



St Mary's Brownedge

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

20th September 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	19th Sep	9:30 am	St Januarius Kathleen Evans
	Vigil	7:00 pm	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Jack, Mary & John Doolan
Sun	20th Sep	9:30 am	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Bernadette Ryles (B'Day)
		6:30 pm	The Parish
Mon	21st Sep	9:30 am	St Matthew (F) Priest's Intentions
Tues	22nd Sep	9:30 am	Holy Souls
Wed	23rd Sep	9:30 am	St Pius of Pietrelcina Thanksgiving Ward Class Mass
Thurs	24th Sep	9:30 am	Our Lady of Walsingham (F) Diane Harvey (Birthday)
Fri	25th Sep	9:30 am	Francis, John & Elizabeth Dowbakin
Sat	26th Sep	9:30 am	Ss Cosmas & Damian Priest's Intentions
	Vigil	7:00 pm	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Private Intention
Sun	27th Sep	9:30 am 6:30 pm	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Harold & Ellen Dixon John Hebert and Sister Elizabeth Hebert

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	19th Sep		St Januarius
	Vigil	5:30 pm	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Emily Finch (Anniversary)
Sun	20th Sep	10:30 am	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 67th Wedding Anniversary (Frank & Betty)
		12 noon	Baptism of Miles McLoughlin & Oscar Waterworth
Mon	21st Sep	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	St Matthew (F) Exposition Priest's Intentions
Tues	22nd Sep	9.15 am	Holy Souls School Mass Year 5
Wed	23rd Sep	9:15 am	St Pius of Pietrelcina John, Rose & Family for Healing
Thurs	24th Sep	6:30 pm	Our Lady of Walsingham (F) Deceased members of the Pearson & Pitcher Families
Fri	25th Sep		NO SERVICES
Sat	26th Sep		Ss Cosmas & Damian
	Vigil	5:30 pm	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Sun	27th Sep	10:30 am	26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Michael Cronin R.I.P.

OM - Optional Memorial F - Feast
 M - Memorial S - Solemnity

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 Michael and
 St. Bernadette, Whitefield and for Canon Steven
 Parkinson, their parish priest. We pray for their parish
 primary schools and for Sisters of Charity of Our Lady of
 Evron.



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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not - unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways, God's thought are not our thoughts. "Why be envious, because I am generous?"

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**.

Lego Build Extravaganza: On Saturday 12 September, A huge thank you to everyone who attended the Lego event at St Mary's last Saturday – Thank you for your kind support and contribution to the event – the event was a brilliant success and thank you to everyone for your support and the donations are still being counted but total so far raised stands at **£700** towards the Spire appeal. A special congratulations to Joseph Ashe along with his Mum & Dad and Ben for producing the magnificent model of the Church with so many amazing pieces of detail. Fantastic!

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 £3500. 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/YlbBQBkI

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

Grant: We are most grateful to the **Duchy of Lancaster Benevolent Fund** who have approved a grant of **£5000** towards the work. We are well on our way to meeting our target!

Cancer Awareness Coffee Morning: Friday 25th September, 9.30am – 10.30am, Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School:

All members of our community are warmly invited to attend the annual Cancer Awareness Coffee Morning taking place on Friday 25th September from 9.30am – 10.15am at our High School (in The Hub Dining Room).

Money raised will support Macmillan Cancer Support and The Christie Hospital, a cancer centre serving the Northwest. Year 7 pupils will be on hand to serve refreshments and cakes prepared by pupils. We hope you can join us.

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.

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.

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

SVP Collection: There will be the monthly collection at both churches this weekend.

Ladyewell Pilgrimage: Many thanks to all those who supported the pilgrimage to Ladyewell on Saturday and to Barbara Hall and the SVP for organising it. We are expecting about 50 to join us for this lovely occasion.

Altar Servers: We are grateful to the Knights of St Columba who are hosting a pizza and games party for the Altar Servers of both parishes on Sunday afternoon in the Shields Centre at 2pm. We are always open to welcoming new altar servers.

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



St Mary's, Brownedge



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:

Herman Maliage, Fr Val Farrell. Anthony Wilkinson, David Cotton, Pauline Roberts, Beryl Carter.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

'My thoughts are not your thoughts'

God can put thoughts into our minds, but how can we ensure these make a difference to our lives? St Paul says, "Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel of Christ": for example, the need to measure what we contribute within the relationship. Our Sacrament isn't a 50/50 arrangement but a 100%/100% unconditional commitment.

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

Church Carpet: The fitting will take place in the week beginning 5th October and during that week from Monday to Friday there will be NO MASSES. We are extremely grateful to a most generous parishioner who has offered to pay for new carpet throughout the Church.

Majella Companions - Meet again on Tuesday 22nd at 2pm in the Shields Centre.

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.

CAFOD family fast day this year is on Friday 2nd October and, as usual, an appeal will be made at both masses the weekend of 26th/27th September. Envelopes will be handed out on the 26/27th to be returned and placed in the collection the following week. This harvest CAFOD are concentrating on Tayla a youngster from northern Zimbabwe where drought has left many communities struggling with food and water shortages. Many children in these communities without food and water are unable to concentrate in school which severely restricts their life chances. CAFOD are attempting with their partners to bring water and hope to these communities.

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.

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 27th September 9:30 am Mass: Turner Family.

Final Spire Second Collection – 26th & 27th September – at all Masses.

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.

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.

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.

CARITAS - Many thanks for sponsoring the Caritas walk which raised approximately £370. This will help the poorest in our society. Well done & thank you . Kaye and Margaret.

St Mary's 200 Club - AUGUST 2025

1st	£200	22	Anne Worcester
2nd	£100	165	Jeff Couperthwaite
3rd	£50	150	Roger & Helen Hardacre

Become a CAFOD School Volunteer - Do you have a passion for faith, justice, and inspiring young people? - CAFOD are 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 20/09/26	This Weeks Intentions		
Our Lady	Margaret & Michael Redmond		
Offertory 12th / 13th September 2026			
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance	
£170.25	£232.45	129	
Bingo Jackpots for 23/09/2026			
£29	£52	£75	£34

Sanctuary Lamps Week 20/09/26			
1	For Geoff & Pearl Pugh		
2	Private Intention (A)		
Mass Attendance: Or Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
59	155	64	278