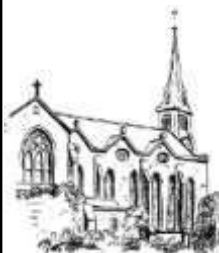


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4th Sunday of Easter (Year A) 30th April 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge				St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	29th Apr Vigil	7:00 pm	Vocations Sunday 4th Sunday of Easter Harold & Ellen Dixon	Sat	29th Apr Vigil	5:30 pm	Vocations Sunday 4th Sunday of Easter Thanksgiving for Safe Journey—Grace Nisbet
Sun	30th Apr	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	Vocations Sunday 4th Sunday of Easter The Parish Baptism of Sebastian James Wright Frank Ogden & Family	Sun	30th Apr	10:30 am 12 noon	Vocations Sunday 4th Sunday of Easter The Parish Baptisms of Oliver Green Wood, Jimmy and Evie Allen
Mon	1st May	9:30 am	St Joseph the Worker (OM) Lloyd & Fellows Families	Mon	1st May	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	2nd May	11:00 am	St Athanasius (M) Requiem Mass for Roland Eccles RIP	Tues	2nd May	9:15 am	St Athanasius (M) Mass (Year 3) Holy Souls
Wed	3rd May	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Ss Philip & James (F) Mary Bradley Mass at SC Hospice Priests Intentions	Wed	3rd May	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	4th May	9:30 am	The English Martyrs Martin Henry	Thurs	4th May	9:15 am	The English Martyrs Holy Souls
Friday	5th May	9:30 am	Mass For the Coronation of King Charles	Friday	5th May	11:00 am	Requiem Mass for Mary Hardman RIP
Sat	6th May Vigil	7:00 pm	5th Sunday of Easter Derek Nickson	Sat	6th May Vigil	5:30 pm	5th Sunday of Easter Margaret Westcott RIP
Sun	7th May	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	5th Sunday of Easter Deceased members of the Gorman Family Baptism of Sebastian Wright The Parish	Sun	7th May	10:30 am 11:30 am 12 noon	5th Sunday of Easter The Parish Coronation Coffee Morning Baptism of Freddie Linford

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 29th / 30th April

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Clare, Blackley, and for Fr. Jeremiah and Fr. Colin, the Franciscan friars there. We pray for the Good Shepherd Sisters, for the parish primary school and Our Lady's High School. May they know the Lord as their Shepherd and have life to the full.

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 Oliver Green Wood, Jimmy and Evie Allen 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.

Majella Companions - Next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd May at 2 pm in the Shields Centre, all are welcome.

Coronation Celebration Coffee Morning is planned for **Sunday 7th May after Mass** at 11:30am at the Shields Centre. Coffee, Sandwiches and cakes will be available. **The event is free and Everyone is Welcome.** *We would like to know numbers for catering purposes so please can you indicate if you will be attending on the sheet at the back of Church.* We would also ask for cake bakers and volunteers to help on the day please.

Bric-a-brac – Any unwanted gifts or items are gratefully received for the Bric-a-brac sales please.

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.enthuse.com/pf/michael-and-margaret-cronin/post/2860440>

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

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 now been updated for the first half of the year. Thank you to Kevin and Eileen for doing this for the Parish, it is very much appreciated.

Foreign Coins - Please try to avoid putting foreign coins into the offertory. Our counting machine sorts the coins by size and a Euro is more or less the size of a £1. However they weigh less and cause delays at the post office when they are weighed and found to be incorrect.

Examples of foreign currency have included Euro coins of all sizes and America coinage and some in languages that we cannot understand.

Live Streaming Service: There is now a camera at St Gerard's, using the same service as St Mary's have used in recent years: www.churchservices.tv The link to this can also be found on our website. It allows people to view services from wherever they may be. It is especially useful for the housebound and those who cannot travel to be present at funerals. Please help elderly friends and relatives to access this service by setting up their tablet, PC or smart TV for them.

The Good Shepherd to Colour at Home:



Offertory 22nd / 23rd April 2023			
Offertory Loose	£309.45		
Offertory Envelopes	£169.30		
Attendance	217		
Bingo Jackpots for 03/05/2023			
£39	£70	£60	£37

Parish Lottery No. 561 26/04/23			
1st	£25	No. 27	Mrs G Robinson
2nd	£10	No. 81	Mr / Mrs J Brown
3rd	£5	No. 2	The Parish
W/C 30/4/2023		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 7th May 9:30 am Mass: Children. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

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.

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 - 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.

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.

Tender Nursing Care, a local charity, was founded in Bamber Bridge over 40 years ago by a local GP. We are a small team of nurses and qualified healthcare assistants who support people at home overnight who need care. Many of our clients have a variety of complex physical needs and sometimes dementia. Often family members are supporting the person at home but finding the overnight care more

challenging. We offer up to 3 nights a week care and support from 10pm - 7am. There is NO CHARGE for our service. We are fully regulated by Lancashire County Council and inspected by the Care Quality Commission. All our staff are cleared by the Disclosure and Barring Service and are fully trained in Safeguarding. We currently have some capacity to offer our service in your area. For further information or to have a discussion regarding our service, please telephone Theresa Swan, Registered Manager, on 07897 199 101 or by email: theresa.swan@tnc.org.uk

Tender Nursing Care. Mike Sugden is running in the Blackpool 10k Fun Run on Sunday 14th May to raise money for Tender Nursing Care which is a local Charity, wholly dependent on fundraising and donations. Sponsorship forms are near to both doors in Church. If people wish to donate directly to the charity, please go to <https://tnc.org.uk>

Can anyone recommend any roofing companies and painter & decorators to complete some jobs at St Marys Brownedge Church? – Please contact Joe Cross on joseph.cross@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for more information.

Monastery Phone (residence of Fr Coilin and Fr Mark): There is currently a temporary phone number: 01772 322182 – we hope the previous number (321201) will be reinstated this week.

Red Boxes – Thank you very much for your marvellous response to the Red Box Appeal. A wonderful £1281,95 was collected from the red boxes people have in their homes. The money goes to Missio – The Holy Father's chosen Charity for the Missions.

Would you like a Red Box in your home? They are emptied twice a year. Please contact Clare Haythornthwaite (Local Secretary) on 312558 if you would like more information.

Ecumenical Morning Prayer at Valley Church: **Wednesday 3rd May at 8 am.**

St Catherine's Hospice: An information session on the pastoral and spiritual care of those who are terminally ill: Thursday 11th May 2023 from 09:30am -12.00pm. Please arrive from 09:15 for registration and refreshments for a 09:30 start. Book yourself a place: www.stcatherines.co.uk/shop/events/hospice-care-and-support/faith-event/ This may be of interest to carers or those who visit the sick.

Sanctuary Lamps Week 18	
1	Winifred 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	68
9:30 am	144
6:30 p.m..	53
Total	265

Joint Notices



4th Sunday of Easter - Today is traditionally called "Good Shepherd Sunday", when over the 3 year cycle of readings we hear almost the whole of Chapter 10 of John's Gospel. In this chapter Jesus repeatedly uses the image of the himself as the Good Shepherd. Because of this theme of

"shepherding" it is dedicated each year as the day of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood. In this, Year A, we hear Jesus say: "*I am the gate of the sheepfold*". It is through our Baptism that we enter through the gate of the sheepfold, into the life of Jesus. This image is implied in all today's readings: the people listening to Peter find this gateway and enter through it: Peter writes to remind us that we have come back to the Good Shepherd, who heals us by his wounds.

Vocations Sunday: Today, for Vocations Sunday, we welcome Carmine Rea, who is seminarian for Salford Diocese studying at Oscott College in Birmingham. He will speak at all our Masses (except Sunday evening) about vocations to the Priesthood.

Walk for Life: Monday 8 May 2pm: The Christian Heritage Centre and St Peter's Church, Stonyhurst, are holding a Walk for Life in aid of "Right to Life". The walk will follow the beautiful **Tolkien Trail**. Start at 2pm at Theodore House, Stonyhurst, BB7 9PZ. It will end at 5:15pm with Benediction at St Peter's Church, followed by refreshments. Accommodation available at Theodore House: 40% off Bed & Breakfast for participants.

Retreat Days at St Gerard's Shield Centre - Saturday 13th May 2023: - PENTECOST - *The divine fire and the call to go forth into a life based on freedom and hope.*

Wednesday 7th June 2023: - THE PRACTICE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD - *Br Lawrence's wisdom on prayer as part of our daily lives.*

Monday 3rd July 2023: LECTIO DIVINA | *An ancient monastic approach, being led by the Holy Spirit through Scripture.*

If you are interested or would like more information, please get in touch with the Presbytery office and book on to the Lostock Hall Spirituality Retreat Programme session. Each session cost £20.

Deanery Mass for Vocations: St Mary's Brownedge, Bamber Bridge. **Thursday 25th May at 7pm.**

Mary's Meals - In the month of May dedicated to Our Lady, we invite you to join us in praying for the work of "Mary's Meals", a mission carried out in Our Lady's name to feed children a daily school meal in some of the world's poorest communities. This meal brings children into the classroom where they can get an education, offering hope of a better future. Our work began with prayer and this has

sustained our rapid growth - from feeding 200 children in 2002 to feeding over 2.4 million children today. This May please pray for all our work and those we seek to feed.

A Prayer of Hope for Mary's Meals:

Thank you for the hope that life-changing meals bring to the communities that Mary's Meals serve. May the work of Mary's Meals help to bring hope and strength to the world and may those children whose lives have been transformed by receiving Mary's Meals use their education and voices to change their communities for the better. Amen

Parking: 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.

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.

Coronation of King Charles

There are prayer cards available at the back of Church to mark the Coronation next weekend.

The Bishops' Conference has asked that on Friday 5 May 2023 each parish celebrates Mass for His Majesty the King to mark his Coronation. **The 9.30 am Mass at St Mary's on Friday** will be for this intention using special texts provided for the occasion. This includes a prayer to be said after communion:

Prayer for the King

V: O Lord, save Charles, our King. R: And hear us on the day we call upon you.

V: O Lord, hear my prayer. R: And let my cry come before you.

V: The Lord be with you. R: And with your spirit.

Almighty God, we pray that your servant Charles, our King, who, by your providence has received the governance of this realm, may continue to grow in every virtue, that, imbued with your heavenly grace, he may be preserved from all that is harmful and evil and, being blessed with your favour, may, with his consort and the royal family, come at last into your presence, through Christ who is the way, the truth and the life and who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:

Sr Louise Shields, Pat & David Livesey, John Prescott, Kath Kelly, Freda Bibby, Sandra Nightingale

All Those who have Recently Died:

Mary Church, Eileen Hardacre, Roland Eccles, Kathleen Walne, Jennifer Watson, Mary Hardman, Fr Peter Haverty, Bishop Christopher Budd.