

MASSES AND SERVICES

Vigil 7.00	3rd Sunday of Lent Leo Crook		Thu 9.10	Helen Maude	28 Mar
			11.00	SCH: Priest's Intention	
Sun 9.30	3rd Sunday of Lent The Parish	24 Mar	Fri 7.00	Mary Waters LD	29 Mar
11.00	Kathleen Harvey		9.10	Joan & Jack Darwen	
6.30	Denis Hopwood		4.30	Stations of the Cross	
Mon 9.10	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD Eileen Sumner	25 Mar	Sat 9.30	Paul Moran	30 Mar
Tue 9.10	Kathleen McNamara	26 Mar	Vigil 7.00	4th Sunday of Lent Tony Livesey	
Wed 9.10	SMSB Class Mass : Charles & Ann Sergeant	27 Mar	Sun 9.30	4th Sunday of Lent Francis John & Elizabeth Dowbakin	31 Mar
			11.00	Bill Gould	
			6.30	TheParish	

Reconciliation/Confession Sat 10.00—10.30 & 6.15—6.45 (or by arrangement)
Exposition Sat 10.00—10.30

Our Lady & St Gerard's, Lostock Hall. Mass Times:

Monday at 6:30 pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 9:15 am; Friday - No Mass

Saturday 6pm; Sunday 8.30am & 10am

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This Week's Prayers for Salford Diocese:

We pray for the parish of St Marie, Haslingden, with Fr Broadley, and the parish of St Mary and St Anselm, Bacup and Whitworth, with Fr McGrane



HOPE
IN THE FUTURE

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!

ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

The lately dead

The sick, and the housebound of the parish and those who care for them, especially

Joyce Crook, Brenda Towers, Ryan Womack, Terry Heaney,

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Elizabeth Cuerden, Margaret Mary Jackson

William Burgess, Denis Shaw, Mark Clarkson, Mary Nickson, Mary Joyce, Horrocks Bromiley

Sunday 24 March 2019

3rd Sunday of Lent

TODAY: 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome everyone to our Mass, especially any people who are visiting or who have not been for a while. Today we hear the how Moses has an encounter with God; the burning bush is the presence of the Lord in his midst. When asked for a name He gives a definition of Himself: "I am". God simply is; His existence is His Essence; the metaphysical essence of God is existence. Today at Mass we too encounter the One who is; the Divine being.

Please keep in our prayers today the victims of the cyclone in South East Africa and the Mosque shootings in New Zealand.

Cycle of Prayer: Lent: We are asked to pray for : **Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; the Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers; Survivors of Sexual Abuse**

Holy Father's Intention. Evangelization: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected

WELCOME to Leo James Pryce who will be **baptised** into the Body of Christ today.

THIS WEEK

Mon 25 Mar: 2pm **Stations of the Cross** at the home of Chris and Anne Livesey, 18 Moorhey Crescent, Bamber Bridge.

Tue 26 Mar: House Stations of the Cross: 2.00pm Ruth Brennan, 274 Brownedge Road, Bamber Bridge

Tue 26 Mar: 7pm Baptism Preparation Meeting in the Narthex.

Wed 27 Mar: Mothers Prayers Group meet in the Priory 1pm.

House Stations of the Cross: **10 am** Barbara Davies, 5 St Mary's Close, Walton-le-Dale

2 pm Janice Spencer, 11 Tennyson Place, Walton-le-Dale

2.30 pm Delia Molloy, 21 Cuerden Rise, Lostock Hall

Wed 27 Mar: 7pm **Lent Prayer Course at St Gerard's** : Fr Joe will explore how we can apply the Wisdom of St Benedict in developing Spiritual space and peace in our busy lives. He will be following the book "Finding Sanctuary" by Abbot Christopher Jamison. The course will run for the six weeks of Lent.

Thurs 28 Mar: House Stations of the Cross 6.30pm Linda & Philip Swarbrick, 14 Highfield Avenue, Lostock Hall

7pm Hankey Family, 7 The Vineyard, Walton-le-Dale

Fri 29 Mar 10am: CAFOD coffee morning: As the High school are using the church on 1st Friday in April, we have our monthly coffee morning on Fri 29 March. No soup lunch this week.

200 Club— The next draw will take place next weekend of 30/31 March.

For further information please contact Sandra or Kathryn, Tel 01772 312558. For further information about the 200 Club.

Offerings

Offerings £1,147.02

Attendance: 381

Total offerings this year: £11,748.79

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent 31 Mar

Offertory Processions

Vigil 7 pm: Eileen & Bob Hornby

9.30 am: Wygladala Family

9.30am Welcoming: Taylor Family

During the 9.30am Mass we will have next stage of the programme for 1st Holy Communion as well as celebrating Mothering Sunday.

Lent Devotions: There is an extra Mass each Friday during Lent at 7.00am to help those who might not be able to make other times due to work commitments. Also Stations of the Cross each Friday at 4.30pm in Church.

New Parishioners: We hope you will soon feel at home in this community. Please introduce yourself and give us your details on one of the pink forms at the church entrances. Hand this to one of the priests or another parishioner after Mass. Let us know if you would like your home to be blessed.

FESTIVAL FLOWERS: Individual or joint sponsorship is invited for *In Memoriam* flower displays for Festival 2019. Individual displays from the florist cost £28. Church displays arranged by various ladies from various churches cost £28 or more if you wish to contribute. Please pick up a leaflet from the church entrances. Closing date is 7 April 2019

Jeanette Morris and family would like to thank you all for the love and support shown to their family; to all sent Mass and Sympathy cards and to all who attended Phil's funeral.

The family of **John Rawcliffe** would like to thank everybody for their prayers, Masses, cards, kind words and support following his sudden and untimely death. He was well known and remembered by many parishioners.

Lynette from **Women's Refuge** thanks you all for your help in the past and has made a special request for **Easter Eggs** for the children in the Refuge at present. Please leave these at the back of Church with a note indicating for the Women's Refuge.

Tender Nursing Care are having a *Bingo Night* at Brownedge Catholic club on Friday, 5 April at 8pm. Children Welcome. Raffle and Hot Pot will be available. If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize it would be very much appreciated.

Website: www.stmarysbrownedge.org.uk

Pay a visit to our parish website to find information, watch live services, pray the weekly bidding prayers and find the link to our Facebook page. If you would like to publish any articles or photographs for the website please send them to the parish office.

Sponsored Run: Yvonne Marsh is running in the **Manchester Marathon** as part of a relay team to raise money for the children's charity **HIGH FIVE**. This is a small local charity based in Chorley which provides support and activities for families with children who have severe disabilities. Sponsor forms are at the church entrances.

Rediscovering Jesus: Metanoia are holding a Lenten study programme at St Wilfrid's in Preston on Thursdays of Lent at 11-12 in the morning or 7.30-9.30pm in the evening: 7 March—11 April.

Brownedge St Mary's RC High School : Reunion is being organised by CATHY SEMPERS for pupils now aged 54-56 who left 1979/80. This will take place on Friday, 17 May; please contact Cathy, tel 07775 437 104 or at cat.63@hotmail.co.uk

Lourdes 2019: Anyone interested in travelling with a local mixed age group—HCPT 556 to Hosanna House in Lourdes on 16—23 August, cost approximately £700, please contact Janice Spencer, tel 468474.

Newman College: Lenten Vigil will be held at Cardinal Newman College on **Tuesday, 2 April at 6.30pm**. Please see notice board in the Sacred Heart porch for further details.

St Mary & St John Southworth, Samlesbury: On Sunday 7 July, there will be a special **Bicentenary Mass** at 10.30am with Bishop Arnold as the Principal Celebrant. If you would like to help celebrate this important occasion, please put your details on the sheets at the church entrances.

Mozambique Floods: We have had a note from the new director of CAFOD, Christine Allen, about the floods in South East Africa. The Disaster Emergency Committee, (DEC) of which CAFOD is a member, has launched a full-scale humanitarian appeal. We will have a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend (30/31 March) to support this appeal.