

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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2nd Sunday of Lent

(Year A)

5th March 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge			
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
Mon	6th Mar	9:30 am	Mary Yeomans R.I.P.
Tues	7th Mar	9:30 am	Ss Perpetua & Felicity (OM) Rose Grealis (Anniversary)
Wed	8th Mar	9:30 am 2:30 pm	St John of God (OM) Kenneth Spicer & Deceased members of the Spicer Family Mass at SC Hospice Thomas Craven
Thurs	9th Mar	9.30 am 2:00 pm	St Francis of Rome (OM) Josie Flynn Funeral of Doreen McMellon
Friday	10th Mar	9:30 am 4.30pm	St Cyril of Jerusalem (OM) Norman Carter (Anniversary) Stations of the Cross
Sat	11th Mar Vigil	7:00 pm	Start of Parish Mission 3rd Sunday of Lent Philip Morris
Sun	12th Mar	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	3rd Sunday of Lent Rhoda Rawcliffe Baptism of Amelia Jane Fell The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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 Alfie & Freddie Fox
Mon	6th Mar	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	7th Mar	9:15 am	Ss Perpetua & Felicity (OM) Holy Souls School Mass Year 3 to 6
Wed	8th Mar	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	9th Mar	9:15 am	St Francis of Rome (OM) Elizabeth Tipping-Alston R.I.P.
Friday	10th Mar	7.00 am 6:30 pm	Holy Souls Stations of the Cross
Sat	11th Mar Vigil	5:30 pm	Start of Parish Mission 3rd Sunday of Lent Josephine Topping R.I.P.
Sun	12th Mar	10:30 am 12 noon	3rd Sunday of Lent The Parish Baptisms of Arthur Kellet

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 3th / 5th March

Let us pray for the people of the parish of the Holy Spirit, East Manchester, and for Father Joseph Kiwango and the Spiritan Fathers who serve the parish. We pray for their parish primary schools. May the Holy Spirit guide their Lenten journey.

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

Baptism: Welcome to Alfie and Freddie Fox who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

Lent Devotions: Stations of the Cross - There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm.

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 - Just a reminder that there is a retiring collection for Cafod this weekend. Envelopes can also be handed in to the presbytery. Please give generously for Dristy and all those families struggling to put food on the table in the developing world. Also those in need following the catastrophic earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

Majella Companions - Meet on Tuesday 7th March at 2 pm in the Shields Centre,

Coffee Morning - We are having a **Coffee Morning on Sunday 12th March after the 10:30 am Mass.** Donations of any suitable items for the raffle or the tombola would be greatly appreciated, 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.

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.

News & Views - If you would like to contribute to the News & Views Magazine which is produced monthly at St Gerard's please send to newsviews@saintgerards.org.uk by 20th of the month. (Late entries can sometimes be accommodated)

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.

Chess - So far there has been no interest shown 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

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**JESUS, PETER, JAMES, JOHN,
MOUNTAIN, FACE, SUN, MOSES,
ELIJAH, TENTS, CLOUD, SHADOW**

Offertory 25th / 26th February 2023			
Offertory Loose	£290.96		
Offertory Envelopes	£184.50		
Attendance	229		
Bingo Jackpots for 8/03/2023			
£31	£62	£52	£29

Parish Lottery No. 553 01/0323			
1st	£25	No. 80	Ms E Brierley
2nd	£10	No. 77	Mrs A Bowman
3rd	£5	No. 81	Mr / Mrs J Brown
W/C 5/3/2023		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

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 12th March 9:30 am Mass: Pangilinian Family. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

Early Mass on Friday morning: 7.00 am Mass on the Fridays of Lent at **St Gerard's**. 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 - 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.

SVP - The collection last weekend raised £206.21, thank you for your continued support.

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.

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. <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/dave-gorman>. 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.

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.

Gift Aid - New boxes of planned giving envelopes (Gift Aid and Non-Gift Aid) are now ready for collection from the Narthex. If your box is missing or your details are incorrect or if you would like to start using envelopes, then please contact John Kirkwood on 01772 312793

200 Club		February Draw
1st £200	56	Pauline Wilkinson
2nd £100	373	Anthony Douglas
3rd £50	9	Helen & Roger Hardacre

Sanctuary Lamps Week 10	
1	All deceased members of the Riley & Kirkwood Families

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	62
9:30 am	130
6:30 p.m..	53
Total	245

Joint Notices



2nd Sunday of Lent - Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus

exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead to us acknowledge that Lent is a very special calling, to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.

S.V.P. - Do you have a good listening ear? Would you be willing to give an hour or less of your time to visit someone who is housebound, lonely or recently bereaved. The SVP would like to invite you to join them in their mission of serving the community through befriending. We are also looking for someone to replace our treasurer, Rose Grayless, when she retires in March. Are you familiar with excel spreadsheets? Perhaps you would consider becoming our next treasurer. We meet once a month in St. Mary's Priory House.

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.

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

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 26th June 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with Full Board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton

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!

Centre & National Museum. A single Supplement of £150 applies. Contact Patricia on 01268762 278 or 07740175557 or knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Via email.

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.

Women's Refuge: Easter Egg Appeal – Easter Eggs will be gratefully appreciated for the Children in the Refuge. There is a box at the back of Church – Thank you.

Mass of Anointing of the Sick: To end the Parish Mission we have a Mass of Anointing on Friday 17th March at 1.30pm at St Gerard's, followed by refreshments in the Parochial Centre. If you visit someone who is housebound, please to to see if we can arrange to bring them. Sign the list at the back of church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

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

All Those who have Recently Died:

Patrick Mackey, Kevin Beahan, Moira Cardwell, Margaret Finch, Doreen McMellon, Margaret Hehir.