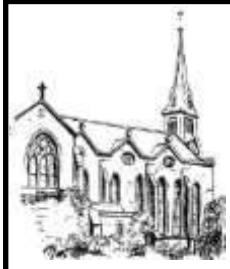
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CHRIST THE KING -Year A 22ND November 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge

Sat	**21st Nov**	**9:30 am**	Steve Colligan (Birthday)
	Vigil	**7:00 pm**	**CHRIST THE KING** Deceased of Riley & Kirkwood Families
Sun	**22ndNov**		**CHRIST THE KING**
		9:30 am	Claire Hilton
		6:30 pm	Geoffrey Thurman (Ann)
Mon	**23rd Nov**	**9:30 am**	St Clement Bernard Barton
Tues	**24th Nov**	**9:30 am**	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Comp Breda Holmes
Wed	**25th Nov**	**9:30 am**	St Catherine of Alexandria Claire Hilton
Thurs	**26th Nov**	**11:00 am**	Funeral Mass for Keith John Dawson R.I.P.
Fri	**27th Nov**	**9:30 am**	Richard & Mary Sharples & Mary & Carmel Mullarkey
Sat	**28th Nov**	**9:30 am**	Mass in Monastery Chapel Holy Souls
	Vigil	**7:00 pm**	**First Sunday of Advent** Lesley & Jim Morris
Sun	**29th Nov**		**First Sunday of Advent**
		9:30 am	Barry Jackson
		6:30 pm	The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall

Sat	**21st Nov**		**CHRIST THE KING**
	Vigil	**5:30 pm**	The Parish
Sun	**22nd Nov**		**CHRIST THE KING**
		10:30 am	Debbie Rowe
Mon	**23rd Nov**	**6:00 pm**	St Clement Exposition
		6:30 pm	Deceased Members of the Catenian Association
Tues	**24th Nov**	**9:15 am**	St Andrew Dung-Lac & Comp Marie Phelan
Wed	**25th Nov**	**9:15 am**	St Catherine of Alexandria Mrs Elizabeth Billington
Thurs	**26th Nov**	**6:30 pm**	Holy Souls
Fri	**27th Nov**	**5.00pm 6.30pm**	**Veneration of Relics Mass with Veneration of the Relics of St Gerard Majella**
Sat	**28th Nov Vigil**	**5:30 pm**	**First Sunday of Advent** Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	**29th Nov**	**10:30 am**	**First Sunday of Advent** James Wright (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 John Fisher, Kearsley, for Fr Bryan Cunningham, their parish priest, for the Schoenstatt Community and the Schoenstatt Shrines.

Joint Notices

CHRIST THE KING

"Shepherd-King o'er mountain steep, homeward guide thy wand'ring sheep." This hymn which we will probably sing today captures the readings perfectly: our King is not a cruel tyrant or despot, but a shepherd who loves his flock, who would (and did) give his life for them. Love for the flock means that he will have to judge them, separating the sheep from those who do not belong to him. Coming to the end of the Church's year leads us to look to our final ending, the homecoming the hymn speaks of. The judgement of the end of time we do not view as a trial or a terror, but as a coming home: look back to the Isaiah reading on the **28th Sunday** to see what a homecoming party is offered. All we do is put our lives in order, living just and holy lives, longing for the Day of the Lord to come.

Next Saturday 9:30 am Mass at St Mary's will be held in the Monastery Chapel whilst rehearsals and Church preparation are taking place for the Preston Cecilian Choral performance.

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)

SVP – The SVP Senior Citizens Christmas Party is on **Monday 23rd November** at the Bamber Bridge Catholic Club from 1-3pm. Let's get the Christmas season rolling!

Pastoral Letter: Last week's Pastoral Letter is about the important issue of care for our clergy. Please take home a copy.

Sycamore Course - The course for anyone wishing to become a Catholic or learn more about the faith will continue on **Tuesday 24th 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.

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.

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.

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.

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!

Thank you for the anonymous Spire Donation of £500 in memory of Trevor Robinson A Missionary of Africa, Recently Deceased.

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

Advent Talks 2026 - During Advent, we are pleased to be joined by Mgr Paul Smith and Sr Joan Kerley for a series of talks on an exploration of Pope Leo's recent Encyclical Letter "Magnifica Humanitas" Join us every Tuesday between 24 November and 15 December as we consider Exploring Human Dignity with Pope Leo in the age of AI. The venue for this year's talks will be Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church Hall, M38 0DL, and the talks will take place from 10:30am - 12:30pm. Please email joankfmsj@gmail.com or phone 07934 816796 to register your interest. For more information please click use this link to visit the Diocesan 'What's On' page https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/whats-on/

Caritas Advent Appeal 2026 - The Caritas Salford #BeeThere bees are retelling the Nativity story and inviting us to **change the script** for local people facing hunger or homelessness. This Advent, could you #BeeThere for someone in need? Watch the animation, featuring local children's voices, at www.caritassalford.org.uk/BeeThere.

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

Diocese of Salford November 2026 to mark the 300th anniversary of the saint's birth.

The relics are visiting one hundred churches around the country concluding this week in our Diocese:

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

This will be followed by individual or family blessings. St Gerard is the patron of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. See poster for details - all welcome, and bring your petitions to one of our Patron Saints.

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:
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, Brian Worcester

All those who have died recently:
David Cotton, Pauline Roberts, Beryl Carter, Michael Barton, Glenis Allen, Nicky Mylnyckyj, Barry Jackson, Claire Hilton, John Dawson, Canon Harry Doyle, Justin Halpin, Paul Woodcock

MARRIAGE MATTERS

"Called to be symbols of the way Jesus loves"

Jesus says that those who respond to others are in effect responding to him. Our call as married couples is to be a symbol of Jesus' love for us. In each small way that we show our love: doing little jobs, spending quality time together, listening, forgiving and making up, we are responding to that call and nourishing one other.

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

This Friday: Mass with the relics of St Gerard. Many of our families have long links with St Gerard and it would be good for as many as possible to come along this Friday for Mass at 6.30pm to celebrate the gift of faith in our parish family over many generations. Fr Royston Price of the Redemptorist Order will preside and preach.

Catenians: This Monday we welcome members of the Catenian Association to Mass at 6.30pm for their November Mass for deceased members.

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

Admission Consultation - Our Lady & St Gerard's RC Primary School

The Governing Body of Our Lady & St Gerard's RC Primary School is consulting on a proposal to reduce the school's Published Admission Number (PAN) from 50 to 30 places from September 2028. This reflects the significant decline in local birth rates and the lower number of Reception applications received in recent years. The proposal relates only to the number of places available and does not change the admissions criteria.

Parishioners are invited to review the proposal and share their views as part of the consultation process, which closes on **1 December 2026**.

Further information is available via the Lancashire County Council consultation page and the school's admissions page. https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/strategies-policies-and-plans/education-and-childrens-services/school-admissions/proposed-2028-29-admission-policies-for-consultation/

Thank you for your continued support of our Catholic school community.

W/C 22/11/26	This Weeks Intentions
Our Lady	Maragaret & Michael Redmond

Offertory 14th / 15th November 2026		
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance
£249.75	£294.45	

Bingo Jackpots for 25/11/2026			
£38	£61	£84	£26

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 29th November 9:30 am Mass: Mularkey Family

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.

Giving Tree 2026 - Our Christmas Giving tree is now at the back of the church and will remain till Sunday 13th December. Gift tags if needed will be on a table next to the tree (or use your own if you are able to contribute) All presents with tag attached need to be returned by 13th Dec as we will be delivering them to the charities we support on Monday 14th. Thank you so much for continuing to support this amazing parish initiative to support those less fortunate.

Recently Deceased - Please pray for the souls of Justin Halpin and Paul Woodcock who have died recently.

Justin's Funeral will be on **Monday 7th December** at 10:30 am.

The Funeral of Paul Woodcock is being held at Preston Crematorium on **Tuesday 24th November** at 10:30am if anyone from the Parish would like to attend – Paul lived in Bamber Bridge for many years & was a parishioner.

May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

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
50	188	80	268