

## ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**(Year A)**

**22nd January 2023**

St Mary's, Brownedge			
<b>Sat</b>	<b>21st Jan Vigil</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>3rd Sunday Ordinary Time</b> Ann & Charles Sergeant
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22nd Jan</b>	<b>9:30 am 6:30 pm</b>	<b>3rd Sunday Ordinary Time</b> The Parish James Derek Nickson R.I.P.
<b>Mon</b>	23rd Jan	9:30 am	John Melling & Family
<b>Tues</b>	24th Jan	11:00 am	St Frances de Sales <sup>(M)</sup> Requiem Mass for James Derek Nickson R.I.P.
<b>Wed</b>	25th Jan	9:30 am 11:00 am 2:30 pm	The Conversion of St Paul <sup>(F)</sup> Mary Yeomans Funeral Service for Elizabeth Butterworth R.I.P. Mass at SC Hospice Holy Souls
<b>Thurs</b>	26th Jan	9:30 am	Ss Timothy & Titus <sup>(M)</sup> Maureen Waterhouse
<b>Friday</b>	27th Jan	9:30 am	St Angela Merici <sup>(OM)</sup> Robert, Nellie & Joseph Delaney
<b>Sat</b>	<b>28th Jan Vigil</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>4th Sunday Ordinary Time</b> Chris Nihil
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29th Jan</b>	<b>9:30 am 6:30 pm</b>	<b>4th Sunday Ordinary Time</b> Deceased members of Gorman Family The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
<b>Sat</b>	<b>21st Jan Vigil</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>3rd Sunday Ordinary Time</b> Doreen & George Wane R.I.P
<b>Sun</b>	<b>22nd Jan</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>3rd Sunday Ordinary Time</b> The Parish
<b>Mon</b>	23rd Jan	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
<b>Tues</b>	24th Jan	9:15 am	St Frances de Sales <sup>(M)</sup> Michael Knapton R.I.P. School Mass Year 1
<b>Wed</b>	25th Jan	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
<b>Thurs</b>	26th Jan	9:15 am	Ss Timothy & Titus <sup>(M)</sup> Stephen Guinan R.I.P.
<b>Friday</b>	27th Jan		<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>28th Jan Vigil</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>4th Sunday Ordinary Time</b> Ellen & Joseph Hunt R.I.P.
<b>Sun</b>	<b>29th Jan</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>4th Sunday Ordinary Time</b> The Parish

**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

**CYCLE OF PRAYER 21st / 22nd Jan:** Let us pray for the parish of St. Gabriel and the Angels and St. John the Baptist, Castleton and Rochdale, with Father Michael Johonnett, their parish priest, their parish primary schools and the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph. May their life and mission be rooted in listening to the Word of God.

**Services at St. Mary's can be viewed live or on playback at any time on:**

[www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk) or  
[www.churchservices.tv](http://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.

### 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

**Baptism Preparation Presentations** - We welcome the children who have been enrolled on the preparation course to Mass this Sunday at 10:30 am.

**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](mailto: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 in doing this. All children and young people are invited to take part in this.

**Lottery** - If you pay annually at the end of December please remember to re-new your membership as soon as possible. If you are not sure when your subscription ends please contact the parish 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.

**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.

**Recently Deceased and Prayers for the Sick** are now part of the Joint Notices on the back page.

**Fund Raising Meeting** - The next meeting is on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

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GALILEE	CAPERNAUM	ZEBULUN
NAPHTALI	JORDAN	ISAIAH
SIMON	PETER	ANDREW
JAMES	ZEBEDEE	JOHN

Parish Lottery No. 547 18/1/23			
1st	£25	No. 47	Mrs M Corcoran
2nd	£10	No. 32	Mr K Bowman
3rd	£5	No. 80	Ms E Brierley

W/C 22/1/2023	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	In Memory of James Wright
St Gerard	Ruth Naylor

Offertory 14th / 15th January 2023			
Offertory Loose	£285.16		
Offertory Envelopes	£176.21		
Attendance	157		
Bingo Jackpots for 25/1/2023			
£25	£56	£46	£38

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***

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 29th January 9:30 am Mass: Children. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

**Baptism Preparation Presentations** - We welcome the children who have been enrolled on the preparation course to Mass this Sunday at 9:30 am.

**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 two vacancies for foundation governors at Brownedge St Mary's High School as well as one 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.**

**Recent Funerals:** Thank you to all those who help with preparing and celebrating parish funerals. In particular, the families of Connie Dixon and Mary Yeomans, whose funerals we have celebrated recently, would like to express their appreciation of the support of the parish family. The recording of the funeral of Mary Yeomans was lost initially but can now be viewed in the "Featured Videos" tab rather than "Recordings".

**Altar Servers:** We received this week a lovely email from someone who joins our Sunday morning Mass on livestream. She wanted to express how impressive our team of altar servers were last Sunday, especially how some of the older ones supported the younger ones. Well done! Anyone who would like to join our team please see Fr Mark.

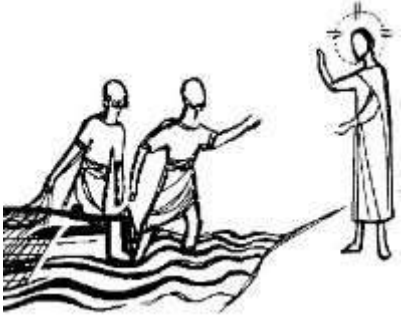
**Parish Register** - Submissions for the register have trickled to a stop in recent weeks. We are a large parish but the number of entries on the register do not represent it. Christmas is an ideal time to get our house in order and up to date so please if you haven't already completed the registration 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 unnecessary administration.



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

<b>Sanctuary Lamps Week 8</b>	
<b>1</b>	Deceased of the Lancaster & Sergeant Families
<b>2</b>	
<b>Mass Attendance:</b> 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	61
9:30 am	147
6:30 p.m..	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>265</b>

## Joint Notices



**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:** We will spend most of the Sundays of the coming year in the company of Saint Matthew. His Gospel (like the others) has its own characteristics. He

is writing for a Jewish audience, and so is always at pains to stress one thing: that Jesus of Nazareth was the promised Messiah. He does this by reference to Jesus' teaching and miracles, and very often by quoting the prophecies of the Old Testament to show that Jesus was their fulfilment. Today is a perfect example. Zebulun and Naphthali was an old name for the area round Capernaum by the side of the Lake of Galilee, a busy fishing and trading area, with many Gentile towns and settlements: it is here, rather than in the dangerous town of Nazareth, that Jesus settles and begins his ministry. This is where the proclamation of the Kingdom of God begins, as was foretold, and the first followers are invited to join Jesus.

### 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.

**St Catherine's Hospice Mass:** Fr Mark & Fr Colin have been celebrating a weekly Mass in the lovely chapel at St Catherine's Hospice, but due to Covid, this has been for patients and relatives only. However from the New Year this will be open for anyone to attend. It would be good to have a rota to ensure that there is always someone there to help the priest. Please inform the office if you are willing

to help with this. It is a very good thing to celebrate Mass for all the work which St Catherine's does for our community.

### Readings for Mass and the Divine Office:

[www.universalis.com](http://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.



**Christian Community Larder** - Food insecurity is on the increase, and the reasons are complex. There is a wider section of society being dragged into poverty for the first time. Some need food for a few weeks and others long term. The Larder provides food support to individuals and families from Bamber Bridge, Clayton-le-Woods, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale. On behalf of our 20 volunteers and more than 55 families who we support each week. We THANK YOU for every can, packet and pound ££££££££££££££££. Your generosity makes it possible to provide this important service and The HOPE of CHRISTMAS will comfort and sustain us all into 2023. Call in for a coffee and cake. We are open Monday and Friday 9-30am to 11-30am Email: [christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com](mailto:christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com) Tel: 07762905978

### Walsingham Pilgrimage 2023 - Saturday 20th

**May 2023** - You can now register your interest to join 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](mailto:walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or calling 0161 817 2214 Further information and booking forms will be made available soon.

**Prayer Cards** to commemorate the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XV1 are available to collect from the Church Porches at both St Gerard's and St Mary's.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

##### The sick, and those who care for them:

Sr Louise Shields, Patrick Mackey.

##### All Those who have Recently Died:

Connie Dixon, Mary Yeomans, David Hattemore, Brian Johnson Michael Knapton, Gerard Singleton, Mary Ruth McGarry, Michael Newton, James Derek Nickson, Irene Ingram, David Robinson, Norah Robinson, Elizabeth Butterworth, Josephine Healey