Elsie Smith
Sat	15th Aug	7:00 pm	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Deceased members of the Murphy & Wynne Families
Sun	16th Aug	9:30 am 6:30 pm	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Veronica Haythornthwaite Maria Margaret Ljustine

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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.
Mon	10th Aug	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	St Lawrence (F) Exposition Priest's Intentions
Tues	11th Aug	9.15 am	St Clare (M) Michael Cronin R.I.P.
Wed	12th Aug	9:15 am	St Jane Frances De Chantal (OM) Priest's Intentions
Thurs	13th Aug	6:30 pm	Ss Pontian & Hippolytus (M) Holy Souls
Fri	14th Aug		St Maximilian Kolbe (M) NO SERVICES
Sat	15th Aug	9:30 am	Requiem For Michael Cronin
	Vigil	5:30 pm	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Priests Intentions
Sun	16th Aug	10:30 am 12 noon	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Thanksgiving Baptism of Lily Trafford & Margaret Rimmer

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 Our Lady of Grace,
 Prestwich and for Father Gerard Byrne, their parish priest.
 We pray for their parish primary schools, for the chaplaincy
 to Prestwich Hospital and for the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion.

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

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How does God reveal himself to us? Most of the time, in precisely the way we do not expect! This is what happened to Elijah: we expect God - all-powerful, almighty - to appear in dramatic effects of nature; but no, God is in a gentle breeze. Similarly in the Gospel: the disciples do not expect Jesus to come towards them walking on the lake - but he does. And when God is revealed in the unexpected, he gives courage and strength: Elijah was afraid when he went to Horeb, but was strengthened by his encounter with God to continue his mission; in the same way the disciples are given courage and faith by the Lord who walks to them on the waters.

The Week ahead - There will be **No Mass on Saturday Morning 15th August at St Mary's**. On that morning at 9:30 am there will be a Requiem Mass for Michael Cronin at St Gerard's.

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.

SVP - Family Pilgrimage to Ladyewell: the SVP is organising a family pilgrimage to Ladyewell on Saturday, September 19th. A coach will leave from St Mary's church at 10:30am to arrive at St. Mary's, Fernyhalgh from where we will process to the shrine for Mass at noon. Bring a packed lunch. Coffee and tea available at the café. The coach will leave Fernyhalgh for the return journey at 2:30pm. A sign-up sheet is at the back of church. Cost of coach: £7.50 pp Children free. Please put payment in an envelope marked SVP Ladyewell and your name and place in the collection basket or hand in to the office.

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

SVP Raffle Prize Draw – Tickets are £1 each and are on sale at the back of church – Tickets £1 or £5 for a book. 1st prize is £5,000. The winning tickets will be drawn in September.

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.

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.

March for Life – Sat 5 Sept: Coach travel from Lancaster & Preston to London available. Tickets on Eventbrite (search "**Coach from Lancaster and Preston to M4LUK**"). For details, contact **07523 183758** or spucpreston@gmail.com.

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, Yuna & Yumi Aston, Anne Gill, Glenis Allen, Iolanda Walsh.

All those who have died recently:

Geoffrey Allen Pearson, Patrica Byrne, Bernard Barton, Mary Davis, Michael Cronin, James McGrath, Fr Michael O'Leary, Brenda Walmesley

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

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.

Message from Margaret - Many thanks for all the lovely cards, tributes, and mass offerings which Michael's family have received over the past few days. They are much appreciated. For those who have asked if they could make a donation to a favourite charity. A CAFOD candlelight fund has been set up in Mick's memory which can be accessed on <https://michael-cronin-1953-2026.muchloved.com>.

Memories of Michael: If you have memories of Michael that you would like to share it has been suggested that we have a News & Views Special edition. Not many people know but Michael was a great poet and there are hundreds of his poems, some of these with Margarets permission can be included as well.

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.

W/C 98/26	This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary	Michael Cronin R.I.P.		
Offertory 1st / 2nd August 2026			
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance	
£150.95	237.86	148	
Bingo Jackpots for 12/08/2026			
25	£48	£71	£30

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Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 17th August 9:30 am Mass: Vivas Family

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.

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: Thank you to everyone who helped with this year's First Holy Communion programme. Enrolment for next year begins in September. Baptised children in Year 3 or above are welcome to join. If your child is not baptised but wishes to receive First Holy Communion, please speak to Fr Mark about arranging Baptism.

From Ann and Dave Gorman – Thank you to everyone for your prayers, good wishes, cards and gifts on our 25th wedding anniversary on 3 August. A special thank you to Fr Colin and Fr Charles for concelebrating Mass, to Raymund and Maria, and to all who helped with the refreshments and joined us to celebrate. We are very fortunate and blessed to be part of such a wonderful parish community.

Recently Deceased - Please pray for the soul of Brenda Walmesley whose Requiem will be on Tuesday 25th August 11am. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

200 Club Winners:		
1 st Prize - £200 June 26	7	Jean Bevan
2 nd Prize -£100	131	Tony Kelly
3 rd Prize - £50	183	Teresa Worden
1 st Prize - £200 July 26	370	Clare Haythornthwaite
2 nd Prize -£100	181	Mary Regan
3 rd Prize - £50	26	Brian Walton

Many Thanks to a recent winner who has made a donation towards the Church Spire funds – Thank you for all your continued support

Sanctuary Lamps Week 09/08/26	
1	For Joshua & Matilda Sugden
2	For James & Selina Kennedy

Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
77			