



St Mary's Brownedge

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

18th October 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge				St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	17th Oct	9:30 am	St Ignatius of Antioch Holy Souls	Sat	17th Oct		St Ignatius of Antioch
	Vigil	7:00 pm	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Kath Harvey (Birthday)		Vigil	5:30 pm	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Ann Maher
Sun	18th Oct	9:30 am	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Richard Whalley (Anniversary)	Sun	18th Oct	10:30 am 12 noon	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacred Heart Guild Baptisms of Tomas Bretherton- McKenzie & Abigail Kailbach
		6:30 pm	The Parish				
Mon	19th Oct	9:30 am	St John de Berbeuf & Comp Mothers Prayers Intentions	Mon	19th Oct	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	St John de Berbeuf & Comp Exposition Priest's Intentions
Tues	20th Oct	9:30 am	Mary Hewitt (Birthday Memories)	Tues	20th Oct	9:15 am	Priests Intentions
Wed	21st Oct	9:30 am	Eileen & Bob Hornby & Family School Mass - Mary Class	Wed	21st Oct	9:15 am	Holy Souls
Thurs	22nd Oct	9:30 am	St John Paul II Deceased Rowlands & Hiney Family members	Thurs	22nd Oct	6:30 pm	St John Paul II Priest's Intentions
Fri	23rd Oct	9:30 am	St John of Capistrano Holy Souls	Fri	23rd Oct		St John of Capistrano NO SERVICES
Sat	24th Oct	9:30 am	St Antony Mary Claret Priests Intentions	Sat	24th Oct	5:30 pm	St Antony Mary Claret 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
	Vigil	7:00 pm	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Watson Family		Vigil		
Sun	25th Oct	9:30 am	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Deceased KSC Members	Sun	25th Oct	10:30 am	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Catherine Yates
		6:30 pm	Holy Souls				

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



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.

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

During the coming week we hold in prayer the people of the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gregory the Great, Farnworth, Father David Chinnery, their parish priest, for their parish primary schools and for Mount Saint Joseph's High School. We also pray for Fr Bob Hayes and the chaplaincy to the Royal Bolton Hospital.

Joint Notices

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Everyone on this earth belongs to God. All are made in his image. Therefore it is right that all men and women, 'from the rising to the setting of the sun', should know the God to whom they belong. The only desire of our God is that all should know and love him, and find in him the fulfilment that they seek. Even a pagan king like Cyrus is used to further this knowledge of God - just as Jesus uses Caesar's head to make the point again: all belong to God, and the mission of all who acknowledge that belonging is to help others to find it. This is exactly what we see Paul, Silvanus and Timothy doing, as they write to the people of Thessalonika. to whom they carried the Good News of Jesus Christ.

World Mission Day 2026 - This Sunday is World Mission Day 2026, Pope Leo says, 'Your prayers and practical support, particularly on World Mission Sunday, will be a great help in bringing the Gospel of God's love to everyone, especially the poorest and those most in need. Every gift, no matter how small, becomes a meaningful act of missionary communion. I renew my heartfelt gratitude for everything you will do to help me help missionaries throughout the world.' The full message from Pope Leo can be read by following this link. <https://tinyurl.com/mry55htv>.

Sycamore Course - The course for anyone wishing to become a Catholic or learn more about the faith will continue on **Tuesday 20th 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: 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.

SVP - The monthly collection will take place this weekend at both churches.

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/YlbBQBkl

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!

Christian men aged 18-30 sought for research interviews - A professor at Oxford University is researching the growing number of young men engaging with Christianity. They would like to interview Christian men aged 18-30 who have found faith or the church in the last 5 years. If this describes you, you are invited to participate in a 40-60 min interview online or in person. You'll be asked questions about how you came to faith or church, your beliefs and practices, and the role Christianity plays in your life and identity. Your details will be kept confidential, and we will make every effort to ensure you are not identifiable in any reports or publications from the study. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact Kristin Aune at Regent's Park College, University of Oxford at kristin.aune@regents.ox.ac.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 Christian spirituality through talks, prayer, Mass, Adoration and time for rest and reflection. **Find out more and book:** [Christian Heritage Centre](https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/) <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/>

Thank you for supporting CAFOD's Family Fast Day! Thank you for putting your faith into action this Family Fast Day. Your generous donations will help more children stay in school. Children like Tayla in Zimbabwe, where CAFOD's local partners worked with her community to install a solar-powered water supply. Now Tayla has access to safe water and nutritious food at school, helping her to keep learning and develop her God-given talents. To find out more about the work that your generosity at Fast Day makes possible visit: cafod.org.uk/parishthankyou



Call for research participants - Caritas Salford is researching how the cost of living and financial difficulties affect people connected to our parishes and schools. The findings will help shape future campaigning. If you're willing to share your experiences in a confidential interview, please contact Annabeth Taylor all information will be anonymised a.taylor@caritassalford.org.uk.

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.

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:

The Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi is fast approaching : 2-8 November. There are 25 people in the group lead by Fr Mark. Everyone should have received a pack this week with their outgoing boarding pass and an itinerary. There will be a short meeting this week on Wednesday 21st October at 10.15 am following the 9.30 am Mass at St Mary's. If anyone is unable to attend, we will forward any information you need directly to you. Many thanks to Janice Spencer who has arranged for a coach transfer to and from Manchester airport for the party. The cost for the return journey is £30 per person. Can you please make payment directly to Janice at the meeting or leave with the parish office. We will depart from the St Mary's Church car park at 5.30 am on Monday 2nd November. The return flight lands at 7.30pm on Sunday 8th so we hope to arrive home by approx 9.30pm. 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. We will spend two 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 final night is in Rome allowing us to spend some of the final day in Rome before our evening flight home.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick, and those who care for them:

Pope Leo, Sister Louise, Joseph O'Grady, Brian Morley, Jean Doran, Maureen Calderbank, Joseph Finch, Peter Clough, Eileen Lucas, Eileen McLaughlin, Marie Davis, Anne Gill, Iolanda Walsh, Mary Lofthouse, Fr John Marsh, Joan & Allan Swindlehurst, Fred Davies, Theresa Hargreaves

All those who have died recently:

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

MARRIAGE MATTERS

"We all need each other"

The Pharisees tried to trap Jesus: He told them to give to Caesar what belongs to him, "and to God what belongs to God". The world tells us to look after ourselves and not to need others. As married couples, we know that we are made by God for one another, not needy but needing to give of ourselves entirely.

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 New Carpet work is now finished and again we thank our generous donors allowing us first to carpet the Sanctuary and now to complete the work. Thank you also to our cleaning team and other volunteers who have 'tidied up' and made the church ready both last weekend and this.

Harvest Coffee Morning – The Fundraising Team would like to thank everyone who came to the Harvest Mass Coffee morning last Sunday – Thank you also to everyone who brought cakes for the stall and donated Raffle prizes – The event has raised £330 for Church.

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.

APF Red Mission Boxes - Many thanks to box holders and collectors for the September/October collection which amounted to £390.44

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Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 28th October 9:30 am Mass: Farbon Family

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.

First Communion: This Sunday we welcome those children and their families who are beginning the First Communion Programme. They will be enrolled on the programme at the 9.30 am Mass.

School Coffee Morning: The children from St Mary's and St Benedict's Chaplaincy team would like to invite parishioners into school on Tuesday morning for a Coffee morning; Tuesday 20th October at 10.15 am following morning Mass. All welcome!

200 Club: Members may have noticed a problem if you pay by monthly direct debit; The TSB have been upgrading the 200 Club bank account and unfortunately stopped all transactions from 10th September to the 6th October. Thus, your payment may not have been taken. We are assured that this has now been rectified; if you have had a payment returned, can you please process it again and it should be fine. We apologise for any problems this may have caused you. Please contact Kathryn or Sandra if you have any concerns.

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.

W/C 18/10/26	This Weeks Intentions		
St Gerard Majella	Norbert Hardacre (Anniversary)		
Offertory 10th / 11th October 2026			
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance	
£170.10	£242.73	154	
Bingo Jackpots for 21/10/2026			
£33	£56	£79	£38

Sanctuary Lamps Week 18/10/26	
1	In Memory of Kathleen & Bernard Kelly & Agnes & Jim Livesey
2	In loving Memory of Doreen & Walter Scott

Mass Attendance: Or Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
58	138	79	275