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CHRIST THE KING (Year C) Week 34

23rd November 2025

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	22nd Nov	9.30am	St Cecilia Holy Souls (M)
	Vigil	7:00 pm	CHRIST THE KING Eric Kerry (Anniversary)
Sun	23rd Nov	9:30 am 11:00am 6:30 pm	CHRIST THE KING Dorothy Whittle Baptism of Ella Cookson & Charlie Corrigan-Whittle The Parish
Mon	24th Nov	9:30 am	St Andrew Dun-Lac & Comp Lesley & Jim Morris
Tues	25th Nov	9:30 am	St Catherine of Alexandria In Memory of Thomas Roberts
Wed	26th Nov	9:30 am	Frank Bevan
Thurs	27th Nov	9:30 am	Friends of Joan & Allan Swindlehurst
Fri	28th Nov	10:00am	Requiem Mass for Teresa Patricia Clayton R.I.P.
Sat	29th Nov	4:00 pm 7:00 pm	Cecilian Choir Concert First Sunday of Advent Harold Whiteside
Sun	30th Nov	9:30 am 11:00am 3.00 pm 6:30 pm	First Sunday of Advent The Parish Baptism of Annabelle Fisher Advent Carol Service Maria Hebblethwaite

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	22nd Nov	5:30 pm	St Cecilia (M) CHRIST THE KING 50th Birthday Celebrations
Sun	23rd Nov	10:30 am	CHRIST THE KING James Wright (Anniversary) Baptism Presentations Sacramental programme Unit 2
Mon	24th Nov	1:15 pm 6:00 pm 6:30 pm	St Andrew Dun-Lac & Comp Funeral Service for Gerard Carter R.I.P. Exposition Service of the Word
Tues	25th Nov	9:15 am	St Catherine of Alexandria Marie Phelan (Anniversary)
Wed	26th Nov	9:15 am	Service of the Word
Thurs	27th Nov	6:30 pm	Helen Bryan
Fri	28th Nov		NO SERVICES
Sat	29th Nov	5:30 pm	First Sunday of Advent James Mather
Sun	30th Nov	10:30 am	First Sunday of Advent 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.

OM - Optional Memorial F - Feast
 M - Memorial S - Solemnity



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.

Quarant' Ore: 40 Hours Devotions:

at St Mary's Brownedge
 Thursday 21st to Sunday 24th
 November

Saturday: 9.30am to 6.30pm

Sunday: 9.30am to 6pm

Please sign up for an hour of prayer on the list at the
 back of the church.



Joint Notices

Quarant' Ore (40 Hours):

This week we celebrate 40 Hours of adoration before the Blessed Sacrament At St Mary's Brownedge: the church is open all day for adoration: **9.30am to 8pm on Thursday and Friday; 9.30am to 6.30pm on Sat and 9.30am to 6pm on Sunday.**

Please sign up on the rota to keep watch for an hour so that there is always at least 2 people present in church during exposition. We are inviting prayer intentions: for each intention we will light a sanctuary lamp before the Blessed Sacrament. These lamps generally burn for about 9 days, thus, after the 40 hours, they still have approx. a week left to burn: they will be retained and used week by week as our sanctuary lamps before the tabernacle throughout the next 12 months. For each prayer intention we ask you to donate £10 for the cost of the candle, using the envelopes provided.

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Eucharistic Adoration, is the worship of the Eucharist outside of the Mass. The Eucharistic Host is displayed in a monstrance on the altar so that all can see and pray in the presence of Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that, "Adoration is the first attitude of man acknowledging that he is a creature before his Creator. It exalts the greatness of the Lord who made us and the almighty power of the Saviour who sets us free from evil. Adoration is homage of the spirit to the "King of Glory, "respectful silence in the presence of the "ever greater" God. Adoration of the thrice-holy and sovereign God of love blends with humility and gives assurance to our supplications." (CCC 2628)

We can show our adoration to God in many ways, but in Eucharistic Adoration, we spend time adoring the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

What Do I Do During Eucharistic Adoration? We show reverence and respect—genuflect before the Lord, on two knees if we can. Be in awe at the presence of God before me. Be silent before God; there may be music playing to help foster a spirit of prayer, worship, and adoration. Always keep in mind that you are in the presence of God! You really don't have to "do" anything during Adoration. You can just sit there and look at Jesus. Take the time to be with Him. This is your personal time with Christ.

To help you pray: use prayers you know; pray the rosary; read a piece of scripture, perhaps one of the events for the Gospels in the life of Jesus—imagine yourself there with Him as He is here with you now; focus on breathing - Out with my worries - In with His grace. Bask in the glory of His presence.

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.

CHRIST THE KING

The year of Saint Luke ends with a characteristic take on the Feast of Christ the King: in Luke's gospel we are so familiar with seeing and hearing the voiceless, the rejected, those whom society puts in second place: how suitable, then, that on the Feast of the King of all Creation we see him at his most vulnerable – on the cross, with only an abrupt inscription to announce that he is the King. He is King because of the work he has done, which is described by Saint Paul in the Second Reading: "all things [are] reconciled through him and for him ... when he made peace by his death on the cross." Next week, when we re-enter Advent and a new Liturgical Year, we will be thinking of the King who will come again: though he will come as his disciples saw him go at the Ascension, the marks of the cross will still be visible for all time, to remind us of the one who came to reunite all Creation, especially frail human creatures.

Sycamore (RCIA): Do you want to become a Catholic or learn more about the faith? Session 11 on Tuesday 25th November at 7pm in the Narthex at St Mary's. This week the session is about "The Light of Christ". Christians believe that Jesus Christ is the Eternal Son of God. He is the Light of the World who can bring hope and joy to all those who believe in him. The Christian faith is expressed in the words of the ancient Creeds. At the centre of this faith is the Christian belief in the Most Holy Trinity, in the One God who is three Divine Persons. This Sycamore film opens up the **central beliefs of Christianity** as they have been expressed in history and as they are lived today.

Holy Souls Envelopes: 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. Offerings in the envelopes go towards Masses for the Holy Souls throughout the year.

SVP: Tickets will be on sale for the knitted nativity scene this weekend 21/22 November at St. Mary's, and on Sunday, 29th at St. Gerard's Christmas Fair and Friday 4th December at Brownedge High School Christmas Fair. The winning ticket will be drawn after the 9:30 Mass on Sunday 6th December.

SVP Collection from weekend of 15th / 16th - November: Brownedge St Mary's Collected £59.67 St Gerard's Collected £61.46. In total £121.13 was Collected. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Advent Carol Concert with Lostock Hall Brass Band:

The Knights of St Columba invite us to get into the festive mood as we begin Advent!

St. Mary's, Brownedge, **Sunday, 30th November at 3pm.** Tickets £7 including refreshments, children free. Tickets are available after Mass or pay on the door. There will also be a raffle, proceeds of the concert to KSC Charities. Your support will be much appreciated. Thank You.

Joint Notices

Feast of St Ralph Sherwin and the Martyrs of the Venerable English College, Rome: On Monday 1st December we will welcome some members of the "Roman Association", the alumni of the English College in Rome, to celebrate the Feast of the College Martyrs. There will be Mass at 12 noon at St Mary's Brownedge. This will be our parish Mass that day. All welcome.

Diocesan Synod Update - Calling Young Adults

As we continue the implementation stage of our Diocesan Synod, we're calling on young adults across the diocese to join one of a number of working groups that will explore how best to implement the recommendations of our Diocesan Synod. Join us 2-5pm on Sunday 23 November at Cathedral Centre, Salford (M3 6DP), for an introductory meeting, to find out more and to register. Email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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 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.

Preston Retreat for Young Adults: Young adults (aged 16-35 or Year 10+) are invited to a one-day retreat at Corpus Christi High School in Preston on **Saturday 13th December from 9am - 9pm**. This jam-packed, one-day retreat promises to be a truly wonderful occasion, and offers the opportunity to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist, grow in relationship with Him and His Mother, and form friendships with other young adults from the local area. To register, please visit: <https://youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/s8vr6vf2>

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Our diocesan Lourdes pilgrimage group invites you to a special Mass in preparation for the feast of the Immaculate Conception. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop John, will take place at 3pm on **Sunday 7 December** at St Patrick's, Collyhurst (M4 5HF). Following Mass, information will be shared by the Salford Lourdes Pilgrimage group on plans for the 2026 pilgrimage.

CAFOD and Cop 30 - Please remember to pray for progress at the climate change talks taking place for the past two weeks in Belem, Brazil. Measures to limit climate change are becoming more and more vital as the world is heating up and weather patterns are becoming more erratic. This disproportionately affects the world's poorest. Representatives of the The Holy See, CAFOD and other Catholic agencies are present in Belem advocating for the issues of climate change and are bringing the concerns raised in 'Laudato Si' into the negotiations.

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.



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.

Hope in the Future - Cycle of Prayer

Let us pray for the parish of the Holy Family, Denton and Reddish, and for Fr. Peter Hapgood-Strickland, their parish priest.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick, and those who care for them:

Sister Louise, Yvonne Jeffrey, Mary Bilsborough, Joseph O'Grady, Brian Morley, Jean Doran, Mick Green, Maureen Calderbank, Joseph Finch, Ruth Johnstone, Peter Clough, Geoffrey Thurman, Dominic McCormack, Eileen McLaughlan.

All those who have died recently:

Anna Wignall (Foley), Dorothy Fleming, Patricia Clayton Gerard Carter, Cliff Hughes.

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

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices



Christmas Fair - The Fair this year is NEXT Sunday 30th November in the Parochial Centre starting at 11:30 after the morning Mass. The Fund Raising Group are appealing for donations of: Fancy Goods, Books, Tombola Prizes, Bottles for the Bottle Tombola and Soft Toys for the Toy Tombola.

PLEASE HELP US by letting the parish office know you are available. If you are helping and if you can please be at the Parochial Centre for 8:30 am to help in preparations. If you are baking Cakes please arrive early to deliver and set up. Thank you.

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.

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 World Gifts - As you leave church this weekend please pick up a CAFOD world gifts card. There are some unusual, thoughtful Christmas gifts you can buy for anyone who perhaps does not really need anything and is difficult to buy for. If you order online by midnight 2nd November there is free postage and packing. In the process of buying these gifts you will be helping those in the developing world who have very little of the things we consider essential.

Recently Deceased - Please pray for Gerard Carter who's funeral is on 24th November at 1:15 pm and for Cliff Hughes who's funeral is on 2nd December at 10 am. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

W/C 23/11/25	This Weeks Intentions
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey

Offertory 15th / 16th November 2025			
Loose	Envelopes		Total Attendance
£321.50	£158.61		170
Bingo Jackpots for 26/11/2025			
£29	£109	£40	£31

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 30th November 9:30 am Mass: Too Family

Cafod - Many thanks to all who attended our recent coffee morning and raffle which raised £250 and from the buckets, jewellery, jigsaws etc £115. Many thanks to all for your generosity and continued support.

Cafod World Gifts for Christmas - This Christmas give your loved ones something exceptional & life changing. Buying Cafod's World Gifts makes a real difference for our sisters & brothers facing the injustice of poverty around the world. Each gift represents a gift of hope. You can purchase World Gifts at worldgifts.cafod.org.uk or pick up a booklet in the Narthex.

A regular supporter of our Cafod Group, Teresa Worden, has knitted many things including clothes for a baby doll which we are asking you to guess the name of, 50p a guess. A list of names and donation box is on the Cafod table in church. Thank you for your support.

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.

Churchyard Tidy Up: Many thanks for the group of 10 people who came along to help tidy up parts of the Churchyard. They were able to clear a lot of leaves and debris; do some edging on some of the paths; cut some to the hedges and bushes; and offered their work as prayers for all the Holy Souls during this month of November.

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:



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



Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
46	239	68	353