



St Mary's Brownedge

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

26th October 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	25th Oct		30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Vigil	7:00 pm	Mrs Margaret Newsham
Sun	26th Oct		30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		9:30 am	Margaret Mary Livesey
		12 noon	Marriage Vow Renewal for Louise & Lee Counsell
		6:30 pm	Deceased members of the Higney, McArdle & Rowland families
Mon	27th Oct	9:30 am	Jack & Nellie Holt, James Robert Holme & Christopher Gainer
Tues	28th Oct	9:30 am	Ss Simon & Jude (F) Thanksgiving
Wed	29th Oct	9:30 am	Bernadette Ryles
Thurs	30th Oct	9:30 am	Deceased Friends & Family of Joan & Allan Swindlehurst
Fri	31st Oct	9:30 am	Dorothy Whittle
Sat	1st Nov		ALL SAINTS
	Vigil	7:00 pm	Deceased Members of the Livesey, Haydock & Pedley Families
Sun	2nd Nov		ALL SAINTS
		9:30 am	John Rawcliffe
		6:30 pm	Jaki Sanderson

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	25th Oct		30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Vigil	5:30 pm	The Parish
Sun	26th Oct		30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
		10:30 am	John & Derek Tinsley R.I.P.
Mon	27th Oct		NO SERVICES
Tues	28th Oct	9:15 am	Ss Simon & Jude (F) Holy Souls
Wed	29th Oct	9:15 am	Service of the Word
Thurs	30th Oct	6:30 pm	Catherine Yates
Fri	31st Oct		NO SERVICES
Sat	1st Nov		ALL SAINTS
	Vigil	5:30 pm	Kathleen Calvey R.I.P.
Sun	2nd Nov		ALL SAINTS
		10:30 am	The Parish

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:

We pray this week for the people of St John Henry
Newman Parish, Davyhulme and Urmston, and for
Father Kieren Mullarkey, their Parish Priest, and
Deacon John Walsh. We pray for their parish
primary schools and for St. Antony's High School.

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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

A few weeks ago (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) we had a Gospel about humility in social life – today we hear the Lord reiterating the message, but this time in reference to our prayer lives. The two Gospels are linked by the last words today, which also appear in the other story: “Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” This phrase is obviously a key part of our Lord’s teaching! The sin of “self-exaltation” consists in putting others in a lower place – as the Pharisee does to the tax collector. Perhaps the most telling phrase in today’s Gospel is where Jesus refers to the Pharisee saying “this prayer to himself,” rather than offering it to God! And since the Pharisee wasn’t talking to God, how could he expect to be heard?

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 28th October** at 7pm in the Narthex at St Mary’s. This week the session is about “What is faith?” Is it blind and irrational or are there good reasons to believe? This Sycamore film explores the difference between ‘evidence’ and ‘proof’. It helps you appreciate how much evidence there is that points to the existence of God and the importance of Jesus Christ – even if you can’t give a scientific proof. It shows how faith and trust are closely connected, how God invites us to trust him and to take a step of faith. “

SVP Collection from Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th October has raised the following: Brownedge St Mary’s received £227.10, St Gerards received £90.01. In total we received £317.11. This will go to support the Sudan appeal. Thank you to everyone for your donations and continued support for the SVP.

Knights of St Columba Social Events:

THIS FRIDAY!!! KSC Festive Prize Bingo Night: is slightly earlier this year, **Friday 31st October** 7pm for 7.30pm. To allow greater numbers, 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.

Brass Band & Carol Concert: St. Mary’s, Brownedge, on **Sunday, 30th November** at 3pm. 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.

Preston Cecilian Choral Society – Rossini Petite Messe Solennelle – **Saturday 29th November 2025** at 4pm at St Mary’s Brownedge Church PR5 6SP – Tickets are £16 each and available from www.trybooking.co.uk/FHEZ - For more information please go to www.cecilians.org.uk. Tickets will also be on sale at the door.

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:



St Joseph’s, Brindle: As many of you are aware, Ampleforth Abbey is withdrawing from running the parish of St Joseph’s, Brindle. Fr Raphael who has supported our parishes locally for many years is returning to the Abbey. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Joseph’s on Wednesday 29th October at 7pm lead by the Archbishop of Liverpool and the Abbott of Ampleforth. All welcome.

Mass of Candidacy: Also on **Wednesday 29th October** at 7pm, Bishop John will be at English Martyrs, Whalley, to admit Matthew Navarro-Williams and Pat Onkwuli, as Candidates for Holy Orders; This is an important step the road becoming Permanent Deacons. Please keep them in your prayers.

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.

Invitation from SPUC: Letters to the Lords gathering - Join Us in Making a Difference. You are warmly invited to our friendly letter-writing gathering! We’ll be handwriting letters to members of the House of Lords to encourage them to vote against the Assisted Suicide and Abortion up to Birth bills. **Come along on Saturday, 1 November at 15:00 to: The Lancaster Room, St Joseph’s Church, Skeffington Road, Preston, Preston, PR1 5UQ.** We will have stationary, stamps, and letter templates ready for you to use or personalise. For more info, contact Nicola on 07523 183758 or email spucpreston@gmail.com

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/>

Joint Notices

Be Still and Know that I am God, 14 - 17 November 2025 - A three-day retreat led by Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment.
<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god>

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises: Men's Retreats, 4-9 & 11-16 February 2026 - A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a 5-day, shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France), who were founded with the specific charism of offering this version of the Exercises and with a **particular apostolate to men**. The retreat is open to men in all states of life, who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world.
<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius>

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:

One 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.

November: As 1st November falls on a Saturday this year, the Feast of All Saints is transferred to Sunday 2 November. In turn, All Souls Day is celebrated on Monday 3rd November.

We pray for all the Holy Souls throughout this final month of the Church's year. If you wish to pray for anyone who has died, please fill out the envelopes provided and they will be placed in a box by the altar throughout November.

Remembrance Sunday, for those who died in war is November 9th.

**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, Geoffrey Thurman, Ruth Johnstone,
Dominic McCormack.

All those who have recently died:

Dorothy Whittle, Fr John Baron, Richard Whalley,
Anna Wignall (Foley), John Lever.

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

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

This Week - There will be No Exposition or Service of the Word on Monday evening this week.

Christmas Fair Raffle - Tickets are now on sale at the back of church at £1 per ticket and £5 per book. Please take some books home with you and sell them for us to relatives, friends and neighbours. Fabulous prizes as usual.

Christmas Fair - The Fair this year is on **Sunday 30th November in the Parochial Centre starting at 11:30 after the morning Mass.**

Senior Citizens Christmas Party Invitation - Saturday 22nd November 2pm till 5pm – Parochial Hall Club – If you are over 60 and live in the Parish and would like to come along to the Christmas Party please get in touch with the parish office or there is a list at the back of Church for you to add your details to please.

Piety Shop - Our Piety Shop sells a varied selection of cards including Christmas cards which are now in stock along with other gifts on display. Please support us by coming in and having a look at what's on offer. Also we are now selling raffle tickets at 50 pence per strip to be drawn at the Christmas Fair. There will be three prizes and the proceeds will go to our church funds. Thank you for your continued support.

CAFOD - Many, many thanks for your generous donations to the CAFOD harvest appeal. The final total came to £649.93 with £215 of this being gift aided. £131.70 of this amount was donated by the children at St Mary's primary school so many thanks also to them for their support for Warray and her local Ethiopian community.

CARITAS - Many thanks to all those who signed the pledge cards for Caritas Salford last weekend to demand a future where no child is left behind. The cards have not yet been collected by the diocese so can still be signed and left in the envelope at the back of church. No need for your email or telephone number. Just a signature, house number and postcode is required. Margaret

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.

W/C 26/10/25	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey
Our Lady	Winifred Lever (Birthday Memories)

Offertory 18th / 19th October 2025			
Offertory Loose	£291.48		
Offertory Envelopes	£155.20		
Attendance	221		
Bingo Jackpots for 29/10/2025			
£25	£105	£36	£27

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 2nd November 9:30 am Mass: Sethu Family.

Cafod Harvest Family Fast Day - Thank you for donating to Cafod's Harvest Fast Day Appeal. Your generous donations of £485, with Gift Aid a total of £538, will help Ware' in Ethiopia and her community get safe water for their families. Well done everyone, your support is very much appreciated.

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.

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.

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.

Medal found: A very small medal has been found in the Withy Arms. It has an image of Our Lady on one side and one of St Patrick on the other. If it is yours, please contact the Parish office or the Withy Arms.

Mass Attendance: Our attendance last weekend	
7 pm Vigil	49
9:30 am	158
6:30 p.m..	77
Total	284

Sanctuary Lamps Week 26/10/25	
1	For the Fell, Bamford & Espinosa Families
2	For the Holland & Holiday Families
3	For the Holy Souls & Those who have no one to pray for them
4	For the Deceased members of the Jackson & Whalley Families