

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 19th February 2023

This weekend we welcome Fr Kieran Brady who will speak at all Masses to prepare us for the forthcoming Parish Mission from 11– 17 March. Put the dates in your diary!!

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	18th Feb Vigil	7:00 pm	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
Mon	20th Feb	9:30 am	McQuillan & Bailey Families
Tues	21st Feb	9:30 am	St Damian (OM) Frank Smith
Wed	22nd Feb	9:30 am 2:30 pm 4:30 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Whole School Mass Charles Sergeant (Ann) Mass at SC Hospice Holy Souls
Thurs	23rd Feb	9.30 am 11:00am	St Polycarp (OM) Maureen Waterhouse May Strettle—Funeral Service
Friday	24th Feb	9:30 am 4.30pm	Philip Morris Stations of the Cross
Sat	25th Feb Vigil	7:00 pm	1st Sunday of Lent Connie Dixon
Sun	26th Feb	9:30 am 6:30 pm	1st Sunday of Lent Ray Butcher

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	18th Feb Vigil	5:30 pm	7th Sunday Ordinary Time The Parish
Sun	19th Feb	10:30 am	7th Sunday Ordinary Time Tony Brown
Mon	20th Feb	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	21st Feb	9:15 am	St Damian (OM) Holy Souls
Wed	22nd Feb	9:15 am 7:30 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Whole School Mass Holy Souls
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Sat	25th Feb Vigil	5:30 pm	1st Sunday of Lent Peter Sharples RIP
Sun	26th Feb	10:30 am	1st Sunday of Lent 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 FOR THE DIOCESE 18th / 19th Feb:
 This week in our Diocese let us pray for our Retired Priests. We thank God for their years of devotion and service and ask God's blessing upon them now and in the future.



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.

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 next **Sunday 26 February** with enrolment at the 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.

Lent Devotions: Stations of the Cross - There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm starting on Friday 25th February.

Early Mass on Friday morning: In recent years there has been a 7.00 am Mass on the Fridays of Lent at St Mary's Brownedge. As there is already a 9.30 am Mass at St Mary's on Fridays, this year we will have the 7.00 am Mass at St Gerard's instead. This has proved popular with people going to work. Let your friends know about it.

Coffee Morning - We are having a **Coffee Morning on Sunday 12th March after the 10:30 am Mass.** If anyone has any suitable items for the raffle or the tombola please bring them to Church and leave them in the porch. Cakes can be brought on the day. Raffle tickets will be on sale from 4/5th March weekend. Thank you for your support.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Offertory 11th / 12th February 2023			
Offertory Loose	£266.26		
Offertory Envelopes	£140.95		
Attendance	174		
Bingo Jackpots for 22/02/2023			
£29	£60	£50	£27

Parish Lottery No. 551 15/02/23			
1st	£25	No. 19	Mr J Robinson
2nd	£10	No. 74	Mrs H Lyth
3rd	£5	No. 18	Mrs A Quinlan
W/C 19/2/2023		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.

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Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 26th February 9:30 am Mass: Children . Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

Cafod Family Fast Day Lent Appeal : This Lent, Cafod is supporting families with the skills and tools they've asked for to fight the climate crisis. In Bangladesh, 14-year old Dristy and her mum Rupali are building seed beds and planting palm trees to protect their crops from flooding and cyclones. Please help families grow in strength to adapt to the climate crisis. Envelopes will be available next weekend or give online at Cafod.org.uk/lent Thank you.

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.

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Stations of the Cross: The Lenten devotion of the Station of the Cross will take place each Friday at 4.30pm at St Mary's and at 6.30pm at St Gerard's.

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 - We now have six volunteers to listen to readers 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.



Contactless Machine: The diocese have engaged with a new contactless finance provider. The new machine will request details of gift aid again but only for the first time of using. The old machine is still working during the period of transition.

St Clare's Day of Renewal: The next day of Renewal at St Clare's in Fulwood is on Sat 11 March 10am –4pm. It will be led by Fr Frankie Mulgrew. It is entitled "Come to me ... The God who heals". All are welcome.

Sanctuary Lamps Week 8	
1	Deceased Members of The Moon Family

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	68
9:30 am	130
6:30 p.m..	62
Total	260

Joint Notices



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Love your neighbour as yourself. These are words we associate so clearly with the teaching of Jesus and the way of life the Gospel calls us to. But it may be

a surprise to some people to hear that these words come first from the Old Testament, in the mouth of Moses himself. Moses was speaking the Lord God's instruction for the community of the people of Israel in flight from Egypt in their long sojourn in the wilderness. God's instructions were about how that community had to work without grudges, resentment or vengeance, but with love and forgiveness and tolerance. When Jesus comes with the message of the Kingdom of heaven, it is the same instruction for a perfect, God-guided society, which depends on how each of us lives with others. The wisdom of this world, which Saint Paul mentions in the Second Reading, will not teach us this: the world will believe in vengeance, and friendship only for your friends. Each of us must ask how we can embrace the apparent folly of Jesus teaching: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Parish Mission: Fr Kieran Brady will make pre-mission visit this 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!

Ash Wednesday 22nd February: A day of Fasting and Abstinence. See Mass times for both Churches on the front of bulletin. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

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. 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

Caritas Collection: Many thanks for your donations to the Caritas appeal last weekend: The total collected was £597.97 at St Mary's and £410 at St Gerard's—over £1000 in total! Thanks also to Margaret and Kaye for the making the appeals.

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

Holy Hour—St Wilfred's Preston—Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Silent Prayer at St Wilfrid's Church on Chapel Street PR1 8BU on Friday 24 Feb from 11am-12noon, to mark the national silence for the anniversary of the war in Ukraine. Everyone Welcome

Easy Fundraising: Easy Fundraising is the UK's biggest charity fundraising site, where brands donate to your chosen charity. St Gerard's have been linked with this for some time but St Mary's Brownedge is now also registered with **EASYFUNDRAISING**, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use Easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising **whenever you shop online!** It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support us at www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-marys-brownedge-rc-church/?utm_campaign=raisemore&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-n1

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Sr Louise Shields, Pat & David Livesey, John Prescott, Kath Kelly

All Those who have Recently Died:

John Richard Bashall, May Strettle, Lillian Elleray, Beverley Keany, Patrick Mackey.

IRISH NIGHT

St. Patrick's

DAY

March 17th at 8pm

Bar from 7pm

St Gerards Parochial Centre

The Chorley Cakes

☪ Ceilidh Band ☪

£15 including supper

Funds in aid of World Youth Day

Tickets from the Presbytery office

between 9am & 12 Tel:335387