

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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3rd Sunday of Advent (Year A) "Gaudete Sunday"

11th December 2022

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	10th Dec Vigil	7:00 pm	3rd Sunday of Advent Hopwood Family
Sun	11th Dec	9:30 am 6:30 pm	3rd Sunday of Advent Jake Sanderson The Parish
Mon	12th Dec	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Our Lady of Guadalupe (OM) Thomas Roberts High School Carol Service
Tues	13th Dec	9:30 am	St Lucy (M) Gabrielle Jones
Wed	14th Dec	9:30 am 11:00 am 2:00 pm	St John of the Cross (M) Frs. McNally & Davies Funeral – Graveside - Terence Napoleon Funeral Service for James Watkins
Thurs	15th Dec	9:30 am	Joan & Jim Hankinson
Friday	16th Dec	9:30 am	Turner Family
Sat	17th Dec Vigil	7:00 pm	4th Sunday of Advent Elizabeth Prescott
Sun	18th Dec	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	4th Sunday of Advent Dennis & Michael Bibby & Susan Cole Baptism of Emmie Faye Aston Taylor The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	10th Dec Vigil	5:30 pm	3rd Sunday of Advent Bill Smith (Anniversary)
Sun	11th Dec	10:30 am	3rd Sunday of Advent The Parish
Mon	12th Dec	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	13th Dec	9:15 am	St Lucy (M) Margaret Redmund Class Mass Year 3 & 5
Wed	14th Dec	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	15th Dec	9:15 am	Thanksgiving
Friday	16th Dec	1:30 pm	School Christmas Carol Service
Sat	17th Dec Vigil	5:30 pm	4th Sunday of Advent Mary & Herbert Jackson
Sun	18th Dec	10:30 am	4th Sunday of Advent 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 10th / 11th December - We pray for the people of the parish of St. Peter and St. Thomas More, Middleton, for Father Peter Hopkinson, their parish priest, for Father Kevin Tierney and Father Boniface, and for Bishop Terence Brain. We pray for their parish primary schools. May they never lose heart.

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

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Francis Parkinson.**

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 - Thank you to our regular volunteer Church cleaners and extra volunteers for getting the church ready for Christmas.

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

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 and it will be a **double prize money for the main Bingo book i.e. £10 for a line and £20 for a full house.** 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)

Lottery - The December Super draw will take place on 14th December.

Parish Website - the parish website has undergone a few changes recently and in particular we now have a Parish Google Calendar on the front page. This will be the place where Mass changes will be recorded as and when they happen and should always be up to date. It will also contain dates for any events planned in the future. Click on an event and you can download it to your own device.

REFRESHMENTS - Refreshments are served every weekend after the 10:30 am Mass. We are always looking for volunteers to join the Rota. If you are interested and able please speak to one of the volunteers after Mass and they can show you the Rota.

Offertory 3rd / 4th December 2022			
Offertory Loose	£270.77		
Offertory Envelopes	£169.00		
Attendance	152		
Bingo Jackpots for 7/12/2022			
£38	£52	£42	£34
Parish Lottery No. 541 7/12/22			
1st	£25	No. 37	M Brierley
2nd	£10	No. 47	M Corcoran
3rd	£5	No. 73	P Mackey

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

Welcome to Emmie Faye Aston Taylor who will be **baptised into the Body of Christ next weekend.**

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 18th December 9:30 am Mass: Children. 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.



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.



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.**

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.

Mothers Prayers - Next meeting is on Wednesday 14th December at 1 pm in St Mary's Priory.

Cafod - Thank You - Many thanks to all who bought hyacinth pots, including donations we raised a wonderful £469. A special thank you to Mary & David who bought the bulbs, planted the pots, and distributed them at the Cafod coffee morning. With the money we will be buying some world gifts to help communities around the world. World Gift books are available in the Narthex, a great way of giving to others. Thanks again for your continued support.



Women's Refuge - After a very quiet few months we have had requests for Shampoo, Conditioner and toiletries. A box will be placed at the back of Church for donations, Thank you

SVP Collection - Saturday 17th and 18th December.

200 Club		November Draw
1st £200	34	Lorraine Mitchell
2nd £100	348	Gerrard Moulding
3rd £50	432	John Lees

Thank you for a recent kind donation and thank you all for your continued support' Also welcome to our 21 new members to the 200 Club. Good luck to you all and may you all have a Happy and Holy Christmas.

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	68
9:30 am	131
6:30 p.m..	50
Total	249

Sanctuary Lamps Week 3	
1	Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor
2	For All Cancer Patients

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

Joint Notices



3rd Sunday of Advent:

Today is called "Gaudete Sunday". "Gaudete" is the first word of the Entrance Antiphon, "Rejoice." It is a day when we anticipate the gift which God is sending us—His Son, Jesus. John the Baptist instructs the people to look out for and to respond appropriately with how they live their lives. Rose vestments are worn to emphasize our joy that Christmas is near, and we also light the rose candle on our Advent wreath.

Advent Candle 3: Joy. On Gaudete Sunday we hear about John, and the joy of 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.

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 this weekend, Sunday 11th December. This is the final date we can receive them. Many thanks for your continued support of the great parish project.

Advent Reconciliation Service: there will be a joint reconciliation service for both our parishes to be held at St Mary's Brownedge Church on **Tuesday 20th December at 7pm.** Please encourage your families and friend to come.

✂ 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.

CHRISTMAS CARD - Our 'Call to Lead' youth have produced a Christmas Card for the two parishes. These are available in the church porches. Please take one per family (there should be enough based on Parish Register submissions). If you know of a parishioner who is housebound please take one for them as well.

Poinsettias - For Christmas, we would like to decorate the sanctuaries of both our churches at St Gerard's and St Mary's with poinsettias. **We are asking parishioners to donate poinsettias to help us to make the Altars at St Gerard's and St Mary's beautiful.** Please drop off your Poinsettias on Thursday 22nd December and Friday 23rd December between 9am and 12 noon at St Gerard's and 12 noon and 3pm at St Marys.

St Catherine's Hospice Mass: Fr Mark & Fr Colin have been celebrating a weekly Mass in the lovely chapel at St Catherine's Hospice, but due to Covid, this has been for patients and relatives only. However from the New Year this will be open for anyone to attend. It would be good to have a rota to ensure that there is always someone there to help the priest. Please inform the office if you are willing to help with this. It is a very good thing to celebrate Mass for all the work which St Catherine's does for our community. The first one will be on **Wednesday 4th January at 2.30pm**, then each Wednesday at 2.30pm.

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.

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:

Friday 10th February 2023:

Saturday 11th March 2023:

Saturday 13th May 2023:

Wednesday 7th June 2023:

Monday 3rd July 2023:

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.