



## St Mary's Brownedge

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

**19th April 2026**

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	18th Apr	9:30 am	Kenneth Duxbury <b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b>
	Vigil	7:00 pm	Ian Woan
Sun	19th Apr	9:30 am	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b> Roy Wilde The Parish
		6:30 pm	
Mon	20th Apr	9:30 am	Julie Watson (Wedding Ann)
Tues	21st Apr	9:30 am	St Anselm Pope Francis (OM)
Wed	22nd Apr	9:30 am	Joan & Allan Swindlehurst (Wedding Ann) School Mass
Thurs	23rd Apr	9.30 am	<b>St George</b> (S) Renie Tortington
Fri	24th Apr	9:30 am	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen (OM) Robert, Nellie & Joseph Delaney
Sat	25th Apr	9:30 am	<b>St Mark</b> (F) John Anthony Lawson R.I.P.
	Vigil	7:00 pm	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> Derek Nickson R.I.P.
Sun	26th Apr	9:30 am	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> Jack & Nellie Holt, Robert James Holme & Christine Gainer.
		11:00 am	
		6:30 pm	

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	18th Apr	5:30 pm	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b> Priests Intentions
Sun	19th Apr	10:30 am	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b> Holy Souls Baptism of Florence Duffy & Amelia Szlachciak
		12 noon	
Mon	20th Apr	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition David Thomas
Tues	21st Apr	9:15 am	St Anselm Priest's Intentions (OM) School Mass Yr 6
Wed	22nd Apr	9:15 am	Holy Souls
Thurs	23rd Apr	6.30 pm	<b>St George</b> (S) Paddy O'Meara (90th B'Day)
Fri	24th Apr		NO SERVICES
Sat	25th Apr		<b>St Mark</b> (F) <b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> Mick Green R.I.P.
	Vigil	5:30 pm	
Sun	26th Apr	10:30 am	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> 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](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.

**Holy Father's Intention: For Priests in Crisis**

Let us pray for Priest's going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

# Joint Notices

## Third Sunday of Easter



During the Season of Easter we walk with the Risen Lord, enjoying his appearing to his disciples. Today's gospel is one of the loveliest accounts of his appearing - and one especially important for the reader. Jesus appears and teaches the two disciples, by reference to the Scriptures, the meaning of his death. This is very

close to the way in which the neophytes (newly baptised) would continue to be taught, through hearing the scriptures, during Easter. The reader should take to herself or himself the words of the Gospel Acclamation: "Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us."

**Welcome!** Easter is traditionally a time for people to be received into the Church. We are greatly blessed that **nine adults** are becoming Catholics in our Parish this Easter. This follows a group of eight last Easter; this is a great sign of renewal and new life and the attractiveness of our community; welcome to: Edward Seed, Emily Baxter, Dan Butler, Glynn Watson, Sam Cruickshank, Shannon Wright, Molly Bottomley and Amrutha Nair were received at the Easter Vigil. Also Dan Taylor and Akram Ghasemkhani will be received in the coming weeks.

**This Sunday at 6.30pm Mass**, Lauren Boyd will be received into the Church, Confirmed and make her First Holy Communion. Many congratulations.

**SVP** - There will be an SVP collection this weekend the 18th/19th April after all the Masses. This monthly retiring collection helps us to help others.

**SVP: - Camino Pilgrimage - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April** – Barbara Hall will be leaving for the SVP Camino Pilgrimage – Please join her & the other Pilgrims with your prayers – Donations can still be made at [www.justgiving.com/page/barbara-hall-1](http://www.justgiving.com/page/barbara-hall-1) or any donations can be put in the donations basket in Church in an envelope marked Camino.

Please also remember Glynn Watson, who was received into the Church at the Easter Vigil and then set off on Easter Sunday to walk the Camino in memory of his wife, Julie, who died last year.

**Recommendations for Spiritual Reading:** Easter time it is always good to reflect more deeply on the life of Jesus; Watching a religious documentary or a biblical movie can also lead us into deeper understanding of the Paschal Mystery. Also, currently on BBC iPlayer there is a good documentary about the winner of "The Traitors", called, "**Harry Clark goes to Rome**". A good portrayal of a young man seeking to deepen his faith. Well worth a watch. Encourage your families to tune and think about their faith a little more.

## Gift Aid: A Simple Way to Help Your Parish:

Many parishioners may not realise that most people receiving the State Pension are now paying Income Tax on it and many more will be from 5th April this year. This means a large number of us already pay enough tax for the parish to reclaim Gift Aid on our offertory giving.

Just to reassure you: we are not asking you to give more (though any increase is always appreciated). What we are encouraging is that whatever you already put into the offertory is Gift Aided.

Gift Aid allows the parish to claim an additional 25p for every £1 donated, at no extra cost to you. All that's needed is a simple Gift Aid declaration. It's quick to complete, confidential, and covers all your regular and one-off giving.

If you're not already signed up, please consider doing so. By Gift Aiding your offerings, you help the parish receive the full benefit of the tax you already pay—strengthening our community and supporting the work of the Church.

The Gift Aid form (and Standing Order if you prefer) are available in the Narthex or if you need any help, please speak to our parish Gift Aid organiser or contact the parish office.

**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. Have you been confirmed? Have your children or grandchildren been confirmed? Everyone who is a Catholic should receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The preparation for our local parishes is being provided by Brownedge St Mary's High School in collaboration with Fr Mark and the parishes. For more information about being confirmed please get in touch with Fr Mark, the school chaplain or the parish office: [www.st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk/catholic-life/chaplaincy](http://www.st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk/catholic-life/chaplaincy).

**BIG THANK YOU** – Thank you to all the Parishioners & local businesses for donating Easter Eggs to the local Charities – They are so Grateful for all of your kind support to local Charities – There is a Thank you card from the Children at the Wish Centre at the back of Church. The charities supported by St Mary's donations were SLEAP, The Wish Centre, Bay 6, Young Carers and the local Foodbank and all were very grateful for your kindness, generosity & support.

**Youth Ministry Gap Year Opportunity:** Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. **Interested?** Contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or look up: [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com)

# Joint Notices

**Catholic Family Holidays in The Lake District:** Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. Head to [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> stay with us or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711


**Youth Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne** - Following on from the success of last years pilgrimage to Lindisfarne, we are offering young people in Years 7, 8 and 9 another opportunity to go to Lindisfarne from Friday 22 May - Sunday 24 May 2026. The cost is £120 which includes travel by coach and full board accommodation. We will be staying on the island at the SVP Camp. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**Knight of St Columba Bingo Night:** The next Prize Bingo Night for KSC Charities will be on Friday 8th May 7pm for 7.30pm at St Gerard's Parochial Centre, Lostock Hall. Light refreshments will be provided at half time.

**Catholic Social Teaching (CST)** - Caritas Salford is offering a free online webinar to introduce the basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) in an accessible way, with a particular focus on building hope, homes and a positive future for all. This will take place on Thursday 30th April 2026 from 6pm to 7:15pm - With local elections approaching in May, the time is right to raise our awareness of CST and reflect on how it can help to inform the decisions and choices we make in life. Register for your free place or find out more at: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/events](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/events)

**Prayer Group / Scripture Study Group:** We have had several enquiries recently about prayer groups. If anyone is interested in this or might help to start up a group, even just by coming along, please get in touch with Fr Mark. A small group of leaders would share the load and help to facilitate it better.

## Wordsearch based on the Gospel

D	D	A	V	S	U	A	M	M	E	VILLAGE	EMMAUS	FACES
N	E	H	S	I	L	O	O	F	A	DOWNCAST	ISRAEL	FOOLISH
E	N	S	S	S	L	E	B	A	T	ORDAINED	GLORY	EVENING
E	I	R	I	N	E	L	E	S	S	BREAD	BLESSING	RECOGNISED
V	A	S	I	N	E	C	A	N	D			
E	D	O	R	S	G	C	A	G	A			
N	R	E	S	A	N	O	L	F	E			
I	O	I	R	W	E	O	C	L	R			
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G	O	D	S	Y	I	S	R	A	R			

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



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**The sick, and those who care for them:**

Sister Louise, Yvonne Jeffrey, Joseph Finch, Brian Morley, Maureen Calderbank, Peter Clough, Joseph O'Grady, Eileen McLaughlin, Marie Davis, Christina Hall, Anne May, Michael Cronin.

**All those who have died recently:**

Marie Baron, Mary Eileen Lawson, Valerie Jeffrey, Ann Barnes, Magdalena Denby, Mick Green, Sister Anne Hewitt

### MARRIAGE MATTERS

*"How well do we listen to each other?"*

As Jesus walked to Emmaus, he listened carefully to His disciples and experienced their grief. An important part of our relationship is listening. We may disagree with our partner's thoughts and judgments but they are part of who this person is. We need to experience him/her and convey the joy of discovering the person he/she is.

**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***

**Chalices:** We have sent 4 of our 6 chalices to be regilded as the original plating is wearing away. The cost of each one is £222 inc. VAT. One of our open Ciboria, which holds the hosts, is also being restored at a cost of £174. If we send the remaining 2 chalices the total cost will be £1506. If anyone would be willing to contribute to the cost of the restoration of one of them, perhaps in memory of a loved one it would be greatly appreciated.

**New Sanctuary Carpet:** The new sanctuary carpet looks splendid; However the remaining carpet in the Church now looks even more in need of replacing. If anyone would like to make a donation to raise funds to carpet the remainder of the church it would be appreciated. The last time was in the early 90's so it is not something we do very often. We are still waiting for an estimated cost for this, when it arrives you may wish to sponsor a square metre or two!!

**CAFOD** -- Thank you all so much for your generous donations to the collection we made at St Gerard's for the Lenten family fast day. The amount came to £592.45. As £231.21 of that was gift aided, the overall total to help those in the developing world struggling to access life giving water will be around £650. That's wonderful! Michael and I will be continuing our CAFOD walk for water until we have completed the 500 kms which was our official target before Michael became so unwell. At this rate it may take us till Pentecost! As such you can still support Cafod's work on our just giving site. The link is: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/michaels-fundraising-page1036>

**Wednesday Bingo:** Due to another booking in the Parochial Centre we have had to cancel the Bingo session on Wednesday 29th April. We apologise but it is unavoidable.

**APF Red Mission Boxes** - Grateful thanks to Box Holders and collectors for the 2025 collection which amounted to £2165.50.

**Recently Deceased** - Please Pray for the Soul of Michael (Mick) Green who has died in the last week. His Requiem Mass will be on Friday 1st May at 11 am. May he Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

<b>W/C 19/04/26</b>	<b>This Weeks Intentions</b>
<b>Sanctuary</b>	Yvonne Jeffrey

<b>Offertory 11th / 12th April 2026</b>			
<b>Loose</b>	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>Total Attendance</b>	
£233.24	£265.96	149	
<b>Bingo Jackpots for 22/04/2026</b>			
£26	£34	£57	£31

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

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 26th April 9:30 am Mass: Sharples Family.

**Cafod** - Many thanks to all who supported our coffee mornings and raffles during Lent, we have raised a wonderful £1,160. We have also received a generous anonymous donation of £100 and from our Parish Community Walk have given David Gorman £125 towards his Big Lent Walk. From the buckets and sale of goods on the Cafod stall during March, £165. Unclaimed raffle tickets from last week, orange 788, 96, 627, prizes on the trolley in the Narthex. Thank you for standing in love and solidarity with our global family, blessings of Easter to you all

**Cafod's Big Lent Walk** - "CAFOD Big Lent Walk - In the 47 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday inclusive, I've walked 322km and raised a fantastic £1,377 excluding Gift Aid. I am truly humbled and grateful to everybody for their generosity, support and encouragement. Thank you so much. Dave Gorman".

**Mothers Prayers** - The next meeting is on Wednesday 15th April at 1 pm in the Priory.

**CARITAS COLLECTION** – Many Thanks to you for raising almost £900 for the poor & underprivileged in our community. This included a £100 donation from the CAFOD group which was greatly appreciated – Well done to you all.

**Message from Caritas** – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 – Head of Fundraising – Thank you so very much to the Parishioners of St Mary's Bamber Bridge for your Compassionate and generous response to the growing levels of poverty and homelessness across our Diocese. We have received your very generous collection of £747.38 in response to the Caritas Sunday appeal in March and understand that a further £140.00 has been collected on the Parish donor machine plus lots of gift aid envelopes which are on the way to us – Please know that your kindness directly brings comfort, stability and hope to individuals and families at the very moment they need it most. Your generosity truly makes a difference – Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

<b>Sanctuary Lamps Week 19/04/26</b>	
1	The Ampleforth Community
2	The Parish of St Josephs , Brindle

<b>Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend</b>			
<b>7 pm Vigil</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Total</b>
71	161	79	311