

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

12th February 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	11th Feb Vigil	7:00 pm	6th Sunday Ordinary Time Elizabeth Prescott
Sun	12th Feb	9:30 am 6:30 pm	6th Sunday Ordinary Time John Rawcliffe The Parish
Mon	13th Feb	9:30 am	Intentions of Mothers Prayers
Tues	14th Feb	9:30 am	Ss Cyril & Methodius (F) Richard Worden (Anniversary)
Wed	15th Feb	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Allan Pye Mass at SC Hospice Holy Souls
Thurs	16th Feb	9.30 am	Patricia Byrne
Friday	17th Feb	9:30 am	Seven Holy Founders of Servite Order (OM) Agnes & Jim Livesey
Sat	18th Feb Vigil	11:00 am 7:00 pm	Baptism of Zoe Grace Brockbank 7th Sunday Ordinary Time Mary Stead
Sun	19th Feb	9:30 am 11.00 am 6:30 pm	7th Sunday Ordinary Time The Parish Baptism of Aria and Aurora Whittle Marguerite Warburton

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	11th Feb Vigil	5:30 pm	6th Sunday Ordinary Time Winifred Lever R.I.P.
Sun	12th Feb	10:30 am	6th Sunday Ordinary Time The Parish
Mon	13th Feb	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	14th Feb	9:15 am	Ss Cyril & Methodius (F) Teresa Worswick R.I.P.
Wed	15th Feb	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	16th Feb	9:15 am	Paul Green
Friday	17th Feb	11:00 am	Funeral Service for Josephine Healey R.I.P.
Sat	18th Feb Vigil	5:30 pm	7th Sunday Ordinary Time The Parish
Sun	19th Feb	10:30 am 12 noon	7th Sunday Ordinary Time Tony Brown Baptism of Arthur Robert Marshall

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

CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE 11th / 12th Feb:

We pray for the people of the parish of St. John XXIII, Rochdale and Littleborough, with Father Robert Lasia, their parish priest, their parish primary schools, the chaplaincies to the Rochdale Royal Infirmary and His Majesty's Prison Buckley Hall and the Daughters of Divine Charity. May they live by the wisdom that comes from God.

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

First Communion Programme: We will begin our programme to prepare for First Holy Communion on Sunday 26 February with enrolment at 10.30 Mass. Parents of children in year 3 and above, who wish their children to join the programme should have received an invitation to enrol. If you have not yet registered, please contact the parish office.

Piety Shop - Thank you for £70 received from Piety shop sales.

Chess - If anyone is interested in starting up a Chess club we have the ideal venue in the Shields Centre. There are several afternoons available for use. If interested in starting a group or being part of one let the Office know so that we can assess the feasibility.

The Angelus - During the Covid lockdown the Angelus Bell timer decided to stop working for some reason and restarted for a while when the lockdown was lifted. However just before Christmas it stopped again and on investigation by the makers was found to be beyond repair being over 30 years old. As of this week a new timer has been fitted and once again the bells will ring at Noon and 6 pm (except Saturday evening) The bell will also now ring automatically for 5 minutes prior to weekend Mass starting.

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.

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.

Book of Remembrance - We have two volunteers, thank you. Hopefully in the next few months we will start to see the book brought back up to date.

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.

Offertory 4th / 5th February 2023			
Offertory Loose	£279.47		
Offertory Envelopes	£156.50		
Attendance	168		
Bingo Jackpots for 15/02/2023			
£28	£59	£49	£26

Parish Lottery No. 550 08/02/23			
1st	£25	No. 42	M. Guinan
2nd	£10	No. 56	Mrs M Mails
3rd	£5	No. 78	Mrs A Gill
W/C 12/2/2023		This Weeks Intentions	
St Gerard		Ruth Naylor	
St Joseph		For the Sick	

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.

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Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 19th February 9:30 am Mass: Worcester Family. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

SVP - Thank you for the very generous donations for the SVP January collection which amounted to £260:16.

Mothers Prayer Meeting - On Wednesday 15th February at 1 pm in St Mary's Priory.

CAFOD: Many thanks to all who attended the recent coffee morning and to Simon for information about Family Fast Day and Ann for sharing her recent experience in Palestine. Ann sold £115 of handicrafts made by women from the Shufat Refugee Camp and sends her thanks for your generosity. We received £257 from the coffee morning and raffle and £94 from the buckets. Many thanks for your generosity and continued support for those in need.

Earthquake Appeal: CAFOD are supporting the Disasters Emergency Committee to help in Syria & Turkey following the recent earthquake. From recent fundraising we have £500 in our CAFOD account which we will send to this appeal on your behalf.

Lent Coffee Mornings for CAFOD: 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.

Plant Pots: Anyone who would like to donate or return their Hyacinth plant pots please leave them in the Narthex.

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 ☺

Heart Defibrillator: Our new heart defibrillator has been installed this week. It is outside the church attached to the side of the cabinet where the crib is displayed. Many thanks to all those who made donations towards this and especially to the Wrennalls Group from Leyland who contributed a large sponsorship to fund it. There is a step by step instruction on how to use it. The cabinet has code which Mass stewards will have. It is registered with

the emergency services and anyone can access it at any time by dialing 999 and they will provide the access code.

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.



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.



200 Club		January Draw
1st £200	427	Pauline Watson
2nd £100	122	Patricia Kelly
3rd £50	342	Freda Bibby

Sanctuary Lamps Week 7	
1	In Memory of John & May Dearden

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	71
9:30 am	129
6:30 p.m..	58
Total	258

Joint Notices



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Back in the 60s some groups adopted Jesus Christ as an icon of rebellion, overturning authority and tearing

up the rule book possibly because of the frequent confrontations between Our Lord and the Pharisees. Today's Gospel, however, shows us Jesus not as rule-breaker, but as rule-fulfiller, bringing an even greater depth to the rule that had guided the people of Israel for centuries. Jesus does not throw out the rulebook or as the first reading says, He does not command us to be godless! He challenges us in this Gospel to see how far our keeping God's Law will go: will it just be about the letter of the Law (I have never killed anyone), or will it look deeper (Have I ever been angry? Have I been violent in my thoughts?). The challenge of the Kingdom of Heaven is to keep the commandments first and foremost from within, so that our outward behaviour conforms to the requirements of God's Law.

Caritas Sunday: There will be an appeal at Mass this weekend for the work of **Caritas, Diocese of Salford** (the talk was given at St Gerard's last weekend). Please note, there is a retiring collection this weekend after all our Masses to support the vital work of Caritas in Salford Diocese.

Parish Mission: Two Redemptorist Priests, Fr Kieran Brady and Fr Maurice O'Mahony will make pre-mission visit **next weekend and will speak at all the Masses on Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 February** about the aims and hopes for the Mission.

The week-long Parish Mission will run 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. The cost of running a mission for a week is about £2000 but we believe this is very worthwhile as it is investing in the Faith for the future. Please invite your family and friends who may not have been to church for a while. It is a great way to get back on board!

NEXT SATURDAY!!

Diocesan Day of Reflection: Sharing the Hope: Blackburn and Burnley Deaneries: Saturday 18th February 2023, 10:00am – 3:00pm. Our Lady and St John RC High School, Blackburn, BB1 1PY - Please consider attending this day of reflection for our deanery concerning how we put our faith into action and how we can do it better in our modern world. It will address in particular issues of social justice and how faith demands a response to help those in need. All are welcome! Tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring a packed lunch. Please sign up if you haven't done so already!

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:

Saturday 11th March; Saturday 13th May; Wednesday 7th June; Monday 3rd July.

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.

Mass for Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Sunday 19th February, 5.30pm, Join us for our annual Salford Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Mass, which will take place on Sunday 19th February, 5.30pm at Salford Cathedral. The Mass will officially open the 2023 pilgrimage. Bishop John will celebrate Mass and the wonderful Lourdes choir will provide music. All are welcome

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](#)

World Day of Prayer: Bamber Bridge Methodist Church, Friday 3 March at 2pm. A women led, global, ecumenical movement. All welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Sr Louise Shields, Pat & David Livesey, John Prescott

All Those who have Recently Died:

Elizabeth Butterworth, Josephine Healey, Mary Hewitt, Brenda Brockbank, Mark Anthony Nowell, Helen Gillan, Hazel MacDonald, Lillian Elleray, Beverley Keany, Patrick Mackey.