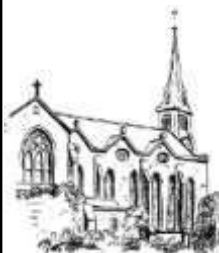


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4th Sunday of Lent - Laetare Mothering Sunday (Year A) 19th March 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge			
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
Mon	20th Mar	9:30 am	St Joseph (S) May Hewitt (Anniversary)
Tues	21st Mar	9:30 am	Kit & Peg Birthday Memories
Wed	22nd Mar	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Derek Nickson - Class Mass Mass at SC Hospice Doreen McMellon
Thurs	23rd Mar	9:30 am	St Turibius (OM) Glynn Robert Walton RIP.
Friday	24th Mar	9:30 am 4.30pm	Kath Harvey (Anniversary) Stations of the Cross
Sat	25th Mar Vigil	12:00 noon 7:00 pm	The Annunciation Wedding—Richard Kellett & Sophie Smith 5th Sunday of Lent Denis Hopwood
Sun	26th Mar	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	5th Sunday of Lent Roy Wilde Baptisms of Amber Scott & Teddy Rogerson The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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
Mon	20th Mar	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	St Joseph (S) Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	21st Mar	9:15 am	Bill Smith (Anniversary)
Wed	22nd Mar	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	23rd Mar	9:15 am	St Turibius (OM) Leo Phelan R.I.P.
Friday	24th Mar	7:00 am 6:30 pm	Early Mass: Ellen Bradley Stations of the Cross
Sat	25th Mar Vigil	5:30 pm	The Annunciation 5th Sunday of Lent Departed Loved Ones
Sun	26th Mar	10:30 am	5th Sunday of Lent The Parish

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's
 Tuesday & Thursday 3 pm to 4 pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Gerard's
 Monday 6 pm to 6:30 pm

Confessions: St Gerard's: Saturday: 5 - 5.15 pm
 St Mary's: Saturday: 6.15-6.45 pm (or by request)

CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE 19th / 20th March

Let us pray for the parish of St. Patrick, Collyhurst, for Canon Paul Daly, their parish priest, and Fr. Moses Agada, for Deacon Stephen Scott, the Presentation Sisters and the Missionaries of Charity Brothers. We pray for St. Joseph's Mission to Deaf People and for the Sisters of Our Lady of Evron, for the chaplaincy to the Vietnamese community and for the parish primary schools. May they live by that same missionary zeal which inspired St. Patrick.

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.

Coffee Morning - The Coffee Morning last Sunday raised £231 for Parish Funds, thank you.

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. In the short time that we have had the camera we have had 688 viewers of which 361 have viewed more than once for a total of 425 hrs. Apart from the 215 UK views, we have had visitors from the USA (80) Ireland (51) Spain (2), Italy (3) South Africa (4) Romania (1) Sweden (1) The Netherlands (1) and Mexico (1) The easiest way to access the recordings is via the ChurchService.tv app on Android or Apple Iphone or via <https://www.churchservices.tv/preston>

Children's Masses - Thank you to the children who read and helped during Mission week. 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.

First Reconciliation: The children on the Sacramental Programme at St Gerard's will be making their First Reconciliation on Tuesday 21 March at 7pm in Church. Please keep them all in your prayers at this time.

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service: This will take place on Monday of Holy Week at St Gerard's at 7pm.

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

Childrens Choir - For some months now the Lostock Hall Children's Church Choir have been rehearsing in our Church on Wednesday afternoons. They are putting on a performance for us on **Wednesday 29th March between 4 and 4:30 pm.** All are Welcome so please come along and support them. Entry is Free.

Don't Get Caught Out - Blue Bay Parking in South Ribble is still **FREE** for an Hour **BUT** you now have to display a **TIME OF ARRIVAL TICKET.** The Car Park behind Hope Terrace has the new machine now and this condition of parking is now applicable.

Mass Intentions - If you would like to offer a Mass for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday, anniversary etc), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died envelopes are available in the porch. Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

Altar Candle Intentions - If you would like to dedicate one of the 7 day Candles in Church for a particular intention please leave a note at the Presbytery clearly stating the Intention and Location for your Candle. For the Candles we are suggesting a minimum donation of £5 per candle.

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Offertory 11th / 12th March 2023			
Offertory Loose	£289.96		
Offertory Envelopes	£184.08		
Attendance	212		
Bingo Jackpots for 22/03/2023			
£33	£64	£54	£31

Parish Lottery No. 555 15/03/23			
1st	£25	No. 81	Mr / Mrs J Brown
2nd	£10	No. 62	Mr / Mrs T Watson
3rd	£5	No. 60	Ms C Flanagan
W/C 19/3/2023		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

Baptism: Welcome to Joshua Oldfield who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

Baptism Preparation Meeting: Tuesday 21 March at 7pm in the Narthex of Church,

Sacramental programme: The next celebration Mass for those preparing for First Holy Communion takes place this Sunday the 9.30am Mass. The title is "We are a people who follow Jesus" and we are invited to reflect on what it means to be a follower of Jesus. What things should we be doing? Coming to Sunday Mass is one of the big things we should be doing to be "in communion". How committed am I to bringing my family to Mass on Sunday?

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 26th March 9:30 am Mass: Taylor 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.

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>.

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 - This 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.

Baptism: Next Sunday we will welcome Amber Scott and Teddy Rogerson who will be baptised into the Body of Christ.

Wedding: Best wishes to Sophie Smith and Richard Kellett who will be married here next Saturday at 12 noon.

Heating: the church heating system has had a couple of leaks recently, particularly one which was in a pipe underground between the Priory and the Church. Hopefully this is now repaired.

Sanctuary Lamps Week 12	
1	Campbell 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	58
9:30 am	150
6:30 p.m..	54
Total	262

Joint Notices



4th Sunday of Lent - When we get to Easter, there are two symbols of the resurrection that we use in Church: fire and light (the Easter Candle) and water (the Font). Last week we reflected on water, and this week there are passages all about

light – true light, that defeats the blindness of sin. Again, this would have been offered to those preparing for Baptism, but speaks to all of us who have been baptised, inviting us to be renewed in the light of Christ at Easter. Remember that one of the oldest titles of the newly baptised was “neophyte”, which means “newly enlightened” There is a subtle link between the readings on this Sunday: in the first reading, David is anointed, and the Spirit of the Lord seizes on him. This anointing lights him along the right path - ‘no evil would I fear’ as the Psalm says. Then Paul tells us more about this light: it is Christ shining on us, calling us to live as children of light. All this is summed up in the Gospel, the marvellous story of the healing (by being ‘anointed’ with spittle) of the man born blind. Jesus is the light of the world

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 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 Register to sign up and search for *St Mary’s Brownedge RC Church* in the list of causes.

Overflow – So that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit – Rm 15:13 - 1st July 2023 - Adult Ticket: £12 Children Free - Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way Birmingham B70 7JW – jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk – 07957 599741

PARISH MISSION:

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Parish Mission over the past week. We are grateful to the Mission Leaders, Fr Kieran Brady and Fr Maurice O’Mahony from the Redemptorist Fathers.

They have offered a wide variety of spiritual encouragements in an engaging and uplifting way. The turnout for all the services was very good. We have much to contemplate and work on in the building up of our parish communities. Special thanks to those who helped in any way.

The Mission must now continue: we must work closely as two parish communities; work to stimulate the Faith in our area; look to be a part of the Church which is beyond just the particular church building to which we have an attachment; be the family of God in new and exciting ways.

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”!

We will seek to establish a Mission Team which takes this Parish mission forward, comprised of people from across both our parishes.

The mission did have a financial cost. Thank you to those who contributed to collections on Weds and Thurs evening. Please can you consider giving a extra few pounds to the offertory collection over the next couple weeks to help defray the costs.

Unveiled with Reconciliation – Scripture, Talk, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Praise and Worship, Sacrament of Reconciliation – **Friday 24th March 2023 7:30pm at St Wilfrid’s Church Preston.** Followed by refreshments For more information please contact Jen 07957 566741- www.metanoiaproject.co.uk

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 for 2022/2023 which are on the following dates: Saturday 13th May; Wednesday 7th June; Monday 3rd July.

Further Dates have now been added to the Retreat Programme to take it into 2024, they are:

Wednesday 18th October 2023: Saturday 18th November 2023: Saturday 10th February 2024: Tuesday 5th March 2024: Monday 13th May 2024: Thursday 6th June 2024: Saturday 6th July 2024: Further Details are on the Posters Displayed in both Churches.

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, Fr Michael Coleman S.M.