

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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2nd Sunday of Easter

(Year A)

16th April 2023

| St Mary's, Brownedge | | | |
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| 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 |
| Mon | 17th Apr | 10:30 am | Requiem Mass for Bill Woodcock |
| Tues | 18th Apr | 9:30 am | Francis, John & Elizabeth Dowbakin |
| Wed | 19th Apr | 9:30 am 2:30 pm | Marty Henry Mass at SC Hospice Jack & Nellie Holt; James Holme & Christine Garner |
| Thurs | 20th Apr | 9:30 am | Sr Mary Higney (Anniversary) |
| Friday | 21st Apr | 9:30 am 2.30 pm | Doreen McMellon Dovehaven NH |
| Sat | 22nd Apr Vigil | 7:00 pm | 3rd Sunday of Easter Elizabeth Prescott |
| Sun | 23rd Apr | 9:30 am 11 am 6:30 pm | 3rd Sunday of Easter Bill Harrison & Margaret Dixon Baptism of Xavier Bamford Hilton The Parish |

| St Gerard's, Lostock Hall | | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---|
| 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 |
| Mon | 17th Apr | 6:00 pm 6:30 pm | Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion |
| Tues | 18th Apr | 9:15 am | Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion |
| Wed | 19th Apr | 9:15 am | Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion |
| Thurs | 20th Apr | 9:15 am | Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion |
| Friday | 21st Apr | | NO MASS |
| Sat | 22nd Apr Vigil | 5:30 pm | 3rd Sunday of Easter Holy Souls |
| Sun | 23rd Apr | 10:30 am 12 noon | 3rd Sunday of Easter The Parish Baptism of Laura Burisova-Grant |

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)

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.

CYCLE OF PRAYER FOR THE DIOCESE 15th / 16th April
 We pray for the people of the parish of St. Dunstan and St. John Vianney, Moston, for Fr. Martin Saunders, their parish priest, for St. Matthew's High School and its parish primary school. May they profess with Thomas 'My Lord and my God.'

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 Edith Helm Seed who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

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

Thank You: The request for donations towards Easter Flowers amounted to £95:50 Recent sales from the Bric-a-Brac stall amounted to £40:26 and the Mandatory Collection on Good Friday for the Shrines of Palestine amounted to £148:26. Thank you for your continued generosity.

CAFOD CHALLENGE - Margaret and Michael Cronin have participated in the big Lenten walk to raise funds for Cafod's work in the developing world. On April 21st they are joining CAFOD at St John's church, Waterloo, for a short prayer service after which they will walk to Parliament alongside other Christian groups to call on the government to stop backing more fossil fuel licences. Thank you so much to those who have already contributed over Lent to CAFOD but the donation page will remain open for another week or two. The link to the donation page is:

<https://cafod.enthouse.com/pf/michael-and-margaret-cronin/post/2860440>

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.

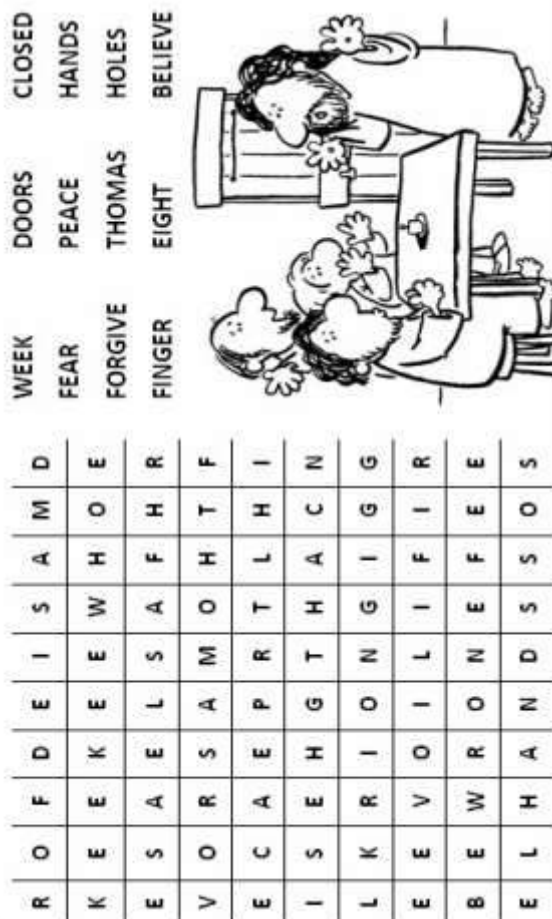
Book of Remembrance - The Book has been taken away for amending and will be back soon.

Forthcoming Funeral Services:

Kathleen Mary Walne will be held on Tuesday 25th April at 11.00am in Church.

Mary Church Wednesday 26 April at 10.30am at Charnock Richard Crematorium.

Eileen Hardacre: Thursday 27 April 10.30am in Church.



| Offertory 8th / 9th April 2023 | | | |
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| Offertory Loose | £510.22 | | |
| Offertory Envelopes | £360.85 | | |
| Attendance | 270 | | |
| Bingo Jackpots for 19/04/2023 | | | |
| £37 | £68 | £58 | £35 |

| Parish Lottery No. 559 12/04/23 | | | |
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| 1st | £25 | No. 67 | Mrs A Burke |
| 2nd | £10 | No. 54 | Mr D M Walker |
| 3rd | £5 | No. 18 | Mrs A Quianlan |
| W/C 16/4/2023 | | 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.

S.V.P. There is a retiring collection for the SVP at Masses this weekend.

Reception into Church - Many congratulations to Laura Parker and Jim Hewitt who were 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. If you, or anyone you know is interested in becoming a catholic, please contact Fr Mark or Fr Colin.

CAFOD'S BIG LENT WALK – Thank you very much to everybody who has donated towards my CAFOD Big Lent Walk. Between Ash Wednesday (22 February) and Easter Sunday (9 April) inclusive, I have walked a total of 355.1 km over 47 consecutive days and raised an amazing £435 to help fight global poverty! I am incredibly grateful to everybody who has donated and/or encouraged me in different ways, especially to those who have donated anonymously and who I have not been able to thank personally". Dave Gorman.

200 Club: This week The 200 Club has presented £5000 to Fr Mark to support parish funds, raised during the past few months. Thanks everyone for your support. Please consider joining the 200 Club; its a great way to support the parish.

Easter Egg Appeal: Thank you for the marvellous response; we collected a magnificent total of 180 Easter Eggs which were shared among the following local charities: The Women's Refuge, Bamber Bridge Community Larder, Bay 6, Young Carers and Wade Hall Children's Centre.

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: Many thanks to the family of the late Ghislaine Williams for the collection at her funeral for the SVP which came to £125. May she rest in peace.

Legacies: St Mary's Brownedge is very grateful for the receipt of legacies in recent weeks from the estates of the late William May and the late Barbara Moon. Holy Mass will be offered for the repose of their souls. Remembering the parish in your will is a great way to help support the Faith for the future. Even a committing a small percentage of your will to the parish can make a big difference.

The **Requiem Mass for Roland Eccles** will be held on May 2nd 11:00 am

| 200 Club | | March Draw |
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| 1st £200 | 370 | Clare Haythornthwaite |
| 2nd £100 | 6 | Joanne Boyes |
| 3rd £50 | 332 | Maureen Ogden |

| 200 Club | | Easter Hamper Winners |
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| 1st | 302 | Chris & Anne Livesey |
| 2nd | 77 | Sandra Livesey |
| 3rd | 166 | Peter Hastings |

| Sanctuary Lamps Week 16 | |
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| 1 | Mary, Jim & Elizabeth Baldwin |

| 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. | |
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| 7 pm Vigil | 113 |
| 9:30 am | 248 |
| 6:30 p.m.. | 70 |
| Total | 431 |

Joint Notices



2nd Sunday of Easter -

Today completes the "Octave of Easter". In the gospel we hear how Jesus appeared to the disciples on the evening of Easter Day but Thomas was not with them. However, "eight days later" (on the "Octave") he appeared once more, and Thomas was with them. Thomas doubted that Jesus had appeared but when he encountered him person, he acclaims him as "My Lord and My God!" Perhaps there are times when we doubt the Lord; if we gather with fellow disciples on the day of the Lord's Resurrection, which we celebrate every Sunday, we have much more chance of having that personal encounter with Jesus which will stimulate our faith.

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.

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.

On the 4th Sunday of Easter (30th April) which is Vocations Sunday - We will welcome a seminarian to speak at our Masses about Vocations to the Priesthood.

Thankyou!!

A huge thankyou to everyone who has worked so hard to make our celebrations of Holy Week and Easter 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. 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Sr Louise Shields, Pat & David Livesey, John Prescott, Kath Kelly, Freda Bibby, Tony Wilkinson, Mary Hardman

All Those who have Recently Died:

Bill Woodcock, John Michael Phillipson, William Gaffney, Mary Church, Eileen Hardacre, Roland Eccles, Kathleen Mary Walne