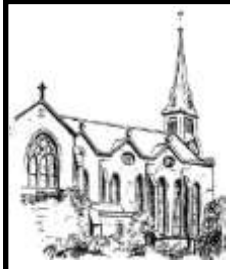
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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A 25th October 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge

Sat	**24th Oct**	**9:30 am**	St Antony Mary Claret Priests Intentions
	Vigil	**7:00 pm**	**30thSunday in Ordinary Time** Watson Family
Sun	**25th Oct**		**30thSunday in Ordinary Time**
		9:30 am	Deceased KSC Members
		11:00 am	Baptisms of Jorja Newsham, Hallie-Lou & Willow-Grace Leavy
		6:30 pm	Holy Souls
Mon	**26th Oct**	**9:30 am**	Ss Chad & Cedd Esther Conroy
Tues	**27th Oct**	**9:30 am**	Jack & Nellie Holt, Robert James Holme & Christine Gainer
Wed	**28th Oct**	**11:00 am**	**Ss Simon & Jude** (F) Requiem for Glenis Allen
Thurs	**29th Oct**	**9:30 am**	Bernadette Ryles (anniversary)
Fri	**30th Oct**	**9:30 am**	Richard & Barbara Sharples & Mary & Carmel Mullarkey.
Sat	**31st Oct**	**9:30 am**	Thomas Craven
	Vigil	**7:00 pm**	**ALL SAINTS** William Derek Wareing
Sun	**1st Nov**		**ALL SAINTS**
		9:30 am	Ann & Jack Molyneaux
		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.

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall

Sat	**24th Oct**		St Antony Mary Claret
	Vigil	**5:30 pm**	**30thSunday in Ordinary Time** The Parish
Sun	**25th Oct**		**30thSunday in Ordinary Time**
		10:30 am	Catherine Yates
Mon	**26th Oct**	**6:00 pm** **6:30 pm**	Ss Chad & Cedd Exposition Priest's Intentions
Tues	**27th Oct**	**9:15 am**	Michael Cronin R.I.P.
Wed	**28th Oct**	**9:15 am**	**Ss Simon & Jude** (F) Holy Souls
Thurs	**29th Oct**	**6:30 pm**	Priests Intentions
Fri	**30th Oct**		NO SERVICES
Sat	**31st Oct**		**ALL SAINTS**
	Vigil	**5:30 pm**	Nicky Mylnyckyj R.I.P.
Sun	**1st Nov**		**ALL SAINTS**
		10:30 am	Holy Souls

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

Let us pray for the parishes of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Haigh, and the Holy Family, New Springs, for Fr Kevin Foulkes, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school.

Joint Notices

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When you look at something like the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and see its 691 pages, or look at the 2,000 pages of the big Jerusalem Bible, you can be forgiven for thinking that Christianity is a complicated affair. But Jesus reminds us today that it is essentially very simple: everything can be summed up in two basic rules: love God, love your neighbour. Exodus backs this up, by talking about the simple love that we must show to each other. Not that this is easy - love is always costly, and involves some degree of sacrifice. We will have to change, to become perfect in love; but it is possible, and when we do, like the people of Thessalonica, we become a great example to people everywhere.

Sycamore Course - The course for anyone wishing to become a Catholic or learn more about the faith will continue on **Tuesday 27th 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.)

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.

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!

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!

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

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**

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 Centrehttps://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god/

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.

Free resource: World Day of the Poor - The Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) has produced a resource for parishes, schools and individuals to mark this year's **World Day of the Poor, which takes place on 15 November**. You can find it by visiting www.caritassalford.org.uk/CSANWorldDayofthePoor and you can find more information about other ways to support people experiencing poverty locally on the Caritas Salford website at: www.caritassalford.org.uk

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. Thanks to those who attended the meeting last Wednesday. If anyone requires further information please contact Fr Mark or Northern Star Travel. 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; a day trip to visit the abbeys of Subiaco and 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. On our journey from Rome to Assisi we will visit the Shrine of Greccio where St Francis created the first nativity scene. On our return to Rome for the final night we will visit Norcia and Cascia. There will be a chance to spend 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, Clare Hilton. 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, Nicky Mylnyckyj Barry Jackson

MARRIAGE MATTERS

"How can I best love you today?"

In today's gospel Jesus says love should be at the centre of our lives, so we must ask 'How can I best love my partner today?' To know how our partner experiences our love best, we need to explore together whether it is through compliments, special time together, presents or acts of service, or simple hugging and kissing.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Christmas Fair – Join us at the Parochial Centre on **Sunday 6th December**, 11:30am–1:30pm for festive family fun! Enjoy Santa's Grotto, a raffle with great prizes, tombola, games, cakes, refreshments and gifts. Everyone welcome!

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.

CAFOD - The money from harvest family fast day will be counted this week so if you haven't returned your envelopes yet, you can still pop your donation through the presbytery letter box. From next weekend the CAFOD World gift catalogues will be available at the back of church. Please take one home and consider giving one of these imaginative gifts to friends and relatives. By doing this you will be helping those in the developing world who aren't as fortunate as we are.

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

W/C 25/10/26	This Weeks Intentions
St Gerard Majella	Norbert Hardacre (Anniversary)

Offertory 17th / 18th October 2026		
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance
£294.50	£219.53	155

Bingo Jackpots for 28/10/2026			
£34	£57	£80	£39

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 1st November 9:30 am Mass: Sethu Family

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.

200 Club: Members paying by monthly direct debit may have noticed a problem. Due to TSB upgrading the 200 Club bank account, all transactions were stopped between 10th September and 6th October, so some payments may not have been taken. We're assured the issue is now resolved. If your payment was returned, please try again. We apologise for any inconvenience. If you have any concerns, please contact Kathryn or Sandra.

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Many thanks to all who supported our Harvest Fast Day Appeal, we raised £465 including Gift Aid. With your support, Tayla from Northern Zimbabwe, and her classmates, are better able to learn and play as they now have enough food and water and are no longer hungry and tired. Your continued support and generosity is much appreciated.

Mothers Prayers - next meeting Wednesday 28th at 1 pm in the Priory - All welcome.

Prayer for the Pope

Let us Pray for Leo, Our Pope;
May the Lord preserve him, and give him life, and make him blessed upon the earth, and deliver him not unto to the will of his enemies.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

Lord Jesus, Shelter our Holy Father Pope Leo under the protection of your sacred Heart. Be his light, his strength and his consolation.
Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your chosen Shepherd, the pope, a spirit of courage and right judgement, a spirit of knowledge and love.
By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care may he, as successor of the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world.
Amen.

Sanctuary Lamps Week 25/10/26	
1	Hankey & Woodcock Family, Relatives & Friends
2	Richard & Mary Lloyd

Mass Attendance: Or Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
62	161	71	294