



St Mary's Brownedge

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

13th September 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	12th Sep	9:30 am	The Most Holy Name of Mary Kathleen Evans Get Well wishes
	Vigil	7:00 pm	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Denis Hopwood
Sun	13th Sep	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Joan McCarthy Baptisms of Charlie & Matilda Marlow & Frankie Room Priest's Intentions
Mon	14th Sep	9:30 am	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F) Jack & Nellie Holt, Robert James Holme & Christine Gainer
Tues	15th Sep	9:30 am	Our Lady of Sorrows (M) Thanksgiving
Wed	16th Sep	9:30 am	St Cornelius & Cyprian Mass with Woodcock Class Elsie Smith (B'Day Memories)
Thurs	17th Sep	9:30 am 1:00 pm	St Robert Bellarmine Thanksgiving for 50yrs of Marriage Requiem for Anthony Wilkinson
Fri	18th Sep	9:30 am	Herman Malimage R.I.P.
Sat	19th Sep	9:30 am	St Januarius Kathleen Evans
	Vigil	7:00 pm	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jack, Mary & John Doolan
Sun	20th Sep	9:30 am 6:30 pm	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Bernadette Ryles (B'Day) The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	12th Sep	5:30 pm	The Most Holy Name of Mary 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time James Stokes R.I.P. (Ann)
Sun	13th Sep	10:30 am	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Mon	14th Sep	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (F) Exposition Priests Intentions
Tues	15th Sep	9.15 am	Our Lady of Sorrows (M) Mass with Year 6 Herman Malimage R.I.P.
Wed	16th Sep	9:15 am	St Cornelius & Cyprian Michael Cronin & the Cronin Family
Thurs	17th Sep	6:30 pm	St Robert Bellarmine Hildegard Scahill (Anniversary)
Fri	18th Sep		NO SERVICES
Sat	19th Sep	5:30 pm	St Januarius 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Emily Finch (Anniversary)
Sun	20th Sep	10:30 am 12 noon	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 67th Wedding Anniversary (Frank & Betty) Baptism of Miles McLoughlin & Oscar Waterworth

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 Pope St John XXIII and for Father Robert Lasia, their parish priest.

We pray for their parish primary schools, for the chaplaincies to the Rochdale Infirmary and Buckley Hall Prison.

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus tells a dramatic story in the Gospel, to make a very important point: the desperate need in our world for forgiveness and reconciliation. How many chances do we give each other? As many as seven? How often do we shut doors on people, even family and friends, saying "That's it; you've just gone too far this time: never again"? When Jesus says that we must forgive 'seventy-seven' times, he implies that we never stop forgiving, whatever happens. He doesn't just say this, however: even when they do the worst thing that could be done to him, nailing him to a cross, Jesus puts these words into practice: "Father, forgive them..." As his disciples, we must do likewise.

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 Brownedge**. 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 our faith.

Red Mission Box: Thank you to those people who signed up to support Missio 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

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.

SHAPE Lancashire is hosting a **free mobile cinema afternoon for over 50s** on **Wednesday 30th September 2026**, from **1.30pm to 4.30pm**. The event will take place at: **St James' Church Hall**
Avondale Drive, Lostock Hall, PR5 5BQ. Attendees can **choose from a range of movies**, followed by **pie and peas for tea**. Places must be pre-booked. For more information and to book your place, please contact **Mandy on 07947 715123**.

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!**

The Shrine of Ladyewell Near Preston: Come and join our family pilgrimage next Saturday! Devotion to Our Lady of Fernyhalgh traces back to the 11th century. Through the turbulence of the Reformation and the silence of penal times, the faithful have never ceased to come. Ladyewell has remained a hidden sanctuary, a place of deep prayer and unwavering hope. In these sacred grounds, the witness of the English Martyrs is honoured. Here, saints such as St Edmund Arrowsmith and Blessed John Woodcock once celebrated the Holy Eucharist. Their courage inspires pilgrims today to seek holiness in their own lives.

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/qr/Y1bBQBkI

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!

Joint Notices

St Clare's Day of Renewal: '*Being Lost, being found*'. - **Saturday 3rd October** 10am to 4pm – Starting with Mass at 10am. The day will be lead by newly ordained priest for the diocese of Lancaster, Fr Stephen Bamber. Fr Stephen's personal story is a very power witness to overcoming adversity. St Clare's Church Sharoe Green Lane Preston PR2 9HH. Bring a packed lunch. Poster in Church.

School Open Evenings:

Brownedge St Mary's High School: We are delighted to welcome local families to this year's Open Evening, taking place on Thursday 1st October, 5.30 - 8.30pm. Our pupils will be on hand to offer guided tours, and Headteacher Mrs Oddie will give two talks at 6 and 7pm. There is no need to book - please come along at your leisure. We look forward to welcoming you and showcasing what life is like as part of the Brownedge family, where all are supported to let their light shine

All Hallows High School: Open Evening on Thursday 24th September from 5.00pm–7.30pm Prospective families are invited to an Open Evening, offering an opportunity to experience the school's Catholic ethos, facilities and departments. Come along to meet and speak with staff and pupils, explore the school and discover what All Hallows has to offer. The Headteacher's address will take place in the Arts Theatre at: 5.00pm & 6:30 pm.

We encourage all our families to choose our Catholic schools for your children's education and growth in the true values of life.

St Mary's and St Benedict's Primary School: Open Day on Monday 5th October: 9.30am - 10.30am ; 1.30pm —2.30pm; 3.30pm—5.30pm.

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!

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, Joseph O'Grady, Brian Morley, Jean Doran, Maureen Calderbank, Joseph Finch, Peter Clough, Eileen Lucas, Eileen McLaughlin, Marie Davis, Yuna & Yumi Aston, Anne Gill, Glenis Allen, Iolanda Walsh. Mary Lofthouse, Fr John Marsh.

All those who have died recently:

James McGrath, Antonio Quaglieri, Brenda Walmsley, Ann Baldwin, Herman Maliage, Fr Paul Taylor, Fr Val Farrell. Anthony Wilkinson

MARRIAGE MATTERS

"The call to forgive"

How can I love my spouse and bring life? We are called to set aside resentment, to listen gently to our beloved, seeking understanding. In today's gospel the servant who is forgiven refuses to forgive the man who owes him. God forgives us everything, but are we willing to let go of the hurts we have experienced via our spouse?

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

Michael Cronin - 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.

Coffee Morning: Autumn coffee morning on Sunday 11th October after the 10:30 am Mass. Please can people donate some prizes for the raffle; We will sell raffle tickets from Saturday 26th September after the weekend Masses and cakes can be brought on the morning of the 11th October.

Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation & First Holy Communion 2026 / 2027 – Children who are in year 3 are now invited to join the Sacramental Programme to prepare to make their First Holy Communion, a wonderful moment in the life of a Catholic child. Also, any older children who did not make their First Holy Communion in year 3, for whatever reason, are able to join this programme. If your child is Baptised in a different Christian faith or would like to become a Catholic & be Baptised, please get in touch with the Church office to discuss this further. The Programme is set to begin in October / November time and forms will be available from Our Lady & St Gerard's primary school or from the Parish office next week.

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.

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.

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Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 20th September 9:30 am Mass: Children.

Cafod Thank You - Many thanks to all who supported our coffee morning and raffle which raised £265. From the buckets, jewellery, knitted items, jam and goods on the Cafod stall £110

Harvest Fast Day Friday 2nd October - Our thanks to Simon, from Cafod Salford, for his Fast Day presentation about Tayla, a twelve year old from northern Zimbabwe. Harvest Fast Day is on Friday 2nd October which is also our next coffee morning. There will be a short talk at all Masses on weekend 25th/26th September and envelopes for donations will be available after Mass. Thank you for your continued support and generosity, it is much appreciated.

John and Christine Kirkwood would like to thank everyone who attended their Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass. For all the cards, best wishes and prayers. The fruit cake, Welsh cakes and organ but special thanks to Fr Mark who celebrated the Mass.

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.

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.

W/C 16/8/26		This Weeks Intentions	
Sanctuary		Michael Cronin R.I.P.	
Offertory 5th / 6th September 2026			
Loose	Envelopes		Total Attendance
£188.60	£181.95		134
Bingo Jackpots for 16/09/2026			
£28	£51	£74	£33

Sanctuary Lamps Week 13/09/26			
1	In Memory of Norbert Hardacre		
2	For Keri		
Mass Attendance: Or Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total