



St Mary's Brownedge

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

10th May 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	9th May	12 noon	6th Sunday of Easter
	Vigil	7:00 pm	Mass of Anointing of the Sick John Anthony Lawson R.I.P. Father Jonathon Cotton OSB
Sun	10th May	9:30 am	6th Sunday of Easter
		11:00 am	Simon Fender
		6:30 pm	Baptism of Henri H Dolphin Intentions of Mothers Prayers
Mon	11th May	9:30 am	Julie Watson (Anniversary)
Tues	12th May	9:30 am	Ss Nereus & Achilleus (OM) Intentions of Linda & Philip Swarbrick
Wed	13th May	9:30 am	Our Lady of Fatima (F) Wilfrid Radcliffe R.I.P. Rigby Class Mass Service for Sacrament of Confirmation.
Thurs	14th May Holy Day of Obligation	9.30 am	The Ascension of the Lord (S) David Thomas
		4:30 pm	
Fri	15th May	9:30 am	David Livesey - 90th Birthday Thanksgiving
Sat	16th May	9:30 am	7th Sunday of Easter
	Vigil	7:00 pm	Priests Intentions Derek Nickson R.I.P.
Sun	17th May	9:30 am	7th Sunday of Easter
		6:30 pm	The Cocker Family The Parish

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	9th May	5:30 pm	6th Sunday of Easter
	Vigil		James Stokes R.I.P. (B'day)
Sun	10th May	10:30 am	6th Sunday of Easter
			The Parish
Mon	11th May	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Exposition Holy Souls
Tues	12th May	9:15 am	Ss Nereus & Achilleus (OM) Irene Sanders R.I.P.
Wed	13th May	9:15 am	Our Lady of Fatima (F) Priests Intentions
Thurs	14th May Holy Day of Obligation	7:30 pm	The Ascension of the Lord (S) Aniela & Jan
Fri	15th May		NO SERVICES
Sat	16th May	5:30 pm	7th Sunday of Easter
	Vigil		William Grayless
Sun	17th May	10:30 am	7th Sunday of Easter
		12:15 pm	Abigail Bowman (Anniversary) First Holy Communions Baptism of Jenson Walton

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

We pray this week for the people of the parish of St Edward, Lees, for Fr. Callum Brown, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school.

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 Sunday of Easter

By now we are some distance away from Easter, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So in the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that 'Spirit of truth' which sets us apart from the world. This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to 'proclaim the Christ' and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the world's slander and accusations.

Holy Day of Obligation - Thursday is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and a Holy Day of Obligation, masses are as usual 9:30 am and 4:30 pm at St Mary's and 7:30 pm at St Gerard's.

Recently Deceased - Please pray for the soul of Grace Gee, Father Joe's mother, who died last Sunday. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Walking the Camino de Ingles: "The Camino to Santiago Compostela" has many routes depending on where you start from; "The Camino Ingles" route is so called because it follows the English pilgrims' path to Santiago from ancient times, starting from where they landed by boat in the north west corner of Spain in Ferrol. This Camino Ingles route comes in at 118km and so enough to qualify for the Compostela Certificate (minimum 100km) Barbara Hall has completed the route in 6 days with 18 other SVP pilgrims from around the UK. It was physically very demanding but spiritually uplifting and so an unforgettable and motivational experience. Thank you everyone who has donated to help those in need and for all your prayers, which definitely gave me 'winged feet' when needed! Donations can still be made until May 20th to www.justgiving.com/page/barbara-hall-1 – or can be placed in the Church collections basket in an envelope marked 'Camino'.

Another parishioner, Glynn Watson, is doing the Camino Frances (772 Km over 33 days). He started on Easter Monday and he should arrive in Santiago next Friday. Keep him and his late wife in your prayers. Pilgrimage is a very ancient way of praying and communicating with God; "Did not our hearts burn within us as He talked to us on the road". There is a current series of "The Pilgrimage" where a group of people are walking to Lindisfarne.

Crowning of Our Lady: May is the traditional month of honour to Mary Our Blessed Mother. To mark this in a special way we will have a procession and the crowning of Our Lady's Statue. **On Sunday 10th May at St Gerard's at the 10.30am Mass.** The Mass is part of the First Holy Communion Programme; this is one of the final sessions before the First Holy Communion so it will be a lovely way for the children to prepare for the Sacrament by honouring Our Lady.

SVP Meeting: Monday 11th May 6:30pm St Mary's Priory.

SVP Collection: Saturday 16th / Sunday 17th May at the end of all Masses.

Confirmation Programme 2026: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on **Wednesday 13th May at 7pm** in St Mary's Browndedge Church by the Bishop of Salford. We have a group of 43 young people from across the local parishes. Please pray for them.

Baptism: Congratulations to Poyraz Andrew Baydak who was baptised on Friday. Poyraz is in Year 11 at Browndedge High School and through the experience of being part of the catholic community asked to be received into the church. A great testament to him and to our school community.

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.

Supporting our Parish Finances: Salford Diocese have asked St Mary's Browndedge to pilot a programme to inform parishes of the financial cost of running our parishes; this will strive to make us more aware of the needs of our parishes and how we can foster a deeper sense of responsibility for meeting those needs. The appeal is over three weekends: 9/10 May: "Our call to stewardship"; 16/17 May: "Our Parish, Our responsibility"; 23/24 May: Our Financial Report. There will be a leaflet each weekend with different elements of parish life.

There will be a meeting to review the finances on **Tuesday 19th May at 7pm in the Narthex.** We hope this three week appeal will help us all to recognise the need to support our parishes both in the present day and for future generations.

We will do something similar at St Gerard's in the coming months.

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 or look up: www.castleriggmanor.com

Pilgrimage Walk (Ave Maria) from St Albans Blackburn to St Mary's Browndedge – Wednesday 13th May – Starting at St Albans Blackburn BB1 6HN at 9am For further information please contact Julian via text on 07761 702646 – The Pilgrimage walk will be cancelled if there is bad weather – please bring your own food & drink for the day – Free parking available at St Albans Blackburn.

Joint Notices

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.

A parishioner recommends **"Reasons to Believe"** by Scott Hahn, published by Darton-Longman-Todd. This book is a sound exploration and defence of the Catholic faith. Hahn is a former Presbyterian minister who became a Catholic and has written widely on the faith in an accessible manner. The story of his conversion is found in "Rome Sweet Home". Last year one of his sons was ordained as Catholic priest.

CARITAS - Many thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to the annual Caritas 'Love in Action' collection at St Gerard's a few weeks ago, the amount came to £302.60 and with almost £150 of that Gift Aided the final amount will be around £350. Please take a copy of April's 'Caritas' magazine at the back of church. This outlines some of the many projects around the diocese which your contributions help to support.

Newsletter deadlines - Notices for the newsletter each week should in the case of St Gerards be with the office before noon on Thursdays. For St Mary's these should be with the office before 3 pm. This will ensure that they are included in that weeks notices. Anything received after these time MAY get in but it is not guaranteed. This allows for production, checking and printing on Friday before the office closes for the weekend. Thank you.

Free energy bill advice from Caritas - If you are worried about rising energy costs, our diocesan charity Caritas Salford runs a range of free drop-in advice sessions to help with everything from energy debt to making your home more energy efficient. You can find out more about these and other ways the team can help people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire on the Caritas website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport

London to Brighton Bike Ride - This summer, Rick, Keren & Archie Henderson from St Gerard's are taking on a huge challenge, the legendary London to Brighton Bike Ride. On 21st June they will be joining thousands of riders as they pedal from the capital to coast - in support of the Caritas Diocese of Salford.

Caritas provide a practical response to those in crisis, suffering hardship or at risk. They work alongside people to rebuild their lives for the long-term, enabling people to live in a safe, healthy and secure environment. We call for a better, more just world, where the voices of people experiencing poverty are heard and acted upon, and we positively influence the systems, decisions and resources that affect those in need.

Their Challenge, from the early morning start in London to the rolling countryside to the infamous climb up Ditchling Beacon (yes, it's as steep as everyone says!) to the Final, triumphant descent into Brighton. (Incidentally it's where Keren was born). We're determined with your support to make every mile count. If you can support us follow this link. <https://tinyurl.com/2afmx937>

Thank to those who have supported us so far it is appreciated.

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, Anne Gill, Yumi & Yuna Aston.

All those who have died recently:

Ann Barnes, Mick Green, Sister Anne Hewitt, John Littler, Grace Gee, Stella Hollebone, Dr Judith Champ, Francis Brian Nelson, Fr Peter McGiveron.

MARRIAGE MATTERS

"Listen to Jesus within ourselves and within our partner"

Jesus is in me and in you! In marriage we are especially called to honour that presence in our spouse every day. There may be times when we hurt each other or take each other for granted, leading to feelings of jealousy and resentment, often to arguments. At times like this the call is for forgiveness, for healing, for affirmation.

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

Sacramental Programme - Next Sunday at the 10:30 am Mass we welcome the first of the children on the sacramental programme to receive their First Holy Communion.

Majella Companions - Meet this Tuesday 12th May at 2 pm in the Shield Centre.

Caritas: Access to church questionnaires - Please would people take home a copy of the April newsletter sent from Caritas Salford? Besides explaining the vital work which Caritas do to assist the vulnerable, inside each copy there is a questionnaire which parishioners are asked to complete if they know anyone in our community who is unable to get to church. Completed forms can be given to Margaret Cronin who will forward them to Caritas Salford.

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. Thank you to those who have already made donations it is appreciated.

New Sanctuary Carpet: If anyone would like to make a donation to raise funds to carpet the remainder of the church it would be appreciated. We are still waiting for an estimated cost for this, when it arrives you may wish to sponsor a square metre or two!!

OLSG Primary School —There is a great way to support our Primary School. All you have to do is sign up to support us with easyfundraising and then when you do your normal online shopping, go via the easyfundraising website or app and you'll raise free donations for Our Lady and St Gerard's. Money raised supports the school to buy resources and helps to cover some costs of online subscriptions used for teaching and learning. <https://tinyurl.com/mw966hbp>

Piety Shop - Now have a selection of First Holy Communion and Confirmation gifts on display along with a variety of symbolic cards and money gift wallets.

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 17th May 9:30 am Mass: Turner family

Mothers Prayers Meeting - This Wednesday 13th May at 1 pm in the Priory.

Cafod Coffee Morning & Raffle - Many thanks to all who supported our recent coffee morning and raffle which raised **£213**. From the buckets, donations, jewellery and goods on the Cafod stall, **£262**. Thanks to 4 pupils & John, the chaplain, from the High School, for joining us, great to see you again, you are always welcome.

Cafod Board in the porch from our Parish Community Walk. – photos on display - Thanks to David Gorman for printing them for us, a great turnout and great weather. Many thanks also to David for his Big Lent Walk and raising a fantastic **£1377** excluding Gift Aid. Well done David.

Sudan Humanitarian Crisis - Due to the generosity of parishioners during Lent and at the coffee mornings and raffles, we have been able to send **£2,500 for the Sudan Humanitarian Crisis**. We hope this donation will help, in some small way, provide the people of Sudan with the lifesaving help they so desperately need, clean water, food, medicine, soap & personal hygiene and shelter. We continue to pray for all the people of Sudan as they face such life changing difficulties.

Lost Bracelet – Gold Bracelet lost in or around St Mary's Brownedge Church on Sunday 3rd May at 9:30am Mass – It is of great sentimental value to the owner so if found please get in touch with the Parish office

200 Club - Could you please contact the 200 Club if you have changed your home address or your phone number so that we can update our contacts details database – We note that some house phone numbers have been discontinued. Thank you for all your continued support.

Missio: In the last year we have raised a marvellous total of £2489.97. On behalf of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries a great big Thank you There is a poster at the back of Church showing 3 sisters of the Blessed Sacrament that we are helping in Myanmar. If you don't already have a Red Mission Box and would like one please ring the parish office or Clare on 01772 312558

W/C 10/05/26	This Weeks Intentions		
Sanctuary	Yvonne Jeffrey		
Offertory 2nd / 3rd May 2026			
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance	
£248.78	£182.40	149	
Bingo Jackpots for 13/05/2026			
£28	£36	£59	£33

Sanctuary Lamps Week 10/05/26			
1	Joan & George Murphy & all deceased members of the Murphy and Wynne Families		
2	For Mary & Carmel Mullarkey		
Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total