

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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EASTER SUNDAY (Year A)

9th April 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	8th Apr Vigil	8:00 pm	HOLY SATURDAY THE EASTER VIGIL The Parish
Sun	9th Apr	9:30 am 6:30 pm	EASTER SUNDAY Pat & David Livesey 65th Wedding Anniversary Jack & Gertie Woods
Mon	10th Apr	9:30 am	Doreen McMellon
Tues	11th Apr	9:30 am	Amanda North
Wed	12th Apr	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Doreen McMellon Mass at SC Hospice Ashley McRae
Thurs	13th Apr	9:30 am	Martin O'Malley
Friday	14th Apr	9:30 am	Jack Allsop
Sat	15th Apr Vigil	7:00 pm	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER Derek Nickson
Sun	16th Apr	9:30 am 6:30 pm	2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER The Parish Jack & Gertie Woods

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	8th Apr Vigil	6:00 pm	HOLY SATURDAY THE EASTER VIGIL Deceased of Lancaster Family
Sun	9th Apr	10:30 am 12 noon	EASTER SUNDAY The Parish Baptism of Rex Wilkinson
Mon	10th Apr		No Services
Tues	11th Apr	9:15 am 2:30 pm	Holy Souls Funeral Service for William Gaffney R.I.P.
Wed	12th Apr	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	13th Apr	9:15 am	Holy Souls
Friday	14th Apr	10.30 am	Requiem Mass: John Michael Philipson RIP
Sat	15th Apr Vigil	5:30 pm	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER Derek & Edward and Departed Loved ones
Sun	16th Apr	10:30 am 12 noon	2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER The Parish Baptism of Edith Helm Seed

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 8th / 9th April
 Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Stephen, Droylsden, and for Fr. Bernard Wilson, their parish priest, together with their parish primary school. May they experience the fullness of Easter joy.

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 Baptism of Rex Wilkinson who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

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 - Thank You to everyone who contributed towards the Easter Flowers.

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.

MARY SEPULCHRE EARTHQUAKE
ANGEL STONE ROBE
SNOW JESUS RISEN
AWE JOY GREETINGS



Y	A	M	N	I	T	E	E	R	G
R	R	O	B	E	N	L	E	G	A
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N	J	U	M	U	O	E	H	E	A
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Offertory 1st / 2nd April 2023			
Offertory Loose	£318.45		
Offertory Envelopes	£260.40		
Attendance	198		
Bingo Jackpots for 12/04/2023			
£36	£67	£57	£34

Parish Lottery No. 558 5/04/23			
1st	£25	No. 17	Mrs P Clunan
2nd	£10	No. 47	Ms M Corcoran
3rd	£5	No. 38	Mrs M Richardson
W/C 9/4/2023		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

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 16th April 9:30 am Mass: Ryles Family. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

Reception into Church, Confirmation and First Holy Communion: Many congratulations to Laura Parker and Jim Hewitt who are being received into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. It is always a great joy to see people coming to the Faith and we wish every blessing on them and their families and friends as they make this step. Following the Easter Vigil, everyone is welcome to stay for a celebratory drink in the Narthex. If you, or anyone you know is interested in becoming a catholic, please contact Fr Mark or Fr Colin.

Cafod Lenten raffle, this year thanks to your generosity **£650** was raised. It was decided at our recent coffee morning to give this money to Fr Colin, to distribute to those in need, when he visits Ethiopia in May. Unclaimed raffle ticket from WK1 White 206 - Lily, Wk4 Grey 681 no name.

Cafod Family Fast Day - Another £80 has been sent to the Family Fast Day Appeal making our total donations **£1,130** well done!

Cafod Coffee mornings, Family Fast, buckets, raffle, sale of jigsaws & pictures and a donation in memory of Mary Yeomans, a great supporter of our Cafod Group, means we have raised over **£2,500** this Lent.

Many thanks for your great generosity and support from the Cafod Group at St. Mary's and Our Lady & St Gerard's. A happy and peaceful Easter to you all.

CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK – David Gorman will be walking 200 km in 40 days of Lent and to date has raised **£335** to help fight Global Poverty, **Please support him.** The walk finishes on Easter Sunday. <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 as 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.

S.V.P. Collection: next weekend.

Sanctuary Lamps Week 15	
1	Taylor 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	74
9:30 am	157
6:30 p.m..	64
Total	295

Joint Notices



Easter Sunday - When the Word is proclaimed, it is real and active – the Lord is present, and what is described is, in a sense, happening now. On certain days this is made more obvious by the selection of scripture that refers to a particular time or day. Such a selection occurs this morning, when we go with Mary Magdalene to visit the tomb, only to make – with her – a momentous discovery: the tomb is empty, he is risen!

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.

Diocesan Synod: At the Chrism Mass last week, the Bishop promulgated a document to convene a Diocesan Synod. This will be a process of discernment across the diocese. There will be a core group of about 400 people from across the diocese. It is hoped this group will be representative of all different types of people from across the breadth of the Church. Each parish is asked to choose two people as their representatives. We will be looking for people from

each of our parishes over the next few weeks. Please consider if you might be an appropriate person to represent us.

Thankyou: A huge thankyou to everyone who has worked so hard to make our celebrations of Holy Week very special. A lot of effort goes into making things work well: cleaners, sacristans, musicians, singers, paschal fire builders, refreshments, ordering supplies, printing leaflets, arranging flowers, reading, ministering ... the list goes on. A special word goes to the altar servers in both churches who have been exceptional this week. Well done everyone!

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.

Diocese of Salford Synod 2023—2025 Prayer

Loving Father be with us as we seek new ways of being your people in our Diocese. May each new day bring us closer to your son Jesus, as we follow his teaching and become disciples of love. As we continue our Synodal journey draw us closer to each other. May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us. Open our hearts, as we listen to each other and reach out in love to your people. Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. Amen

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us,
St Joseph, Pray for us.**

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, William Gaffney, Mary Church, Eileen Hardacre