

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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1st Sunday of Lent

(Year A)

26th February 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge			
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 The Parish Ray Butcher
Mon	27th Feb	9:30 am	St Gregory of Narek (OM) Philip Morris (Anniversary)
Tues	28th Feb	9:30 am	Joe & Lizzie Dowbakin
Wed	1st Mar	9:30 am 2:30 pm	St David (F) Philip Morris Mass at SC Hospice Bernard & Rita Raby
Thurs	2nd Mar	9.30 am 12 noon	Sick Friends Funeral of Kevin Beahan
Friday	3rd Mar	9:30 am 4.30pm	CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Mary Yeomans Stations of the Cross
Sat	4th Mar Vigil	7:00 pm	2nd Sunday of Lent Anne, Jack & John Jenkins
Sun	5th Mar	9:30 am 6:30 pm	2nd Sunday of Lent Marguerite Warburton The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	25th Feb Vigil	5:30 pm	1st Sunday of Lent Peter Sharples RIP
Sun	26th Feb	10:30 am 12 noon	1st Sunday of Lent The Parish Baptisms of Elliot & Stanley Westbury
Mon	27th Feb	10:30 am 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Requiem Mass for Patrick Mackey R.I.P. Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	28th Feb	9:15 am	Marie Phelan School Mass Year 3
Wed	1st Mar	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	2nd Mar	9:15 am	Frank Williams (Birthday Ann)
Friday	3rd Mar	7.00 am 6:30 pm	CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Holy Souls Stations of the Cross
Sat	4th Mar Vigil	5:30 pm	2nd Sunday of Lent The Parish
Sun	5th Mar	10:30 am 12 noon	2nd Sunday of Lent Margaret Craven Baptisms of Freddie & Alfie Fox

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



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 25th / 26th Feb:
 As a Diocese, let us pray for all those who will be called by the Bishop today to baptism or reception into the full communion of the Church this coming Easter. May our parish be renewed by those who seek to join us.

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: Welcome to Elliot & Stanley Westbury who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

First Communion Programme: We will begin our programme to prepare for First Holy Communion this **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.

CAFOD - Next Friday 3rd March is CAFOD family fast day and this weekend an appeal will be made on their behalf so that CAFOD can respond with training and support in areas throughout the world suffering the effects of climate change and also so they can respond quickly to emergencies throughout the world such as the recent Turkey/Syria earthquakes.

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.



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.

Site Supervisor Vacancy at OLSG School: St Gerard's School is looking to appoint a new Site Supervisor. The position is for 30 hours per week and will require a split shift of am/pm sessions. For further information contact the school or see the advert: www.schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt/vacancyDetails.asp?id=60748

Live Streaming Service: We intend to install a camera to be able to stream all our services online at St Gerard's in the same way as we do at St Mary's. We hope this will be in place in time for the Parish Mission Week. Any donations towards the cost of the installation would be welcome.

Offertory 18th / 19th February 2023			
Offertory Loose	£239.83		
Offertory Envelopes	£197.31		
Attendance	162		
Bingo Jackpots for 1/03/2023			
£30	£61	£51	£28

Parish Lottery No. 552 22/02/23			
1st	£25	No. 75	Mr / Mrs A G Hawarden
2nd	£10	No. 78	Mrs A Gill
3rd	£5	No. 38	Mrs M Richardson

W/C 26/2/2023	This Weeks Intentions
St Gerard	Ruth Naylor
Our Lady	In Memory of Elizabeth Tipping

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 5th March 9:30 am Mass: Spicer Family. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

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.

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.

Cafod Family Fast Day Lent Appeal :Next Friday is CAFOD Family Fast Day. Please take home an envelope and return them next Sunday or give online at Cafod.org.uk/lent Thank you.

CAFOD - On Fridays in Lent, following the 9:30am Mass at St Mary's, we will have a coffee morning from 3rd to the 31st March.

On **Saturday 18th March** we will have the Community walk so **NO COFFEE MORNING** on 17th March – See Cafod notice boards for details.

Mystery Raffle tickets will be available each Weekend from 5th / 6th March until 25th/26th March & drawn at the following coffee morning. Thank you for all your Support!

CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK – David Gorman will be walking 200 km in 40 days to help fight Global Poverty, Please support him. We will also have a Parish Community Walk on **Saturday 18th March** starting from Church at 1:30pm and walking 2.5km / 5km. If that is too much, then join in a lap or two of the graveyard. You can get sponsors or give a small donation to the Family Fast Lent Appeal. We will meet back at Church for tea/coffee and cakes and a rest! All welcome.

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.

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 - The Parish Register is more or less complete with a total of 426 names submitted. 268 via the on-line form and 158 via the paper form. If you haven't for some reason already submitted your details you can still do so. 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 9	
1	Margaret & Winifred Livesey

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	75
9:30 am	125
6:30 p.m..	74
Total	274

Joint Notices



1st Sunday of Lent - In the Cycle of Sunday Readings, the oldest are those of Year A in Lent these Gospels have accompanied the Church for many centuries. We must realise why: Lent was originally the time of immediate preparation of

candidates for Baptism at Easter (something which has been reintroduced to the Church by RCIA); those already baptised used it as a time to prepare for the renewal of Baptismal promises. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life and Salvation. What is the new life of Baptism? What are we set free from? What is sin? We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, the new Adam, triumphs over temptation.

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.



EASYFUNDRAISING: Thank you to those who have already signed up to use Easy Fundraising. It 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 Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk Register to sign up and search for *St Mary's Brownedge RC Church* in the list of causes.



World Day of Prayer - Come and join us in celebration of the World Day of Prayer. This year being held at the Methodist Church on Station Road – **Friday 3rd March at 2pm.** Help us to pray for Peace throughout the World. All Welcome mums, dads, sisters, brothers, grandmas, grandads, Aunts, Uncles, cousins, neighbours, and friends. Looking forward to seeing you there

IRISH NIGHT - St Patrick's Day - 17th March at 8 pm at St Gerard's Parochial Centre. Featuring **"The Chorley Cakes Ceilidh Band"** £15 including Supper. Funds in aid of World Youth Day. Tickets available from the Parish Office at St Gerard's between 9 am and 12 noon. Tel: 01772 335387

PARISH MISSION:

The week-long Parish Mission is from **11th-17th March** for both St Mary's and St Gerard's.

Take copies of the programme and give them out to anyone and everyone!

Last week we heard from Fr Kieran who will be leading the Mission along with Fr Maurice from the Redemptorists. It promises to be a wonderful week. Be present for as much as it as you can. Invite people to come! It could get people back into the rhythm of going to church. Also, we can learn how to work more closely as two parishes—All Masses and liturgies are for BOTH parishes—don't just go to the services at "your own church"!

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! Block out your diary for the week and make it week of retreat!

Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 28th July - 3rd August 2023: Travel and accommodation booking is now available for this Summer's pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop John Arnold. Full details are available on the pilgrimage website: www.salfordlourdes.co.uk All bookings and enquiries can be made via Joe Walsh Tours, (ATOL 11313), by phone on 0808 1890468, or by email: info@joewalshstours.co.uk

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.

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.

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:

John Richard Bashall, May Strettle, Lillian Elleray, Patrick Mackey, Kevin Beahan, Moira Cardwell.