



## St Mary's Brownedge

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### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

6th September 2026

| St Mary's, Brownedge |          |                                |                                                                                                                               |
|----------------------|----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat                  | 5th Sep  | 9:30 am                        | St Teresa (of Calcutta) (OM)<br>28 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary for<br>Alaine & Jeanette Tolentino                       |
|                      | Vigil    | 7:00 pm                        | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Perlita Abrigo                                                                                |
| Sun                  | 6th Sep  | 9:30 am<br>6:30 pm             | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Simon Fender<br>The Parish                                                                    |
| Mon                  | 7th Sep  | 9:30 am                        | Priest's Intentions                                                                                                           |
| Tues                 | 8th Sep  | 9:30 am<br>2.10 pm             | The Birthday of the Blessed<br>Virgin Mary (F)<br>Helen Critchlow<br>High School Mass:<br>Teresa House                        |
| Wed                  | 9th Sep  | 9:30 am                        | St Peter Claver (OM)<br>Primary School Mass for the<br>New School Year<br>For our school family                               |
| Thurs                | 10th Sep | 9:30 am<br>3:30 pm             | St Ambrose Barlow (F)<br>Priest's Intentions<br>Requiem for Herman Malimage                                                   |
| Fri                  | 11th Sep | 9:30 am                        | Michael Cronin R.I.P.                                                                                                         |
| Sat                  | 12th Sep | 9:30 am                        | The Most Holy Name of Mary<br>Kathleen Evans Get Well wishes                                                                  |
|                      | Vigil    | 7:00 pm                        | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Denis Hopwood                                                                                 |
| Sun                  | 13th Sep | 9:30 am<br>11:00 am<br>6:30 pm | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>Joan McCarthy<br>Baptisms of Charlie & Matilda<br>Marlow & Frankie Room<br>Priests Intentions |

| St Gerard's, Lostock Hall |          |                     |                                                                                                                             |
|---------------------------|----------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sat                       | 5th Sept | 5:30 pm             | St Teresa (of Calcutta) (OM)<br>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>William Craven (Anniversary)                                |
| Sun                       | 6th Sept | 10:30 am<br>12 noon | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>The Parish<br>Baptisms of Freddie & Emmie<br>Fortune                                        |
| Mon                       | 7th Sep  | 6:00 pm<br>6:30 pm  | Exposition<br>Michael Cronin                                                                                                |
| Tues                      | 8th Sep  | 9.15 am             | The Birthday of the Blessed<br>Virgin Mary (F)<br>Michael Cronin R.I.P.                                                     |
| Wed                       | 9th Sep  | 9:15 am             | St Peter Claver (OM)<br>John Tinsley R.I.P.                                                                                 |
| Thurs                     | 10th Sep | 9.15 am<br>6:30 pm  | St Ambrose Barlow (F)<br>Primary School Mass for the<br>New School Year<br>For our school family<br>Nellie Smith (Birthday) |
| Fri                       | 11th Sep |                     | NO SERVICES                                                                                                                 |
| Sat                       | 12th Sep | 5:30 pm             | The Most Holy Name of Mary<br>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>James Stokes R.I.P. (Ann)                                     |
| Sun                       | 13th Sep | 10:30 am            | 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time<br>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 Gabriel and the  
 Angels and St. John the Baptist, Castleton and Rochdale,  
 and for Father Michael Johonnett, their parish priest. We  
 pray for their parish primary schools and for the  
 Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph.

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

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

No man is an island..." How true this is for those who follow Christ: each of us has responsibilities towards each other, based on our 'debt of mutual love'. When we see wickedness and wrongdoing, then because of our privileged position of following the Lord Jesus, we have a duty to speak out. This will not always be easy - remember the prophet Jeremiah last week - but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love is 'the answer to every one of the commandments.'

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** There will be no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's on Thursday this week from 3-4pm due to a Requiem Mass

**Red Mission Box:** Thank you to those people who signed up to support Missio last week following the appeal by Father Noah and congratulations to Christine Flanagan and Clare Haythornthwaite on receipt of their certificates of thanks for all the work they do to raise awareness and collect the Red Boxes in our parishes. If you missed out last week and would like to sign up for a collection box speak to either of the them or to find out more: [www.missio.org.uk](http://www.missio.org.uk)

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

**SVP Raffle** - tickets are on sale 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. 1<sup>st</sup> prize is £5,000. The winning tickets will be drawn in September.

**Back to Schol:** This week we will have Masses for the beginning of term for both our Primary Schools: St Mary's & St Benedict's on Weds at 9.30 am and Our Lady & St Gerard's on Thursday at 9.15am. Also, during this year, Brownedge High School want to celebrate Mass for each of the House Saints; 5th Sept is the Feast of St Mother Teresa thus there will be a Mass for Teresa House on Tuesday 8th Sept at 2.10pm in Church. Family and friends and former house members are welcome to come along and join them.

## Parish Family Pilgrimage to Ladyewell:

The SVP is organising a family pilgrimage to Ladyewell on **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**. 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!**

**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](http://CastleriggManorEvents) or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk).

**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

**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 £3200. 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/gr/YlbBQBKl](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/gr/YlbBQBKl)

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

Many thanks also for the support of our "second collection" last weekend which raised approx. £600.

We are well on our way to meeting our target!

**Lego Build Extravaganza: On Saturday 12 September, from 2.00–4.00pm, in the Narthex at St Mary's Brownedge.** 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!

# Joint Notices

**Our Lady's Birthday:** On Tuesday 8th September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **St Mary's Parish, Oswaldtwistle, will hold a special Day of Healing and Prayer.** All are warmly invited to come and place their own needs, and those of loved ones, before the Lord. Together we will pray for healing, strength and peace for all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit, and seek Christ's mercy, grace and healing presence.

## Programme:

**12.00 noon:** Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions; The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration, with several visiting priests available to celebrate the Sacrament of Confession.

**1.00pm: Holy Mass;** Mass for the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be an opportunity during Mass to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

**7.00pm: Evening Healing Service** - An evening of prayer for healing, with the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and individual prayer ministry.

Everyone is warmly welcome. Please feel free to come for all or part of the day, and particularly consider bringing a family member or friend who may be experiencing a difficult time physically, emotionally or spiritually. Let us entrust this special day to the intercession of Our Blessed Lady, asking her to lead us ever closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

## Mass of thanksgiving for Newly Received Catholics:

Over the past couple of years we have received over twenty people into the church. We would like to celebrate this with a Mass of thanksgiving while launching a new programme of our Sycamore Course for new enquirers. This will be on **Tuesday 29th September at 7pm at St Mary's Browndedge.** We will present certificates of Baptism/Confirmation/Reception, as appropriate, to those who did not receive them at the time. There will be a social gathering after Mass in the Narthex.

The course for anyone wishing to become a Catholic or learn more about the faith will begin the following on **Tuesday 6th October at 7pm.** Please consider inviting family or friends to come along. Come with them—it can help somebody to respond if they have some friendly support and we can all learn a little bit more about our faith.

**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](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, 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

### "To listen is to Love"

Matthew reminds us of Jesus' promise "...where two or more meet in my name I will be with them". In all the practical ways we look after each other, we are saying; 'your concerns are my concerns'. Nothing is too small or insignificant in our marriage, and my beloved is beside me to call me back to our life together.

**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>.

**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.

**WEDNESDAY BINGO** - The Team are back from holiday and ready to welcome you back **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.

## St Mary's Brownedge Notices

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 13th September 9:30 am Mass: Taylor Family.

**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.

**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. 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.

### Become a CAFOD School Volunteer

Do you have a passion for faith, justice, and inspiring young people?  
CAFOD is seeking volunteers to visit local Catholic schools to lead assemblies and workshops about our work and mission.

Help children and young people learn how they can make a positive difference in the world.

Full training and support provided.

For further information, please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email [alletizia@cafod.org.uk](mailto:alletizia@cafod.org.uk).

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| W/C 16/8/26                       |           | This Weeks Intentions |     |
| Sanctuary                         |           | Michael Cronin R.I.P. |     |
| Offertory 15th / 16th August 2026 |           |                       |     |
| Loose                             | Envelopes | Total Attendance      |     |
| £155.85                           | £237.38   | 145                   |     |
| Bingo Jackpots for 19/08/2026     |           |                       |     |
| £27                               | £50       | £73                   | £32 |

| Sanctuary Lamps Week 05/09/26               |                                    |         |       |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|-------|
| 1                                           | For Kieran Glynn R.I.P.            |         |       |
| 2                                           | In Memory of Teresa & Norman Brown |         |       |
|                                             |                                    |         |       |
| Mass Attendance: Or Attendance last weekend |                                    |         |       |
| 7 pm Vigil                                  | 9:30 am                            | 6:30 pm | Total |
| 77                                          | 147                                | 59      | 283   |