

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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6th Sunday of Easter (Year A) 14th May 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge				St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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
Mon	15th May	9:30 am	Bill Woodcock R.I.P.	Mon	15th May	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	16th May	9:30 am	Leo Murphy	Tues	16th May	9:15 am	Abigail Bowman (Anniversary)
Wed	17th May	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Holy Souls St Catherine's Hospice Priests Intentions	Wed	17th May		No Services this week
Thurs	18th May <small>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</small>	9:30 am 4:30 pm	The Ascension of the Lord With SMSB School Margaret Westcott Priest's Intentions	Thurs	18th May <small>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</small>	9:15 am 7.30 pm	The Ascension of the Lord With OLSG School Priest's Intention Letitia Harold
Friday	19th May	9:30 am 2:30 pm	St Dunstan (OM) Cocker Family Dove Haven Care Home	Friday	19th May	11:00 am	St Dunstan (OM) Requiem Mass for Denis Gallagher R.I.P.
Sat	20th May Vigil	7:00 pm	7th Sunday of Easter Watson Family	Sat	20th May Vigil	5:30 pm	6th Sunday of Easter Denis Gallagher R.I.P.
Sun	21st May	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	7th Sunday of Easter Ghislaine Williams Baptism of Zachery Murtagh The Parish	Sun	21st May	10:30 am	6th Sunday of Easter The Parish Crowning of Our Lady

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)

Prayers for the Diocese:

13/14 May: Let us pray for the parish of Christ the King, Newton Heath, and for Fr. Derek McCartney, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school. May they always listen to the voice of God's spirit.

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 Arthur Kellett who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

This Week - There will be no Service of the Word and Holy Communion on Wednesday this week.

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: -Thank you to all those who joined in the Coronation Coffee morning last Sunday and thank you to the organisers and helpers on the day. There are some photos on our Facebook page.

Fund Raising Group Meeting - The next meeting of the group is on Tuesday 16th May at 6 pm in the Shields Centre. All our welcome to attend especially if you have any new ideas.

Church Heating - The Church Heating is now off until the Autumn.

Crowning of Our Lady: May is the month of Mary and we will celebrate the crowning of Mary next 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. 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.

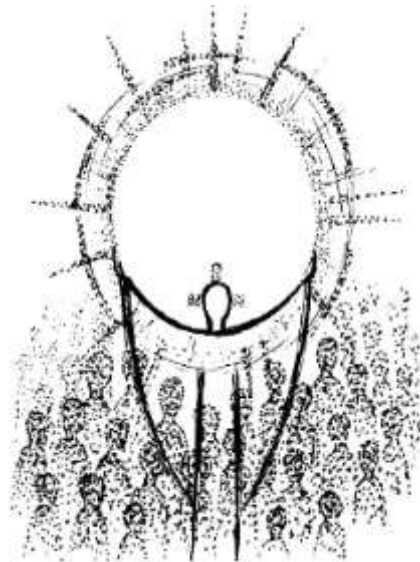
Live Streaming Service: There is a now a camera at St Gerard's, using the same service as St Mary's have used in recent years: www.churchservices.tv The link to this can also be found on our website. It allows people to view services from wherever they may be. It is especially useful for the housebound 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. 563 10/05/23			
1st	£25	No. 65	Mr J Corrigan
2nd	£10	No. 48	The Parish
3rd	£5	No. 66	Mrs S Walker
W/C 14/5/2023		This Weeks Intentions	
St Gerard		Ruth Naylor	
Our Lady		Private Intention	

Offertory 6th / 7th May 2023			
Offertory Loose	£258.98		
Offertory Envelopes	£188.00		
Attendance	156		
Bingo Jackpots for 17/05/2023			
£26	£72	£62	£39

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 21st May 9:30 am Mass: Quiltat Family. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

SVP Collection - The next collection will be on 20th / 21st May.

Mothers Prayer Meeting - The next meeting is on Wednesday 17th May at 1 pm in the St Marys Priory meeting room.

Choir Meeting – Tuesday 16th May – 7pm – St Marys Church

Cafod Thank You - At our Coronation Coffee Morning, from the raffle and donations, we collected £207. From the buckets during April and a generous donation of £75 we collected £235. Many thanks for your generosity and continued support. With your help, and the courage and expertise of our brothers and sisters around the world, we can help build a better future together.

Sacramental Programme: The First Holy Communion will be taking place at a series of three Parish Sunday Masses on 11th, 18th & 25th of June.

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

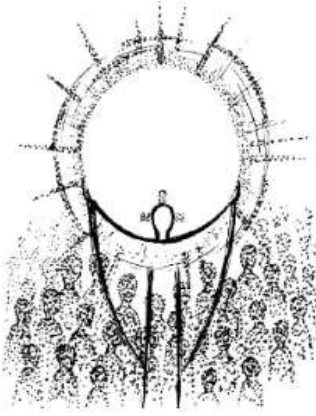
Tender Nursing Care. Mike Sugden is running in the Blackpool 10k Fun Run on Sunday 14th May to raise money for Tender Nursing Care which is a local Charity, wholly dependent on fundraising and donations. Sponsorship forms are near to both doors in Church. If people wish to donate directly to the charity,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

Sanctuary Lamps Week 20	
1	Peter Hawthornthwaite and deceased members of the Hawthornthwaite 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	64
9:30 am	154
6:30 p.m..	78
Total	296

Joint Notices



6th Sunday of Easter - By now we are some distance away from Easter, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So in the Gospel

today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that Spirit of truth which sets us apart from the world. This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to proclaim the Christ and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the worlds slander and accusations.

Ascension Thursday: Next Thursday is Ascension Day and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses at **St Mary's Brownedge** are at **9.30am and 4.30pm** and at **St Gerard's** at **9.15am and 7.30pm**

Retreat Days at St Gerard's Shield Centre - 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

Communion Under Both Kinds: We will resume receiving Holy Communion under both kinds from the Feast of Corpus Christi: 10/11th June.

Prayer by Mrs Ena Bolton:

I sit and wonder, when on my own
Am I really all alone?

Is someone listening to my prayers?
But in my Heart, I know you're there.

So, help me keep my Faith in you,
And please keep watch in all I do.

When night-time comes,

And I kneel to pray,

I count my blessings for that day.

Coronation of King Charles

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

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:

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