

## ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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**3rd Sunday of Lent**

**(Year A)**

**12th March 2023**

St Mary's, Brownedge			
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
Mon	13th Mar	10:00 am	MISSION MASS Michael & Catherine Carty, Mary & Michael McNamara
Tues	14th Mar	7:00 pm	REMEMBRANCE & THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Wed	15th Mar	7:30 am 10:00 am 2:30 pm	Early Mass: Holy Souls MISSION MASS: Marsh Family Mass at SC Hospice
Thurs	16th Mar	2:00 pm 7:00 pm	Requiem for Moira Cardwell FAMILY SERVICE
Friday	17th Mar	10:30 am 4.30pm	St Patrick (F) Funeral of Margaret Hehir Stations of the Cross
Sat	18th Mar Vigil	7:00 pm	4th Sunday of Lent Elizabeth Prescott
Sun	19th Mar	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	4th Sunday of Lent Wedding Mass Intention for Sophie and Richard Baptism of Joshua Oldfield The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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	3rd Sunday of Lent The Parish
Mon	13th Mar	7:30 am 7:00 pm	Early Mass: Holy Souls HEALING SERVICE
Tues	14th Mar	10:00 am 11:30 am	MISSION MASS: Holy Souls BENEDICTION
Wed	15th Mar	7:00 pm	SERVICE IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY
Thurs	16th Mar	10:00 am 12 noon	MISSION MASS: Mary Hammond & Joe & Eunice Green Requiem for Margaret Finch
Friday	17th Mar	7:00 am 1:30 pm 6:30 pm	St Patrick (F) Early Mass: Holy Souls MISSION MASS WITH ANOINTING OF THE SICK Stations of the Cross
Sat	18th Mar Vigil	5:30 pm	4th Sunday of Lent Holy Souls
Sun	19th Mar	10:30 am	4th 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 11th / 12th March**

We pray for the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with St. John Bosco, Blackley, for the Vincentian Fathers, Fr. Clement and Fr. Emanuel, the Sisters of the Cross and Passion and for the parish primary schools. May they know the love of God poured into their hearts.

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

www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk or  
 www.saintgerards.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**

**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.

We will also have a **Parish Community Walk on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March** starting from **St Mary's 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.**

**Coffee Morning** - We are having a **Coffee Morning this 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 have installed a new camera at the back of the church to allow us share our ceremonies with those confined to their homes and to those who now live away from our parish. The camera is located at the back of the church facing the Sanctuary. It does not move or face the people in the congregation. Each day from this weekend 11/3/23 we will stream our Mass and all other ceremonies to people using computers, laptops, iPhones and iPads all over the world where there is broadband available. See the link on the front page of this newsletter.

**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 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](http://www.schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=60748)

**Gift Aid envelopes** are ready for collection at the back of this weekend.

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**SAMARITAN, SYCHAR, JACOB, JOSEPH, WELL, WOMAN, WATER, DRINK, JEW, BUCKET, CATTLE, HUSBAND**

<b>Offertory 4th / 5th March 2023</b>			
Offertory Loose	£323.13		
Offertory Envelopes	£197.51		
Attendance	223		
<b>Bingo Jackpots for 15/03/2023</b>			
£32	£63	£53	£30

<b>Parish Lottery No. 554 08/03/23</b>			
1st	£25	No. 22	Mr F Page
2nd	£10	No. 55	Mrs P Jackson
3rd	£5	No. 48	The Parish
<b>W/C 12/3/2023</b>		<b>This Weeks Intentions</b>	
<b>St Gerard</b>		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

**Baptism:** Welcome to Amelia Jane Fell who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 19th March 9:30 am Mass: Children. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

On **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March** we will have the Community walk (see below) so **NO COFFEE MORNING on 17<sup>th</sup> March** – See Cafod notice boards for details. Mystery Raffle tickets will be available each Weekend from 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> March until 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> 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>.

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**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

**SVP Collection** - Next weekend 18th / 19th March.

**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.

**Sacramental Programme Unit 4:** The meeting due for Weds 15 March will be incorporated into the Mission Service on Thursday 16 at 7pm. Please attend and collect your workbooks and return them at the celebration Mass on Sunday 19 March at 9.30.

Sanctuary Lamps Week 11	
1	Mary Y Taylor
<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	60
9:30 am	147
6:30 p.m..	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>263</b>

# Joint Notices



**3rd Sunday of Lent** - The Gospel of the third Sunday is the remarkable conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman by the well, the theme is water - which gives life, which cleanses, which is so necessary.

This reading forms part of the catechesis given before Baptism at Easter: the candidates who would go into the water are invited to reflect on what that means. But more necessary than the water which gives life is the water which gives eternal life - the water of baptism, the water flowing from Jesus side on the cross. Even if your Church does not have any candidates preparing for Baptism, we will all renew our baptismal promises at Easter: we should take this opportunity to reflect on what baptism has given us, and what God has done for us in this gift.

**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.

**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

**EASYFUNDRAISING:** Thank you to the St Gerard's parishioner who recently insured their property on Go Compare via easyfundraising. You raised £17 for that parish and it didn't cost you anything extra. Imagine the amount we could raise if a few more parishioners started to use it. 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](http://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.** - A big Thank you to all our Parishioners that attended to help make it a success.

## 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!**

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!

**Monday Evening: HEALING SERVICE at St Gerards:** *Come to experience the healing of souls*

**Tuesday Evening: REMEMBRANCE SERVICE at St Mary's:** *Please invite those who have been bereaved to remember their loved ones.*

**Weds Evening: MARIAN SERVICE at St Gerard's:** *Giving honour to our Blessed Mother.*

**Thurs Evening: FAMILY SERVICE at St Mary's:** *Experiencing the warmth of being a part of the parish family*

**Friday afternoon: MASS OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK at St Gerard's:** *To conclude the Mission: Mass of Anointing on Friday at 1.30pm followed by refreshments in the Parochial Centre. If you visit someone who is housebound, see if we can arrange to bring them. If you know anyone who would like to go and who needs a lift, put their name, and contact details on a slip of paper and place in an SVP box at the back of church.*

**Extreme Stations of the Cross** - Join the 'Men of Faith' group in praying the Stations of the Cross. We will be carrying a seven foot cross around Rivington Pike, stopping at various points to pray each Station. **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March starting at 10am.** Transport available. For more info or to book your place please contact Joe: 07481 188102 [joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:joe@metanoiaproject.co.uk)

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

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

**All Those who have Recently Died:**

Moira Cardwell, Margaret Finch, Doreen McMellon, Margaret Hehir, Ellen Bradley.