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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

5th October 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	4th Oct		St Francis of Assisi
	Vigil	7:00 pm	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Dowbakin Family
Sun	5th Oct	9:30 am	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Joan Murphy
		6:30 pm	Jack, Mary & John Doolan
Mon	6th Oct	9:30 am	St Bruno Fell & Bamford Families
Tues	7th Oct	9:30 am	Our Lady of the Rosary William & Mary Dowbakin & Anne Hull
Wed	8th Oct	9:30 am	John Lees R.I.P. Whole School Mass
Thurs	9th Oct	9.30 am	St John Henry Newman Deceased Members of the Swindlehurst Family
Fri	10th Oct	9:30 am	St Denis Holland, Holiday & Espinosa Families
Sat	11th Oct	7:00 pm	St John XXXIII 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Denis Hopwood
Sun	12th Oct	9:30 am	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
		11:00am	Baptism of Henry Hesmondhalgh
		6:30 pm	Priest's Intentions

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	4th Oct		St Francis of Assisi
	Vigil	5:30 pm	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Sun	5th Oct	10:30 am	27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Michael Scahill R.I.P. Baptisms of Nova Wilkinson, Lily Uttley & Chizikora Okaye
Mon	6th Oct	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	St Bruno Exposition Service of the Word
Tues	7th Oct	9:15 am	Our Lady of the Rosary Gordon Hobson (Anniversary) Yr 3 & 4 School Mass
Wed	8th Oct	9:15 am	Service of the Word
Thurs	9th Oct	6.30pm	St John Henry Newman For a sick person
Fri	10th Oct		St Denis NO SERVICES
Sat	11th Oct	5:30 pm	St John XXXIII 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Sun	12th Oct	10:30 am	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Margaret & Roy Cross

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Mary's: Tuesday & Thursday 3 pm to 4 pm
 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)

Holy Rosary: Streamed at 8pm each evening from St Mary's.

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 or
www.saintgerards.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.

Prayer for Salford Diocese This Week:

This week let us pray for the people of the parishes of St Kentigern, Fallowfield, English Martyrs, Whalley Range, and for Canon Michael Cleary, their Parish Priest. We pray for their parish primary school and for St. Bede's College.

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.

Joint Notices

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Faithfulness, faith and trust. These most invisible and difficult things are what God asks of us – just as we, in our own way, ask them of those who love us. “Trust me”, we say, “all will be well.” And if someone does trust us, the reward is simply that trust was well-placed. We have done our duty. Sometimes when we talk about “faith” we put the emphasis on “believe and accept”. Today’s readings (especially the passage from Habakkuk) invite us to think in terms of “trust”. The request of the Apostles is interesting: “Increase our faith” could also mean “Make it easier for us,” or “Prove that you are who you say you are.” Jesus replies that he can’t do that – you can’t make someone trust you. It has to be a gift, freely given.

Pastoral Letter: Last weekend there was a Pastoral Letter from Bishop John, particularly concerning the way we being called to address the results of the Salford Synod consultation in our diocese. Copies are available at the back of church.

Sycamore (RCIA): Do you want to become a Catholic or learn more about the faith? A great start to our new course learning about the Catholic Faith. All still welcome to come along this week on **Tuesday 7th October** at 7pm in the Narthex at St Mary’s. This week the session is entitled: “Who is Jesus?”, including the ideas: “He came to bring life to the world”, “The Saving Death of Jesus” and “The light of the Resurrection”.

First Holy Communion Programme: Both parishes will be starting the preparation for First Holy Communion very soon. Children in Year Three at our Parish Schools will receive a letter inviting them to join the programme. If your child is at another school or in a higher year group and you would like them to make their First Communion, please contact the Parish Office and we will give you an application form.

Celebration of Human Dignity: Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford is holding a free event on Sunday 26 October from 10.30am to 3pm at Sacred Heart Church and Parish Centre, Gorton, Manchester, M18 7WJ. The ‘Celebration of Human Dignity’ event, which is aligned with the memorial of St Pope John Paul II who championed human dignity and the value of human life in his many works, will include music, thought-provoking sessions and Sunday Mass celebrated by Bishop John Arnold. To find out more and book your place at the event, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/humandignity/

Our parish Caritas Reps will be speaking to us about the work of Caritas at Masses on 18/19 Oct.

Women’s Refuge: As always, the response to the appeal for toiletries for the Women’s Refuge has been fantastic. They currently do not need any more but we will let you know when they do. Thank you especially to the collection of toiletries by pupils at Brownedge St Mary’s High School. Much appreciated.

SVP: As part of Barbara Hall’s fundraising for the SVP through her Camino walk, a knitted Nativity scene will be on display at the weekend at St. Gerard’s. Raffle Tickets are on sale at the back of Church at £1 each. If you already have a nativity scene, why not buy a ticket to win it for your child’s school, your grandchild’s classroom, a children’s hospital ward, a care home, the office.

Day of Renewal: St Clare’s in Fulwood are holding one of their regular Days of Renewal on **Saturday 18th October from 10am to 4pm** at St Clares Church, Sharoe Green Lane, Preston PR2 9HH. The Theme of the Day is *‘Being guided by the Holy Spirit’* and the main speaker is Fr Chris Thomas.

Mass Intentions: Canon Law stipulates that a Parish Priest must ensure a Sunday Mass is offered for the intentions of those in his care. Where a priest is Parish Priest of more than one parish, one Sunday Mass for all those in his care is sufficient. Thus, going forward a Mass intention for the parish will be alternated between the two churches. In effect this now means that there will be an extra Mass intention available at the weekend. If a Mass intention is required, please either complete a Mass intention / offering envelope and hand into the Church/Office or Contact the office via email with details of the Mass intentions and correct spelling of names etc. Mass intention **will not** be taken over the phone to avoid misheard or misspelt names and intentions – please contact the office via office@saintgerards.org.uk or office@stmarysbrowndedge.org.uk Offerings for Mass intentions can be paid by cash, card or BACS transfer as necessary.

Family & Group Stays at Castlerigg Manor this October half term - Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups once again during October Half Term (Oct 27-31). A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at <https://castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us/> or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

Laudato Si’ Centre Gardening Club - As we head into autumn, the Diocese of Salford’s Laudato Si’ Centre invites you to join its regular Friday gardening club to learn more about how to care for our common home over the coming months. For top tips on seasonal gardening, sustainable techniques, and how to care for the land and biodiversity during the winter months, sign up to our friendly sessions by emailing:

laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Universalis.com: Universalis is a website which provides the Mass texts and readings for each day of the year as well as the Liturgy of the Hours. Online it provides free texts for the upcoming 7 days.

Buying the App gives full access. This QR Code will take you straight to the Mass Readings of the day:



Joint Notices

Sacramental Programme: The first session for the First Communion Programme for St Mary's takes place on Wednesday 8th Oct at 6.30pm. The children will be presented to join the programme next Sunday at 9.30 am Mass.

Righting a Wrong: We have been asked to share the following message from the Northern Ireland Assembly: Politicians in Northern Ireland are working to make reparations for conditions imposed upon young women in mother and baby institutions, Magdalene laundries, and workhouses between 1922 – 1995. A consultation is taking place to hear from survivors of these institutions to inform legislation around a public inquiry and financial redress scheme. Contributions can be made before the end of Sept at: <https://lk.cmte.fyi/InquiryRedressBill>. Postal contributions can also be made: Room 247, Parliament Buildings, Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT4 3XX.



October: Month of the Holy Rosary: Pope Leo has encouraged all Catholics to pray the Holy Rosary each day during the month of October with the special intention of praying peace in the Holy Land. A quick reminder of how to pray the rosary: We can pray one or more decades or we can pray a set of the "Mysteries of the Rosary".

A Decade of The Most Holy Rosary =
x1 "Our Father"; x10 "Hail Mary"; x1 "Glory Be".

Joyful Mysteries: x5 Decades: 1. The Annunciation; 2. The Visitation; 3. The Nativity; 4. The Presentation; 5. The Finding in the Temple.

Sorrowful Mysteries: x5 Decades: 1. The Agony in the Garden; 2. The Scourging at the Pillar; 3. The Crowning with Thorns; 4. The Carrying of the Cross 5. The Crucifixion.

Glorious Mysteries: x5 Decades: 1. The Resurrection; 2. The Ascension; 3. Pentecost; 4. The Assumption; 5. The Crowning of Mary as Queen of Heaven.

Luminous Mysteries: x5 Decades: 1. The Baptism of Jesus; 2. The Wedding of Cana; 3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom; 4. The Transfiguration; 5. The Institution of the Eucharist.

Mysteries of the Rosary; Suggested days:

Sunday – Glorious; Monday – Joyful;
Tuesday – Sorrowful; Wednesday – Glorious;
Thursday – Luminous; Friday – Sorrowful;
Saturday – Joyful.

Prayer to conclude the Rosary: Let us pray:
O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life. Grant, we beseech Thee, that by meditating on these mysteries of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may both imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Year of Jubilee 2025:
Jubilee Visits in Salford Diocese:

The Diocese have nominated six churches as places of pilgrimage in the Jubilee Year. This includes St Mary's Brownedge as a place of pilgrimage. We are asked to make people welcome to visit our church during the Holy Year and offer opportunities for prayer and devotion. It would be good to have a team of people who would be willing to help with this. There is a booklet at the back of church detailing the six churches and the idea of being pilgrims of hope in the upcoming Jubilee Year. There is also a "Jubilee Passport" produced by the diocese with some of the details about the six churches and what we can see when we visit them.



Jubilee Display: Please visit our Jubilee display in Our Lady's Transept in St Mary's Church; you can see some of the anchors and prayers prepared by our children; a candle for the jubilee which will be lit on special occasions during the year. Also the jubilee passport books which detail some of things to see in the six jubilee churches in Salford diocese.

Jubilee Votive Candles: These are available from the Jubilee display stand for £2 each and are good way to help our prayer time at home or perhaps to give to someone we are praying for. Put the money into the ordinary votive candle stands.

Jubilee Mascot: "Luce" is the mascot for the Jubilee and for our Children's Liturgy Group. Her name is the Italian for "Light" and she, like each of us, is a Pilgrim of Hope. She invites us all to walk as Pilgrims of Hope. **We now have a special Luce, knitted by Clare, one of our parishioners and she joined our parish pilgrimage and came with us so see so many amazing things in Rome. Clare has put together a fantastic account of the pilgrimage through the eyes of Luce and taken photos of her in all the places we visited. This lovely book is on our Jubilee display table. Many thanks to Clare for producing such a wonderful little book!**



Jubilee Church Guide: Thanks to David Gorman who has produced a short guide to St Mary's Church for visiting pilgrims. Also, Fr Mark has left copies of the prayers which pilgrims use when they go through the Holy Door of St Peter's. We can use them here when visiting the church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick, and those who care for them:

Sister Louise, Peter Clough, Yvonne Jeffrey,
Joseph O'Grady, Brian Morley, Jean Doran,
Maureen Calderbank, Joseph Finch, Mick Green.
Mary Bilsborough,

All those who have recently died:

David Parry, Robert G Smith, Catherine Bamber,
Marie McCulloch. Peter Smith, Michael Scahill. Bill
Warbrick, Dorothy Whittle, Fr John Baron.

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound and for those who have asked for your Prayers.

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

Harvest Mass & Coffee Morning last weekend - Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and bought raffle tickets for the coffee morning. The event raised £310 for Church. All raffle winners have been notified, and a list is available in Church. Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Harvest – These will be donated to local food banks for people and families in need.

CAFOD - Envelopes for Harvest Fast Day last Friday can be placed in the offertory or left at the Parish Office. Thank you.

WOOL APPEAL: Marina McNulty thanks everyone for your contributions for the double knit wool you may no longer need. Please continue as she knits for charities in the area. All colours gratefully received. Please leave in the Porch for collection.

Volunteer Rewarded: Anna Barton who volunteers in the Presbytery gardens with Katarina Tothova and look after the pots of plants around the church was recently nominated by Katarina as a "local hero" for her work in the gardens. She was awarded the prize and has received £300 in gardening tokens by the company that Katarina works for— Eville & Jones Vetinarians Limited, Anna and Katarina along with Michael Phelan and Geoff Hawarden do wonderful work around the church and Presbytery and we are extremely grateful to them. Thank you and Well done.

Sacramental Programme of First Holy Communion & Reconciliation – If your child is in Yr 3 or above and would like to take part and have their First Holy Communion & Reconciliation in Summer 2026 please collect an enrolment form and pack from either Church or the Church Office – please return the form by Friday 3rd October to the Parish Office – the first programme session is planned for Sunday 19th October 10:30am in Church. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Donations: Make an online Donation to support our parishes by scanning the QR codes below:



W/C 05/10/25	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey

Offertory 27th / 28th September 2025			
Offertory Loose	£262.59		
Offertory Envelopes	£178.90		
Attendance	150		
Bingo Jackpots for 08/10/2025			
£35	£102	£33	£43

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 12th October 9:30 am Mass: Sacramental Programme children.

Cafod Family Fast Day - Friday 3rd October is Harvest Family Fast Day and our monthly coffee morning. There will be a short talk at all Masses this weekend about Ware, a mother of five children from Ethiopia, who has faced drought there over the last four years. Envelopes for donations will be available after Mass. Your continued support and generosity is much appreciated. Thank you.

Donations: Many thanks for all your donations in support of the parish and some of the appeals we have had recently. The heating pipe has now been replaced, just before the cold of winter begins. Our Catholic churches rely almost solely on the generosity of those who attend. It is much appreciated.

High School Welcome Mass: All the Year 7 Children at the High School have celebrated Form Masses in the lovely chapel over the past couple of weeks as part of their induction into the school. On Wednesday 8th Oct at 5.30pm we would like to welcome all of them with their families to celebrate Mass in the School Hall, showing they are now very much part of our family.

High School Chapel: Fr Mark has approved that there will be reservation the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle in the school chapel. On Tuesday last week we celebrated a Mass to mark the beginning of this reservation. We hope this will remind the school community of the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and they will be introduced to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the help of our new lay chaplain, John Griffin. Please encourage our young people to make the most of this wonderful opportunity.

Recently Deceased - Please pray for the soul of Dorothy Whittle who has died. Her funeral is on Thursday 16th October at 11:30 am.

St Mary's Graveyard - Thank you to everyone who has been in touch regarding the fallen and dangerous Gravestones – These will be laid flat and made safe in the coming weeks.

Graveyard notice at St Mary's - Please note that there is new signage in the Graveyard regarding the use of memorial pots and glass containers on the Ashes memorial and graves.

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	62
9:30 am	148
6:30 p.m..	65
Total	275

Sanctuary Lamps Week 05/10/25	
1	James & Selena Kennedy
2	Brett & Geoff Thompson