

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Year A)

15th January 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge			
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
Mon	16th Jan	9:30 am	Jack & Nellie Holt, James Robert Holme, Christine Gainer
Tues	17th Jan	9:30 am	St Anthony (M) Doreen Singleton
Wed	18th Jan	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Angela Crook Class Mass Year 6 Mass at SC Hospice Holy Souls
Thurs	19th Jan	9:30 am	St Wulstan (OM) Simon O'Neill
Friday	20th Jan	11:00 am 2:30 pm	Ss Fabian & Sebastian (OM) Requiem Mass for Michael Newton R.I.P. Dove Haven Care Home
Sat	21st Jan Vigil	7:00 pm	3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Ann & Charles Sergeant
Sun	22nd Jan	9:30 am 6:30 pm	3rd Sunday Ordinary Time The Parish Derek Nickson R.I.P.

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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
Mon	16th Jan	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	17th Jan	2 pm	Funeral Service for Norah Robinson R.I.P.
Wed	18th Jan	11:00 am	Requiem Mass for Gerard Singleton R.I.P.
Thurs	19th Jan	9:15 am	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Friday	20th Jan		NO MASS
Sat	21st Jan Vigil	5:30 pm	3rd Sunday Ordinary Time Doreen & George Wane R.I.P.
Sun	22nd Jan	10:30 am	3rd Sunday Ordinary Time The Parish

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

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 14th / 15th Jan: We pray for the people of the parish of St. Margaret Clitherow, in Rochdale for Father Simon Firth, their parish priest, for their parish primary schools, St. Cuthbert's High School, and for Springhill Hospice. May they bring to others the light of the nations.

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 Preparation Presentations - We welcome the children who have been enrolled on the preparation course to Mass this Sunday at 10:30 am.

Children's Liturgy Group - The display of photos from the 1990's will be removed in the next few weeks. Hopefully parishioners and visitors will have had a chance to look at them over the Christmas and New Year period.

Majella Companions - The meeting last week was cancelled due to the weather at the time and has been rescheduled for Tuesday 17th January in the Shield Centre from 2 pm.

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.

Lottery - If you pay annually at the end of December please remember to re-new your membership as soon as possible. If you are not sure when your subscription ends please contact the parish office.

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

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

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.



LAMB	SIN	ISRAEL	WATER	SPIRIT	HEAVEN	DOVE	BAPTISE	HOLY	WITNESS	CHOSEN	ONE
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Offertory 7th / 8th January 2023			
Offertory Loose	£269.66		
Offertory Envelopes	£142.23		
Attendance	147		
Bingo Jackpots for 18/1/2023			
£41	£55	£45	£37

Parish Lottery No. 546 11/1/23			
1st	£25	No. 74	Mrs H Lyth
2nd	£10	No. 48	The Parish
3rd	£5	No. 84	Ms S Russo
W/C 15/1/2023		This Weeks Intentions	
St Gerard		Ruth Naylor	

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 22nd January 9:30 am Mass: Daniels Family. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

Baptism Preparation Presentations - We welcome the children who have been enrolled on the preparation course to Mass this Sunday at 9:30 am.

SVP Collection - This weekend after Mass.

Mothers Prayer Meeting - Wednesday 18th January at 1 pm in St Mary's Priory.

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. Last chance to sign up: **Speak to Fr Mark. The parish will help to fundraise for any young person who wishes to go.**

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.

Cafod - Thank You - From the recent coffee morning and raffle we received **£194** and from the buckets we collected **£87**. We have recently purchased **World Gifts** to the value of **£1308**, details of these will be displayed in the near future. Many thanks for your generosity and support in 2022 to help those in most need to build a better future. We hope to have a mystery raffle again during Lent, please leave any unwanted Christmas gifts in the box near the Piety Shop. Thank you.

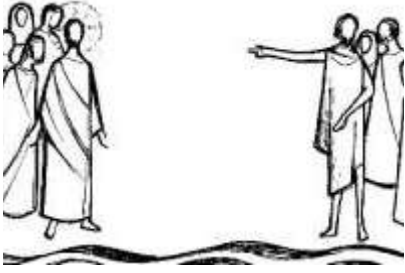
Recent Funerals: Thank you to all those who help with preparing and celebrating parish funerals. In particular, the families of Connie Dixon and Mary Yeomans, whose funerals we have celebrated recently, would like to express their appreciation of the support of the parish family. The recording of the funeral of Mary Yeomans was lost initially but can now be viewed in the "Featured Videos" tab rather than "Recordings".

Altar Servers: We received this week a lovely email from someone who joins our Sunday morning Mass on livestream. She wanted to express how impressive our team of altar servers were last Sunday, especially how some of the older ones supported the younger ones. Well done! Anyone who would like to join our team please see Fr Mark.

Sanctuary Lamps Week 7	
1	In Memory of Kath & Diane Harvey
2	

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	63
9:30 am	121
6:30 p.m..	59
Total	243

Joint Notices



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

There is no break between Christmas and Ordinary Time one flows almost seamlessly into the other through the Baptism of Jesus. We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the revelation of the Son of God people realising who this Jesus of Nazareth actually was and this continues today, as we interject a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint Matthew's Gospel. New Year is about beginnings, and as we return to the beginning of Our Lord's public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to happen even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film. So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the river Jordan, and recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, who offers himself to do God's work. .

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.

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.

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

Walsingham Pilgrimage 2023 - Saturday 20th May 2023 - You can now register your interest to join the Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham this May! The cost for a day pilgrim is expected to be between £35 and £45. The overnight option has been well received and is now nearly full. The cost of this is expected to be between £130 - £150 (includes evening meal, breakfast, and packed lunch.) Due to increased transport costs, we may look to reduce the number of coaches this year, so we would be grateful if you could please register your interest by emailing walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or calling 0161 817 2214 Further information and booking forms will be made available soon.

Prayer Cards to commemorate the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict XV1 are available to collect from the Church Porches at both St Gerard's and St Mary's.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

The sick, and those who care for them:
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 Nickson, Irene Ingram,
David Robinson, Norah Robinson, Elizabeth Butterworth,
Josephine Healey