



St Mary's Brownedge

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SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

18th January 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge				St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	17th Jan Vigil	7:00 pm	St Anthony (M) 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time William Grayless	Sat	17th Jan Vigil	5:30 pm	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary Patricia Hewitt (Ann)
Sun	18th Jan	9:30 am 6:30 pm	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Father Jonathon Cotton OSB Agnes Cook (Ann)	Sun	18th Jan	10:30 am 12 noon	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish Baptism of Nina-Rae Boyle & Solenne Bullough
Mon	19th Jan	9:30 am	St Wulstan (OM) John & Michael Airey	Mon	19th Jan	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	St Wulstan (OM) Exposition Service of the Word
Tues	20th Jan	9:30 am	St Fabian (OM) Private Intention	Tues	20th Jan	9:15 am 11:00 am	St Fabian (OM) Joyce Cooper RIP Yr 3 & Yr4 School Mass Funeral Service John Riding
Wed	21st Jan	9:30 am	St Agnes (OM) Jake Sanderson School Mass—Southworth	Wed	21st Jan	9:15 am	St Agnes (OM) Service of the Word
Thurs	22nd Jan	9:30 am	St Vincent (OM) Richard Whalley RIP	Thurs	22nd Jan	6:30 pm	St Vincent (OM) Richard Hammel RIP
Fri	23rd Jan	9:30 am	Richard & Mary Lloyd	Fri	23rd Jan		NO SERVICES
Sat	24h Jan Vigil	7:00 pm	St Frances de Sales (M) 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Jack & Nellie Holt, Robert James Holme & Christine Gainer	Sat	24h Jan Vigil	5:30 pm	St Frances de Sales (M) 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Margaret Craven (Anniversary)
Sun	25th Jan	9:30 am 11:00 am 6:30 pm	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Deceased members of the Gorman Family Baptism of Sebastian Goncalves-Dossantos The Parish	Sun	25th Jan	10:30 am	3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Sacred Heart Guild

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.

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.

Hope in the Future - Cycle of Prayer

Let us pray for the people of St. Cuthbert's parish, Withington, and for Fr. Micheal Deas, their parish priest. Let us pray for their parish primary school and for the Chaplaincy to the Christie Hospital.

SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



There is no break between Christmas and Ordinary Time – one flows almost seamlessly into the other through the Baptism of Jesus. We ended our Christmas Season thinking about the “revelation” of the Son of God – people realising who this “Jesus of Nazareth” actually was – and this continues today, as we

interject a passage from Saint John before we begin our weekly reading through Saint Matthew’s Gospel. New Year is about beginnings, and as we return to the beginning of Our Lord’s public ministry there is a sense of something exciting about to happen – even though we know the story, we dive into it once more, like returning to a favourite novel or film. So it is with joy that we stand in the country of the river Jordan, and recognise Jesus of Nazareth as the Chosen One of God, who offers himself to do God’s work.

Sycamore (RCIA): Do you want to become a Catholic or learn more about the faith? The next session of our RCIA Class is on Tuesday 20th January at 7pm. The Mass, the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, is at the very centre of Christian worship. We meet Jesus Christ through the prayer of the Christian community, through the bible readings, through the ministry of the priest, and above all through his Real Presence in Holy Communion. Come to learn more about the Mass.

St Carlo Acutis: This month, the Diocese will host some relics of St Carlo Acutis at two of our churches over five days, and schools, parishioners and people from all over the diocese are welcome to visit. St Carlo is the first millennial saint, and is celebrated for his profound faith and his use of the internet to log Eucharistic miracles from around the world. He was passionate about spreading the teachings of the Catholic Church up until his death from leukaemia at the age of 15.

The relics will be at **St Mary’s Church, Burnley from 28-29 January 2026** then at **St Patrick’s Church, Collyhurst from 30 January to 1 February 2026**. More information will be shared soon with parishes and on our website and through our social media channels.

Eucharistic Ministers: There will be a short meeting for all Eucharistic Ministers at the end of our weekend Masses over the next couple of weeks. It should take no more than 15 mins:

At St Gerard’s on Sat 17th Jan after 5.30pm Mass and Sun 18th Jan after 10.30am Mass.

At St Mary’s on Sat 24th Jan after 7pm Mass and on Sun 25th after 9.30am and 6.30pm Masses.

SVP Collection – Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th January – Both Churches

Confirmation Programme 2026: Young people who are in Year 8 at school and above are invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will be celebrated in Summer 2026 (date TBC). The preparation for our local parishes is being provided by Brownedge St Mary’s High School in collaboration with Fr Mark and the parishes. Sessions will begin during Lent 2026 and will take place at 3.15pm on weekdays at our High School. Pupils who attend the parish but not the high school are also welcome to register. The Sacrament of Confirmation During Confirmation, candidates receive the power of the Holy Spirit, through which they are strengthened to be witnesses of Christ in the world. If you would like your child to take part in this programme, please complete the registration form which can be found at the top of this webpage www.st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk/catholic-life/chaplaincy by **Monday 19th January at 12noon**. If you have any questions, please speak to Fr Mark.

Mass Intentions - If you would like to have a Mass intention please leave a note at the Parish Office clearly stating the Mass Intention. Mass intentions will not be taken over the telephone to avoid spelling mistakes. If you would like to Gift Aid the Donation please let us know.

Diocesan Synod News: Our emerging vision for a synodal Church in Salford centres on six themes: (1) Prayer, listening, and renewal as the heart of Eucharistic life; (2) Welcoming, inclusive, and accessible communities celebrating diversity; (3) Participation and representation through diverse leadership and formation; (4) Young people and families fully engaged in faith and service; (5) Collaboration and resources shared among all; (6) Outreach, dialogue, and healing with compassion for survivors and interfaith ties. There is a leaflet available at the back of church.

The Synod is also looking at models for Parish Leadership teams and at how to better support the welfare of our priests in general.

Permanent Diaconate: The diocese is trying to promote vocations to the Permanent Diaconate. If anyone would like to find out more about the ministry of being a Deacon, there is a ‘Come and See’ Day on the morning of Sat 7th March at St Mary’s Church in Burnley. Exact timings are yet to be finalised.

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, Eileen McLaughlan, Marie Davis

All those who have died recently:

John Harry Riding, Elsie Smith, Dominic McCormack, Jerry Sarmiento, Fr Peter Foulkes, Fr Francis Frost, Richard Hammel, Brian Bamber.

Joint Notices

School Governors: Our Lady & St Gerard Majella Primary School is seeking two committed individuals to join the Governing Body as Foundation Governors. Brownedge St Mary's High School also has a vacancy. This is a fantastic opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our children and the wider community.

What's the Purpose?

Foundation Governors play a vital role in:

- **Supporting the school's vision and values** rooted in our foundation.
- **Ensuring strategic direction** and helping shape the future of our school.
- **Holding leaders to account** for educational performance and well-being.
- **Strengthening links** between the school, church, and community.

What Are the Rewards?

- **Impact:** Make a positive difference in children's education and future.
- **Personal Growth:** Develop leadership, governance, and strategic skills.
- **Community:** Be part of a dedicated team working for the good of all.
- **Fulfilment:** Contribute to something meaningful and lasting.

No prior experience is necessary—just a passion for education and commitment to our values. Full training and support will be provided.

Interested? To apply or for more information, contact Fr Mark.

Year of Jubilee 2025:

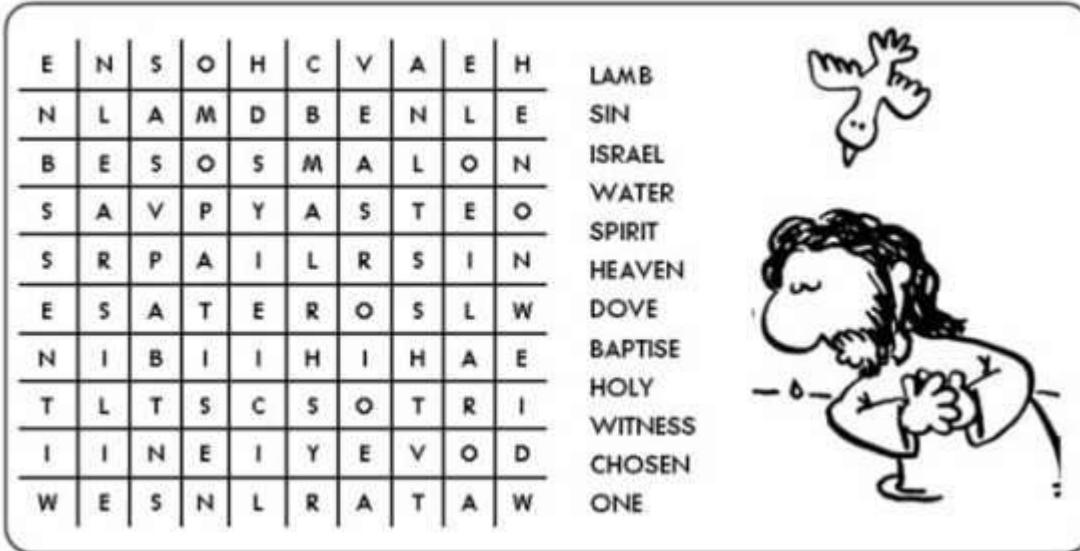
Last Tuesday, on the Feast of the Epiphany, Pope Leo closed the Holy Door of St Peter's and thus concluded our wonder year of Jubilee. We give thanks for the many graces received during this year and go ahead with greatly renewed hope as pilgrims on our faith journey. The Holy Door has been bricked up, and usually is not unbricked for 25 years, but we expect there will be an extraordinary Holy Year in 2033 to celebrate 2000 years since the Death and Resurrection of Jesus—something to look forward to!



Copies of Clare Haythornthwaite's picture diary of Luce's pilgrimage to Rome are available at the back of Church.

New Diocesan Yearbook: This year, the diocese have combined two books into one: The Diocesan Ordo and the Almanac. The Ordo is at the back of the Yearbook and details which Mass/feast we should be celebrating each day; what the readings and prayers should be, and even what colour vestments the priest should wear! Copies are available at the back of Church priced £5 each or £6 for a ring-bound version.

Wordsearch based on the Gospel



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



Our Lady & St Gerard's



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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:



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

Our Lady & St Gerard's Notices

Funeral Service - There will be a Funeral Service for John Harry Riding on Tuesday 20th January at 11 am followed by committal in the graveyard.

Parish Lottery - If your membership runs from January to January please get in touch with the office if you'd like to continue. Parish Lottery subscription are still £60 for the year – Prizes are drawn monthly, and you can win excellent cash prizes (£100, £40 & £ 20) with extra prize draws during the year.

If you haven't renewed yet or have forgotten when it is due contact the Parish Office, the first draw of 2026 is on Wednesday 28th January.

Metanoia project - Recently a box has been placed at the back of church next to the larder box. This box is from the Metanoia project based at St Wilfrid's in Preston and they are collecting warm socks, hats, gloves etc for the homeless in Preston who are struggling to keep warm at this time of year. Besides providing warm clothing the Metanoia group provide the homeless with a warm meal every Tuesdays night. If anyone can cook and has a couple of hours to spare on Tuesdays they would welcome the help. If you are able to assist with this essential work please contact Jen on 07957566741 or Jen@metanoiproject.co.uk. Help of any kind, however infrequent, would be gratefully received. Thank you to all who have donated so far.

Make a regular financial contribution to your Church:

Our Parish Lotteries: St Mary's has a 200 Club and St Gerard's has a Parish Lottery. These are great fun ways in which we can financially support our Church. We know many people come to church at different times but not necessarily every week.

However, **we do need regular weekly income in order to continue to exist.** Perhaps if you are not able to come more regularly, you could consider a way of making a regular financial contribution to the church: Join St Mary's 200 Club or St Gerard's Parish Lottery. Make a small commitment to support your church: Just £1 a week **office@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk** or **office@saintgerards.org.uk**

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 25th January 9:30 am Mass: Sacramental Programme Children

CAFOD - Thank You - Many thanks to all who supported our first coffee morning & raffle of 2026, we raised £258. From the buckets, knitted goods, jewellery, cards & jigsaws £197.

A display of the **World Gifts we bought, £1496**, are on the Cafod board in the porch. Each gift represents Hope and makes a real difference for our sisters and brothers facing the injustice of poverty and climate change around the world.

We are hoping to have a mystery raffle again in Lent. Please leave any unwanted gifts in the box under the table in the Piety shop.

Happy New Year to everyone & thank you for your continued support during 2026.

Mothers Prayers Meeting – Wednesday 21st January 1pm in the Priory – Apologies for previous cancellations

Parish Dinner – Sunday 25th January 2026 – Next weekend.

Requiem Mass - There will be a Requiem Mass for Elsie Smith on Tuesday 3rd February at 10:30 am.

200 Club: Just before Christmas, the 200 Club presented the Parish with **£4000** raised over recent months. A great effort and support to the upkeep of our beautiful church. Thanks to all our members and especially to Kathryn and Sandra who do such a wonderful job in organising the 200 Club.

200 Club Lottery			Christmas Hamper Winners		
1 st Prize	No 370	Clare Haythornthwaite			
2 nd Prize	No 13	Mark Wearden			
3 rd Prize	No 46	Tony Turner			
Runner Up	No 16	Josephine Carty			
Runner Up	No 73	Mary Lofthouse			
Runner Up	No 359	Terrence McCarthy			

200 Club Lottery			Christmas Draw 2025		
1 st Prize - £200	No 31	Keith & Christine Morris			
2 nd Prize - £100	No 118	Emma Fishwick			
3 rd Prize - £50	No 6	Joanne Boyes			

Sanctuary Lamps Week 25//01/26					
Mass Attendance:		Our Attendance last weekend			
		7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
		60	163	64	247

W/C 25/01/26		This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary		Yvonne Jeffrey		
Offertory 10th / 11th January 2026				
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance		
£279.42	£150.48	156		
Bingo Jackpots for 21/01/2026				
£27	£27	£46	£37	