



## St Mary's Brownedge

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### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year A)

17th May 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	16th May Vigil	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Priests Intentions <b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> Derek Nickson R.I.P.
Sun	17th May	9:30 am 6:30 pm	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> The Cocker Family The Parish
Mon	18th May	9:30 am	Pope St John 1 <sup>(OM)</sup> Dr Robert Tomlinson R.I.P.
Tues	19th May	9:30 am	St Dunstan <sup>(OM)</sup> Intentions of David Livesey
Wed	20th May	9:30 am	St Bernadine of Siena <sup>(OM)</sup> <b>Whole School Mass for Pentecost</b> Catherine Jones R.I.P.
Thurs	21st May	9.30 am	St Christopher Magallanes <sup>(OM)</sup> Mr John McDonald R.I.P.
Fri	22nd May	9:30 am 12 noon 2:00 pm	St Rita of Cascia <sup>(OM)</sup> Diane Harvey Wedding of Luke Jackson & Rachel Colligan Requiem Mass for Francis Brian Nelson
Sat	23rd May Vigil	9:30 am 7:00 pm	Raymond Hill <b>PENTECOST</b> Jim & Lesley Morris
Sun	24th May	9:30 am 6:30 pm	<b>PENTECOST</b> Thanksgiving for 60 yrs of Marriage for Linda & Philip Swarbrick Carl Molloy R.I.P.

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	16th May Vigil	5:30 pm	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> William Grayless
Sun	17th May	10:30 am 12:15 pm	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> Abigail Bowman (Anniversary) First Holy Communions Baptism of Jenson Walton
Mon	18th May	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Pope St John 1 <sup>(OM)</sup> Exposition Letitia Harold (Ann)
Tues	19th May	9:15 am	St Dunstan <sup>(OM)</sup> <b>Whole School Mass for Pentecost</b> Agnes & Wildred Flanagan
Wed	20th May	9:15 am	St Bernadine of Sienna <sup>(OM)</sup> Holy Souls
Thurs	21st May	6:30 pm	St Christopher Magallanes <sup>(OM)</sup> Catherine Yates
Fri	22nd May		St Rita of Cascia <sup>(OM)</sup> NO SERVICES
Sat	23rd May Vigil	5:30 pm	<b>PENTECOST</b> The Parish
Sun	24th May	10:30 am	<b>PENTECOST</b> Priests Intentions

**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**

This week we pray for the parishes of St Joseph, Mossley, and Sacred Heart and St. William, Uppermill, for Fr James Clarke, 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](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.

# Joint Notices

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

On this Seventh Sunday of Easter the gospels each year are taken from Chapter 17 of Saint John's Gospel - the "priestly prayer" of Jesus at the Last Supper: this long prayer is a farewell message, where Jesus prays for all that the Church will have to be and do in time the after his Ascension – in other words, the time we are in now. This is his prayer for us. The specific message this year is all about the continuity of the Church, using the example of Judas (the one who "chose to be lost") being replaced so that the College of Apostles may be twelve in number. Since we have just celebrated the Ascension last Thursday, and are now praying for the coming of the Spirit next Sunday, our minds should be full of this mystery of the ever-renewed Church throughout the ages, as Christ prays for us.

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

**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 20<sup>th</sup> to [www.justgiving.com/page/barbara-hall-1](http://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, has completed the Camino Frances (772 Km over 33 days). He started on Easter Monday following his reception in to church at Easter. 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.

**Eucharistic Ministers** - Our parishes are seeking volunteers to become Eucharistic Ministers who are willing and able to visit the sick and housebound. This is a valuable and prayerful ministry serving our community. If you are interested or would like to know more, please get in touch with the parish office.

**Roadworks Notice:** Roadworks to commence on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 9am and maybe into the following week – Improvements to St Mary's Church entrance from main road to prevent flooding and improve drainage

**Supporting our Parish Finances:** Salford Diocese have asked St Mary's Brownedge 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](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or look up: [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com)

**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.

**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.

# Joint Notices

**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.

**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](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport)

**KSC - Knights of St Columba Prize Bingo** - Many thanks to all who supported the KSC Prize Bingo in St Gerard's Parish Centre on Friday 8th May. We raised a total of £440 which will help to fund the variety of good causes the Knights of St Columba support.

**Baptism Course** - our next joint parish course starts on Tuesday 19th May at 7 pm at St Gerard's.

**Day for Life – Sunday 21 June 2026** - Bishops have been invited to publicise and ask parishes to join in the Novena in preparation for the forthcoming Day for Life. The Novena will run from **Saturday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation (Sunday 31 May)**. This is the third year in which the Dioceses of England and Wales will join with those of Scotland and Ireland to pray this Novena. It will be available on the Bishops' Conference website, as well as at <https://prayforlife.ie/>.

**Caritas Volunteer Week** - From 1 to 7 June it is national Volunteer Week, with various celebrations and activities taking place across the UK. Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has a wide range of volunteering opportunities available to help support their work with people in Greater Manchester and Lancashire who are experiencing homelessness, poverty and discrimination. If you have a passion or skillset you'd like to share with others, you can find out more about the volunteering opportunities available on their website at [www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer) or contact Matt Yates at [m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk](mailto:m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk)

**Confirmation:** Congratulation to the group of forty three young people who were confirmed on Wednesday by Bishop Arnold. It was a wonderful celebration of joy and hope for the future of the Catholic Faith.

**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.

## 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 Hollebhone, Dr Judith Champ Francis Brian Nelson, Fr Peter McGiveron. Catherine Ellison Teresa Jean Smith. Kane Bolton

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



## MARRIAGE MATTERS

*"Filled with hope"*

Today's readings tell us of the end and the beginning of something new and exciting in the life of the young Church. When we married, we were filled with both excitement and trepidation for our future together. But like the disciples, the Spirit of the risen Lord has been with us since we became "Little Church" on our wedding day.

**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** - This weekend we welcome children on the sacramental programme to receive their First Holy Communion at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday.

**Summer Fair** - Make a diary note that our Fair this year is on **Sunday 28th June** from 11:30 am.

**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.

**Recently Deceased** - Please pray for the soul of Catherine Ellison who has died recently. Her funeral is on Tuesday 26th May at 2 pm. May she Rest in Peace and rise in glory.

<b>W/C 17/05/26</b>	<b>This Weeks Intentions</b>
<b>Sanctuary</b>	Yvonne Jeffrey
<b>Our Lady</b>	Margaret Clegg (Nee Redmond)

<b>Offertory 9th / 10th May 2026</b>		
<b>Loose</b>	<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>Total Attendance</b>
£284.67	£141.00	212

<b>Bingo Jackpots for 20/05/2026</b>			
£29	£37	£60	£34

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

**Offertory Procession:** Next Sunday 24th May 9:30 am Mass: Ashe family

**Wedding:** Best wishes to Rachel Colligan and Luke Jackson who will be married at St Mary's Brownedge on Friday at 12 noon.

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

**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

**Public Community Meeting:** on Monday 18th May at 6 pm to 8 pm in the Narthex at St Mary's, we are hosting a public meeting on behalf of local councillors and community police officers to discuss local issues.

<b>Sanctuary Lamps Week 17/05/26</b>	
1	For Richard & Barbera Sharples
2	For Margaret Mary Livesey

<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>
69	151	66	268