



St Mary's Brownedge

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

11th October 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge				St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	10th Oct	9:30 am	St Denis & his Companions Private Intention	Sat	10th Oct		St Denis & his Companions
	Vigil	7:00 pm	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Denis Hopwood		Vigil	5:30 pm	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Gordon Hobson (Anniversary)
Sun	11th Oct	9:30 am	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Winifred Mary Livesey	Sun	11th Oct	10:30 am	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
		11:00 am	Baptisms of Florence & Milena	Mon	12th Oct	6:00 pm	St Wilfrid
		6:30 pm	Capper Priest's Intentions			6:30 pm	Exposition Priest's Intentions
Mon	12th Oct	9:30 am	St Wilfrid Richard & Mary Lloyd	Tues	13th Oct	9:15 am	St Edward the Confessor Priest's Intentions Whole School Mass for Harvest
Tues	13th Oct	9:30 am	St Edward the Confessor Holy Souls	Wed	14th Oct	9:15 am	St Callistus Holy Souls
Wed	14th Oct	9:30 am	St Callistus Priest's Intentions School Mass - Rigby	Thurs	15th Oct	6:30 pm	St Teresa of Avila Priest's Intentions
Thurs	15th Oct	9:30 am	St Teresa of Avila Tom & Thomas Carty	Fri	16th Oct		NO SERVICES
Fri	16th Oct	9:30 am	St Hedwig Special Intention (DW)	Sat	17th Oct		St Ignatius of Antioch
Sat	17th Oct	9:30 am	St Ignatius of Antioch Holy Souls		Vigil	5:30 pm	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ann Maher
	Vigil	7:00 pm	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Kath Harvey (Birthday)	Sun	18th Oct	10:30 am	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	18th Oct		29th Sunday in Ordinary Time			12 noon	Baptisms of Tomaz Bretherton- McKenzie & Abigail Kailbach
		9:30 am	Richard Whalley (Anniversary)	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.			
		6:30 pm	The Parish				



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.

Prayers For Salford Diocese

Let us pray, this week for the parish of Corpus Christi, Bromley Cross, for Father Alfred Rebello, their parish priest, for their parish primary schools and for Fr Freddie Shanthikumar Fernando, chaplain to the Sri Lankan community.

Joint Notices

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Church's year is drawing to a close: in a few weeks we will be thinking very clearly about the end of time - but here we have a preview. The parable of the banquet is a link between the Gospels of recent weeks (which have as their theme: 'Just who is going to be saved?') and the looking forward to the end times which will follow. The big danger is complacency: we are baptised, we go to Church, we've got our invites to the wedding. But when the big day comes, will we be ready for it? Or will our thoughts be on the other things of life? Jesus speaks of himself as the Bridegroom, and today points out to the chosen people that they are in danger of missing the celebration. Our faith is that the Bridegroom will come again; let us be careful that the same parable is not addressed to us.

Sycamore Course - The course for anyone wishing to become a Catholic or learn more about the faith will continue on **Tuesday 13th October at 7pm at St Mary's Church in the Narthex**. 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.

Sick and Retired Clergy Appeal: Thanks you for your support of the retiring collection last weekend for our diocesan Sick & Retired Clergy Fund. There is a leaflet to take home which explains this appeal. This fund ensures our retired priests can begin the next chapter of their vocation with confidence, knowing the Church they have served in active ministry will continue to accompany them in their retirement. Every gift to the fund helps to provide the care, dignity and practical support our priests deserve after years of dedicated service. Please remember our retired clergy in your prayers and if you can, make a gift to the appeal today. (Scan the QR code to go to the donation page.)

Month of the Holy Rosary: October is the month of the Rosary; please to make this beautiful catholic tradition a part of your daily prayer this month. Dig out the beads and get praying!

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.

CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day: Thank you for your support of the Cafod Harvest Fast Day which took place on Friday 2nd October. Envelopes can be returned this week or next weekend.

Could you be called to serve the church as a Permanent Deacon? - Are you a Catholic man interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Salford? Speak to one the priests about how find out more.

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/q/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!

Quiz Night Thank you – Many Thanks to the Quizzers who came to the Spire Fund Quiz Night on Friday 2nd October to test their brain power for the Spire Fund Quiz Night on Friday 2nd October. We raised £1670.00 for the Spire Fund

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 aletizia@cafod.org.uk.

Dates for the Diary:

Friday 30th October – KSC Bingo - for KSC Charities at St Gerard's Parochial Hall Club – Eyes down 7:30pm.

Sunday 20th December – Brass Band Christmas Concert at St Mary's Church – 3pm – Proceeds go to KSC Charities

Sunday 24th January 2027 – Annual Parish Lunch – St Gerard's Parochial Hall Club 12:30pm - Further details to follow

Joint Notices

Homelessness - Write to your MP - As part of their latest campaign to support people in our diocese who are homeless, Caritas Salford - our diocesan charity - has put together information on how you can write to your MP to call for change. They are asking for help from people in our parishes, and would like as many as possible to call for Local Housing Allowance rates to be unfrozen and uplifted in line with local rents. The current rates are a significant driver of homelessness, and a letter to your MP could help bring about change to support local families and adults at risk. Find out more and access the free template letter and more on the Caritas website at: www.caritassalford.org.uk/EndHomelessness

RETREAT: BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD - 20th–23rd November 2026: Led by Fr Roger Dawson SJ, Liz Lord and Steve Noone, this residential retreat explores mindfulness, psychology and the Christian spiritual life. The weekend includes talks, contemplative prayer, Mass, Adoration and time to walk, rest and reflect in the peaceful surroundings of the Stonyhurst estate. Find out more and book: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/>

Bell Ringers practice in Church – Saturday 17th October – The Bell ringers of the Guild of St Agatha will be in the Church Bell Tower at St Mary's practicing 6pm till 7pm.

Prayer of St Francis of Assisi:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

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, Anne Gill, Glenis Allen, Iolanda Walsh, Mary Lofthouse, Fr John Marsh, Joan & Allan Swindlehurst, Fred Davies.

All those who have died recently:

Fr Edgar Miller, Anthony Wilkinson, David Cotton, Pauline Roberts, Beryl Carter, Michael Barton.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

"Add another stitch"

God our Father invites us all to His great wedding feast in heaven! In living out our married life, we have been making our wedding garments! It is woven, sewn and stitched with all the little acts of loving kindness, long forgotten, the courtesies in every little action we show toward each other, our children, family and friends.

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: Masses back to normal for this weekend—Carpet fitting will be fully completed by next week. We are extremely grateful to a most generous parishioner who has offered to pay for new carpet throughout the Church.

Harvest: This weekend we invite people to bring non perishable items of food to our Masses on Saturday and Sunday to celebrate harvest time. Also on Tuesday 13th October there will be a whole school Mass to celebrate Harvest. Food will go to support our local Foodbanks.

Coffee Morning: Autumn coffee morning on **Sunday 11th October** after the 10:30 am Mass. Please can people donate some prizes for the raffle; and bring cakes for the cake sale on the morning of the 11th October. Thank you.

Sacramental Programme for Reconciliation & First Holy Communion 2026/27 – Children in Year 3 are invited to join the programme to prepare for their First Holy Communion. Older children who have not yet received First Holy Communion are also welcome. If your child is baptised in another Christian denomination or wishes to be baptised and become Catholic, please contact the Parish Office. The programme will begin in October/November, with application forms available next week from Our Lady & St Gerard's Primary School or the Parish Office.

Piety Shop - We are looking to recruit a volunteer Piety Shop attendant for Sunday mornings at Our Lady & St Gerard's Church – the volunteer will be required to open the shop 15 minutes before 10:30am Mass on Sundays – If anyone is interested in helping the Church Piety shop team on Sunday mornings - please get in touch with either the Parish secretary or speak to a member of the Piety shop team on Saturdays before or after 5:30pm Mass.

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 18th October 9:30 am Mass: Children

CAFOD – Cafod Thank You - Many thanks to all who supported our recent coffee morning and raffle which was attended by over 50 parishioners. We raised £269 and from the buckets, jewellery, knitted items, and goods on the Cafod stall £111. Thank you also for your donations to Harvest Fast Day . Please put your envelope in the offertory collection or in the Cafod buckets. Total donated will be announced when all the envelopes have been returned. Thank You for your support.

Missio Sunday – Sunday 18th October 2026 – 100 YEARS World Mission Sunday. **Missio Red Boxes:** A big Thank you to Mrs Mary Fell who is retiring from collection Missio boxes. She has been a loyal helper since 1968 and has decided it's time to take a rest – Thank you Mary & God Bless you. Thank you to everyone who took home a Missio box when Fr Noah was here – Please contact the Parish office if you would like a box for your home or contact Clare Haythornthwaite on 01772312558.

Grave Adornment Notice - Please keep grave and memorial decorations to a minimum and ensure they are kept tidy. Bad weather can cause decorations to become untidy and weather-beaten, making them unsightly and difficult to maintain. Our garden contractors regularly maintain the graveyard and mow the grass, but excessive ornaments and decorations can make this work difficult and prevent some areas from being properly maintained. We kindly ask that you respect the graves of other families, particularly those close to yours, by keeping ornaments to a minimum and ensuring the area around the grave remains neat and tidy. Any questions, please contact the Church Office.

Volunteers Needed for St Mary's Ashes Memorial Ground - The Ashes Memorial Ground at St Mary's, has recently become untidy, with stray weeds and loose pots affecting the appearance of this special place of remembrance. We are appealing for volunteer gardeners who may be able to spare a little time to help keep the area tidy and cared for. If you would like to help, please contact the Parish Office.

Mothers' Prayer Meeting: Any mothers/grandmothers who would like to come together for special prayers for their families are most welcome to join us the meeting is once a fortnight on a Wednesday at 1pm . Next meeting: Wednesday 14th at 1 pm in the Priory Meeting Room.

W/C 11/10/26	This Weeks Intentions		
Sacred Heart	John Guinan (Anniversary)		
Offertory 3rd / 4th October 2026			
Loose	Envelopes		Total Attendance
£198.80	£248.63		167
Bingo Jackpots for 13/10/2026			
£31	£54	£77	£36

Sanctuary Lamps Week 11/10/26			
1	Deceased members of the Eccles & Woods Families		
2	In Loving Memory of Doreen & Walter Scott		
Mass Attendance: Or Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
59	166	78	303