

## ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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## Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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### 4th Sunday of Advent (Year A)

18th December 2022

St Mary's, Brownedge			
<b>Sat</b>	17th Dec Vigil	7:00 pm	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> Elizabeth Prescott
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18th Dec</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>  6:30 pm	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> Dennis & Michael Bibby & Susan Cole The Parish
<b>Mon</b>	19th Dec	9:30 am	<b>Ramsdale Family</b>
<b>Tues</b>	20th Dec	9:30 am <b>7.00 pm</b>	Michael Cox <b>Advent Reconciliation Service</b>
<b>Wed</b>	21st Dec	9:30 am	Swindlehurst Family
<b>Thurs</b>	22nd Dec	9:30 am	Deceased Lancaster Family
<b>Friday</b>	23rd Dec	9:30 am	Kath & Diane Harvey
<b>Sat</b>	<b>24th Dec Vigil</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b> <b>11:30 pm</b> <b>Midnight</b>	<b>Nativity of the Lord</b> Peter Haythornthwaite Carols by Candlelight Ann & Charles Sergeant
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25th Dec</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Nativity of the Lord</b> The Parish
<b>Mon</b>	<b>26th Dec</b>	10:00 am	<b>St Stephen</b> (F) Michael Jones

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
<b>Sat</b>	17th Dec Vigil	5:30 pm	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> Mary & Herbert Jackson
<b>Sun</b>	<b>18th Dec</b>	10:30 am	<b>4th Sunday of Advent</b> The Parish
<b>Mon</b>	19th Dec	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
<b>Tues</b>	20th Dec	9:15 am	William Gardner RIP
<b>Wed</b>	21st Dec	9:15 am  2:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion Funeral Service for Francis Parkinson RIP
<b>Thurs</b>	22nd Dec	9:15 am	Simon Hobson RIP
<b>Friday</b>	23rd Dec		No MASS
<b>Sat</b>	<b>24th Dec Vigil</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b> <b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>Nativity of the Lord</b> Carols Susan Swarbrick & Family
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25th Dec</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>Nativity of the Lord</b> The Parish
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**Advent Service of Reconciliation**  
 A celebration for both parishes at St Mary's, Brownedge  
 on **Tuesday at 7pm.**  
 Join us for a very beautiful, prayerful experience!

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's**  
 Tuesday & Thursday 3 pm to 4 pm  
**Confessions:** St Gerard's: Saturday: 5- 5.15 pm  
 St Mary's: Saturday: 6.15-6.45 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](http://www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk) or  
[www.churchservices.tv](http://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 17th / 18th December -** This week let us pray for the people of the parish of St. Vincent de Paul, Norden, for Father James Manock, their parish priest and the Rural Dean, and for their parish primary school. May they know the nearness of God who is Emmanuel.

#### 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

**Baptism:** Welcome to Holden James Dale who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

**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.

**Piety Shop Christmas Raffle** - Thank you to all who supported the Christmas Raffle this year. The sum of £210 was raised for parish funds.

**Children's Masses** - Thank you to the children who read and helped at Mass last week for a beautiful celebration of "Bambinelli Sunday". If you would like your child(ren) to be considered for roles within children's Masses in the future please email Daniel Ballard [dwdb27@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dwdb27@yahoo.co.uk) stating what they would be happy for their child(ren) to do? i.e. small reading; longer reading; prayer; offertory etc. It would be good to build up a group of children that we can call upon for these occasions and help them gain confidence in doing this. All children and young people are invited to take part in this.

**Last few days for 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](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. **It's still not too late as you can get most on-line and an email certificate.**

**"The Letter"** - a video on the environment by **Pope Francis**. In continuing to look at how we can care for our created world, we are 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.

**Parish Bingo is now taking a break and will restart on in the New Year on January 4<sup>th</sup> 2023.** Thank you for your continued support. If you would like to join us there is always room for a few more.

**Lottery** - This week we have the usual weekly draw and the December Super Draw. If you pay annually at the end of December please remember to re-new your membership by the end of the month. If you would like to join New members are always welcome and application forms can be found in the porch or on our website.

**Community Carol Singing** - There will be community carol singing on Hope Terrace, Lostock Hall on Monday 17th December from 5 pm.



Offertory 10th / 11th December 2022			
Offertory Loose	£187.99		
Offertory Envelopes	£364.00		
Attendance	123		
Bingo Jackpots for 4/1/2023			
£39	£53	£43	£35
Parish Lottery No. 542 7/12/22			
1st	£25	No. 32	Mr K Bowman
2nd	£10	No. 26	Mrs M Hunt
3rd	£5	No. 25	Mr / Mrs A Hunt

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

Parish Lottery No. 543- 14/12/2022 Super Draw			
1st	£60	No. 7	Mr A Rands
2nd	£40	No. 21	Mrs J Taylor
3rd	£10	No. 65	Mr J Corrigan
3rd	£10	No. 79	Mrs G Davies
3rd	£10	No. 62	Mr / Mrs T Watson

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

**Baptism:** Welcome to Emmie Faye Aston-Taylor who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

**SVP Collection – Saturday 17th and 18th December.**

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 25th December 9:30 am Mass: Agberwornu Family. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

**Masses in the Octave Christmas:** Mass from Monday 26th—Friday 30th Dec at St Mary's will be at 10am each day. As in previous years we will include Morning of the Church as part of the celebration of Mass during this week. Come along and continue to celebrate Christmas during these days.

**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.

**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, Tony Turner, a school governor and passionate advocate of school, or myself would be happy to answer them. Wishing you every blessing. Mr 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/](http://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.

**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.

**The O Antiphons:** are Magnificat antiphons used at Vespers and Gospel Acclamations on the last seven days of Advent. The texts are best known in the English-speaking world in their paraphrased form in the hymn "*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*".  
 17 Dec: O Sapientia (O Wisdom);  
 18 Dec: O Adonai (O Lord)  
 19 Dec: O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)  
 20 Dec: O Clavis David (O Key of David)  
 21 Dec: O Oriens (O Dayspring)  
 22 Dec: O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations)  
 23 Dec: O Emmanuel (O With Us is God)

<b>Mass Attendance:</b> 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	39
9:30 am	110
6:30 p.m..	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>194</b>

<b>Sanctuary Lamps Week 4</b>	
<b>1</b>	Healing for Emma
<b>2</b>	In memory of Herbert Pearson

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**  
**The sick, and those who care for them:**  
 Kath Kelly, Sr Louise Shields.  
**All Those who have Recently Died:**  
 James Watkins, Terence Napoleon, Francis Parkinson & David Hattemore

## Joint Notices



### 4th Sunday of Advent:

Here we enter a new stage of Advent: having spent so much time on the Second Coming, now we look back, to remember the details of the Lord's First Coming. Today we focus on the characters of Mary and Joseph, and hear of the

circumstances surrounding the conception of the child Jesus, and the reaction of Joseph. This mystery springs from the House of David, and so we lead into the Gospel by hearing of the promise that the Messiah would come from that line.

**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 Mary's: Sun 18th Dec at 9.30am Mass.

This is a family Mass 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.

**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 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm**. Please encourage your families and friend to come.

**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 contact the Parish Office to arrange drop off your Poinsettias at St Gerard's or for St Mary's these can be dropped off on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December between 12 noon and 3pm.

**"Giving Tree":** Another Amazing Year! Many Thanks for your very generous donations of Christmas presents for the Giving Tree. They were distributed on Monday to the following organisations who were extremely grateful for our continued support in these difficult times: Caritas, Recycling Lives, Women's Refuge, Bay 6 / Young Carers, Foxton Centre, SLEAP, The Spires, Wade Hall Community Centre, Salvation Army and Metanoia.

**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 4<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm**, then each Wednesday at 2.30pm.

**Call to Lead:** A group for young people aged 13-18— 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 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.

**Catholic Post:** We have been sent 50 free copies of the Catholic Post for December for both churches. Please take one from the Porch.

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

**Readings for Mass and the Divine Office:** [www.universalis.com](http://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.



**Boxing Day, Feast of St Stephen:** There will be Mass in both churches at 10am on 26th December. It will include a blessing for Altar Servers on the feast of St Stephen, Patron Saint of Altar Servers.

### ✂ 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 evening Mass on Christmas Day.*

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