

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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7th Sunday of Easter (Year A) 21st May 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge				St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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
Mon	22nd May	9:30 am	St Rita of Cascia (OM) Diane Harvey Birthday	Mon	22nd May	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	23rd May	9:30 am	Ann Lamb	Tues	23rd May	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Wed	24th May	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Denis Gallagher St Catherine's Hospice Jim & Lesley Morris	Wed	24th May	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	25th May	7:00 pm	St Bede the Venerable Deanery Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life	Thurs	25th May	9:15 am	St Bede the Venerable Catherine Yates
Friday	26th May	9:30 am	St Philip Neri (OM) Frederick Bowman	Friday	26th May	9:15 am	St Philip Neri (OM) Whole School Mass for Pentecost.
Sat	27th May Vigil	11:00 am 7:00 pm	Baptism of Izabella Haynes-Lawton PENTECOST SUNDAY Joe & Lizzie Dowbakin	Sat	27th May Vigil	5:30 pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY William & Lily Neville
Sun	28th May	9:30 am 6:30 pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY The Parish Doreen Singleton	Sun	28th May	10:30 am	PENTECOST SUNDAY The Parish First Holy Communion (Grp 1)

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

Crowning of Our Lady: May is the month of Mary and we will celebrate the crowning of Mary this 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. **The Piety Shop has a selection of gifts available to remember this special day.**

Confirmations: Some of our young people, who attend All Hallows HS, will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in the coming weeks. Please keep them in your prayers.

Parish Lottery - Due to the Office being closed this week the Lottery could not be processed and we will have a double draw next Wednesday.

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

Preston Orpheus Choir - Will be singing the Mozart Requiem on **Saturday 3rd June** from 7 pm. Tickets are £5. The concert takes place at St Leonards Church, Marshalls Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA. Payment is on the door.

Fund Raising News & Events - A **Family Fun Night** similar to last years has been arranged for **Friday 9th June from 7pm** onwards in the Parochial Centre. This proved very popular last year and proceeds this year will go towards sending two of our parishioners to the **World Youth Day** in August. Tickets will be on sale next weekend or from the Parish Office next week.

Summer Fair - Our Annual **Summer Fair** has been arranged for **Sunday 25th June from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm**. Weather permitting it will be held on the Parochial Centre Car Park as usual.

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.

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.

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

Found Property - Have you lost your Glasses and case? We have a Specsavers orange coloured case with glasses in the safe. Please speak to one of the sacristans.

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

For the Children to Colour at Home:



Offertory 13th / 14th May 2023			
Offertory Loose	£243.08		
Offertory Envelopes	£124.15		
Attendance	143		
Bingo Jackpots for 24/05/2023			
£27	£73	£63	£40

W/C 21/5/2023	This Weeks Intentions
St Gerard	Ruth Naylor
Our Lady	James Stokes R.I.P.

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 28th May 9:30 am Mass: Robinson Family. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

SVP Collection - There will be a retiring collection for the SVP this weekend 20th / 21st May.

Sacramental Programme: There is a session for both parents and children this Wednesday, 24 May at 6.30. **Attendance at this is very important as it the final session before the children will be making their First Holy Communion.**

The First Holy Communions 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.



Monastery Phone (residence of Fr Colin and Fr Mark): There is currently a temporary phone number: 01772 322182 – We have been told that sometime on Monday 22nd May the regular number, 01772 321201, will be reinstated. In the meantime you may have to try both these numbers while the changeover happens.

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 - Congratulations to Mike Sugden who completed the 10k run in Blackpool. He would like to thank everyone who so generously donated. A Total of £500 has been raised.
Women's Refuge –Thank you for the anonymous donation of £50 .

Lost Store Card: A store card was found in church a couple of weeks ago belonging to Kelly Williams. It can be retrieved from the parish office.

Prayer to Prepare for Pentecost:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and kindle in them the fire of Thy love. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray. O God, Who did instruct the hearts of Thy faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Veni Sancte Spiritus, reple tuorum corda fidelium et tui amoris in eis ignem accende. Emitte Spiritum tuum, et creabuntur. Et renovabis faciem terrae.

Orémus. Deus, qui corda fidelium Sancti Spiritus illustratione docuisti, da nobis in eodem Spiritu recta sapere, et de eius semper consolatione gaudere. Per Christum, Dominum nostrum. Amen.

Sanctuary Lamps Week 21

1	Francis John & Elizabeth Dowbakin & Deceased members of the Dowbakin & Cocker Families
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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	71
9:30 am	124
6:30 p.m..	58
Total	253

Joint Notices



7th Sunday of Easter

In between the Feast of The Ascension and Pentecost there are nine days. The first reading today tells us that all the disciples, including His Blessed Mother, gathered together

after the Ascension and “they joined in continuous prayer”. Thus since the days of the early church, these nine days or “novena” have always been regarded as the “Great Novena”. Days when the whole church joins together in a time of intense prayer to await the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Also in the Gospel we hear Jesus praying in a very powerful way to Father in Heaven during his Final Discourses, for all of us to recognize the love of God that is within us. Pray intensely this week that the Holy Spirit will flood into lives the Pentecost, especially coming those who are most in need.

THIS WEEK: Deanery Mass for Vocations: St Mary's Brownedge, Bamber Bridge. **Thursday 25th May at 7pm.** (n.b. no morning Mass at St Mary's on Thursday)

Communion Under Both Kinds: We will resume receiving Holy Communion under both kinds from the Feast of Corpus Christi: 10/11th June. Please take home the leaflets available at the back of Church and inform yourself about the good reason why Holy Communion is distributed under both kinds

Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers: There will be a meeting for Eucharistic Ministers from both parishes on Saturday 27th May at 11am at St Mary's Brownedge in the Narthex. We will look at the re-introduction of receiving communion from the chalice and re-acquaint ourselves with how this is done. Information will be provided for those unable to attend.

Confirmations: Over the next few weeks there will be confirmation preparation classes for anyone in our parishes who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this summer. Anyone in Year Eight or above is eligible to receive Confirmation. Pupils at Brownedge St Mary's will be invited via school. Young people at any other High Schools should contact Fr Mark or the Parish Office.

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.

Holy Hour with the Bishop: Bishop Arnold wants to spend some time in prayer with the people of each deanery in the diocese to focus on the Synod. In our Deanery of St John Southworth, this will be on **Tuesday 18 July from 6.30pm—8pm** at St. Joseph's, Audley Range, Blackburn. All welcome.

Broughton Catholic Charitable Society: Members are reminded that the AGM and lunch takes place on “Whit Tuesday” 30th May at Garstang Golf & Country Club. Please book your lunch by emailing the secretary, Peter Van Parys: bccssecretary@gmail.com Further information on this historic catholic charity supporting the needy of Lancashire can be found on the website: www.broughtonsociety.co.uk

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.

Mary Day: Each year, Brownedge St Mary's High School celebrate Mary Day during the month of May to remind all our pupils of the importance having Mary, our Mother, as our patron. It will take place next Friday when the school will engage in many different events to celebrate our Mother. Keep our young people in your prayers that they may truly foster a devotion to The Blessed Virgin Mary, which can sustain them throughout their lives.

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.

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 Hardman, Anthony Harrison, Denis Gallagher,