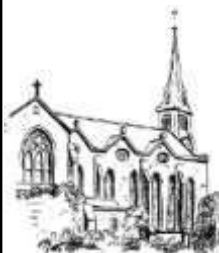


ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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2nd Sunday of Advent Year A

4th December 2022

St Mary's, Brownedge			
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
Mon	5th Dec	9:30 am	Eric Kerry (Anniversary)
Tues	6th Dec	9:30 am 2:00 pm	St Nicholas ^(OM) Jean Jones (RD) Funeral of Joan Sharples
Wed	7th Dec	9:30 am	St Ambrose ^(M) Mr Alban Lakeland (RD)
Thurs	8th Dec	9:30 am	Immaculate Conception of Mary ^(S) Robert, Nellie & Joseph Delaney
Friday	9th Dec	9:30 am	St Juan Diego ^(OM) Harold Family
Sat	10th Dec Vigil	7:00 pm	3rd Sunday of Advent Hopewood Family
Sun	11th Dec	9:30 am 6:30 pm	3rd Sunday of Advent "Guadete" Sunday Jake Sanderson The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	3rd Dec Vigil	5:30 pm	2nd Sunday of Advent Francis Tipping-Alston & George Rogan R.I.P.
Sun	4th Dec	10:30 am 12 noon	2nd Sunday of Advent The Parish Baptism - Tommy Holland
Mon	5th Dec	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	6th Dec	9:15 am	St Nicholas ^(OM) Francis Wright RIP
Wed	7th Dec	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	8th Dec	9:15 am	Immaculate Conception of Mary ^(S) Anthony Barton RIP
Friday	9th Dec	NO MASS	
Sat	10th Dec Vigil	5:30 pm	3rd Sunday of Advent Bill Smith (Anniversary)
Sun	11th Dec	10:30 am	3rd Sunday of Advent "Guadete" Sunday The Parish

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's

Tuesday & Thursday 3 pm to 4 pm
Confessions: Saturday 6.15 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 3rd / 4th December - Let us pray for the people of the parish of Our Lady of the Assumption, Middleton, together with Canon Tadhg Mullins, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary schools, for Cardinal Langley High School, for the Sisters of Charity and the Sisters of the Cross and Passion. May they reveal, by their parish life and mission, that Christ is saviour of all.

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

W/C 4/12/2022	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Fran Naylor R.I.P.
St Gerard	Ruth

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

Christmas Fair - Thank you to all involved in the organisation and running of the Christmas Fair last Sunday. It was a great success and raised £1571 for parish funds.

Thank you also to the Year 5 & 6 Worship Leaders and Caritas Ambassadors of Our Lady & St Gerard's Primary School who did a great job of managing the cuddly toy tombola, key ring making and guess the reindeer name stalls. Thank you also to the staff who gave their time and support.

Christmas Hamper Raffle - Thank you to all who purchased tickets for this years raffle. The draw took place at the Christmas Fair and all prizes have been claimed. The winning tickets were Blue 261-265. Lilac 796-800 and Brown 661-665.

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.

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

Offertory 26th / 27th November 2022			
Offertory Loose	£375.44		
Offertory Envelopes	£174.97		
Attendance	231		
Bingo Jackpots for 30/11/2022			
£37	£51	£41	£33
Parish Lottery No. 540 30/11/22			
1st	£25	No. 40	Mr M Phelan
2nd	£10	No. 61	Mr M J Cullen
3rd	£5	No. 11	Mr C Taylor

give a free donation every time you shop online. https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/saintgerards/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=c19-f1

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.

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.

Our last Parish Bingo of 2022 will be on December 14th There will be **no Bingo** on Dec 21st or 28th We will return in the New Year on January 4th 2023. Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to join us there is always room for a few more.

News & Views - If you would like to contribute to the News & Views Magazine which is produced monthly at St Gerard's please send to newsviews@saintgerards.org.uk by 20th of the month. (Late entries can sometimes be accommodated)

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

Sacramental Programme: First Reconciliation:

- **Meeting:** Wednesday 7th Dec at 6.30pm.
- **Celebration:** Saturday 10th Dec at 11am.

The children taking part in our Sacramental Programme will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time next Saturday. As they take this next important step on their journey in Faith, we ask everyone to keep them and their families in your prayers that they may grow in Faith and feel more fully a part of our community, The Family of God.

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 11th December 9:30 am Mass: Ashe Family. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

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.



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 your parish.



SVP – Thank you for November collection which was £160.93

World Youth Day 2023: Lisbon 31 July—7 August 2023, and is open to young adults between the ages of 18 and 35. **Two Altar Servers from St Gerard's have already signed up to go, if you would like to join them 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.**

Readings for Mass and the Divine Office: www.universalis.com has all the prayers and readings of Mass each day. Click on the link on our parish website homepage and it takes you to all the liturgies for that day. Scan this QR code with the camera on a smartphone and it will take you directly to the Mass readings of the day.



Help the Diocese on its journey to net zero - the Diocese of Salford is working hard to reduce its carbon emissions. we would be very grateful if parishioners could complete a short survey to help us understand a little more about their own journeys to and from church. Please visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/travel-survey/> to find out more and to complete the survey.

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	57
9:30 am	166
6:30 p.m..	58
Total	271

Sanctuary Lamps Week 1	
1	Father Mark Langham
2	Sister Mary Higney

PLEASE PRAY FOR
The sick, and those who care for them:
 Mary Yeomans, Sr Louise Shields.
All Those who have Recently Died:
 Terence Napoleon, Joan Sharples, Nicola Smith,
 Patrick Carmody and Reginald Hall.

Joint Notices



2nd Sunday of Advent The Second Sunday of Advent is sometimes called "John the Baptist Sunday" as we always hear how it is John who heralds the coming of the Messiah; John is the "precursor" who points the way to the one who is to come, proclaiming "Prepare the way of the Lord!". Allow John to point us in the right direction today.

Advent Candle 2: Faith. On the Second Sunday, we hear the preaching of John the Baptist, who came to call us to faith in the Lord.

Advent Candle 3: Joy. On the Third Sunday (Gaudete Sunday), again we hear about John the Baptist, and the joy associated with the coming of the Saviour fulfilling the words of all the prophets.

Advent Candle 4: Love On the Fourth Sunday, we hear about the events involving Mary and Joseph which led directly to the birth of Love Incarnate.

Blessing of the Bambinelli (Jesus crib figures):

- St Gerard's: Sun 11th Dec at 10.30am Mass.
- St Mary's: Sun 18th Dec at 9.30am Mass.

These will be family Masses at which we are all invited to bring the Baby Jesus crib figures from home to be blessed at Mass so that we take them back home for our nativity scenes.

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: SOLD OUT

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 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](#)

Call to Lead — Our next get together of: "A Call to Lead" is on Tuesday 10th January 2023 between 7:00pm until 8:00pm at "The Shields Centre" (located behind the Church and JR Boxing Gym on Brownedge Road, Lostock Hall PR5 5AA) If you haven't been before then please join us. To those that were here at the November meeting, we discussed you doing your journal to bring with you to the next session! This can be in a note book or exercise book and should reflect you as an individual.

✘ **CHRISTMAS MASSES** ✘

CHRISTMAS EVE:

St Gerard's First Mass of Christmas: 5:30 pm with Carols from 5 pm.

St Mary's First Mass of Christmas: 7.00 pm.

St Mary's: Midnight Mass with Carols by Candlelight from 11:30 pm.

CHRISTMAS DAY:

St Mary's Christmas Day Mass: 9:30 am

St Gerard's Christmas Day Mass: 10:30 am

There will be no other Masses at either Church on Christmas Day.

BOXING DAY: (The Feast of St Stephen) Mass at both churches will be at 10 am.

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