



St Mary's Brownedge

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21st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

23rd August 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	22nd Aug		Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Bernard Barton R.I.P.
	Vigil	9:30 am 7:00 pm	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time William Derek Wareing
Sun	23rd Aug	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish Baptism of Ted & Lyla Melling Priest's Intentions
Mon	24th Aug	11:00 am	St Bartholomew (F) Thanksgiving
Tues	25th Aug	11.00 am	St Louis (OM) Requiem Mass for Brenda Walmsley R.I.P.
Wed	26th Aug	9:30 am	Blessed Dominic Barberi (OM) Marie Spicer
Thurs	27th Aug	9:30am	St Monica Bernard Barton
Fri	28th Aug	9:30 am	St Augustine Golden Wedding of Christine & John Kirkwood
Sat	29th Aug	9:30 am Vigil 7:00 pm	The Passion of St John the Baptist Steve Colligan 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Souls
Sun	30th Aug	9:30 am 6:30 pm	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Amy Lloyd Ann & Jack Molyneaux

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	22nd Aug		Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Vigil	5:30 pm	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Deceased of Hughes Family
Sun	23rd Aug	10:30 am	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacred Heart Guild
Mon	24th Aug	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	St Bartholomew (F) Exposition Holy Souls
Tues	25th Aug	9.15 am	St Louis (OM) Priests Intentions
Wed	26th Aug	9:15 am	Blessed Dominic Barberi (OM) Holy Souls
Thurs	27th Aug	6:30 pm	St Monica Michael Cronin R.I.P.
Fri	28th Aug		St Augustine NO SERVICES
Sat	29th Aug	MISSIO APPEAL Vigil 5:30 pm	The Passion of St John the Baptist 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time William Craven (Anniversary)
Sun	30th Aug	MISSIO APPEAL 10:30 am	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish

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. Joseph, Ramsbottom, and for Canon Peter Hopkinson, 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

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This Sunday's readings share a simple theme: authority in the Church comes from God. In the first reading, God removes Shebna and appoints a successor, foreshadowing the Gospel where Peter is given authority. Peter receives this role not because of worldly power or wisdom, but because he professes faith in Christ, the one sent by the Father. True authority in the Church is rooted in God, expressed through faith and a Christ-centred life, for "all authority in heaven and on earth has been given" to Him.

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: Next weekend on 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 Collection in August – there will no SVP Collection in August at either Church, but raffle tickets will be on sale this weekend for the SVP National Summer Raffle – 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.

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. It has touched millions of lives.

Please pray for the soul of Fr Paul Taylor OMI who has died at his home in Blackburn. Fr Paul of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, has served in the Diocese of Salford and in our deanery for a number of years. His Requiem is on Friday at Sacred Heart Blackburn at 11.00am.

Parish 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 return coach is at 2:30pm. **Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.** Cost of coach: £7.50pp. Children free. Please put payment in an envelope marked SVP Ladyewell and your name and put in the collection basket or hand in to the office. **ALL WELCOME!**

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 £2965. 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/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.

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.

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

Joint Notices

Arrowsmith Walk: This year's **Arrowsmith Walk**, following in the footsteps of local Martyr, St Edmund Arrowsmith, will take place on Bank Holiday **Monday, 31 August**, meeting at St Joseph's Church, Brindle for a 1.30pm departure, returning for Mass at 4.30pm, followed by the opportunity to view items associated with St Edmund and refreshments in the parish room. The walk is approximately 5 miles and involves some cross country sections which can be boggy after rainfall. En route there will be an opportunity to visit the Mass Room at Arrowsmith House, Gregson Lane, where St Edmund celebrated his final Mass in 1628, before being captured on Brindle Moss. All welcome, further information from Dave Gorman including confirmation of attendance if possible. Donations of cakes and biscuits welcome. Ample car parking at the church.

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 Sponsored Walk: In order to raise funds for their vital work they are holding a sponsored hike in Downham, Lancashire on **Saturday 5th September**. Kate & Margaret would welcome any parishioners to take part in walk with them or sponsor anyone willing to walk, there are more details and booklets 'Every Step' at the back of church and on the Caritas notice board with all the relevant information - Let us know if you're going to join us because Caritas is happy for us to use the 1 sponsorship form. Contact details are on the Caritas board or tele 07745934785 (A shorter 5km version is available also).

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.

Baptism Preparation course - The next Baptism course has been moved to **Tuesday 8th September** at 7pm at **Our Lady & St Gerard's Church** & the enrolment presentations will be the following Sunday 13th September during Sunday Mass – If you would like to enrol your child for Baptism please collect a Baptism enrolment form from Church.

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



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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:

Bernard Barton, Michael Cronin, James McGrath, Ann Baldwin, Antonio Quaglieri, Brenda Walmsley, James Mulgrew, Fr Paul Taylor, Fr Michael O'Leary, Canon Mortimer Stanley

MARRIAGE MATTERS

"The key to family life"

Today's Gospel places keys at the heart of the responsibility Jesus gives Peter. In spite of his weaknesses and failings, because of his faith, he is entrusted with the 'keys' to the kingdom of God. Our married love is entrusted with the 'keys' of our family life. We are the 'rock' upon which the future of our family will be built.

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 keep submissions as short as possible at the moment as space is at a premium and it isn't always possible to include everything that is submitted. At times article will have to be made shorter and not be exactly as submitted.

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

Message from Margaret Cronin - 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.

Majella Companions - Meet on Tuesday 25th August at 12:30 pm in the Shields Centre.

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

Church Offertory Rota - If anyone wishes to join the Rota for the Offertory procession at the 9.30. Mass - please could they contact the church office.

Cafod Thank You - Many thank to all who supported our recent coffee morning & raffle which raised £212. From the buckets, jewellery, knitted items & goods on the Cafod stall £178

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.

Women's Refuge — Request for Ladies Toiletries including Deodorant & Hair Conditioner please as they are running low.

Spire Fund: The penultimate 2nd Collection for the Spire Fund will take place next weekend, 29th & 30th August, at all Masses.

Bernard Barton RIP: Stella Barton and family would like to thank everybody for their cards and donations and for the friendship they gave Bernard throughout his life as parishioner here at our Parish. God bless you all. May he rest in peace.

W/C 16/8/26	This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary	Michael Cronin R.I.P.		
Offertory 15th / 16th August 2026			
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance	
Bingo Jackpots for 19/08/2026			
£27	£50	£73	£32

Sanctuary Lamps Week 22/08/26	
1	For thee Thompson Family
2	Deceased Members of the Barton & Myers Families

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