



## St Mary's Brownedge

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### THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

**25th January 2026**

St Mary's, Brownedge				St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
<b>Sat</b>	<b>24h Jan</b>		St Frances de Sales (M)	<b>Sat</b>	<b>24h Jan</b>		St Frances de Sales (M)
	<b>Vigil</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jack & Nellie Holt, Robert James Holme & Christine Gainer		<b>Vigil</b>	<b>5:30 pm</b>	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Margaret Craven (Anniversary)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>25th Jan</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Deceased members of the Gorman Family	<b>Sun</b>	<b>25th Jan</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	<b>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Sacred Heart Guild
		<b>11:00 am</b>	Baptism of Sebastian Brian Goncalves Dos Santos	<b>Mon</b>	<b>26th Jan</b>	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Service of the Word
		<b>6:30 pm</b>	The Parish	<b>Tues</b>	<b>27th Jan</b>	9:15 am	St Angela Merici (OM) Mass with Year 5 & Year 1 Abigail Bowman (Birthday Memories)
<b>Mon</b>	<b>26th Jan</b>	9:30 am	Maureen Waterhouse (Anniversary)	<b>Wed</b>	<b>28th Jan</b>	9:15 am	St Thomas Aquinas (M) Service of the Word
<b>Tues</b>	<b>27th Jan</b>	9:30 am	St Angela Merici (OM) Service of Word and Communion	<b>Thurs</b>	<b>29th Jan</b>	6:30 pm	Joseph & Ellen Hunt
<b>Wed</b>	<b>28th Jan</b>	9:30 am 2:00 pm	St Thomas Aquinas (M) Mass with Ward Classs. KK Thomas (Anniversary) Funeral Service for Brian Bamber R.I.P.	<b>Fri</b>	<b>30th Jan</b>		NO SERVICES
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>29th Jan</b>	9:30 am	Richard Whalley	<b>Sat</b>	<b>31st Jan</b>	5:30 pm	St John Bosco (M) <b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> The Parish
<b>Fri</b>	<b>30th Jan</b>	10:30 am	Requiem Mass for John 'Roy' Singleton R.I.P.	<b>Sun</b>	<b>1st Feb</b>	10:30 am	<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Maureen Cook R.I.P.
<b>Sat</b>	<b>31st Jan</b>	7:00 pm	St John Bosco (M) <b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Jimmy Parkinson (Anniversary)	OM - Optional Memorial    F - Feast M - Memorial                      S - Solemnity			
<b>Sun</b>	<b>1st Feb</b>	9:30 am 6:30 pm	<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Richard Whalley Eccles & Wood Deceased Families	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> St. Mary's: Tuesday & Thursday 3 pm to 4 pm St. Gerard's: Monday 6 pm to 6:30 pm <b>Confessions:</b> St Gerard's: Saturday: 5 - 5.15 pm St Mary's: Saturday: 6.15-6.45 pm (or by request) <b>Holy Rosary:</b> 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](http://www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk) or  
[www.saintgerards.org.uk](http://www.saintgerards.org.uk) or  
[www.churchservices.tv](http://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.

### Prayers for Salford Diocese

We pray for our Bishop John, our clergy and all those who serve our diocese; may they be inspired in building up the Kingdom of God in our Diocese and help to make the Lord known to the wider world.

# Joint Notices

## THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME



We will spend most of the Sundays of the coming year in the company of Saint Matthew. His Gospel, like the others has its own characteristics. He is writing for a Jewish audience,

and so is always at pains to stress one thing: that **Jesus of Nazareth is the promised Messiah**. He does this by reference to Jesus' teaching and miracles, and very often by quoting the prophecies of the Old Testament to show that Jesus was their fulfilment. Today is a perfect example. "Zebulun and Naphthali" was an old name for the area round Capernaum by the side of the Lake of Galilee, a busy fishing and trading area, with many Gentile towns and settlements: it is here, rather than in the dangerous town of Nazareth, that Jesus "settles" and begins his ministry. This is where the proclamation of the Kingdom of God begins, as was foretold, and the first followers are invited to join Jesus.

**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 27th January at 7pm. We have been looking at the Seven Sacraments and covered the Sacraments of "Initiation" over the past few weeks. This we we consider the Sacrament of "Healing" — Reconciliation of the Sacrament of the Sick. We will see how we can find forgiveness in the Sacrament of Confession and look at the different graces that come when we are anointed in the Sacrament of the Sick. Also the session explores different ways that we can share our faith with others and become part of Christ's great mission to the world.

**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 is available on the diocesan 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 at St Mary's on Sat 24th Jan after 7pm Mass and on Sun 25th after 9.30am and 6.30pm Masses. It should take no more than 15 mins:

**SVP Collection** – Last weekend amounted to £63.17 at St Mary's and £65.28 at St Gerard's. Thank you all.

**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](http://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, Mary Craven

#### All those who have died recently:

John Harry Riding, Elsie Smith, Fr Peter Foulkes, Richard Hammel, Brian Bamber, John Lawson, Muriel Henderson.

# 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 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

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GALILEE	CAPERNAUM	ZEBULUN
NAPHTALI	JORDAN	ISAIAH
SIMON	PETER	ANDREW
JAMES	ZEBEDEE	JOHN

**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**

**Caritas Sunday** - This weekend there would normally be an appeal and collection for Caritas, our local diocesan charity helping the vulnerable in our diocese. For various reasons this will now be taking place later in March. Meanwhile please keep this vital charity in your prayers.

**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@metanoiaproject.co.uk](mailto:Jen@metanoiaproject.co.uk) . Help of any kind, however infrequent, would be gratefully received.

**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](mailto:office@stmarysbrownedge.org.uk) or [office@saintgerards.org.uk](mailto:office@saintgerards.org.uk)

<b>W/C 25/01/26</b>	<b>This Weeks Intentions</b>
<b>Sanctuary</b>	Yvonne Jeffrey
<b>Our Lady</b>	Redmond & Williams Family

Offertory 17th / 18th January 2026		
<b>Loose</b>	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>Total Attendance</b>
£271.54	£170	154

Bingo Jackpots for 28/01/2026			
£28	£28	£47	£38

## **St Mary's Brownedge Notices**

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 1st February 9:30 am Mass: Worcester Family

**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.

**Mothers Prayers Meeting – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 1pm** in the Priory – Apologies for previous cancellations

**Parish Dinner – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026** – This Sunday. All tickets are sold.

**Requiem Masses** - There will be a Requiem Mass for **Elsie Smith on Tuesday 3rd February** at 10:30 am, for **Maria Muriel Henderson on Wednesday 4th February** at 12 noon and for **John Anthony 'Jack' Lawson on Thursday 12th 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 <sup>st</sup> Prize	No 370	Clare Haythornthwaite
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	No 13	Mark Wearden
3 <sup>rd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Prize - £200	No 31	Keith & Christine Morris
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize - £100	No 118	Emma Fishwick
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize - £50	No 6	Joanne Boyes

Sanctuary Lamps Week 25/01/26	
1	In Loving Memory of Marie Spicer
2	In Memory of Ellen Bradley

Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
62	188	60	310