

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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The Baptism of the Lord

8th January 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	7th Jan Vigil	7:00 pm	The Baptism of the Lord Robert, Nellie & Joseph Delaney
Sun	8th Jan	9:30 am 6:30 pm	The Baptism of the Lord The Parish Sister Mary
Mon	9th Jan	9:30 am	Lizzie & Joe Dawbakin
Tues	10th Jan	10:00 am	Requiem Mass for Mary Yeomans R.I.P.
Wed	11th Jan	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Richard & Mary Lloyd Class Mass Year 6 Mass at SC Hospice Holy Souls
Thurs	12th Jan	9:30 am	St Aelred (OM) Michael Knaption R.I.P.
Friday	13th Jan	9:30 am	St Hilary of Poitiers (OM) Connie Dixon R.I.P.
Sat	14th Jan Vigil	7:00 pm	2nd Sunday Ordinary Time Elizabeth Prescott
Sun	15th Jan	9:30 am 6:30 pm	2nd Sunday Ordinary Time The Parish Thompson Families

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	7th Jan Vigil	5:30 pm	The Baptism of the Lord Josephine Topping R.I.P.
Sun	8th Jan	10:30 am	The Baptism of the Lord The Parish Baptism of Darcie Walton
Mon	9th Jan	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	10th Jan	9:15 am	Margaret Redmond R.I.P. Class Mass - Year 3
Wed	11th Jan	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Thurs	12th Jan	9:15 am 10:30 am	St Aelred (OM) Tom Hodges Funeral of Michael Knaption
Friday	13th Jan	11:00 am 1:00 p.m.	St Hilary of Poitiers (OM) Funeral of Brian Johnson Funeral of Mary Ruth McGarry
Sat	14th Jan Vigil	5:30 pm	2nd Sunday Ordinary Time Catherine Hughes RIP & Hughes Family
Sun	15th Jan	10:30 am 12 noon	2nd Sunday Ordinary Time The Parish Baptism of Penelope Naylor

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 (or by request)

Holy Rosary: Streamed at 8 pm each evening

CYCLE OF PRAYER 7th / 8th Jan: Let us pray this week for the people of the parish of St. Joseph, Ramsbottom, with Father Frank Thorpe, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school. May all parishioners live out the vocation and mission given them at their baptism.

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.

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

School Choir begins again on Wednesday 11th January 3:30pm in Church - £2 per session.

Wednesday Bingo - Bingo has restarted after the Christmas Break.

Children's Masses - Thank you to the children who read and helped at the Christmas Vigil Mass. 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 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 it doing this. All children and young people are invited to take part in this.

Parish Register - There have been a few additional submissions over Christmas to update the our Parish Registers.. 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.



"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.

Lottery - If you pay annually at the end of December please remember to re-new your membership by the end of the month. If you are unsure about your renewal date we will be contacted you after Christmas.

If you would like to join New members are always welcome and application forms can be found in the porch or on our website.

LOST MOBILE - A parishioner has lost her Samsung Mobile phone. Believed to be from somewhere outside the Parochial Centre after the

Senior Citizens Party on 3rd December. If anyone has found it the owner is offering a reward for its safe return. Please contact the Parish office and we will put you in touch with her.

Congratulations - to James Turner and Archie Henderson who received their St Stephen's Guild Silver Medals for 10 years continues Alter Serving at our Annual St Stephen's Day Mass on 26th December. Thank you to Christina for providing the Buffet and washing and repairing the Albs for us during the year. Thanks also to Margery & Mildred and Father Mark and Father Colin for once again proving the servers with a welcome Christmas gift.

Recently Deceased and Prayers for the Sick are now part of the Joint Notices on the back page.

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JESUS	JORDAN	JOHN
BAPTISM	FITTING	DEMANDS
WATER	HEAVENS	SPIRIT
DOVE	VOICE	SON

Parish Lottery No. 544 28/12/22			
1st	£25	No. 21	Mrs J Taylor
2nd	£10	No. 40	Mr M Phelan
3rd	£5	No. 26	Mrs M Hunt

Parish Lottery No. 545 4/1/23			
1st	£25	No. 36	Mrs G Duffell
2nd	£10	No. 60	Miss C Flanagan
3rd	£5	No. 18	Mrs A Quinlan

W/C 8/1/2023	This Weeks Intentions
St Gerard	Ruth

Offertory 31st December 2022 / 1st January 2023			
Offertory Loose	£250.02		
Offertory Envelopes	£166.15		
Attendance	136		
Bingo Jackpots for 11/1/2023			
£40	£54	£44	£36

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.

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Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 15th January 9:30 am Mass: Tolentino Family. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

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 - Submissions for the register have trickled to a stop in recent weeks. We are a large parish but the number of entries on the register do not represent it. Christmas is an ideal time to get our house in order and up to date so please if you haven't already completed the registration spare a little time over the holiday and complete it. 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.



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/ **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.

School Governors: There are two vacancies for foundation governors at Brownedge St Mary's High School as well as one at St Mary's and St Benedict's Primary School. Being a governor is an excellent way to support our local community and put our catholic faith into practical action. Training is given for these roles. Anyone who may be interested, please contact Fr Mark.

Parish Dinner: The Annual Brownedge St Mary's Church Parish Dinner will be on **Sunday 29th January 2023** - Order forms are available to pick up from the church from 26th December.

200 Club		December Draw
1st £200	347	Dorothy Livesey
2nd £100	172	Dorothy Whittle
3rd £50	336	Janette Morris

200 Club		Christmas Hamper Draw
1st	214	Florence Hunt
2nd	64	Barbera Jones
3rd	22	John Lees
		RUNNERS UP
	83	Hankey Family
	195	Stephen & Louise Swindlehurst
	350	Teresa Turner

Thank you for your continuing support for the 200 club. May we wish you all a Happy and Holy 2023.

Sanctuary Lamps Week 6	
1	Edmondson Waterhouse & Almond Families
2	Father John Cribben & Father Jerry Lomax

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	73
9:30 am	116
6:30 p.m..	62
Total	251

Joint Notices



The Baptism of the Lord; It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the

Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: This is my Son, the Beloved. On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, that we fully understand the reason for the joy with which we celebrated Christmas Day. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospel in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

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: 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.

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.



Christian Community Larder - Food insecurity is on the increase, and the reasons are complex. There is a wider section of society being dragged into poverty for the first time. Some need food for a few weeks and others long term. The Larder provides food support to individuals and families from Bamber Bridge, Clayton-le-Woods, Lostock Hall and Walton-le-Dale.

On behalf of our 20 volunteers and more than 55 families who we support each week. We THANK YOU for every can, packet and pound ££££££££££££££££. Your generosity makes it possible to provide this important service and The HOPE of CHRISTMAS will comfort and sustain us all into 2023. Call in for a coffee and cake. We are open Monday and Friday 9-30am to 11-30am Email: christiancommunitylarder@gmail.com Tel: 07762905978

Christian Community Larder – next meeting Tuesday 17th January at 10:15 am at St Marys Priory followed by Annual general meeting at 12 noon – All welcome to attend

Root and Branch Synod Talk: Towards a Beatitudinal Church - 7 pm Thursday 19th January (Via Zoom) - Root and Branch Synod - a forum for reform within the Catholic Church - is inviting people to join a positive talk that seeks to explore how we can work together to bring about authentic change and a more Beatitudinal Church.

The talk will welcome Archbishop Charles Scicluna, who will help guide us as we discuss how to maintain the momentum for change within the Church and tackle some of its biggest challenges, including clerical power abuse. Find out more and/or register for the zoom session <https://www.rootandbranchsynod.org/>

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; Saturday 11th March; Saturday 13th May; Wednesday 7th June; Monday 3rd July.

Parish Mission: We have invited the Redemptorist Fathers to lead a Parish Mission from **11th -17th March** for both St Mary's and St Gerard's. It will be a week of renewal for our community with a series of Masses, liturgies, talks and reflection to help us all grow in our practice of the faith for our current times. More details will be available soon.

PLEASE PRAY FOR
The sick, and those who care for them:
Patrick Mackey, Kath Kelly, Sr Louise Shields.
All Those who have Recently Died:
Connie Dixon, Mary Yeomans, David Hattemore,
Brian Johnson Michael Knapton, Gerard Singleton,
Mary Ruth McGarry, Michael Newton,
James Derek Nixon, Irene Ingram, David Robinson,
& Nora Robinson