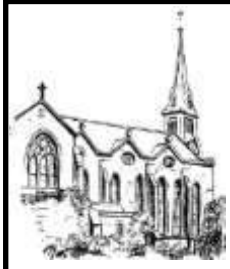
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33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time -Year A — 15th November 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge

Sat	**14th Nov**	**9:30 am**	The Parish
			33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Vigil	**7:00 pm**	Deceased of Livesey, Pedley & Haydock Families
Sun	**15th Nov**		**33rd Sunday in Ordinary**
		9:30 am	Holy Souls
		6:30 pm	Jack Hatley (Ann)
Mon	**16th Nov**		St Margaret of Scotland
		9:30 am	Norman Brown (Anniversary)
Tues	**17th Nov**		St Elizabeth of Hungary
		9:30 am	In loving memory of Christoper Ashton
Wed	**18th Nov**		Dedication of the Basilica of Sts Peter & Paul
	Red Wednesday	**9:30 am**	Holy Souls - Haydock Class
		7:00 pm	Holy Souls
Thurs	**19th Nov**	**9:30 am**	Bernard Barton R.I.P.
Fri	**20th Nov**	**9:30 am**	Private Intention
Sat	**21st Nov**		Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	Vigil	**9:30 am**	Steve Colligan (Birthday)
			CHRIST THE KING
		7:00 pm	Deceased of Rikley & Kirkwood Families
Sun	**22ndNov**		**CHRIST THE KING**
		9:30 am	Claire Hilton
		6:30 pm	Geoffrey Thurman (Ann)

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall

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)
		12:30pm	Baptisms of Niamh Harrison & Louis Morgan
Mon	**16th Nov**		St Margaret of Scotland
		6:00 pm	Exposition
		6:30 pm	Priests Intentions
Tues	**17th Nov**		St Elizabeth of Hungary
		9:15 am	Michael Cronin R.I.P.
Wed	**18th Nov**		Dedication of the Basilica of Sts Peter & Paul
		9:15 am	Phyllis Unsworth
Thurs	**19th Nov**	**6:30 pm**	Leo Phelan
Fri	**20th Nov**		NO SERVICES
Sat	**21st Nov**		**CHRIST THE KING**
	Vigil	**5:30 pm**	The Parish
Sun	**22nd Nov**		**CHRIST THE KING**
		10:30 am	Debbie Rowe

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

Let us pray this week we pray for the people of the parish of St Edmund and St Patrick, Bolton, for Father Michael Howarth, their parish priest, for the chaplaincy to the University of Greater Manchester and to the Bolton Hospice.

Joint Notices

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

We must not let genuine concerns about the responsibilities of wives distract from the true message of today's first reading. It is not a guide to being the 'perfect wife', but an example of using the talents God has given us. Some values are timeless, such as helping the poor, while others change over time. We are all gifted in different ways and should not envy others' talents, but recognise and use our own. We must work wisely and faithfully, looking forward to the master's return, ready to offer not only what he gave us but also the fruits of our efforts.

Red Wednesday 18th November: Red Wednesday highlights the plight of Christians around the world who are being persecuted. We will put RED floodlights on St Mary's Church to raise the awareness of these persecuted people. There will be a Mass in the evening on Wednesday 18th November at 7.00 pm. If you cant get to Mass, why not wear something RED on that day to witness to those shed their bold in our day for our Faith.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop John - to be read at all masses this weekend - copies available at the back of Church to take home.

Sycamore Course - The course for anyone wishing to become a Catholic or learn more about the faith will continue on **Tuesday 17th 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 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.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Canon Harry Doyle,** parish priest of Our Lady's and St Michael's Church, Alston Lane, who has died recently.

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)

Quarant' Ore:

As in recent years, to conclude the liturgical year, for the Feast of Christ the King we will hold 40 hours of Exposition and Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament at St Mary's Brownedge. This will be from **Thurs 19th to Sun 22nd November:** 10am to 8pm on Thursday and Friday; 10am to 6.30pm on Sat and 12-6pm on Sunday. Sanctuary lamps will be available for £10 in memory of a loved one or for a special prayer intention. The 9 day lamp will be lit for the duration of the 40 hours and then used throughout the year, as our sanctuary lamp in church for that week. Envelopes for a Quarant' Ore candle are available from the back of the church at St Mary's.

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!

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

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

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

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.

Mass Intentions - If you would like to have a Mass intention please leave a note at the Parish Office clearly stating the Mass Intention.

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

St Mary's, Brownedge

Our Lady & St Gerards

The **Tour of the Relics of St Gerard Majella** is taking place across the **Diocese of Salford during November 2026** to mark the **300th anniversary of the saint's birth**. The relics are visiting a number of churches around the diocese, giving people the opportunity for prayer, veneration, Mass, and blessings. Some of the November events include:

Monday 23 November 2026 – **Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich**
Relics available for prayer from **5.30pm**
Mass with sermon at **6.30pm**
Blessings with the relics after Mass.

Thursday 26 November 2026 – **St Brendan's RC Church, Harwood, Bolton**
Prayer at the relics from **6.00pm**
Mass at **7.00pm**

The Tour Concludes on

Friday 27 November 2026 – **Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella, Lostock Hall, Preston**
Prayer with the relics from **5.00pm**
Mass at **6.30pm**

Light Refreshments will be available after the Mass at St Gerards on 27th November.

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, John Dawson, Canon Harry Doyle

MARRIAGE MATTERS

"Our love must be nourished"

The parable of the talents could be compared to our marriage and the consequences if we, like the lazy servant, do not work at our relationship. Avoiding conflict can mean that the opportunity for forgiveness and growth is allowed to pass by. Let's not allow our love for each other to simply slip away, but work to keep our life flourishing.

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

Mass of the Deceased – Saturday 14th November at 5:30pm - Each year, 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. 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.

Sacramental Programme - This Sunday we welcome the children on this years Sacramental Programme to our 10:30 am Presentation Mass. The Parish are asked to pray for the children during the year.

The Senior Citizens Christmas Party – is on Saturday 21st November at 2pm in the Parochial Centre – ***If you for any reason you are unable to come attend on the day please let the office or Carole Hesmondhalgh know as soon as possible so that the correct number of meals can be ordered – If you don't attend and the meal is cooked this results in a cost to the parish which could and should be avoided. Thank you and enjoy the party!***

Majella Companions - Meeting this week on Tuesday 17th November at 2pm in the Shields Centre.

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. Items for the Tombola especially Bottles would be appreciated.

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

Father Xavier - has asked us to publish his address & email if anyone wants to write to him or send greetings at Christmas and to save postage. It is Ampleforth Abbey, York, YO62 4EN. Email: xavier@ampleforthabbey.org.uk

W/C 15/11/26	This Weeks Intentions
Our Lady	Cliff Hughes (Anniversary)
St Gerard	Norman Brown (anniversary)

Offertory 7th / 8th November 2026		
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance
£199.50	£291.27	154

Bingo Jackpots for 18/11/2026			
£37	£60	£83	£25

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 22nd November 9:30 am Mass: Children Family

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Mothers Prayers - Meet again on 25th November at 1 pm in the Priory Meeting Room.

Cafod Thank You - Many thanks to all who supported our recent coffee morning and raffle which raised £187. From the buckets, jewellery, knitted goods, apples and goods on the Cafod stall £168. **Cafod World Gifts - Love your neighbour this Christmas -** Share the joy of Christmas with a CAFOD WORLD GIFT, a meaningful way to give to loved ones while putting your faith into action in solidarity with families around the world. Collect a World Gift Book from the Narthex and have a browse through it. On behalf of the parish we are buying 6 World Gifts this year - 2 School meals that matter, 2 Rebuild a home, 3 Cheerful Children's Stockings. Total cost of these gifts is £1890 and we are grateful for an anonymous donation of £500 towards these gifts. Thank you for your support.

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.

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

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

Mass Attendance: Or Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
53	158	56	267