



St Mary's Brownedge

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ALL SAINTS

1st November 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge				St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	31st Oct	9:30 am	Thomas Craven	Sat	31st Oct	11:00 am	ALL SAINTS
	Vigil	7:00 pm	ALL SAINTS William Derek Wareing		Vigil	5:30 pm	Baptism of Reggie Sajid Nicky Mlynickjy R.I.P.
Sun	1st Nov	9:30 am 6:30 pm	ALL SAINTS Ann & Jack Molyneux The Parish	Sun	1st Nov	10:30 am	ALL SAINTS Holy Souls
Mon	2nd Nov	9:30 am	All Souls Holy Souls	Mon	2nd Nov	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	All Souls Exposition Holy Souls
Tues	3rd Nov	9:30 am	St Martin de Porres Richard Adrian Baines R.I.P.	Tues	3rd Nov	9:15 am	St Martin de Porres Stephen Phelan
Wed	4th Nov	9:30 am	St Charles Borromeo Elaine Bamber	Wed	4th Nov	9:15 am	St Charles Borromeo Holy Souls
Thurs	5th Nov	10:30 am 4:30 pm	Requiem Mass for Barry George Jackson R.I.P. Our Lady of Fatima Rosary	Thurs	5th Nov	6:30 pm	Priests Intentions
Fri	6th Nov	9:30 am 12 noon	Holy Souls - High School Requiem Mass for Michael Henry Barton R.I.P.	Fri	6th Nov		NO SERVICES
Sat	7th Nov	9:30 am	St Willibrord Holy Souls	Sat	7th Nov	5:30 pm	St Willibrord 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Denis Gallagher (Birthday Memories)
	Vigil	7:00 pm	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time George Duckworth	Sun	8th Nov	10:30 am	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Sun	8th Nov	9:30 am 12:15 pm 6:30 pm	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time John Rawcliffe Baptisms of Theodoros Markopouliotis & Faith & Iza Timmins Deceased of the Murphy & Wynne Families		Remembrance Sunday		

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 this week for the parish of Sacred Heart
 of Jesus, Westhoughton, for Fr. Christopher
 Dawson, their parish priest, and for their parish
 primary school.

 **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

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"A huge number, impossible to count" – that is the picture this Solemnity creates. In every age there have been men and women who have followed the Lord faithfully, and who now rejoice in the Liturgy of Heaven, as they stand before the throne of the Lamb. These are the "anonymous" saints, whose names we don't remember but even though their names are not on our lips, their memory, inspiration, example and prayers are set before us today, so that we too can be encouraged in our own "journey of perfection". What does it take to be a saint? Surely the Gospel that is appointed for today (the Beati-tudes) shows us that it is in the small things that we triumph: gentleness, mercy, making peace, faithful mourning, purity of heart, poverty in spirit these are not grand, public ways to sanctity. They are domestic, and homely, to be practised and perfected with those closest to us. We sometimes exalt the "named" saints to the degree that we can feel they are distant from us. Today's feast, as well as celebrating the memory of the many whose name we do not know, also prompts us to see holiness as within our grasp.

Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday

Mass will be celebrated at **St Mary's at 9.30am**, followed by a wreath-laying ceremony at the **Brownedge War Memorial** at approximately **10.30am**.

The **Royal British Legion** procession in **Lostock Hall** is due to begin at **2.30pm** with wreath laying at **Hope Terrace** at around **3.00pm**. We encourage everyone to come together to remember and honour those who gave their lives in service.

Sycamore Course - The course for anyone wishing to become a Catholic or learn more about the faith will continue on **Tuesday 3rd November 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.

SVP – The SVP warmly invites Senior Citizens to a Christmas Party on **Monday 23rd November** at the Bamber Bridge Catholic Club from 1-3pm. Please sign up at the back of church by Sunday 15th November. Let's get the Christmas season rolling!

Next SVP Meeting – Monday 9th November at 6:30pm in the Priory Meeting room.

Next SVP collection is Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th November.

Holy Souls – For the Month of November Holy Souls envelopes are available at the back of Church for people to make donations for Masses for those who have died. A box containing all these names will be placed on the Altar during Masses in November. Come & pray for your intentions & those of our world in need of prayers.

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!

Christian men aged 18-30 sought for research interviews - An Oxford University professor is researching young men's engagement with Christianity and invites men who have found faith or church in the last five years to take part in a 40–60 minute interview, online or in person. Interviews are confidential. For more information, contact Kristin Aune at kristin.aune@regents.ox.ac.uk.

Dates for the Diary:

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

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.

Joint Notices

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

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/>

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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 of 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

Tour of the Relics of St Gerard Majella to Visit Salford Diocese in November 2026 - Catholics across the Diocese will have a unique opportunity this November to venerate the relics of St Gerard Majella, the beloved Redemptorist saint known for his deep faith, humility and patronage of expectant mothers, children and family life. (See posters for full tour details) The tour will finish on **Friday 27 November 2026 at Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard, Lostock Hall with Mass at 6:30 pm.**

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi:

Our parish pilgrimage, led by Fr Mark, is now fast approaching, with 25 pilgrims preparing for this special week of prayer and fellowship. Travel packs, including boarding passes and itineraries, have been distributed, and we thank everyone who attended the recent information meeting. A special thank you goes to Janice Spencer for arranging coach transfers to and from Manchester Airport. The return fare is £30 per person, payable directly to Janice or via the parish office. Departure will be from St Mary's Church car park at 5.30am on 2 November. The itinerary includes stays in Rome and Assisi, a General Audience with Pope Leo, visits to the great Benedictine abbeys of Subiaco and Monte Cassino, and time at the shrines of St Francis, St Clare and the newly canonised St Carlo Acutis. Pilgrims will also visit Greccio, where St Francis created the first Nativity scene, as well as Norcia and Cascia, before returning home on 8 November. Please keep the group in your prayers. and watch Facebook during the week for updates.

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:

David Cotton, Pauline Roberts, Beryl Carter, Michael Barton, Glenis Allen, Nicky Mylnyckyj, Barry Jackson, Clarie Hilton

MARRIAGE MATTERS

!We too may go through tough times!

Today's Gospel tells us that it is not only when we are strong that we live out God's plan for our marriage. Sometimes, when we are weak, our Sacramental way of life is mainly using our energy to minister to each other. A lot of joy can be found when we walk down a difficult road together.

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!

Mass for the Deceased of the Parish - This will be on Saturday 14th November at 5:30 pm NOT the 21st as stated in News & Views.

Fund Raising Meeting - There will be a meeting on Monday 2nd November in the Shields Centre at 5pm for anyone interested in helping or with suggestions.

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 - A huge thank you from everyone at CAFOD to all who contributed to the harvest family fast day appeal. The final amount from St Gerard's came to £581.50 and, as £310 of that was gift aided, that will boost the amount CAFOD eventually receive to over £650! This money will help ensure that children in Zimbabwe can access clean water and food so they can concentrate in school and build a better future for themselves and their families.

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

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Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 8th November 9:30 am Mass: Too Family

Quarant 'Ore Envelopes – To conclude the liturgical year, we will hold 40 hours of Private Prayer with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from **Thursday 19th to Sunday 22nd November**. Please sign up for an hour of prayer on the list at the back of Church. Sanctuary lamps will be available for £10 each in memory of a loved one or for your special prayer intention. The 9-day lamps will be lit for the duration of the 40 hours duration & then used throughout the year as our sanctuary lamps in church. Envelopes for the Quarant 'Ore candle prayer intentions are available from the back of Church – please return the Quarant 'Ore envelopes with your intention & donation to the Church office or via the Church Offertory collection.

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. *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.*

Cafod Coffee Morning - Our next coffee morning will be on **Friday 6th November**. Mass at 9.30 followed by tea/coffee & toasted teacakes. All welcome.

200 Club: Due to a recent TSB account upgrade, some Direct Debit payments may not have been collected. The issue has now been resolved. If your payment was returned, please try again. We apologise for any inconvenience. Any queries, please contact Kathryn or Sandra.

Recently Deceased - Please Pray for the Soul of Claire Hilton who has died this week. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

St Gerard's Parish Lottery No. 212 28/10/26			
1st	£100	67	Mrs A Burke
2nd	£40	18	Mrs A Quinlan
3rd	£20	7	Mr A Rands
W/C 01/11/26		This Weeks Intentions	
Our Lady		Winifred Lever	
Offertory 24th / 05th October 2026			
Loose	Envelopes		Total Attendance
115.15	255.91		146
Bingo Jackpots for 04/11/2026			
£35	£58	£81	£40

Sanctuary Lamps Week 01/11/26			
1	For Thomas Roberts		
2	Sheila Brownd (Deceased)		
3	For Deceased of the Worcester, Sergeant & Knight Families		
Mass Attendance: Or Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
41	167	92	300