

## ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Year A)

2nd April 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	1st Apr Vigil	7:00 pm	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> The Parish
Sun	2nd Apr	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> Mary Yeomans Baptism of Kaiden Dickson Frank Bevan
Mon	3rd Apr	9:30 am	Anne, Jack, John Jenkins
Tues	4th Apr	9:30 am	Mary Stead (Anniversary)
Wed	5th Apr	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Tom & Hannah Spicer Mass at SC Hospice
Thurs	6th Apr	8:00 pm	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b> Ann & Charles Sergeant
Friday	7th Apr	10.00 10.45 3:00 pm	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> Stations of the Cross Walk of Witness <b>The Passion of the Lord</b>
Sat	8th Apr Vigil	8:00 pm	<b>HOLY SATURDAY THE EASTER VIGIL</b> The Parish
Sun	9th Apr	9:30 am 6:30 pm	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Pat & David Livesey 65th Wedding Anniversary Jack & Gertie Woods

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	1st Apr Vigil	5:30 pm	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> The Parish
Sun	2nd Apr	10:30 am 12 noon	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> George Pails (Anniversary) Baptism of Arthur Marshall
Mon	3rd Apr	7:00 pm	<b>RECONCILIATION SERVICE</b>
Tues	4th Apr	11:00 am	Requiem Mass for Freda Campbell R.I.P.
Wed	5th Apr	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	6th Apr	6:00 pm	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b> Kathleen & Diane Harvey
Friday	7th Apr	3:00 pm	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>The Passion of the Lord</b>
Sat	8th Apr Vigil	6:00 pm	<b>HOLY SATURDAY THE EASTER VIGIL</b> Deceased of Lancaster Family
Sun	9th Apr	10:30 am 12 noon	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> The Parish Baptism of Rex Wilkinson

**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 1st / 2nd April

We pray for the parish of St. Anne, Crumpsall, and for Fr. David Glover, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for all who are treated at or work at the North Manchester General Hospital, as well as Fr. John Adio, their parish priest. May they walk this Holy Week with the Lord.

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

**Baptism:** Welcome to Arthur Robert Marshall who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

**Maundy Thursday** - We are looking for willing volunteers for the washing of feet during the Maundy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper. Please add your name to the list in the porch.

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

**Fund Raising Meeting** - The next meeting is on Tuesday 4th April at 6:30 pm in The Shields Centre, everyone is welcome!

**Book of Remembrance** - The Book has been taken away for amending and will be back soon.

**Baptism Course** - If anyone would like to have their child or children Baptised please get in touch with the Parish Office.

**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.

**Bric-a-Brac** - has raised £52.04 recently for church funds. If you would like to donate any unwanted New or nearly New items please do. Every little helps!

**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>

**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.

**Altar Candle & Mass Intentions** - If you would like to have a Mass intention or Candle intention please leave a note at the Presbytery clearly stating the Mass Intention or Location for your Candle. For the Candles we are suggesting a minimum donation of £5 per candle.

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**MOUNT, OLIVES, VILLAGE, DONKEY  
COLT, CLOAKS, BRNACHES, HOSANNA  
SON, BLESSINGS, TURMOIL, PROPHET**

Offertory 25th / 26th March 2023			
Offertory Loose	£294.20		
Offertory Envelopes	£172.35		
Attendance	193		
Bingo Jackpots for 05/04/2023			
£35	£66	£56	£33

Parish Lottery No. 557 29/03/23			
1st	£25	No. 6	Mr J Mann
2nd	£10	No. 62	Mr / Mrs T Watson
3rd	£5	No. 7	Mr A Rands
W/C 2/4/2023		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 Kaiden Dickson who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

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

**SVP** - Meeting on Tuesday 4th April at 1 pm in St Mary's Priory Meeting room.

**Mothers Prayers** - Meeting on Wednesday 5th April at 1 pm in St Mary's Priory Meeting room.

**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>.

**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.

**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.

## HOLY WEEK NOTICES FOR BOTH PARISHES

**Holy Week & Easter Cards:** Please take a card for Easter which details all our services. *Some copies have an incorrect time for Mass on Monday at St Mary's. It is at the usual time of 9.30am*

**Lenten Reconciliation Service:** Monday 7pm at St Gerard's: The opportunity to go to confession on Monday at 7pm at St Gerard's. This is for the parishes of both St Mary's & St Gerard's.

**Office of Readings and Morning Prayer:** On the mornings of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday we will celebrate the Office of Readings and Morning Prayer from the Divine Office at 9.30am at St Mary's. All welcome.

**Maundy Thursday:** Washing of the Feet: We need 12 volunteers to have their feet washed.

**Good Friday:** Veneration of the Cross: Veneration will be a personal choice of kissing the cross in the traditional way (wiping after each veneration) or a solemn bow or genuflection in front of the cross.

**Good Friday Walk of Witness** - The usual procession will take place from St Mary's 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.

**Easter Vigil:** The Paschal fire will be outside with the solemn procession into Church.

### Sanctuary Lamps Week 14

1 In Loving Memory of Kathleen & Bernard, Kelly & Agnes & Jim 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	54
9:30 am	148
6:30 p.m..	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>

# Joint Notices



**Palm Sunday** - We begin Holy Week with the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem: the King of Kings entering the Holy City. We hear this Gospel at the beginning of Mass; then we take part in the passion reading covering

the events of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday which will celebrate later this week. In this year we hear the Passion from Matthew's Gospel whereas on Good Friday we always use the Passion of St John's Gospel. We are invited to enter into the drama by joining in the crowd parts of the Passion.

**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.

**Chrism Mass at Salford Cathedral:** The Chrism Mass for the Diocese is on Wednesday 5th April at 11am at Salford Cathedral. If you would like to pray along at home, it will be online at [www.salfordcathedral.co.uk](http://www.salfordcathedral.co.uk)

**Resources for Holy Week and Easter** - the Diocese of Salford will be sharing a number of resources to help you pray and reflect at home. To find out more or access these resources, please visit [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news) or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

## 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 at St Gerard's at 7pm.

**Holy Week: This begins this 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, Freda Bibby, Roland Eccles, Tony Wilkinson

### All Those who have Recently Died:

Ellen Bradley, Fr Michael Coleman, Freda Campbell, Joan Melling, Bill Woodcock, John Michael Phillipson