

MASSES AND SERVICES

Vigil 7.00	4th Sunday of Lent Tony Livesey		Thu 9.10	St Isidore Denis Kane	4 Apr
			11.00	<i>SCH</i> : Priest's Intention	
Sun 9.30 11.00 6.30	4th Sunday of Lent Francis John & Elizabeth Dowbakin Bill Gould The Parish	31 Mar	Fri 7.00 9.10 4.30	St Viincent Ferrer Robert & Lilian Kitchen Tom & Hannah Spicer Stations of the Cross	5 Apr
Mon 9.10	John Rawcliffe	1 Apr	Sat 9.30		6 Apr
Tue 9.10	St Francis of Paola Philip Morris	2 Apr		In Thanksgiving for help with a health problem (JR)	
Wed 9.10	Robert, Nellie & Joseph Delaney	3 Apr	Vigil 7.00	5th Sunday of Lent Jimmy Harrison, Bill Whittle & deceased Families	
			Sun 9.30 11.00 6.30	5th Sunday of Lent The Parish Deceased of Watson Family Agnes Crook	7 Apr

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 people of the Cathedral Parish of St John and the parish of St Joseph, Ordsall, for Fr Michael Jones and Fr Gavin Landers, for Sr Cecily and Sr Brenda, for the Franciscan Missionaries of St Joseph, for the retired priests at Cathedral House, and for the parish primary schools. Let us pray for the success of the renovation work on our Cathedral, that the housing developments in our parishes will build stronger communities and that the presence of Media City will be a channel of good news.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey!



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ST MARY'S BROWNEDGE

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Deacon Louis Livesey, lately dead

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

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

For those whose **anniversaries** occur at this time, especially Patrick Darragh, Graham Harkness,

David Brindle, Mary Barbara Little, Hilda Hargreaves

Sunday 31 March 2019

4th Sunday of Lent

Lactare Sunday

TODAY: 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome everyone to our Mass, especially any people who are visiting or who have not been for a while. Today is Laetare Sunday, a day when we celebrate the joy of being God's children. The gospel today is the famous parable of the Prodigal Son by which Jesus shows us the unfathomable love and mercy which God has for each one of us.

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

Retiring Collection at all Masses : 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.

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. Universal: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

WELCOME to Max and Mia Rooney who will be **baptised** into the Body of Christ today.

THIS WEEK

Tue 2 Apr: House Stations of the Cross: 2.00pm Ruth Brennan, 274 Brownedge Road, Bamber Bridge

Tue 2 Apr: 6.30pm Newman College: Lenten Vigil will be held at Cardinal Newman College. Please see notice board in the Sacred Heart porch for further details.

Tue 2 Apr: 7pm Baptism Preparation Meeting in the Narthex.

Wed 3 Apr: No Scripture Group today.

House Stations of the Cross: 10 am Sheila Green, 47 St Mary's Close, Walton-le-Dale

2 pm Mary Lofthouse, 87 Coniston Drive, Walton-le-Dale

2.30 pm Michael & Shirley Fender, 2 Tudor Croft, Lostock Hall

Wed 3 Apr: 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 4 Apr: House Stations of the Cross 6.30pm Phil Hartley, 32 Todd Lane North, Avenue, Lostock Hall

7pm Haythornthwaite Family, 13 Brown Lane, Bamber Bridge

Fri 5 Apr : 12 noon– 1pm CAFOD Soup Lunch in the Narthex

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

200 Club— The 200 Club draw will take place this weekend.

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

Offerings

Offerings £1,162.99

Attendance: 373

Total offerings this year: £12,911.78

Sincere thanks for your continued generosity

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent 7 Apr

Offertory Processions

Vigil 7 pm: Connie Dixon

9.30 am: Pugh Family

9.30am Welcoming: Worcester Family

During the 9.30am Mass we have the Enrolment Ceremony for those children who are to be baptised in the near future

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.

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.

Lent Reconciliation Service: St Mary's and St Gerard's will hold a joint Service of Reconciliation on **Thursday, 11 April** at 7pm at St Mary's Brownedge. Please come along to receive this wonderful sacrament in preparation for Easter.

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.

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 is you wish to contribute. Please pick up a leaflet from the church entrances. Closing date is **7 April 2019**

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.

Preston Orpheus Choir are organising a '*Come and Sing*' JH Maunder's '*Olivet to Calvary*' on Saturday, 13 April at St Leonard's Church, Marshalls Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA. See notice boards for further information

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.

Five Retreat Days: Explore the Christian Contemplative Tradition through five monthly retreat days led by Donna Worthington and hosted by The Diocese of Salford, here at St Mary's Brownedge. Learn to communicate and nurture meditation practices as passed on through the teaching of the Benedictine monk, Fr John Main OSB in the Christian Tradition. Topics include Desert fathers, Scripture, Labyrinth Prayer Walk. The dates are **25 Sept; 23 Oct; 20 Nov; 11 Dec; 22 Jan (10.30-3pm)**. Book on this course or register your interest with Donna on: drworthington@live.co.uk