

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 18th June 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge				St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	17th June Vigil	7:00 pm	11th Sunday of the Year Elizabeth Prescott	Sat	17th June Vigil	5:30 pm	11th Sunday of the Year James Stokes R.I.P.
Sun	18th June Fathers Day	9:30 am 6:30 pm	11th Sunday of the Year Margaret Livesey First Holy Communion The Parish	Sun	18th June Fathers Day	10:30 am	11th Sunday of the Year The Parish
Mon	19th June	9:30 am	St Romuald (OM) Phyllis Weston (LD)	Mon	19th June	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	20th June	9:30 am 11:00 am	St Alban (OM) Ann & Jack Molyneux Funeral: Thomas Hignett	Tues	20th June	9:15 am	St Alban (OM) Class Mass Yr 5 Priests Int.
Wed	21st June	9:30 am 2:30 pm	St Aloysius Gonzaga (M) Livesey & Sheehan Family Class Mass Yr 1 St Catherine's Hospice	Wed	21st June	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	22nd June	9:30 am	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More (F) In thanksgiving— Margaret & Bernard Cherry	Thurs	22nd June	9:15 am	Ss John Fisher & Thomas More (F) Priest's Intentions
Friday	23rd June	9:30 am 11.30 am	St Etheldreda (Audrey) Phyllis Weston (LD) Funeral: Bridget Gibbons	Friday	23rd June		NO MASS
Sat	24th June Vigil	9.45 am 7:00 pm	World Youth Day Mass 12th Sunday of the Year George & Monica Clark	Sat	24th June Vigil	5:30 pm	12th Sunday of the Year The Parish
Sun	25th June	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	12th Sunday of the Year Rhoda Rawcliffe First Holy Communion Baptism of Millie Nowell The Parish	Sun	25th June	10:30 am	12th Sunday of the Year Father Xavier - Silver Jubilee of ordination to the Priesthood

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:

17/18th June: Let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Ambrose Barlow, Swinton, for Fr. Ernest Attah, their parish priest, and for Fr. Blaise Ugoeze. We pray for their primary schools and St. Ambrose Barlow High School, as well as the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph and the sisters of Our Lady of Evron. May they be the Lord's people, sheep of his flock.

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

First Holy Communions: The last group will receive the sacrament on Sunday 2nd July at 10.30am. **The Piety Shop has a selection of gifts available to remember this special day.**

The situation in Palestine - On Tuesday 20th June at 7.30pm at St Gerard's. See Joint notices for more details.

Father Xavier: On **Wednesday 21st June** Father Xavier will celebrate 25 years since his ordination to the priesthood. The 10.30am Mass at St Gerard's on **Sunday 25th June** will be said for his intentions.

World Youth Day Sleepover - Friday 24th June. The group of young people from the diocese who are going to WYD are having an overnight meeting in and around the Shields Centre. Night Prayers at St Gerard's at 10:30 pm and Morning Prayer and Mass at St Marys on Saturday morning at 9,45am.

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.

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.

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

P.T.A. - Our School PTA are running a used School Uniform Sale and Ice Lolly shop from the Shields Centre after school at 3:15 pm to 4 pm every Friday in term time.

Majella Companions - The monthly meeting will be on **Tuesday 27th June** in the Shields Centre from 2 pm. All are welcome.

BT8600 Quad phone for Sale - We have been upgraded to a digital phone line by BT Business with a new phone provided. As a result we have the above 4 phone system with answerphone now surplus to requirements. To buy new it would be over £130 but we would accept £50 ono. So if you want a phone in every room this is ideal. Please contact the office if interested.

Please read the Joint Notices on the back page for other events applicable to both parishes.



Summer Fair: Next Sunday

Our Annual Summer Fair is next Sunday 25th June from 11:30 am until 1:30 pm. Weather permitting this will be in and around the Shields Centre. We are appealing for donations for **Raffle prizes, toys and games and any unwanted gifts. Donations also of cakes will be gratefully received** and helpers to run stalls and assist with catering etc.

Remember when you leave it to 'somebody else to help' that somebody else doesn't usually turn up!!

Offertory 10th / 11th June 2023			
Offertory Loose	£305.06		
Offertory Envelopes	£185.50		
Attendance	150		
Bingo Jackpots for 14/06/2023			
£31	£77	£67	£44

Parish Lottery No. 567 07/06/23			
1st	£25	No. 49	Mrs C Hesmondhalgh
2nd	£10	No. 81	Mr / Mrs C J Brown
3rd	£5	No. 60	Mc C Flanagan
W/C 18/06/2023		This Weeks Intentions	
St Gerard		Ruth Naylor	

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 25th June 9:30 am Mass: First Holy Communion Children. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

First Holy Communions: Congratulations to those children who made their First Holy Communion last Sunday. We welcome a further group of children and their families who are celebrating this Sunday at the 9.30am Mass. A third group of children will be celebrating next Sunday 25th of June. Please pray for all them and their families. There will be a "First Communion Breakfast" Celebration for all the children on Sunday 9th July at 9.30am.

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.

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.

Legacies: Remembering the parish in your will is a great way to help support the Faith for the future. Even to committing a small percentage of your will to the parish can make a big difference.

Tender Nursing Care, We are a small team of nurses and qualified healthcare assistants who support people at home overnight who need care. We offer up to 3 nights a week care and support from 10pm - 7am. There is NO CHARGE for our service. We currently have some capacity to offer our service in your area. For further information, please contact Theresa Swan,

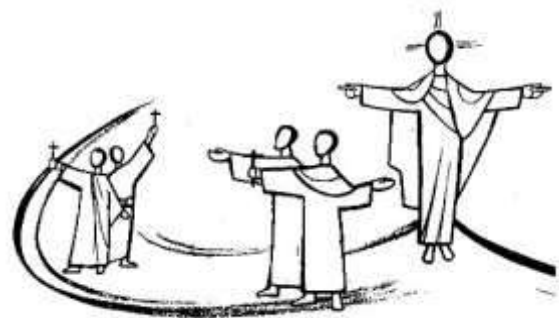
Registered Manager, on 07897 199 101 or by email: theresa.swan@tnc.org.uk

CAFOD: Help Fix the Food System by signing Salina's letter, in the Narthex, to the World Bank which has a lot of influence over agricultural issues, asking them to protect the rights of small farmers to use and share their own seeds. Thanks to those who have already signed, we can send a strong message to the World Bank that the Catholic Community stand with small farmers.

Barnabus Charity Sky Dive - Chloe Smith is doing a sky dive on **20th August** to raise money for the charity Barnabus. (A Christian homeless charity) If you would like to sponsor her there is a just giving page https://www.justgiving.com/page/chloe-smith-1685460134856#cb=f2faafa45dd8752&domain=www.justgiving.com&is_canvas=false&origin=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.justgiving.com%2Ff34578e20435186&relation=opener&frame=fb994ecf1fb26&result=%5B%5D

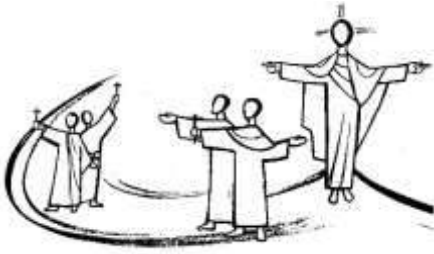
Fathers' Day: In our part of the world Fathers' Day is celebrated on the third of June, this year, this Sunday 18th June. It was originally begun to remember Fathers who have died and to pray for them. In many other parts of the world, Fathers' Day is celebrated on the Feast of St Joseph, 19th March reminding us of the wonderful model of fatherhood presented to us by St Joseph within the Holy Family. We pray for all fathers today, especially those who cannot be close to their children for whatever reason.

For the Children to Colour at Home:



Sanctuary Lamps Week 25	
1	In Loving Memory of the Deceased Members of the Lawson & Garaway Families
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	60
9:30 am	158
6:30 p.m..	70
Total	288

Joint Notices



11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The people of Israel were chosen by God, to be his own people. This Moses proclaims in the first

reading. And having chosen a people, God does not abandon them: they may be like sheep without a shepherd, but God sends them the Good Shepherd, who feels sorry for them, and entrusts his disciples with the task of giving them new heart. The same God has chosen us, and gives us the same Shepherd. But we must be careful to take to ourselves the call of Jesus: we must pray for labourers to give new heart to the lost sheep of our society. We must also remember our own responsibility - as a kingdom of priests and a consecrated nation those of us in the Church have a mission to fulfil: to live out the Covenant, and truly to be a consecrated nation.

Communion Under Both Kinds: We have now resumed the practice of receiving Holy Communion under both kinds. 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, that the Precious Blood has a relatively high alcohol content and the priest or minister purifies between each communicant, helps to minimise that risk. 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.

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. Thus far Fr Mark has received one proposal from St Gerard's and none from St Mary's. Please suggest people who could represent our parishes as Synod Members.

Deanery 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.

Could you be a CAFOD school volunteer? - CAFOD. Would you be someone who would be willing to help people young people in your area stay informed about CAFOD's work and issues relating to global justice. We are looking for people to volunteer with our exciting and well established school's programme. No school experience is required and you can offer as many hours as suits you. We offer training, ongoing support and flexibility. If you are interested in either, please contact Simon Holleron from CAFOD 077 100 944 54 sholleron@cafod.org.uk

Willowbrooke Residential Care Home in Lostock Hall (at the crossroads on Brownedge Lane) are looking for a volunteer pianist to play the piano for the residents one afternoon during the week for a couple of hours. If interested please contact them direct on 01772 626177.

St Gerard's have a meeting room available for rental which can be used for small conferences, meetings, clubs, community events and private party bookings. Contact the office if interested.

Retreat Days at St Gerard's Shield Centre - 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.

This Week.

The situation in Palestine - On Tuesday 20th June at 7.30pm at St Gerard's, Ann Wilson, who used to work for CAFOD, is going to talk about her recent work in Palestine as an Ecumenical Accompanier. Ann spent several months last year in the West Bank of Palestine accompanying local communities whilst monitoring human rights abuses for the United Nations and other agencies. This is a unique opportunity to hear an inspirational speaker giving a first-hand account of the current situation in Israel and Palestine.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:
Sr Louise Shields, John Prescott, Freda Bibby,
Sandra Nightingale

All Those who have Recently Died:
Canon Bill Byrne, Bridget Gibbons,
Thomas John Hignett, Fr Jack Rigby.

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.