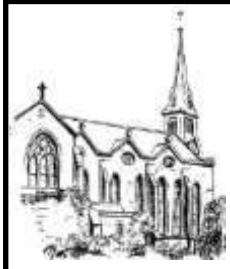
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32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

8th November 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge

Sat	**7th Nov**		St Willibrord
		9:30 am	Holy Souls
	Vigil		**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
		7:00 pm	George Duckworth
Sun	**8th Nov**		**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
		9:30 am	John Rawcliffe
	Remembrance Sunday	**12:15 pm**	Baptisms of Theodoros Markopouliotis & Faith & Iza Timmins
		6:30 pm	Deceased of the Murphy & Wynne Families
Mon	**9th Nov**		Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
		9:30 am	Ann & Jack Molyneaux
Tues	**10th Nov**		St Leo the Great
		9:30 am	Marie Spicer (Ann)
Wed	**11th Nov**		St Martin of Tours
		9:30 am	Rhoda & Gerard Turner (Ann)
Thurs	**12th Nov**		St Josaphat
		9:30 am	Holy Souls
Fri	**13th Nov**	**9:30 am**	Frank Bevan
Sat	**14th Nov**	**9:30 am**	The Parish
	Vigil	**7:00 pm**	**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Deceased of Livesey, Pedley & Haydock Families
Sun	**15th Nov**		**33rd Sunday in Ordinary**
		9:30 am	Holy Souls
		6:30 pm	Jack Hatley (Ann)

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall

Sat	**7th Nov**		St Willibrord
	Vigil	**5:30 pm**	**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time** Denis Gallagher (Birthday Memories)
Sun	**8th Nov**		**32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
	Remembrance Sunday	**10:30 am**	The Parish
Mon	**9th Nov**		Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
		6:00 pm	Exposition
		6:30 pm	Priests Intentions
Tues	**10th Nov**	**9:15 am**	St Leo the Great John Sweeney
Wed	**11th Nov**	**9:15 am**	St Martin of Tours Ian Richardson
Thurs	**12th Nov**	**6:30 pm**	St Josaphat Holy Souls
Fri	**13th Nov**		NO SERVICES
Sat	**14th Nov**		**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
	Vigil	**5:30 pm**	Catherine Turnbull
Sun	**15th Nov**		**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
		10:30 am	Cliff Hughes (Anniversary)

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

This week we pray for the people of the parish of St. Cuthbert, Bolton, for Fr Roman Szczypa, SDB, their parish priest, and for their parish primary schools.

Joint Notices

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Watch early for wisdom": wise words, and ones that the foolish bridesmaids of the Gospel should have taken to heart. This is the ultimate in 'putting off till tomorrow...', since the reading is about the end of time, when the Son of Man will come again. Then there will be no tomorrow. If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing today. Quite often we contemplate the end of time with anxiety and fear: this is not what God wants. Look at the Psalm, where we hear of desperate longing, a thirst for the Lord, that cannot wait. We should not just wait for the Lord with patient endurance, but with impatient longing: what could we desire more than the coming of the Lord, the rising of the dead and an eternity of joy and glory?

Remembrance Sunday - 8th November

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 10th 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 & prayer for your intentions & those of our world in need of prayers.

PRESTON CECILIAN CHORAL SOCIETY - 100th Season 2026-2027 - Handel's MESSIAH With orchestra, professional soloists and augmented choir - Saturday 28 November at 3pm **-** ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE - Tickets £16 **-** Online: http://www.trybooking.co.uk/GBVH **-** On the door (cash / card)

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!

Congratulations; a parishioner has completed a sponsored walk of 300 miles in the month of Sept to raise money for the Spire Fund. She raised an amazing £1000. Many thanks and well done!

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.

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.

Date for the Diary

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

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

World Day of the Poor – **Sunday 15 November "The Lord is the refuge of the poor" (Psalm 14:6)** Pope Leo invites us to recognise those in need and make our parish communities places of welcome, compassion and support. Caritas Salford offers free resources, prayers and ideas to help parishes mark this important day. Visit Caritas Salford Resources for more information. Caritas Salford will also be hosting a Catholic Social Teaching webinar to mark the occasion. Details of registration will be available at Caritas Salford Events.

KSC Bingo - raised £583 for local charities – Thank you to everyone that came along & to those that donated prizes.

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

St Mary's, Brownedge

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. If you are able to help run a stall on the day or provide fancy goods, Christmas items and of course cakes (on the day) would be much appreciated.

****Raffle Tickets now on Sale****

Mass of the Deceased – Saturday 14th November at 5:30pm In our Catholic tradition, November is the month when we remember to pray particularly for those who have died. Each year, at **Our Lady & St Gerard's Church**, we have a special remembrance, at one of the Saturday Masses during the month of November, to pray for those parishioners and friends, who have died during the past twelve months. This year, it will take place on **Saturday 14th November at 5:30pm**. You & your family are most welcome to come and pray for your loved one and light a candle, for all those who died during the year, and to remember all the deceased members of your family.

How to Use Our MyDona Donation Terminal

We are pleased to offer the **MyDona donation terminals** as a simple and convenient way to support our church and its work. You can make a donation quickly and securely using your debit or credit card, or a contactless payment method such as Apple Pay or Google Pay. There is no need to carry cash.

Making a Donation

1. Touch the MyDona screen to get started.
2. Choose the donation amount you wish to give.
3. Hold your contactless card or mobile phone against the card reader.
4. Wait for confirmation that your donation has been successful.

Gift Aid - If you are a UK taxpayer, you may also be able to Gift Aid your donation. This allows the church to claim an extra 25p for every £1 you donate, at no extra cost to you. Just follow the instructions on the screen.

Regular Giving - The MyDona terminal currently accepts one-off donations only. It does not automatically arrange monthly or future payments. Each donation must be made separately. A regular giving facility may be introduced in the future.

Thank You!

W/C 01/11/26	This Weeks Intentions
Our Lady	Winifred Lever

Offertory 31st October / 1st November 2026		
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance
£251	£282.30	158

Bingo Jackpots for 11/11/2026			
£36	£59	£82	£41

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 15th November 9:30 am Mass: Counsell 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.***

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

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.

St Mary's 200 Club - October 2026			
1st	£200	316	Mary Sergeant
2nd	£100	327	Margot Ashe
3rd	£50	38	Ted Tyles

St Mary's 200 Club - September 2026			
1st	£200	286	Allan Hunt
2nd	£100	102	Sheila Green
3rd	£50	326	Barbera & Michael Davies

Mass Attendance: Or Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
51	156	77	284