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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

12th October 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	11th Oct		St John XXXIII
	Vigil	7:00 pm	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Denis Hopwood
Sun	12th Oct	9:30 am 11:00am 6:30 pm	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish Baptism of Henry Hesmondhalgh Priest's Intentions
Mon	13th Oct	9:30 am	St Edward the Confessor Dorothy Whittle R.I.P.
Tues	14th Oct	9:30 am	St Callistus Haythornthwaite Intentions
Wed	15th Oct	9:30 am	St Teresa of Avila Wakefield Family
Thurs	16th Oct	9.30 am 11:30am	St Gerard Majella (F) Margaret Mary Livesey Funeral Service for Dorothy Whittle R.I.P.
Fri	17th Oct	9:30 am	St Ignatius of Antioch Kath Harvey (Birthday Memories)
Sat	18th Oct	7:00 pm	St Luke 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time May Smith (Walburga)
Sun	19th Oct	9:30 am 6:30 pm	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time John May The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	11th Oct		St John XXXIII
	Vigil	5:30 pm	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish
Sun	12th Oct	10:30 am	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Margaret & Roy Cross
Mon	13th Oct	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	St Edward the Confessor Exposition Service of the Word
Tues	14th Oct	9:15 am	St Callistus John Guinan R.I.P.
Wed	15th Oct	9:15 am	St Teresa of Avila Service of the Word
Thurs	16th Oct	9:15 am	St Gerard Majella Whole School Mass Priest Intentions (F)
Fri	17th Oct		St Ignatius of Antioch NO SERVICES
Sat	18th Oct	5:30 pm	St Luke 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time For Healing
Sun	19th Oct	10:30 am 12:30 pm	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacred Heart Guild Baptism of Freddie Moxley

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:

Let us pray this week for the people of the parish of St Joseph, Longsight and St. Edward's, Rusholme, for Fr Samuel Agbeme, and Fr. Armand, for the SMA Fathers, and the priests of Opus Dei. We pray for the parish primary schools and for Xavarian Sixth Form 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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There are many messages in today's Gospel: the power of God to heal, the compassion of Jesus for those in need, the fact that a despised foreigner (the Samaritan) is the only one who recognises what has been done, the role of faith and the importance of thanking God for gifts received. But because this Gospel is twinned with part of the story of Naaman the leper, the idea that the Church brings out most clearly is that of thanksgiving, or acknowledging what has been given to us. From an early age we are taught to say "Thank You" – to recognise that someone has gone out of their way to give us something or do something for us. Our thanks strengthens the relationship that binds us together, and it is the same with God. As we recognise the good things that come from God, so our faith is deepened and the bond of the Covenant in Christ Jesus is strengthened.

Prisoners' Sunday - 12th October. The Church calls upon us to remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. We pray especially for any people from our families or parishes who are in prison at this time. Prisons are in crisis, and life for prisoners and their families in our communities is challenging. Pact, the national Catholic prison charity, supports prisoners, their families and their children, offering them hope and the chance to turn their lives around.

Developing Parish Welcome Teams: - The Diocese of Salford Synod 2025 recommends that: *"all parishes should retain and develop the welcome team as a feature of parish life"*. While we do have some people at most of our Masses who act as welcomers, it would be good to increase the teams who do this and remind ourselves of the best way to do it. If you are willing to help with this ministry, give your name to one of the welcomers and we will arrange some guidance in the near future.

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 14th October** at 7pm in the Narthex at St Mary's. This week the session is entitled: "The Holy Spirit and the Church", including the ideas: "How the Holy Spirit can change your life". 5B – "No one gets into heaven alone". 5C – "Why we need signs, symbols and sacraments".

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.

Sacramental Programme: The first session for the First Communion Programme for St Mary's took place on Wednesday and the children will be presented this Sunday at 9.30 am Mass.

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.

SVP: Raffle Tickets for the knitted Nativity scene 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

Missio "Red Box" Charity – 19th October is World Mission Sunday. There are envelopes available at the back of Church to support Missio or remember to put something extra into the Red Box at home.

Joint Notices

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:



Diocese seeks volunteers for new survivor-led safeguarding panel - The Diocese of Salford is looking for volunteers to join a new safeguarding panel, which seeks to ensure the voice of survivors plays an integral role in how we safeguard against all forms of Church-based abuse, and how we continue to provide meaningful support and healing to those affected. Details of all panellists will be confidential and volunteers can choose to engage anonymously. To find out more or to enquire about becoming a volunteer panellist, please contact the diocesan Department for Safeguarding by emailing safeguarding@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or calling 0161 817 2206. Read more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/survivors-panel-announced/>

SVP Summer Raffle update & winners – The National total raised was £94,887 from this years Summer Raffle – Many thanks to all that contributed by selling and purchasing tickets and promoting the raffle:

Prizes & Winners: £5000 – Ticket 300859, £1000 – Ticket 365653, £100 – 15 Winners – 322506, 322507, 307650, 407959, 361369, 361365, 350426, 306077, 348289, 404253, 410944, 432230, 418101, 315958, 374951.

KSC Social Events - KSC Festive Prize Bingo is slightly earlier this year, **Friday 31st October** 7pm for 7.30pm. This year it will take place in **St. Gerard's Social Club, Lostock Hall**. Please note change of venue, all welcome including children. We can arrange transport from St. Mary's for anyone needing a lift, please speak to a member of the KSC. Hope to see you there for a great evening.

On Sunday, **30th November at 3pm**, there will be a **Brass Band Concert in St. Mary's**, Brownedge, Tickets £7 including refreshments, children free. There will also be a raffle, proceeds of the concert and bingo to KSC Charities. Your support will be much appreciated. Thank You.

SVP – The SVP Collection next weekend will be in aid of SVP South Sudan, which despite the continuous conflict continues to provide a home for 30 young boys who were living on the street, vocational training to hundreds of adults, balanced meals to over 700 infants, free healthcare to rural families, and more. Against a background of growing humanitarian crisis, the SVP in South Sudan are a beacon of hope; the light of Christ in the darkness. Be assured that 100% of your donation will go directly to SVP South Sudan.

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:

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

Parish Feast Day: This Thursday is the Feast of St Gerard. Mass will be at 9.15 am together with the school. This is in place of the 6.30pm Mass. Please pray for our parish on this special day.

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.

Sacramental Programme of First Holy Communion & Reconciliation – The first programme session is planned for **Sunday 19th October** 10:30am in Church. For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Metanoia Project is a Catholic charity for the New Evangelisation, based at St Wilfrid's, ministering to people of all ages, proclaiming the Word and serving the poor. At this time of year they usually appeal for small items of clothing which are given out to the homeless. If you are able to donate warm socks, gloves, woolly hats etc and leave them at the back of church we will ensure they get there.

Mass Intentions – If you would like any help or need assistance to have a Mass said please speak to the Sacristans in Church before or after Mass who will gladly help you.

Lost Property – We have 2 pairs of black rimmed glasses handed in to Church – If anyone has lost them please contact the Sacristans in Church.

SVP - South Ribble Concert Band are holding a concert next **Tuesday 14th October** at Lostock Hall Conservative Club at 7:15pm – Tickets £5 on the door – cash only - in aid of the SVP food bank and furniture scheme at Leyland. See poster in porch for more details.

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



St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 19th October 9:30 am Mass: Mullarkey Family.

Cafod — Many thanks to all who supported our Family Fast Day Coffee morning. Proceeds from this and sale of plants and jam raised £294. From the buckets, jigsaws, cards & jewellery £117. Family Fast Day envelopes can also be put in the buckets, total donated in the next couple of weeks. Many thanks to all for your generosity and continued support for our brothers & sisters around the world facing poverty and climate change.

Due to ever increasing costs, there will be **no hyacinth pots for sale this year**. Thank you for your previous generosity and a big 'Thank You' to David and Mary for providing them over the past 12 years.

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 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.

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.

200 Club September Winners:

1 st Prize - £200	No 113	Catherine Brown
2 nd Prize - £100	No 43	Linda Finch
3 rd Prize - £50	No 109	Alan Tolentino

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend

7 pm Vigil	63
9:30 am	167
6:30 p.m..	67
Total	297

Sanctuary Lamps Week 12/10/25

1	The Thompson Family
2	For the Deceased Members of the Lees & Spencer Families.

W/C 12/10/25	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey
Sacred Heart	John & Margaret Guinan R.I.P. (Birthday Memories)

Offertory 27th / 28th September 2025

Offertory Loose	£278.18
Offertory Envelopes	£256.00
Attendance	157

Bingo Jackpots for 15/10/2025

£36	£103	£34	£25
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