

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

29th January 2023


St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	28th Jan Vigil	7:00 pm	4th Sunday Ordinary Time Chris Nihil
Sun	29th Jan	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	4th Sunday Ordinary Time Deceased members of Gorman Family Baptism of Finlay & Arlo Cookson The Parish
Mon	30th Jan	9:30 am	Connie Dixon R.I.P
Tues	31st Jan	10:00 am	St John Bosco (M) Requiem for Mary Hewitt
Wed	1st Feb	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Brian Vernon Watts Mass at SC Hospice Holy Souls
Thurs	2nd Feb	9.30 am 2:00 pm	Presentation of the Lord (F) Mary Yeomans Requiem for Brenda Brockbank R.I.P.
Friday	3rd Feb	9:30 am	St Blaise (OM) Swarbrick & Whiteley Families
Sat	4th Feb Vigil	7:00 pm	5th Sunday Ordinary Time Philomena & Derek Waring
Sun	5th Feb	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	5th Sunday Ordinary Time The Parish Baptism of Ivy Rose Marie Davies Connie Dixon

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	28th Jan Vigil	5:30 pm	4th Sunday Ordinary Time Ellen & Joseph Hunt R.I.P.
Sun	29th Jan	10:30 am	4th Sunday Ordinary Time The Parish
Mon	30th Jan	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	31st Jan	9:15 am	St John Bosco (M) Mr & Mrs M Patterson School Mass—Nursery/Rec
Wed	1st Feb	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	2nd Feb	9:15 am	Presentation of the Lord (F) Abigail Bowman - Birthday Memories
Friday	3rd Feb		NO MASS
Sat	4th Feb Vigil	5:30 pm	5th Sunday Ordinary Time Our Prayers to be answered.
Sun	5th Feb	10:30 am 12 noon	5th Sunday Ordinary Time The Parish Baptism of Darcey Howarth-Richardson

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
 Tuesday & Thursday 3 pm to 4 pm

Confessions: St Gerard's: Saturday: 5- 5.15 pm
 St Mary's: Saturday: 6.15-6.45 pm (or by request)

Holy Rosary: Streamed at 8 pm each evening



Services at St. Mary's can be viewed live or on playback at any time on:
www.stmarysbrownedge.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. It is a great source of spiritual support for those who cannot go to church.

CYCLE OF PRAYER 28th / 29th Jan: On this Caritas Sunday we pray for the work of Caritas Diocese of Salford which seeks to support the needy and vulnerable across our Diocese. May our prayers and support help them express the Beatitudes in their service of others.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

Offertory - Old coins - In recent weeks we have received a couple of old 50 pence coins. These particular coins are of the original design which are bigger than those currently in circulation and ceased to be legal tender in 1997. The coins look new and have probably been in a piggy bank for many years. We appreciate the offering but unfortunately they jam our counting machine due to their size as they are larger and thicker. They are also the wrong weight when bagged. We can exchange them at a bank of course but until we have a quantity making a special journey is not economical. Some of these old coins are worth more to collectors than the face value so if you have any consider selling them to a collector or donate to the church in a larger bagged quantity please so that we can identify them and count them manually to avoid damaging our machine. Thank You.

Fund Raising Meeting - The next meeting is on **Monday 30th January at 7pm** in The Shield's Centre. If you have any ideas for Fundraising or would like to be part of the team and help plan events please come along.

Children's Liturgy Group - The display of photos from the 1990's will be removed in the next few weeks. Hopefully parishioners and visitors will have had a chance to look at them over the Christmas and New Year period.

Children's Masses - Thank you to the children who read and helped at the Christmas Vigil Mass. If you would like your child(ren) to be considered for roles within children's Masses in the future please email Daniel Ballard dwdb27@yahoo.co.uk stating what they would be happy for their child(ren) to do? i.e. small reading; longer reading; prayer; offertory etc It would be good to build up a group of children that we can call upon for these occasions and help them gain confidence it doing this. All children and young people are invited to take part in this.

Parish Register - There have been a few additional submissions over Christmas to update our Parish Registers.. Please complete a form if you have **moved home, had additions to the family or not completed one previously**. The forms are available in the porch, on our website or via the QR code here.



"The Letter" - a video on the environment by Pope Francis. In continuing to look at how we can care for our created world, we are encouraged to watch a beautifully-produced film called 'The letter'. It's on Youtube, is free to watch and focuses on Pope Francis's encyclical 'Laudato Si'. It's well worth watching as it exposes the huge problems facing all of us, especially those in the developing world who are on the front line of the effects of climate change.

LOST MOBILE - A parishioner has lost her Samsung Mobile phone. Believed to be from somewhere outside the Parochial Centre after the Senior Citizens Party on 3rd December. If anyone has found it the owner is offering a reward for its safe return. Please contact the Parish office and we will put you in touch with her.

Book of Remembrance - Sadly, our Book of Remembrance hasn't been updated for nearly two years. If you have calligraphy skills and are willing and able to take on the task it would be greatly appreciated by many families. Please make contact with the Parish office.

Parish Lottery – If you pay annually at the end of December please remember to renew your membership as soon as possible so as to remain in the draw. **There are still a few who haven't renewed. If you are unsure about your renewal date please contact the office.** If you would like to Join new members are always welcome and application forms can be found in the porch or on our website.

Easyfundraising - Since we started using easyfundraising the Parish has raised £626.69. We currently have 22 supporters imagine what we could achieve if everyone shopped via easyfundraising. You can use **easyfundraising** to switch your car & home insurance and do your **Online shopping from your sofa?** You could also be helping us raise much needed funds for FREE! Over 4,000 online retailers including John Lewis, Argos, Uswitch, eBay and M&S are ready to give a free donation every time you shop online. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/saintgerards/?utm_campaign=raise-

Offertory 21st / 22nd January 2023	
Offertory Loose	£231.03
Offertory Envelopes	£234.20
Attendance	177
Bingo Jackpots for 01/02/2023	
£26	£57
£47	£39

Parish Lottery No. 548 25/1/23			
1st	£25	No. 63	Mr & Mrs M Cronin
2nd	£10	No. 25	Mr & Mrs A Walsh
3rd	£5	No. 28	Ms M Waldron
W/C 29/1/2023		This Weeks Intentions	
St Gerard		Ruth Naylor	

Photographs may be taken during Services for display on Social Media. if you have any objections please let the photographer know at the end of the service.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound and for those who have asked for your Prayers.

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Baptism: Welcome to Finlay and Arlo Cookson who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

First Holy Communion Preparation Unit 3: On Sunday at 9.30 Mass, we have the next celebration for those families preparing for First Holy Communion: "We are a People who Pray".

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 5th February 9:30 am Mass: Quilat Family. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

Parish Dinner - This Sunday 29th January at 12:30 pm at St Gerard's Parochial Centre, Brownedge Road, Lostock Hall.

Safeguarding: If you chose to complete your DBS application online you should have received the link to the site to enable you to do this. If you haven't been sent the link please inform Sandra Livesey.

Women's Refuge – After a very quiet few months we have had requests for Shampoo, Conditioner and toiletries. A box will be placed at the back of Church for donations, Thank you.

St Mary & St Benedict's Primary School - THANK YOU! Since I wrote my letter appealing for your help with school, you have come forward with generosity of spirit. We now have six adults who are having their Disclosure & Barring Service checks undertaken and they will each be a great help to our young people. Your support for our school is really appreciated! Wishing you every blessing, Mr Daniel Ballard, Headteacher ☺

School Governors: There are vacancies for foundation governors at Brownedge St Mary's High School and at St Mary's and St Benedict's Primary School. Being a governor is an excellent way to support our local community and put our catholic faith into practical action. Training is given for these roles. Anyone who may be interested, please contact Fr Mark.

QR Code Easy donation: as well the contactless giving machine in church, we now have a new and easy way to donate to the parish: open the camera on your phone and focus on the QR code; then click on the link which appears on your screen, and it will take to a direct giving page for the parish. Enter your card details and the amount you wish to donate. If you pay tax, you can gift aid it as well! You can use the QR posters which are near the Church entrances, or you can use the code here on this newsletter and do in the comfort of your own home. Thank you for supporting your parish.



World Youth Day 2023: Lisbon 31 July—7 August 2023, and is open to young adults between the ages of 18 and 35. Last chance to sign up: **Speak to Fr Mark. The parish will help to fundraise for any young person who wishes to go.**

Parish Register - Submissions for the register have trickled to a stop in recent weeks. We are a large parish but the number of entries on the register do not represent it. Christmas is an ideal time to get our house in order and up to date so please if you haven't already completed the registration spare a little time over the holiday and complete it. The quickest method is on-line via the form mentioned below. We are asking every family to complete one of the forms (regardless of previous submissions) in the Porch and return it to the parish office. You can also complete the form on-line using the QR code or if you prefer by following this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/JJKiLyNCbG>. This is a big exercise and your support in completing the forms is appreciated. Please **do not** complete an on-line and a paper version as this causes



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Sanctuary Lamps Week 9	
1	In Memory of Ann & Charles Sergeant
2	

Mass Attendance: Remember that we as Catholics we should attend Sunday Mass. Do encourage your friends and neighbours to return to Mass. Our attendance last weekend is shown below.

7 pm Vigil	58
9:30 am	140
6:30 p.m..	45
Total	243

Joint Notices



4th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Last week we heard Saint Matthew describing the beginnings of Jesus public ministry. This week Saint Matthew begins the most

important summary of the proclamation of the kingdom of God what we refer to as the Sermon on the Mount. This great collection of Jesus teachings begins with the Beatitudes the Charter of the Kingdom. It is essential to understand these, if we are to understand what we will read in Saint Matthew during the rest of this year: the key, as underlined by the First Reading, is that the values of this world are not the values of the Kingdom of God the Kingdom will see things turned upside down: happiness and blessing belong to those whom this world would ignore or mistreat. If we truly wish to live out the Gospel, we would do well to reflect on the virtues laid out in this familiar passage.

Caritas Sunday: Sunday 29 January is nominated as "Caritas Sunday" across the Diocese of Salford. Due to other events this weekend, we will celebrate this in 2 weeks' time over the weekend of 11/12th February. We will have a short reflection on the work done by Caritas for those in need in our Diocese and hold a retiring collection to support their work.

St Blaise: On Friday, for the Feast of St Blaise, there will be the traditional blessing of throats at 9.30 am Mass at St Mary's.

CAFOD - Our next coffee morning will be on **Friday 3rd February after the 9.30 Mass.** Simon, from Cafod at Salford, will join us to give a briefing about Family Fast Day and Ann Wilson will share with us a short summary of her recent visit to the West Bank in Palestine. We hope to have a mystery raffle again during Lent at the coffee mornings, please leave any unwanted Christmas gifts in the box near the Piety Shop.

OPEN TOWER - Ever wondered what Bellringing is all about, what it involves, who are ringing them? Well, it's nothing like the 'Mars' tv advert!! Your feet never leave the ground! Brownedge, St. Mary's Bellringers are hosting an 'Open Tower' following the 09:30 Mass on **Sunday 5th February, 10:30 - 12 noon.** Bellringing is Fun, Challenging, Team Based. There are always opportunities to join in with social activities and travel around ringing at other towers, ringing for community events and national occasions as well as maintaining a British tradition and providing a service to the church. St. Mary's Bell Tower will be open to anyone who would like see what Bellringing entails, and to anyone who would be interested in learning and joining our team. 🛎️🛎️

Winckley Square Convent School Reunion - The annual reunion will take place on **Saturday February 18th 2023 from 1pm - 4pm.** at Our Lady and St Edward's Parish Centre, Marlborough Drive. Fulwood. PR2 9UE. All past pupils (and Staff) are welcome to attend and bring along memorabilia and photographs to share. If anyone is struggling to get there and needs a lift please contact Diane 07546173802 or let us know on the Facebook group page Winckley Square Convent School

The **Diocesan Retreat Days held at St Gerard's** are proving a great success and booking is still open via the Parish Office for the remaining retreats which are on the following dates:

Friday 10th February (Places Still Available)
Saturday 11th March;
Saturday 13th May; Wednesday 7th June;
Monday 3rd July.

Parish Mission: We have invited the Redemptorist Fathers to lead a Parish Mission from **11th -17th March** for both St Mary's and St Gerard's. It will be a week of renewal for our community with a series of Masses, liturgies, talks and reflection to help us all grow in our practice of the faith for our current times. More details will be available soon.

Readings for Mass and the Divine Office: www.universalis.com has all the prayers and readings of Mass each day. Click on the link on our parish website homepage and it takes you to all the liturgies for that day. Scan this QR code with the camera on a smartphone and it will take you directly to the Mass readings of the day.



Walsingham Pilgrimage 2023 - Saturday 20th May 2023 - The Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham this May! The cost for a day pilgrim is expected to be between £35 and £45. The overnight option has been well received and is now nearly full. The cost of this is expected to be between £130 - £150 (includes evening meal, breakfast, and packed lunch.) Due to increased transport costs, we may look to reduce the number of coaches this year, so we would be grateful if you could please register your interest by emailing walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or calling 0161 817 2214 Further information and booking forms will be made available soon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Sr Louise Shields, Patrick Mackey, Pat & David Livesey

All Those who have Recently Died:

Mary Yeomans, Gerard Singleton,
Mary Ruth McGarry, Michael Newton,
James Derek Nickson, David Robinson, Norah
Robinson, Elizabeth Butterworth, Josephine Healey,
Mary Hewitt, Brenda Brockbank, Mark Anthony Nowell.