



St Mary's Brownedge

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

12th July 2026

St Mary's, Brownedge			
Sat	11th July	9:30 am	St Benedict (F) Owen Boyle R.I.P.
	Vigil	7:00 pm	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time John Anthony Lawson R.I.P.
Sun	12th July	9:30 am	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Birthday
		11:00 am	Baptisms of Elsie Cookson, Darcey Cartmell & Jonah Scott
		6:30 pm	The Parish
Mon	13th July	9:30 am	St Henry (OM) Michael Smart R.I.P.
Tues	14th July	9:30 am	St Camillus of Lellis (OM) John Lees (Anniversary)
Wed	15th July	9:30 am	St Bonaventure (M) In Thanksgiving for Ordination Anniversary Whole School Mass for Year 6 Leavers
Thurs	16th July	9.30 am	Our Lady of Mount Carmel (F) Intentions of Dom Jacques Cote OSB
Fri	17th July	9:30 am	Thomas Roberts
Sat	18th July	9:30 am	Holy Souls
	Vigil	7:00 pm	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Thanksgiving
Sun	19th July	9:30 am	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Michael Guy Smart
		6:30 pm	Richard Whalley R.I.P.

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	11th July		St Benedict (F)
	Vigil	5:30 pm	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Priest's Intentions
Sun	12th July	10:30 am	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Priest's Intentions
Mon	13th July	10:00 am 6:00 pm	St Henry (OM) Requiem for Geoffrey Pearson Exposition
Tues	14th July	9.15 am	St Camillus of Lellis (OM) John & Derek, Margaret & Edward Livesey
Wed	15th July	9:15 am	St Bonaventure (M) Lillian & George Atherton
Thurs	16th July	6:30 pm	Our Lady of Mount Carmel (F) All beloved Deceased Family & Friends
Fri	17th July		NO SERVICES
Sat	18th July		16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
	Vigil	5:30 pm	The Parish
Sun	19th July	10:30 am	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time George Boland
		12 noon	Baptisms of Ellie Alexander & Alfie Martin-Sutton

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 parish of Our Lady of Dolours, Kersal, and for Father Vincent Coyne, OSM, their parish priest, and for the Servite Friars. We pray for their parish primary school and St. Monica's High School, together with the Sisters of Nazareth and the Faithful Companions of Jesus.



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

Joint Notices

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Gospel today is the beginning of a new section in Matthew, called 'The Parabolic Discourse' - a section of parables Jesus tells the crowd, which we will read over the next three weeks. A parable is a story with a hidden meaning: we can easily remember the story, and gradually the true meaning becomes clearer and clearer. Today is a famous example: the Parable of the Sower. In itself it is a story that would easily be understood by Jesus's audience - people who lived in an agricultural economy. Jesus uses their understanding to make an important teaching about the message he has brought: it is like a seed that is thrown out and received in different ways - the ideal is when the seed finds good soil, and produces a crop that can be seen and harvested: so the ideal listener to the word is one who allows it to lodge in the heart, but also produces a visible result. What is the harvest we should yield, when we have heard the word?

CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal -

You can help our neighbours affected by the 24 June earthquakes in Venezuela with emergency shelter, water and food. CAFOD is already working with local Church partners to support people who have lost their homes, but we need your support to help more survivors. Your donation will provide essential supplies and help families rebuild their lives. Donate to the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal today: cafod.org.uk/Venezuela or call 0300 999 0030 or scan the QR code. Please keep our neighbours in Venezuela in your prayers.



Former Brownedge St Mary's Pupils Needed!!! -

Are you a former pupil of Brownedge St Mary's? We would love to hear from you! We are building an "alumni network" and are looking for former pupils from all career backgrounds who would be willing to visit the school and share their career journey with our current students, as part of a current requirement! If you would like to inspire the next generation, please contact the school. Your experience could make a real difference. If you are able to help, please email or speak to Andrew Wygladala via careers@st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk

SRBC - FiveDinners Weekly Meal Planner -

FiveDinners is an online meal planning service which creates fully personalised meal plans with easy to cook recipes. The purpose is to create affordable and healthy meals whilst tackling food waste. Any SR residents are eligible to access this for free by registering. <https://fivedinners.com/mycommunity>.

SPUC Preston — SPUC Preston have booked a coach to the **March for Life**, tickets are on sale now! **Tickets are available** on Eventbrite, search 'Coach from Lancaster and Preston to M4LUK' or scan the QR code. For the itinerary or anything else please contact the secretary on 07523 183758 or at spucpreston@gmail.com

Recommendations for Spiritual Reading:

Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP has written widely about faith and prayer in a very accessible way. Two of his popular works for those seeking are:

"What is the Point of Being a Christian?" His argument for Christian belief is profoundly Catholic and profoundly human. A book full of a deep understanding of human nature and the problems and anxieties of modern men and women.

"Why Go to Church?: The Drama of the Eucharist" takes us through the Mass to give us a deeper appreciation of it.

Both of these are well worth a look—easily available from online bookshops.

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.

Visit of the relics of St Gerard Majella: The Redemptorist Fathers are celebrating the 300th anniversary of the birth of St Gerard's with a tour of the UK to honour his relics. The final visit of the UK tour will be at our own **Parish of St Gerards in Lostock Hall Friday 27th November. Further details nearer the time.**

Salford Cathedral: Our Mother Church, St John's Cathedral in Salford has been closed for three years for restoration; the restoration looks magnificent, and will serve to remind us of the Glory of God.

As part of the reopening, there is a Mass to Dedicate the New Altar on Feast of our Diocesan Patron, Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Thursday 16th July at 12.00 noon. Our parishes will be represented by John & Grace Robinson, Christine Kirkwood and Margaret Noblett.

London to Brighton Bike Ride - Received this week - "On behalf of Caritas Salford, I wanted to send a heartfelt thank you — and a huge congratulations — for taking part in the **London to Brighton bike ride for Caritas Salford**. What you achieved is about far more than crossing a finish line. It is about your generosity and compassion for the local individuals, children and families experiencing homelessness and poverty. You have raised an amazing £245.00 which could be enough to: Fit 5 homes with energy saving devices to save families and older people money on their bills. Provide 13 starter kits for a parent allowing their child to receive the best possible practical start when the parent has no other family. Or provide 280 vulnerable people in our local community with a warm shower at our day Centre's. " Donate here: <https://tinyurl.com/2afmx937>.

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

Supporting our Parish Finances: It is important that we are aware of the financial costs of running our parishes and take some responsibility to help provide the necessary support. Are you able to:

- **Give a little more each week to help with the cost of inflation;**
- **Create a Standing Order or use offertory envelopes;**
- **Gift Aid any money you give to the Church if you pay tax;**
- **Give via contactless card machine;**
- **Leave a legacy in your will;**
- **Consider acting as a benefactor with a large donation if you find you are in a position to do so;**
- **Help raise £32,000 for our Spire repairs.**

Spire Fundraising: Many thanks to all those who have contributed to the appeal; there has been an excellent response: We have launched a “**Crowdfunder**” page where people can donate directly and add gift aid; in just 10 days this has raised over £1700. Please encourage your family and friends to contribute—we want to reach all the community, including those who may not be Catholic but value the presence of our Church in the town. There is video message from Fr Mark to encourage people: Scan the QR Code or Visit:

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/q/YlbBQBkl

There is also an icon on the contactless machine in church to contribute to the Appeal.

If we raise funds over £32,000, anything extra will be used for towards other maintenance work for the church.

Donations via QR Codes and Online Giving: The Diocese have changed our online giving portal from PAYA to DONA. The Dona portal is the same as our card machines in church;

The advantage of this is that Dona only charge 1.58% as opposed to 5% on every donation;

Gift aid is much easier to process; the money comes directly to the parish account rather via Salford Diocese. Thus we have new QR Codes which take you directly to the new DONA portal. The same new portal will be used for donations via the website and streaming site. If you have the old links to PAYA please use the new links. Thank you.



Donations: Make an online Donation to support our parishes by scanning the QR Codes Here:



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Our Lady & St Gerards

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi:

This year is the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis.: **Monday 2nd November to Sunday 8th November.** Flights from Manchester; First three nights near Rome at the English College Villa, Palazzola with a day into Rome for a General Audience with Pope Leo; Other visits either into Rome or maybe taking the opportunity to visit Subiaco or Monte Cassino— both great abbeys associated with St Benedict. The exact itinerary will be firmed up later. We will spend three nights in Assisi visiting the great shrines of St Francis and St Clare as well the tomb of the newly canonised, St Carlo Acutis. A further possibility for the itinerary is a visit to Greccio on our journey from Rome to Assisi where St Francis created the first nativity scene. The cost will be £1249 per person sharing or £1499 for a single room (limited numbers). The provisional programme is available at the back of church.

We now have 25 people who have registered interest. To confirm your place, please complete the booking form and send to Northern Star Travel including £300 deposit.

We will email the booking form to those who given an email address and it can be completed electronically. Paper copies are at the back of church. Send to: **info@northernstartravel.com**

or post to: **Northern Star Travel 46-48 Long Street, Middleton Manchester. M24 6UQ**

The deposit can also be paid with a card over the phone: 0161 773 2115.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The sick, and those who care for them:

Sister Louise, Yvonne Jeffrey, Joseph O'Grady, Brian Morley, Jean Doran, Maureen Calderbank, Joseph Finch, Peter Clough, Eileen McLaughlin, Marie Davis, Anne May, Yumi & Yuni Aston, Anne Gill, Glenis Allen, Iolanda Walsh. Michael Cronin.

All those who have died recently:

Pamela Spencer, Veronica Tipping, Edmund Crighton, Monica Clarkson, Gloria Duffell, Mary Eileen Spencer, Terry May, Helen Critchlow, Irene Hobson, Geoffrey Allen Pearson

MARRIAGE MATTERS

"Listen to the person behind the words"

The stony ground is when we are too engrossed in the telly, reading or working on the computer to listen to our partner. The thorny ground is where we disengage with such but not wanting real involvement, suggest a cuppa as a diversion. We are called to be fertile ground by real listening – hold hands, look in each other's eyes.

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

Altar Candle & Mass Intentions - If you would like to have a Mass intention or Candle intention please leave a note at the Presbytery clearly stating the Mass Intention or Location for your Candle. For the Candles we are suggesting a minimum donation of £5 per candle.

New Church 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 waiting for an estimated cost; when it arrives you may wish to sponsor a square metre or two!!

Foundation Governor Needed: We are seeking one more person to join the Governing Body of our Primary School. A governor supports the school's vision and values, helps to shape strategic direction, holds leaders accountable for performance and wellbeing, strengthen links between school, church, and community. You can make a positive impact on children's education, develop leadership and strategic skills, be part of a supportive team, contribute to something meaningful. **Full training provided.** Contact **Fr. Mark** for more information or to apply.

CAFOD - On the notice board near the repository there's a letter from Cardinal Mulla, the head of the Sudan and South Sudan Catholic Bishops' Conference asking us all once again to support the debt justice campaign organised by CAFOD. We are being asked to sign their petition; the burden of external debt on many developing countries, is crippling their economies. These debts borrowed at extortionate interest rates mean that 54 of the poorest countries are spending more on repaying interest than on education, healthcare and measures to mitigate the worst effects of climate change. This is not only a financial issue but a moral one. Please show our parish support for debt justice by signing the forms at the back of church.

Working Party: This week we have been doing some work around the Church; this was essential maintenance being carried out by Joe Cross, Site Manager St Mary's, with the help of some parish volunteers. A few weeks ago, using a drone, we identified some broken and slipped tiles leaving holes in gullies which was allowing water into the main roof. With the help of a cherry picker, Joe was able to do some of the high work on the gutters, slates and downspouts and at the same time inspected all the flat roofs, clean them of moss etc While this was going on up high, the brave volunteers managed to unblock a drain and the sewer pipe from the church toilets. All hard work in this heat! many thanks to all who helped us.

Offertory 4th / 5th July 2026		
Loose	Envelopes	Total Attendance
£281.47	£171.69	144

Bingo Jackpots for 15/07/2026			
£37	£45	£68	£27

St Mary's Brownedge Notices

Baptisms: Welcome to Darcey Mabel Poppy Cartmell, Elsie Leigh Cookson & Jonah Gary Scott who will be baptised into the Body of Christ this weekend.

Offertory Procession: Next Sunday 19th July 9:30 am Mass: Mullarkey Family

Year Six Leavers Mass: On Wednesday at 9.30 am we have a whole school Mass to give thanks for those children who are leaving primary school at the end of this term. May God bless them.

Cafod Coffee Morning - Many thanks to all who supported our recent coffee morning and raffle which raised £247. From the buckets, jewellery, sale of homemade jam, knitted items and goods on the Cafod stall £143. This weekend we are collecting signatures for a Cafod petition about Global Debt Crisis, which is causing terrible suffering for our brothers and sisters around the world. Last year over 35,000 stood in solidarity with low-income countries by signing the petition. We are asked to build on last year's progress by signing this new petition. Please stop for a minute as you leave Mass and lend your support. Thank you for helping to build a better world.

Venezuela Earthquake Appeal - Two catastrophic earthquakes have recently hit Venezuela. Buildings were reduced to rubble in minutes. hundreds of people have been killed, the death toll continues to rise and survivors urgently need support. On behalf of the Parish, we are sending £1,000, which we hope will help the people of Venezuela as they face the uncertain future. Thank You for your support.

Offertory Collection - Please check coinage before placing them in the envelopes or in the offertory baskets as unfortunately we still get euro's and other foreign coins on a regular basis and these cause blockages in the counting equipment. Thank you.

Please Pray for the souls of Vera & Richard Eaves who have both died year – Vera died at Easter at aged 92 and her husband Richard (known as Dick) died in June at aged 93. The family have been in touch for a Mass to be offered for them. They were both very proud of their connection to St Mary's Brownedge: Dick was related to Dom Oswald Eaves who founded this Mission in 1780. This is cited in one of the stain glass windows in the nave at St Mary's Brownedge Church. Remember them in your prayers and May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

Sanctuary Lamps Week 12/7/26			
1	For Jack Hartley		
2	For Winifred Livesey		

Mass Attendance: Our Attendance last weekend			
7 pm Vigil	9:30 am	6:30 pm	Total
87	151	58	296