

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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1st Sunday of Advent Year A

27th November 2022

Please remember that Sunday Mass Times Change from THIS Weekend - The Saturday Vigil at Our Lady & St Gerard's will in future be at 5:30 pm with Sunday Morning Mass at St Mary's at 9:30 am and Our Lady & St Gerard's at 10:30 am.

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	26th Nov Vigil	7:00 pm	1st Sunday of Advent Marie Therese Begley
Sun	27th Nov	9:30 am 6:30 pm	1st Sunday of Advent The Parish Smith & Taylor Families
Mon	28th Nov	9:30 am	Livesey & Sheehan Families
Tues	29th Nov	9:30 am	Brian Tierney
Wed	30th Nov	9:30 am	St Andrew (F) Eddie Curzon Whole School Mass
Thurs	1st Dec	9:30 am 3:00 pm	Linda Molloy Requiem Mass for Reginald Hall
Friday	2nd Dec	9:30 am 1:00 pm	Swarbrick & Whiteley Families Wedding of Mark Scott & Sophie Pilkington
Sat	3rd Dec Vigil	7:00 pm	2nd Sunday of Advent Wilfred Soffe
Sun	4th Dec	9:30 am 6:30 pm	2nd Sunday of Advent The Parish Winifred Livesey

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	26th Nov Vigil	5:30 pm	1st Sunday of Advent James Wright (Anniversary)
Sun	27th Nov	10:30 am	1st Sunday of Advent The Parish - Frank Rawlinson - Deceased of Parish.
Mon	28th Nov	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Catenian Association
Tues	29th Nov	9:15 am	Parish Priests Worldwide Class Mass - Year 4, 6 & Reception
Wed	30th Nov	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	1st Dec	9:15 am	Kathleen Green
Friday	2nd Dec	NO MASS	
Sat	3rd Dec Vigil	5:30 pm	2nd Sunday of Advent Frank Williams
Sun	4th Dec	10:30 am 12:00 pm	2nd Sunday of Advent The Parish Baptism - Tommy Holland

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's

Tuesday & Thursday 3 pm to 4 pm
 Sat 10 - 10:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 6 pm - 6:45 pm

Holy Rosary: Streamed at 8 pm each evening

Services at St. Mary's can be viewed live or on playback at any time on:

www.stmarysbrownedge.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.

CYCLE OF PRAYER 26th / 27th November -

Let us pray this week for the parish of Our Lady of Dolours, Kersal, and Fr. Vincent Coyne, of the Servite Friars, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, St. Monica's High School, the Faithful Companions of Jesus, the Sisters of Nazareth and the residents of Nazareth House, together with their chaplain, Fr. Anthony Dearman. May they walk always in the light of the Lord.

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

W/C 27/11/2022	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Teresa Goddard Birthday
St Gerard	Ruth

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Frank Redfearn, Stephen Guinan, Jimmy
Billington, Stella Wood & Cecilia Palmer.**

Christmas Fair - Today Sunday 27th November between 11:30 am and 1:30 pm in the Parochial Centre. Refreshments are available after the 10:30 am Mass but this week these will be served in the Parochial Centre

Senior Citizens Party - Next Saturday 3rd December between 2 and 5:30 pm. If you haven't received your invitation contact the parish office.

Christmas Hamper Raffle - Tickets for the Piety Shop Christmas Hamper Raffle are now on sale before and after Mass.

Piety Shop - The Piety Shop has a number of items on sale suitable for Christmas presents. Please spare some time to have a look and see what is on offer.

Parish Register - We have had only one submission so far to update the our Parish Register. Please complete a form if you have **moved home, had additions to the family or not completed one previously.** The forms are available in the porch, on our website or via the QR code here.



CAFOD - You will notice the CAFOD Christmas gift catalogues which have been placed at the back of church for you to take home. Inside you will find imaginative gifts which can be bought perhaps for family members who would appreciate a gift helping those in the developing world who are in dire need.

Offertory 19th / 20th November 2022			
Offertory Loose	£208.15		
Offertory Envelopes	£161.27		
Attendance	139		
Bingo Jackpots for 23/11/2022			
£36	£50	£40	£32
Parish Lottery No. 539 23/11/22			
1st	£25	No. 19	Mr J Robinson
2nd	£10	No. 72	Mr M Nisbet
3rd	£5	No. 15	Ms J Watson

At the moment Cop 27 is very much in the news and we've been encouraged to watch a beautifully -produced film called 'The letter'. It's on Youtube, is free to watch and focuses on Pope Francis's encyclical 'Laudato Si'. It's well worth watching as it exposes the huge problems facing all of us, especially those in the developing world who are on the front line of the effects of climate change.

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.

Now that we only have two Masses during the week the Mass intentions are already filling up for the next year. If you require a Mass on a particular day please book it NOW via the parish office.

November: For the month of the **Holy Souls, envelopes are available in the porch** for people to make donations for Masses for those who have died. A box containing all these names will be placed on the altar during Masses in November.

November Mass for the Bereaved: Our annual Mass for all those who have died in the parish family over the past 12 months will take place this weekend on **Sunday 27th November at 10.30am.** This is the First Sunday of Advent but also the last Sunday of November, the month of the Holy Souls. A time to remember but also to look forward with hope. All the next of kin from funerals that have taken place here have been sent a letter of invitation to come and light a candle at Mass for their loved ones. Please let friends and family know about this Mass.

Church Cleaning for Christmas - We are asking for volunteers to bolster the cleaning team on **Thursday 8th December** from 10 am in giving the Church a deep clean ready for Christmas. If you can help in any way please come along.

Online Christmas shopping from your sofa? You could also be helping Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Gerard Majella raise much needed funds for FREE! Over 4,000 online retailers including John Lewis, Argos, Uswitch, eBay and M&S are ready to give a free donation every time you shop online. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/saintgerards/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=c19-f1

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 4th December 9:30 am Mass: Taylor. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

World Youth Day 2023: Lisbon 31 July—7 August 2023, and is open to young adults between the ages of 18 and 35. Speak to Fr Mark or see www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/how-to-get-involved/ The parish will help to fundraise for any young person who wishes to go.

Cafod Coffee Morning - Friday 2nd December after 9:30 am Mass. All welcome.

SVP - Thank you to our SVP volunteers for a well organised and enjoyed party on Thursday last week.

Parish Register - Thank you to all those who have already completed the on-line parish registration update. **The average time to complete is less than 3 minutes. So far submissions are equally spread between paper and internet forms.** 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.



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Offertory Collection - There is a Rota for the Offertory procession at the 10 am Sunday Mass, but if anyone has an intention arranged for that Mass and wishes to take up the gifts, please can you notify the office during the week before.

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Our Parish High School are running a Christmas Fair on 9th December 4pm - 8pm in support of CAFOD & St Catherine's Hospice. They are inviting local businesses in for a nominal fee of £10 per table as well as seeking any parishioners who would like to volunteer and get involved. If you would like further information, please email crushamm@st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk

Parish Website: Visit our website. This newsletter, announcements, live streaming and other resources can be found here: www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk

Facebook: Please "like" our parish Facebook page and share with family and friends some of the things on it. Follow us on @stmarysbrownedge

St Mary & St Benedict's Primary School - Could you set aside some time each week to volunteer within school and help our children with their learning? We are actively seeking for adults to listen to children read. We will ensure that everything is done to safeguard all concerned. If you have any questions then I'm sure that Tony Turner, as a school governor and passionate advocate of school, would answer them... In the same way, I will answer them or help to clarify anything. Wishing you every blessing. Daniel Ballard, Headteacher.

QR Code Easy donation: as well the contactless giving machine in church, we now have a new and easy way to donate to the parish: 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. Enter your card details and the amount you wish to donate. 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 the upkeep of our parish.



Fr Andrew McCaffery OSB: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Andrew, former assistant priest at St Mary's Brownedge, who has died this week. His funeral is at Ampleforth Abbey on Monday at 10.30am. It will be live streamed on the Abbey website.

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	69
10 am	189
6:30 p.m..	54
Total	312
Sanctuary Lamps Week 54	
1	Father James Beirne
2	Father Kevin Vesey

PLEASE PRAY FOR
The sick, and those who care for them:
 Mary Yeomans, Sr Louise Shields.
All Those who have Recently Died:
 Fr Andrew McCaffery OSB, Nicola Smith,
 Patrick Carmody and Reginald Hall.

Joint Notices

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES: From this weekend 27 November.

Saturdays: There will no longer be a Saturday morning Mass at St Mary's. This will help us maintain a vigil Mass in each parish.

Vigil Mass at St Gerard's will be at 5.30pm
Vigil Mass at Mary's at 7pm

Sundays:

9.30am Mass at St Mary's

10.30am Mass at St Gerard's

6.30pm Mass at St Mary's

Weekdays: we will try to maintain Mass Mon—Fri at St Mary's at 9.30 and on Tues & Thurs at St Gerard's at 9.15 These will have to be subject to change due to funerals, which would be the Mass of the day, or other commitments of the clergy.

Any further comments or suggestions please email the parish office: office@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk

1st Sunday of Advent - Welcome everyone to our Mass, especially any people who are visiting or who have not been for a while. Today is the 1st Sunday of Advent and the start of the Church's year. The first reading tells us to come to the Temple of God so that he may teach us His ways. As we gather here today let us renew our commitment to journey towards God with hopeful expectation as we prepare for His coming into our world.

Hope: On the First Sunday we look forward to the Second Coming of Christ.



Faith: On the Second Sunday, we hear the preaching of John the Baptist, who came to "prepare the way of the Lord".

Joy: On the Third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday), again we hear about John the Baptist, and the joy associated with the coming of the Saviour.

Love: On the Fourth Sunday, we hear about the events involving Mary and Joseph that led directly to the birth of Jesus.

Date for your Diary - The Annual Brownedge St Mary's Church Parish Dinner will be on **Sunday 29th January 2023** - More details to follow

The **Diocesan Retreat Days held at St Gerard's** are proving a great success and booking is still

open via the Parish Office for the remaining retreats which are on the following dates:

Thursday 8th December 2022:

Friday 10th February 2023:

Saturday 11th March 2023:

Saturday 13th May 2023:

Wednesday 7th June 2023:

Monday 3rd July 2023:

Stop It Now! UK and Ireland | Preventing child sexual abuse - Abuse Helpline: If you suspect that someone you know is sexually abusing a child, or if you are worried about your own thoughts or behaviour towards children, ring the "Stop it Now" freephone helpline for confidential advice: 0808 1000 900 www.stopitnow.org.uk

ASHES MEMORIAL - If anyone is awaiting inscriptions to be added to the Internment of Ashes memorial plaques at St Gerard's in Lostock Hall or St Mary's Brownedge, please get in touch with the Church Offices and let Anna know.

Giving Tree 2022 - If you are able to donate gifts this year please wrap and label stating who the gift is suitable for e.g. baby, age, toddler, girl, boy, teenagers, lady, man etc or gift vouchers. Gifts can be left at the back of Church on the weekends of the 20th and 27th November or the 4th and 11th December which is the final date. Many Thanks for your continued support of the great parish project

Report it - Can we ask that parishioners please report the poor state of the road entrances to the Church on Brownedge Lane and Duddle Lane to Lancashire County Council - Highways department using the link : [Report It - Lancashire County Council](#)

Harvester Men's Group - On Saturday 3rd December the Harvesters Men's Ecumenical prayer group will be meeting at St. Mary's Community Centre, Broadfield Walk, Leyland PR25 1PD from 08.30 to 10.30. Commencing with tea / coffee, light refreshments, then sharing on the topic of prayer and in particular why our prayers do not seem to be answered. If you would like to come and join us, please e-mail Mike Neill (MJNeill1951@gmail.com)

Pastoral Letter: There is a Pastoral Letter from bishop Arnold for this First Sunday of Advent. There are copies available at the back of church and on the parish websites.

Volunteer Information Evening for Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - The Diocese are hosting an online information session on **30th November 7pm to 8 pm for anyone interested** in joining our incredible team of volunteers for our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes? You can sign up to the information session by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/SalfordLourdes23>

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