



St Mary's Brownedge

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22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

30th August 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	29th Aug	9:30 am	The Passion of John the Baptist Steve Colligan
	Vigil	7:00 pm	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Holy Souls
Sun	30th Aug	9:30 am	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Amy Lloyd
		6:30 pm	Ann & Jack Molyneaux
Mon	31st Aug	9:30 am	St Aidan & Ss of Lindisfarne (OM) Peter Haythornthwaite
Tues	1st Sept	9:30 am	Priest's Intentions
Wed	2nd Sept	9:30 am	Michael Cronin
Thurs	3rd Sept	9:30am	St Gregory the Great (F) Sheila & Jack Allsop (Ann)
Fri	4th Sept	9:30 am	St Cuthbert (OM) Ann & Jack Molyneaux Cafod Coffee Morning
Sat	5th Sept	9:30 am	St Teresa (of Calcutta) (OM) 28 th Wedding Anniversary for Alaine & Jeanette Tolentino
	Vigil	7:00 pm	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Perlita Abrigo
Sun	6th Sept	9:30 am	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Simon Fender
		6:30 pm	The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	29th Aug	5:30 pm	The Passion of John the Baptist William Craven (Ann)
Sun	30th Aug	10:30 am	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Mon	31st Aug	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	St Aidan & Ss of Lindisfarne (OM) Exposition Michael Cronin
Tues	1st Sept	9.15 am	Priest's Intentions
Wed	2nd Sept	9:15 am	Holy Souls
Thurs	3rd Sept	6:30 pm	St Gregory the Great (F) Priests Intentions
Fri	4th Sept		St Cuthbert (OM) NO SERVICES
Sat	5th Sept	5:30 pm	St Teresa (of Calcutta) (OM) 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time William Craven (Anniversary)
Sun	6th Sept	10:30 am 12 noon	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish Baptisms of Freddie & Emmie Fortune

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. Margaret Clitherow, Rochdale, and for Father Simon Firth, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools and St. Cuthbert's High 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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

A quick glance at last week's Gospel reveals the interesting development of the story: last week, we heard Peter proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah, and being given authority as a result. This week, Peter gets it wrong: he is rebuked by the Lord because he does not understand who the Messiah is. The Messiah is the one who will give everything for his people - even his own life. To be a follower of Jesus demands an understanding and acceptance of this fact, and a willingness to take up the cross as Jesus did. Our introduction to this is the prophet Jeremiah - also persecuted for doing and saying what was right. Have a look at the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, where this twinning of Jeremiah and prophecy of persecution also appears.

Red Mission Box; Thank you and Appeal: This weekend we welcome Fr Noah from the Mill Hill Fathers to give an Red Box appeal. Thank you to parishioners who already give to Missio, the Pope's charity for World Mission. Your generous donations either through the Red Box or Direct Debit support the Church around the World where it is young or in need. There will not be a second collection as the appeal is for membership to the Red Box scheme. Please keep the work of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries in your prayers. To find out more: www.missio.org.uk

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.

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.

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.

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!**

Lego Build Extravaganza: On Saturday 12 September, from 2.00-4.00pm, we are holding a family day to raise money for the Spire Fund. One of our altar servers, Joe, has been building a fantastic Lego model of our amazing church and steeple which we will put on display for people to view and sponsor. There will be other activities such as building Lego minifigures, decorating stained-glass windows, a model spotter sheet and a small free-build area. Put the date in the diary!

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 £3000. 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

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

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.

Joint Notices

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.

Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill: The 2nd reading of this bill is on 11th September. You are asked to send a postcard to your MP asking them to vote against this Bill. The postcards are at the back of Church

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.

Permanent Diaconate: On Wednesday 2nd September, Matthew Williams, a recent parishioner and governor of our High School will receive the Ministry of Reader. This marks the completion of his second year of formation towards the Permanent Diaconate for our diocese. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John Arnold at St Patrick's, Bolton at 7pm. All are very welcome!

Back to School: Best wishes to everyone returning to school this week, especially anyone who starting a new school. God bless you all.

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:

Bernard Barton, Michael Cronin, James McGrath, Antonio Quagliari, Brenda Walmsley, Ann Baldwin, James Mulgrew, Herman Maliage, Fr Paul Taylor, Fr Val Farrell.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

The 'sign' of growth is change

St Paul urges us to think of God's mercy and change the way we behave so that the will of God is visible in us. As husbands and wives we can help each other in this endeavour, so that a renewed and deeper love is revealed in our relationship and, in turn, reflected out to our family, friends and community.

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.

Church Carpet: We are extremely grateful to a most generous parishioner who has offered to pay for new carpet throughout the Church. We hope it will be fitted during October. This will complement the lovely Sanctuary carpet fitted earlier this year.

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 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

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

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

New Contactless Donation Machines: The donation card machine has been replaced by 2 new machines which give a better service and lower transaction fee. Gift Aid donors will have to re-enter their details but only for the first payment. They have been situated in the back corners to allow more space and time to make the transactions.

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: The next Cafod coffee morning will be on Friday 4th September. Mass at 9.30 followed by tea/coffee & toasted teacakes, all welcome.

Simon, from Cafod Salford, will be giving a short presentation about Harvest Fast Day which is on Friday 2nd October.

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: 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.

Quiz Night for the "Spire Fund": There will be a Quiz Night and Raffle for the Spire Fund on **Friday 2nd October at 7.30pm** in Brownedge Catholic Club. Tickets £10 per person (Adult); £6 for children inc Hot Pot Supper. Tickets will be on sale on the weekends of 12th 19th and 26th September.

Sanctuary Lamps Week 22/08/26			
1	Maureen Waterhouse		
2	Emily Riley		
Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
80	120	80	280