



St Mary's Brownedge

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SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A)

15th February 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	14th Feb	9.30 am	Ss Cyril & Methodius (F) Leo Finn
	Vigil	7:00 pm	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Anthony & Pauline Wilkinson
Sun	15th Feb	9:30 am 6:30 pm	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Roger Hardacre - 70th Birthday Martin George Skingsley R.I.P.
Mon	16th Feb	9:30 am	Mary Walsh
Tues	17th Feb	9:30 am	Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order (OM) Martha Brennan
Wed	18th Feb	9:30 am 4:30 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Mary Stead & Sheila Kellett (Ann) Holy Souls
Thurs	19th Feb	9:30 am 4.00 pm	Paul Brook (Ann) Reception of the Body of Ena Bolton
Fri	20th Feb	7:00 am 11:30 am 4.30 pm	<i>In Monastery Chapel:</i> Maria Muriel Henderson (LD) Requiem Mass for Ena Bolton Stations of the Cross
Sat	21st Feb	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Priest's Intentions First Sunday of Lent Good Health
Sun	22ndFeb	9:30 am 6:30 pm	First Sunday of Lent Charles Sergeant (Ann) The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	14th Feb		Ss Cyril & Methodius (F)
	Vigil	5:30 pm	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Sister Louise Shields' Birthday
Sun	15th Feb	10:30 am 12 noon	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time The Parish Baptisms of Elias Taylor & Elsie Pullman
Mon	16th Feb	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Priest's Intentions
Tues	17th Feb	9:15 am	Paul McKenna (Anniversary)
Wed	18th Feb	9.15 am 7:30 pm	ASH WEDNESDAY Holy Souls Priest's Intentions
Thurs	19th Feb	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Requiem Mass for Peter Dawson Cliff Hughes
Fri	20th Feb	6:30 pm	Stations of the Cross
Sat	21st Feb	5:30 pm	First Sunday of Lent George & Dorren Wane
Sun	22ndFeb	10:30 am	First Sunday of Lent Geoff Giddens R.I.P.

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.

Prayers for Salford Diocese

Let us hold in prayer the people of the parish of St. Patrick, Collyhurst, Canon Paul Daly, their parish priest, Fr. Anthony Nnajofo, Fr Jose Netto and Deacon Stephen Scott, together with Fr Cletus Magugu, the chaplain to the Zimbabwean community. We pray for their three parish primary schools, for the Chaplaincy to Deaf People, for those who live or work in Caritas House, and for the Presentation Sisters, the Sisters of Evron and the Brother Missionaries of Charity.



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.

Joint Notices

SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Back in the 1960s some groups “adopted” Jesus Christ as an icon of rebellion, overturning authority and tearing up the rule book – possibly because of the frequent confrontations between Our Lord and the Pharisees. Today’s Gospel, however, shows us Jesus not as rule-breaker, but as rule-fulfiller, bringing an even greater depth to the rule that had guided the people of Israel for centuries. Jesus does not throw out the rulebook – or as the first reading says, He does not command us to be godless! He challenges us in this Gospel to see how far our keeping God’s Law will go: will it just be about the letter of the Law: “I have never killed anyone”, or will it look deeper: “Have I ever been angry? Have I been violent in my thoughts?” The challenge of the Kingdom of Heaven is to keep the commandments first and foremost from within, so that our outward behaviour conforms to the requirements of God’s Law.

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 17th February at 7pm. The Christian faith has important implications for how we treat others and how we live together in society. This week we look at the social teaching of the Catholic Church; the themes of human dignity, the right to life, teaching about the family, living together in society and working together in political life; how we are called to speak the truth and follow our conscience. We will look at some inspiring examples from Christian history.

Rite of Election: Those people who are preparing to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter are invited to be presented to our Bishop on the First Sunday of Lent: **22nd February at 2.30pm at St Patrick’s Church in Collyhurst, Manchester. M4 5HF.** We have 10 adults preparing to become Catholics this Easter. Please pray for them.

Visiting Priest: We are delighted to welcome a new priest to help minister in our parishes: Fr Charles Essien is from the Diocese of Uyo in Nigeria. He has been a priest for 26 years. As well as parish work, he has worked in Priestly Formation and Hospital Chaplaincy and, most recently, he has been lecturing at the Catholic Institute of West Africa. Fr Charles will reside at St Benedict’s Monastery with Fr Mark and Fr Colin. He will act as an extra Assistant Priest to both St Mary’s and St Gerard’s as well as being able to lend support to the parishes across our Deanery when necessary. Please make Fr Charles welcome, help him to adjust to life in Lancashire and pray for him that his presence will be a great blessing on our community.

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. 10am until 4pm.** Pop along and find out what it involves.

LENT BEGINS THIS WEEK!

Ash Wednesday: 18th February: **A day of Fasting and Abstinence.** See Mass times for both Churches on the front of bulletin. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses.

Stations of the Cross: There will be Stations of the Cross **every Friday** during Lent at 4.30pm at St Mary’s and at 6:30 pm at St Gerard’s.

Early Mass on Fridays: There will be the opportunity of attending a Mass at **7.00 am** each Friday during Lent. This year we will hold this Mass in the **Chapel at St Benedict’s Monastery.** It is a good chance for the those who cannot usually attend a weekday Mass due to work commitments.

Mass on Thursday Evenings: Remember we now have a Mass on Thursday at 6.30pm at St Gerard’s.

Reconciliation: Lent is an important time to prepare for Easter by going to confession. Perhaps start thinking now about when you will do this. We have confessions in both our churches before the vigil Masses on a Saturday evening; you can always ask a priest to hear your confession at any time. We will have a Parish Service of Reconciliation on the Tuesday of Holy Week, 31st March in St Gerard’s Church at 7pm.

Prayer: Make an extra bit of time for prayer during Lent: maybe pray the rosary; listen to a hymn on YouTube; pray the readings from daily Mass on www.universalis.com; listen to the daily reflections on www.pray-as-you-go.org

Fasting: Fridays in Lent are special days of fasting. Eat a little less than we might normally do; go without something which is part of the regular pattern of our lives—a TV programme; social media; offer that sacrifice to God for a special intention.

Almsgiving: give something more than we usually do to a good and worthy cause, especially to help those in need and demonstrate faith in action: CAFOD, Caritas, SVP, your local parish. Maybe set up a direct debit to make your giving a regular habit, or increase slightly the giving which you already make.

CAFOD: Join up with the Big Walk or support the Family Fast Day.

Evanglize: Remind family and friends that it is Lent and encourage them to take part.

Learn More about the Lenten Sunday Gospels: During the Lenten period, Salford Diocese is holding a course to deepen our appreciation of the Sunday Gospel that week: there will be a series of gospel readings taking place **every Tuesday** and delivered online by various speakers including, for the Palm Sunday Gospel, Bishop John Arnold. The first reading will be given by Fr Michael Deas on **Tuesday 17 February** to prepare us for the First Sunday of Lent where we hear “The Temptations of Jesus”, (Matthew 4:4-11). For more information, please visit the diocesan website: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/online-readings-for-lent/>

Joint Notices

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 on **Wednesday 13th May at 7pm** in St Mary's Brownedge Church by the Bishop of Salford. 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 and will take place at 3.15pm on weekdays at our High School. Pupils from our parishes who attend other High Schools are also welcome to register.

Many children in St Gerard's Parish attend All Hallows High School; All Hallows is organising Confirmation for those parishes which are in Liverpool Archdiocese. All Hallows pupils who live in the Diocese of Salford are encouraged to register for Confirmation on the link below. They can do their preparation classes with All Hallows and their Confirmation with the parish by our Bishop. If you would like your child to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please complete the registration form which can be found in the link on this school website: www.st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk/catholic-life/chaplaincy If you have any questions, please speak to Fr Mark.

SVP Collection - The monthly collection takes place this weekend at both churches. Thank you for your support.


St Clare's Day of Renewal: The next 'Day of Renewal' will be on Saturday 28th February 2026 from 10am till 4pm at St Clares Church, Sharoe Green, Preston PR2 9HH. A talk on the day will be by Fr Eamonn Mulcahy who will be speaking about 'Unpacking the Paschal Mystery – to get the best Celebration of Easter'.

Catholic Family Retreat at Castlerigg Manor // March 27-29th // £160-230 per family- For the first time since Covid, Castlerigg Manor are bringing back their popular family retreats. There will be streams for different ages and fun activities for everybody including Mass in the evening and time to explore Keswick. For more info >> castleriggmanor.com >> events

May Half Term B&B Stays at Castlerigg Manor - In May half-term, Castlerigg Manor (Catholic retreat centre in Keswick, Cumbria) will once again be opening their doors for B&B stays. A great way for families, groups of friends, and individuals to get an affordable stay in Keswick. Mass will be provided on site. For more info >> castleriggmanor.com >> stay with us

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ABOLISH COMPLETE PURPOSE
KINGDOM HEAVEN VIRTUE
ANCESTORS KILL ANGRY
ALTAR THRONE FOOTSTOOL



WORDSEARCH

This Weekend's Gospel from Our Lord's Sermon on the Mount:

"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them"

MARRIAGE MATTERS

Making the right choices - Choices! How difficult sometimes to make the right choices. What to eat today, how to save money, what clothes to wear, what we or our children need. For Christians, prayer and a set of Christian values influence the choices we make. Why not ask the Lord's help to decide what issue is uppermost for us today and dialogue about it?

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick, and those who care for them:

Sister Louise, Yvonne Jeffrey, Maureen Calderbank, Joseph Finch, Brian Morley, Mick Green, Peter Clough, Joseph O'Grady, Mary Bilsborough, Ruth Johnstone, Eileen McLaughlin, Marie Davis, Christina Hall.

All those who have died recently:

Jack Lawson, Peter Dawson, Maria Muriel Henderson, Fr Francis Austin, Mary Pails, Ena Bolton, Fr. Robert Morrow.

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



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

Recently Deceased - Please Pray for the Repose of Peter Gerard Dawson whose Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 19th February at 10 am. There will still be a Mass at 6.30pm on Thursday evening so as to give people an opportunity to attend a weekday Mass during Lent.

Monday Evening Mass and Exposition: We will resume having Mass on Monday evenings at 6.30pm, rather than a Communion Service, when there is a priest available to celebrate it.

Coffee Morning: after Mass on Sunday 8th March there will be a coffee morning launching our "Easter Raffle" which will be drawn on Easter Sunday.

Tea Dance: The South Ribble Central Villages Hub are hosting a **Hot Pot/Butter pie Lunch in the Parochial Centre on Tuesday 17th March from 12 noon until 3 pm.** This **Free event for over 55's** is by **ticket only** which must be requested by Friday 6th March. To obtain your tickets email communities@southribble.gov.uk

CAFOD: Family Fast Day is being held on **Friday 27th February.** This is an opportunity fast and give what we save to help those in developing countries who have no option but to go to bed hungry each night. A short appeal will take place next weekend at both the Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10.30am mass and envelopes will be given out both before and after mass for you to take home, return the following weekend, and place in the collection plate.

Metanoia project: a box has been placed at the back of church next to the larder box This 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. The Metanoia group also provide the homeless with a warm meal every Tuesday 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 . Help of any kind, however infrequent, would be gratefully received. Thank you to all who have donated so far.

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass intention please leave a note at the Parish Office clearly stating the Mass Intention. If you would like to Gift Aid the donation please let us know.

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 22nd February 9:30 am Mass: Mullarkey Family

CAFOD: Friday 27th Feb is Family Fast Day. There will be a short talk on weekend 21/22 Feb and envelopes for donations will be available.

On Fridays in Lent, 27th Feb, 6th March, 13th March following 9.30 Mass we will have coffee mornings. There is a list of dates on the Cafod Board. The first will be on 27th February along with the first of the Mystery Raffle Draws.

Mystery Raffle Tickets will be on sale each weekend from 21/22 Feb and drawn at the following Lenten Coffee Morning.

Cafod's Big Lent Walk - CAFOD'S Big Lent Walk 2026 - Dave Gorman is once again, for the 5th consecutive year, taking part in the Big Lent Walk and walking a minimum of 200km during the forty days of Lent. Your support and generosity would, once again, be much appreciated in the fight against global poverty. Sponsorship forms are available in the Narthex and in the Sacred Heart porch or you can donate online via: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/daves-fundraising-page4>

Parish Walk - We will also have a **Parish Community Walk** on **Saturday 21st March** starting from church at 10.30am and walking 2.5/5km or a lap or two of the church grounds. You can give a small donation if you want and we will add this to David's total. Refreshments and final draw of mystery raffle in the Narthex afterwards.

CAFOD Coffee Morning - Many thanks to all who supported our coffee morning and raffle which raised £210 & from the buckets, donations and sale of goods on the Cafod stall, £155. Thanks to Simon, from Cafod Salford, who gave some interesting information about the Family Fast Day Appeal. He thanked us for all the support over the years in helping our neighbours who face new challenges each day - Four children & John, the chaplain from the High School, joined us and helped with the refreshments. Great to see you, please come again.

Recently Deceased: The Requiem Mass for Ena Bolton will be held on Friday 20th February at 11:30 am followed by burial in the graveyard. Her body will be received into Church on Thursday 19th February at 4pm.

W/C 15/02/26		This Weeks Intentions	
Sanctuary		Yvonne Jeffrey	
Offertory 7th / 8th February 2026			
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance	
£337.60	£349.75	229	
Bingo Jackpots for 18/02/2026			
£31	£27	£50	£41

Sanctuary Lamps Week 15/02/26			
1	In Loving Memory of Patricia Julie Watson		
2	In Loving Memory of Barbara Watson		
Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
50	167	64	281