

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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5th Sunday of Easter (Year A) 7th May 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge				St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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 12 noon	5th Sunday of Easter The Parish Baptism of Freddie Linford
Mon	8th May	9:30 am	Mary & John Westlake	Mon	8th May	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	9th May	9:30 am	Catherine McDaid	Tues	9th May	9:15 am	Holy Souls
Wed	10th May	9:30 am 2:30 pm	St John of Avila (OM) A Sick Person St Catherine's Hospice Priests Intentions	Wed	10th May	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	11th May	9:30 am	June Tunstall (LD)	Thurs	11th May	9:15 am 11:30 am	Holy Souls Funeral Service for Jennifer Watson
Friday	12th May	9:30 am	Ss Nereus & Achilleus (OM) Mary Agnes Hewitt	Friday	12th May	3:00 pm	Requiem Mass for Anthony Harrison
Sat	13th May Vigil	7:00 pm	6th Sunday of Easter Elizabeth Prescott	Sat	13th May Vigil	5:30 pm	6th Sunday of Easter Josephine Topping
Sun	14th May	9:30 am 6:30 pm	6th Sunday of Easter Simon Fender The Parish	Sun	14th May	10:30 am 12 noon	6th Sunday of Easter The Parish Baptism of Arthur Kellet

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 6th / 7th May

Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Margaret Mary, New Moston, for Fr. Andrew Starkie, their parish priest, and for the Manchester Ordinariate Mission. We pray for their parish primary school and for the Presentation Sisters. May they ever sing the praises of God who has called them into his wonderful light.

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 Freddie Linford 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.

Coronation Celebration Coffee Morning: 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 Please indicate if you will be attending on the sheet at the back of Church. We would welcome cake bakers and volunteers to help.

Crowning of Our Lady: May is the month of Mary and we will celebrate the crowning of Mary on Sunday 21st May at the 10.30am Mass. This will be a family Mass with the children, including all those preparing for First Holy Communion, taking part. Each child is asked to bring a small posy of flowers to place around Our Lady's Statue at the offertory.

First Holy Communions: These will be celebrated over a series three of our Parish Sunday Masses on 28th May, 4th June & 2nd July at 10.30am.

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>

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.

Live Streaming Service: There is a 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.

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

School Governor: There is a vacancy for a foundation governor at St Gerard's Primary School. Foundation governors represent the Bishop and are expected to be committed to the Catholic Faith. If anyone is interested in taking up this role please contact Fr Mark.

RIP: Please pray for Denis Gallagher who has died suddenly this week. The Requiem Mass for him will be on Friday 19th May at 11 am.

For the Children to Colour at Home:



Parish Lottery No. 562 3/05/23			
1st	£25	No. 80	Ms E Brierley
2nd	£10	No. 49	Mrs C Hesmondhalgh
3rd	£5	No. 81	Mr / Mrs J Brown

W/C 7/5/2023	This Weeks Intentions
St Gerard	Ruth Naylor
Our Lady	In Memory of William & Lilly

Offertory 29th / 30th April 2023			
Offertory Loose	£324.65		
Offertory Envelopes	£147.80		
Attendance	209		
Bingo Jackpots for 10/05/2023			
£25	£71	£61	£38

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 14th May 9:30 am Mass: Daniels Family. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

Sacramental Programme: This Sunday at the 9.30am Mass we have our next celebration for the those children preparing for First Holy Communion. The First Holy Communions will be taking place at a series of three Parish Sunday Masses on 4th, 11th & 18th of June.

Crowning of Our Lady: This Sunday at the 9.30 Mass we will celebrate the crowning of Our Lady for the month of May. The children will be invited to come forward and place a posy of flowers around the statue of Mary at the offertory.

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.

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.

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>

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

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.

200 Club		April Draw
1st £200	16	Catherine Ditchfield
2nd £100	14	Olwyn Buckard
3rd £50	156	Delia Molloy

Sanctuary Lamps Week 19	
1	Deceased Family - Thomas & Teresa Haythornthwaite, Thomas Junior, Robert Turner, Grandma & Granddad Turner & Helen Turner

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	63
9:30 am	130
6:30 p.m..	78
Total	271

Joint Notices



5th Sunday of Easter - We continue to explore the meaning of baptism, of membership of the Church, of living a life which has been immersed in the life and death of Jesus Christ: in other words, we continue our Mystagogy - our training in the mystery of

Baptism and the other Sacraments. We hear more about who Jesus is, with another I am statement: I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. We are baptised into his way, his truth and his life. We hear about the earliest community struggling with the life they are called to by baptism, and Peter again reminds us that baptism builds us into a spiritual house with Jesus as our cornerstone. The mystery of the Church is clearly before us today: the Church is the community of those baptised in Christ, the pilgrim people walking with Christ (who has shown us the Father) to the place he has prepared for us. Today's reading can perhaps make us think a little about how we form part of this spiritual house, the Church, as we journey to the Father.

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.**

Diocesan Synod: At the Chrism Mass 2023, Bishop John convoked our Diocesan Synod, inviting us all to prayerfully discern how we can best address the changing needs of our diocesan community. A Diocesan Synod is an opportunity for the bishop, clergy and lay-people of our diocese to come together in a spirit of prayer, discerning what God is asking of His Church in our Diocese.

Each parish is asked to nominate two lay Synod Members. If you believe someone in our parishes

would be a good representative, please nominate them to Fr Mark. It is very important that we can propose Synod Members for our parishes.

There are upcoming Synod Information sessions around the diocese. The nearest meeting for our deanery: Tuesday 16th May 2023, 7pm-9pm - Mount Carmel RC High School, Accrington.

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

Coronation of King Charles

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

Prayer for the King (To be prayed after Communion at Mass this weekend)

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:

Roland Eccles, Kathleen Walne, Jennifer Watson, Mary Hardman, Anthony Harrison, Denis Gallagher, Fr Bernard Charnock.