

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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5th Sunday of Lent (Year A)

26th March 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	25th Mar Vigil	7:00 pm	The Annunciation 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
Mon	27th Mar	9:30 am	Charles Sergeant (Birthday Anniversary)
Tues	28th Mar	9:30 am	Francis John & Elizabeth Dowbakin
Wed	29th Mar	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Ann Sergeant - Class Mass Mass at SC Hospice John & Mary Westlake
Thurs	30th Mar	9:30 am	Catherine Conney (LD)
Friday	31st Mar	9:30 am 4.30pm	Rose Grealis (Anniversary) Stations of the Cross
Sat	1st Apr Vigil	7:00 pm	PALM SUNDAY The Parish
Sun	2nd Apr	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	PALM SUNDAY Mary Yeomans Baptism of Kaiden Dickson Frank Bevan

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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 Baptism Presentation
Mon	27th Mar	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	28th Mar	9:15 am	Norbert Hardacre (Anniversary) Class Mass Year 4
Wed	29th Mar	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	30th Mar	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Friday	31st Mar	7:00 am 6:30 pm	Early Mass: Barbara Moon Stations of the Cross
Sat	1st Apr Vigil	5:30 pm	PALM SUNDAY The Parish
Sun	2nd Apr	10:30 am	PALM SUNDAY George Pails (Anniversary)

Don't Forget British Summer Time starts 26th March when clocks go forward an hour at 1 am

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.

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.

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

Majella Companions - Next meeting **Tuesday 28th March at 2 pm** in The Shields Centre.

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.

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

CAFOD CHALLENGE - Margaret and Michael Cronin have taken up the CAFOD challenge on behalf of St Gerard's to walk 200 Km over the 40 days of Lent to help fight global poverty! We know the parish gave very generously in the CAFOD collection only a few weeks ago but if you are still looking to fulfil your Lenten almsgiving obligation and wish to sponsor us the link to our page is <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/michael-and-margaret-cronin/post/2860440>

Easter Flowers - If anyone would like to donate towards fresh flowers for Easter there are envelopes at the back of Church, thank you.

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.

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.

Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service: This will take place on Monday 3rd April during Holy Week at St Gerard's at 7pm.

Gift Aid envelopes are ready for collection at the back of church. Please collect and sign for them.

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.

Sacramental Programme - Meet after 10:30 am Mass on Sunday 26th March.

Offertory 18th / 19th March 2023	
Offertory Loose	£244.43
Offertory Envelopes	£173.30
Attendance	
Bingo Jackpots for 29/03/2023	
£34	£65 £55 £32

Parish Lottery No. 556 22/03/23			
1st	£25	No. 62	Mr / Mrs T Watson
2nd	£10	No. 40	Mr M Phelan
3rd	£5	No. 63	Mr / Mrs M Cronin
W/C 26/3/2023		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

Baptisms: Welcome to the children and families who have recently enrolled on the Baptism Preparation Programme and are being presented at our 9:30 am Mass this weekend.

Welcome also to Amber Scott and Teddy Rogerson who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 2nd April 9:30 am Mass: Ashe 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. Last one next Friday!

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 the last coffee morning on 31st March.

CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS LENT - You have donated a fantastic £1,050. Well done and many thanks for your generosity which will support families around the world grow in strength to fight climate crisis.

CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK – David Gorman will be walking 200 km in 40 days of Lent and to date has raised £325 to help fight Global Poverty, Please support him. <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/dave-gorman>.

Good Friday Walk of Witness - The usual procession will take place from Church at 10.45am (following Stations of the Cross at 10am) on Good Friday. We will process to meet with other Churches outside Morrisons for a prayer service. Afterwards, refreshments / hot cross buns will be served at Bamber Bridge Methodist Church. All are welcome.

Heart Defibrillator: 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, you can also donate via this QR Code: 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. 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.

SVP Collection - The March collection amounted to £171.13 pm. Thank you to all who donated.

Women's Refuge: Easter Egg Appeal – Last week to donate any Easter Eggs for the children at the Women's Refuge as they will be distributed soon for Easter. All donations gratefully received and appreciated. There is a box at the back of Church – Thank you.

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.

Old Spectacles - The Knights of St Columba are collecting old spectacles for charity. Please place any old spectacles in the box provided in the Porch. These will be recycled via International Aid Trust and used abroad.

"Walk With Me" booklets: The Eastertide version of these has not been produced this year; However, the publishers have sent us copies of their larger reflection booklets, "**Bible Alive**". These are usually £3 but they are available for Easter at the "Walk With Me" price of **£1 per copy**. They are great way of praying with the readings from Mass each day.

Sanctuary Lamps Week 13	
1	McPhillips 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	70
9:30 am	234
6:30 p.m..	43
Total	347

Joint Notices



5th Sunday of Lent - The Gospel of the Fifth Sunday is the whole of Chapter 11 of John's Gospel and it tells us about the raising of Lazarus. It is perhaps the deepest meditation on the

mystery of Baptism and membership of the Church. To be plunged into the waters of baptism is to be buried with Christ, only to rise with him from the waters. This paradox of life and death is the content of today's readings. There is no more important part of our faith than the Resurrection: that Christ rose from the dead is the very centre and heart of all that we believe - without it, our faith is useless. This is why the climax of the Sunday Gospels of Lent, which are teaching for candidates for Baptism is this Gospel of Lazarus showing that Christ would give them life after death: that as we go down into the waters of baptism we go into the tomb and as we rise up out of the water we come to new life. It would be a good preparation for Holy Week to go back and read the Gospels of the 5 Sundays of Lent: The Temptations; The Transfiguration; The Woman at the Well; The Man Born Blind and The Raising of Lazarus.

Communion Under Both Kinds: For three years we have not been distributing Communion from the chalice due to the Covid pandemic. Since virtually all restrictions for Covid have now been removed, the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales have announced that we may reintroduce receiving Holy Communion from the chalice from Maundy Thursday. It will be the duty of the Parish Priest to discern exactly when is the appropriate time to implement the re-introduction in each parish.

This issue was discussed by the priests of our deanery this week. Some parishes might reintroduce it on Maundy Thursday, however, the consensus among the local clergy is that it would be good to use the Season of Easter to reflect on the gift of the Precious Blood: to do some catechesis on why we are encouraged to receive communion under both kinds; to recruit new Eucharistic Ministers if necessary, and to build up the confidence of both priests and people. The church has sought advice from senior medical professionals and we have been assured that the risk of spreading infection is minimal. The fact the chalice is a precious metal and the Precious Blood has a reasonably high alcohol content helps to minimise that risk. If we inform ourselves during the Easter season, we can then plan to re-introduce the practice of receiving from the chalice for the Feast of **Corpus Christi; the Body & Blood of Jesus which this year is on Sunday 11th June.**

As always, it will be a personal choice as to whether to receive Holy Communion under both kinds; no one is obliged but we are encouraged to do so. There is a leaflet available at the back of Church explaining the some of the issues which you may find helpful.

Easter Triduum

"The Paschal Triduum is the matrix of our personal and communitarian lives"- Pope Francis.

**Maundy Thursday:
Mass of the Lord's Supper:
St Gerard's at 6pm; St Mary's at 8pm**

**Good Friday: Celebration of the Passion:
St Gerard's and St Mary's both at 3pm**

**Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil:
St Gerard's 6pm; St Mary's 8pm**

These three celebrations are a unity and they give meaning to everything else in our lives as Catholics. Build on the Mission we have just had. Make the Triduum a priority in your diary.

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

Holy Week: This begins next Sunday with Palm Sunday. There is a separate sheet detailing all our services for Holy Week and Easter. Remember the call of our mission to invite someone to come to Church. There are also posters available to display in our windows at home.

PARISH MISSION:

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.

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:
Margaret Hehir, Ellen Bradley, Bill Woodcock,
Fr Michael Coleman S.M. Freda Campbell, Joan Melling.