

## ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE



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### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time      (Year A)      16th July 2023

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	15th July Vigil	7:00 pm	15th Sunday of the Year Elizabeth Prescott
Sun	16th July	9:30 am 6:30 pm	15th Sunday of the Year Mary McCormack Anniversary of Birthday The Parish
Mon	17th July	9:30 am 2:00 pm	Thomas Roberts Whole School Mass for Y6 Leavers
Tues	18th July	9:30 am	Bernard Murphy
Wed	19th July	9:30 am 2:30 pm	Kath Kelly St Catherine's Hospice Priest's Intentions
Thurs	20th July	9:30 am	St Apollinaris (OM) Kathleen Goonan
Friday	21st July	9:30 am	St Lawrence of Brindisi (OM) James & Anne Whittle
Sat	22nd July Vigil	7:00 pm	16th Sunday of the Year Ben Eccles
Sun	23rd July	9:30 am 6:30 pm	16th Sunday of the Year Bill Harrison & Margaret Dixon The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	15th July Vigil	5:30 pm	15th Sunday of the Year Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	16th July	10:30 am 12 noon	15th Sunday of the Year The Parish Baptism of Aubrey Joy Counsell-Moss
Mon	17th July	6:30 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion
Tues	18th July	9:15 am	Annie Woodruff
Wed	19th July	9:15 am 1:15 pm	Celebration of the Word & Holy Communion OLSG Whole Sch End of Year
Thurs	20th July	9:15 am	St Apollinaris (OM) Margaret, George, Derek & Leon
Friday	21st July		NO MASS
Sat	22nd July Vigil	5:30 pm	16th Sunday of the Year The Parish
Sun	23rd July	10:30 am	16th Sunday of the Year Martin Braford

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's**  
 Tuesday & Thursday 3 pm to 4 pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at St. Gerard's**  
 Monday 6 pm to 6:30 pm

**Confessions:** St Gerard's: Saturday: 5 - 5.15 pm  
 St Mary's: Saturday: 6.15-6.45 pm (or by request)

#### Prayers for the Diocese:

**15th / 16th July:** We pray for our Mother Church, our Cathedral Church of St. John, together with the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Joseph, Salford. We pray for Bishop John as he celebrates his Fortieth Anniversary of priestly ordination, for Canon Michael Jones, the Cathedral Dean, Fr. Ignatius, and Fr. Churchill. We pray also for the two parish primary schools, for the chaplaincy to Salford University and for all who work in the Cathedral Centre. May their sowing bring forth a rich harvest.

**Services at St. Mary's and at St Gerard's can be viewed live or on playback at any time on:**

**[www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk](http://www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk) or  
[www.saintgerards.org.uk](http://www.saintgerards.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.

#### 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

**Welcome** - Congratulations and welcome to Anna Thornhill and Claire Westbury who have been received into the Church, Confirmed and made their First Holy Communion over the past two weeks.

**CAFOD** - This weekend **15th and 16th July**, we will be collecting signatures on a petition in anticipation of the World Bank leaders who are meeting later in the year. This is not an appeal for money but can you please provide your signature? No address is needed. There will be a short announcement at the end of mass explaining what this is all about. There is a world food crisis which is particularly affecting the global south. Critical to farmers' prosperity is the need to have access to seeds which over centuries have been developed by farmers living in developing countries, and these are genetically diverse and able to withstand the severe effects of climate change. The World Bank however is pressuring these same farmers to use more expensive seeds developed by huge multinationals to enhance their profits. This often means farmers incur mounting debts pushing them further into poverty. Our petition is asking the World Bank to stop supporting restrictive seed laws and uphold farmers' rights to save, share, exchange and sell their own seed varieties.

**End of Term:** There will be a whole School Mass to mark the End of Term on Wednesday at 1.15pm.

**Sponsored Cycle:** Rick, Keren and Archie Henderson completed the **Christie's Manchester to Blackpool Cycle Ride last Sunday** and so far have raised £515 for the British Heart Foundation. There is still time to support them, please follow the link to their GoFundMe page: [Fundraiser by Keren Henderson : Keren and Rick's fund for British Heart Foundation \(gofundme.com\)](#) Thank you to all those who have contributed.

**Majella Companions** - Will be meeting for Lunch out at Holland House Farm on **Tuesday 18th July** at 12:30 pm. Please give Sue a call on 07943 942267 if you are going to join us.

**Wednesday Bingo** - We are looking for someone to join the team and willing to call the Bingo for us on Wednesday evenings occasionally to share the load. If you are interested come along from 7 pm any Wednesday and speak to the team.

**Wednesday Bingo Holiday** - Advanced notice that there will be **NO BINGO on 16th or 23rd August** whilst the team take a short but well earned break.

**Shields Centre Gardens:** the gate to the gardens behind the Grotto and around the bowling green will be left unlocked so that parishioners can make use of this lovely facility. Please feel free to visit the gardens, sit, relax, read a book and enjoy the tranquillity of this beautiful space but please close the gate when leaving.

**School Governor:** There is a vacancy for a foundation governor at St Gerard's Primary School. Foundation governors represent the Bishop and are expected to be committed to the Catholic Faith. If anyone is interested in taking up this role please contact Fr Mark.

**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.

**Live Streaming Service:** There is a now a camera at St Gerard's, using the same service as St Mary's have used in recent years: [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) The link to this can also be found on our website. It is especially useful for the housebound and those who cannot travel to be present at funerals.

**P.T.A.** - Our School PTA are running a used School Uniform Sale and Ice Lolly shop from the Shields Centre after school at 3:15 pm to 4 pm every Friday in term time.

**BT8600 Quad phone for Sale:** The Parish Office has been upgraded to a digital phone line by BT Business. Thus, we have the above 4 phone system with answerphone available. To buy new it would be over £130 but we would accept £50 ono. So if you want a phone in every room this is ideal. Please contact the office if interested.

Offertory 8th / 9th July 2023			
Offertory Loose	£233.10		
Offertory Envelopes	£161.80		
Attendance	132		
Bingo Jackpots for 19/07/2023			
£35	£81	£71	£26

Parish Lottery No. 569 5/07/23			
1st	£25	No. 66	Mrs S Walker
2nd	£10	No. 12	Mrs J Taylor
3rd	£5	No. 77	Mrs A Bowman
W/C 16/07/2023		This Weeks Intentions	
Sanctuary		Teresa R.I.P.	
Sacred Heart		Gordon Hunt R.I.P.	
St Gerard		Ruth Naylor	

**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 23rd July 9:30 am Mass: Ryles Family. Volunteers are needed for bringing up the offertory gifts at all the Masses.

**SVP** - There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend 15th / 16th July.

**End of Term:** There will be a whole school Mass on Monday at 2pm for the Primary School and in a special way to celebrate with our Y6 Leavers.

On Friday at 10.30am in Church there will be an end of term liturgy for the community of Brownedge St Mary's High School.

**CAFOD** - From our recent coffee morning and raffle we collected £152 and from the buckets in June £189. The sale of handmade jewellery by Veronica £124 and an anonymous donation of £150 makes our total banked £615. The amount raised for a Health Clinic is now £2,932, our target being £4,000. Many thanks for your generosity and continued support.

Salina's letter to the World Bank, signed by 106 parishioners, has been sent to Cafod. Thanks to all who have signed, we hope to send a strong message to the World Bank that the Catholic Community stand with small farmers.

**QR Code Easy donation:** as well the contactless giving machine in church, you can also donate via this QR Code: 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. 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.

**Legacies:** Remembering the parish in your will is a great way to help support the Faith for the future. Even to committing a small percentage of your will to the parish can make a big difference.

**Parish Register** - If you haven't for some reason already submitted your details you can still do so. 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.



**Contactless Machine:** The diocese have engaged with a new contactless finance provider. The new machine will request details of gift aid again but only for the first time of using. The old machine is still working during the period of transition.

**Barnabus Charity Sky Dive** - Chloe Smith is doing a sky dive on **20th August** to raise money for the charity Barnabus. (A Christian homeless charity) If you would like to sponsor her there is a **Justgiving page** <https://bit.ly/ChloeSkyDive>

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend is shown below.	
7 pm Vigil	65
9:30 am	175
6:30 p.m..	66
<b>Total</b>	<b>306</b>

Sanctuary Lamps Week 29	
1	In Loving Memory of John Grealis

## Wordsearch based on Today's Gospel:

LAKESIDE    CROWDS    SOWER  
 SEEDS    BIRDS    SOIL  
 EARTH    SCORCHED    ROOTS  
 WITHERED    THORNS    CROP

A	E	S	D	R	I	B	R	F	S
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A	R	C	K	E	O	L	W	L	E
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R	E	D	H	R	T	I	S	K	E
P	S	W	C	H	C	H	O	E	D
R	O	O	E	S	T	H	K	S	S
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# Joint Notices



**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.** The Gospel today is the beginning of a new section in Matthew, called The Parabolic Discourse - a section of parables Jesus tells the crowd, which we will read over the next three weeks. A parable is a story with a hidden meaning: we can easily remember the story, and gradually the true

meaning becomes clearer and clearer. Today is a famous example: the Parable of the Sower. In itself it is a story that would easily be understood by Jesus's audience - people who lived in an agricultural economy. Jesus uses their understanding to make an important teaching about the message he has brought: it is like a seed that is thrown out and received in different ways - the ideal is when the seed finds good soil, and produces a crop that can be seen and harvested: so the ideal listener to the word is one who allows it to lodge in the heart, but also produces a visible result. What is the harvest we should yield, when we have heard the word?

**Bishop John's Ruby Jubilee:** To mark the fortieth anniversary of his ordination to priesthood, Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass at 3pm on this **Sunday 16 July** in Salford Cathedral. This Mass is open to all members of the diocese, without the need for tickets, and so you are welcome to come along if you wish to do so. There will be some light refreshments (tea/coffee and biscuits) after the Mass, respecting the bishop's wish to keep things simple on this occasion. Let us all keep Bishop John in our prayers as he celebrates this significant anniversary.

**Deanery Holy Hour with the Bishop:** Bishop Arnold wants to spend some time in prayer with the people of each deanery in the diocese to focus on the Synod. In our Deanery of St John Southworth, this will be on **Tuesday 18 July from 6.30pm—8pm** at St. Joseph's, Audley Range, Blackburn. All welcome. **Come and pray for our Church!**

**Communion Under Both Kinds:** We have now resumed the practice of receiving Holy Communion under both kinds. The church has sought advice from senior medical professionals and we have been assured that the risk of spreading infection is minimal. The fact the chalice is a precious metal, that the Precious Blood has a relatively high alcohol content and the priest or minister purifies between each communicant, helps to minimise that risk. Please take home the leaflets available at the back of Church and inform yourself about the good reason why Holy Communion is distributed under both kinds.

**Baby Grand Piano:** Someone is offering their late husband's Yamaha Baby Grand Piano to a genuine music lover. Please contact the Parish Office for further details.

**Could you be a CAFOD school volunteer?** - CAFOD. Would you be someone who would be willing to help people young people in your area stay informed about CAFOD's work and issues relating to global justice. We are looking for people to volunteer with our exciting and well established school's programme. No school experience is required and you can offer as many hours as suits you. We offer training, ongoing support and flexibility. If you are interested in either, please contact Simon Holleron from CAFOD 077 100 944 54 [sholleron@cafod.org.uk](mailto:sholleron@cafod.org.uk)

**Diocesan Synod:** At the Chrism Mass 2023, Bishop John convoked our Diocesan Synod, inviting us all to prayerfully discern how we can best address the changing needs of our diocesan community. A Diocesan Synod is an opportunity for the bishop, clergy and lay-people of our diocese to come together in a spirit of prayer, discerning what God is asking of His Church in our Diocese. Each parish is asked to nominate two lay Synod Members. We are grateful to Anna Barton and Gus Muncaster for agreeing to represent St Gerard's and we hope to have two parishioners from St Mary's in place very soon.

**St Gerard's Shields Centre:** This meeting room is a great venue for small conferences, meetings, clubs, community events and private party bookings. Contact the office for details of hire etc...

**Nursery Places:** Both our parish primary schools have nursery places available for 3 and 4 years old from September. Contact either Our Lady & St Gerard's or St Mary's and St Benedict's for further details.

**St John of God Homes for Ukraine:** If you are interested in supporting a Ukrainian family please take a leaflet for the back of church.

[Homes for Ukraine \(sjog-homesforukraine.uk\)](http://HomesforUkraine(sjog-homesforukraine.uk))

Email: [homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk](mailto:homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk)

**Prayer Cards:** Salford Diocese have issued Prayer Cards for the Synod. Please take some from the back of Church and pray regularly for this important event in life of the church in our diocese.

## **Diocese of Salford Synod 2023—2025 Prayer**

*Loving Father be with us as we seek new ways of being your people in our Diocese. May each new day bring us closer to your son Jesus, as we follow his teaching and become disciples of love. As we continue our Synodal journey draw us closer to each other. May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us. Open our hearts, as we listen to each other and reach out in love to your people. Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. Amen*

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us,  
St Joseph, Pray for us.**

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

### **The sick, and those who care for them:**

John Prescott, Sandra Nightingale, Anne McAloone,  
George Couperthwaite, Fr Jonathan Cotton OSB,

### **All Those who have Recently Died:**

Teresa Hodgson, Hilda Warbrick, Michael Murphy