

# Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

29th September 2019

Following on from last week (You cannot be the slave of both God and money) we see a practical illustration of what this means. The division between rich and poor was very striking at the time of Jesus: popular understanding, however, said that to be rich was a blessing from God. Jesus reminds people that riches carry their own responsibility the duty to notice the poor man, especially when he lies at your own gate. In this parable, Jesus is subtly attacking the people's lack of acceptance of the teaching of the prophets. They have Moses and the prophets, but they obviously haven't listened to them. The twist in the last line is powerful: they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead. Since our world still sees a division between rich and poor, how true those words have become! *"Good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony."*



**Harvest Sunday** - Thank you to everyone who generously donated items for our Harvest Sunday last week. The oil & Pasta are now with International Aid and the tins and packet food with the Food Bank in Bamber Bridge.

**World Day of Migrants and Refugees** - In 2019, the World Day will be celebrated on **September 29th**. Pope Francis has chosen the theme **"It is not just about migrants"** to show up our blind-spots and make sure no one remains excluded from society, whether a long-time resident or someone newly-arrived. Find resources and further reading for the day by visiting [www.migrants-refugees.va](http://www.migrants-refugees.va).

**Friday 4th October is CAFOD Family Fast Day** when we are asked to eat a little less at lunch or dinner and give the money we save to help those in the developing world. This year we are concentrating on people like Fabiano from Uganda, who in the past has had to walk three miles every morning to collect water for his mum. A while ago he was attacked whilst doing this and fled for his life. With your donations those long dark walks are over for him, as CAFOD has installed a solar powered water pump in his village. Please take an envelope and give generously. Thank you".

**CAFOD Coffee Morning - Friday 4th October** at St Marys, Brownedge after the 9:10 am Mass until 11 am. All are Welcome.

**Marion Procession 2019** - in October each year a Marian Procession is held in South Manchester, Bishop Arnold walks with everyone as rry Our Lady's Statue is carried through the Streets whilst reciting the Rosary & singing hymns From St Edwards, Thurloe St, Rusholme to a short service & statue crowning in nearby Platt Fields Park. This year the procession is **Saturday 12th October leaving at 10.30am**. It is a beautiful family occasion whilst honouring Our Blessed Mother & proudly displaying our Catholic faith to the wider community & a perfect opportunity to exhibit the

Evangelisation section of a parishes **HOPE IN THE FUTURE** programme introduced by the Diocese of Salford. We are invited to join, all ages welcome, it takes approx. two & a half hours.

**Mass for LGBT Catholics, their friends and families on Saturday 12 October.** Bishop John will be celebrating Mass at the Holy Name in Manchester for members of the LGBT community, their families and friends. The Mass will begin at 3pm. All Welcome. Light refreshments will be available following the Mass.

**St Mary's Five Day Retreat** - Explore the Christian Contemplative Tradition through 5 monthly retreat days led by Donna Worthington and hosted by The Diocese of Salford. Topics include Desert Fathers, Scripture, Labyrinth Prayer Walk. **Dates: Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 11, Jan 22 (10.30am-3pm)** It helps organisationally if those interested could book or register interest by contacting Donna Worthington at [drworthington@live.co.uk](mailto:drworthington@live.co.uk) There is no charge for these retreats as they are supported by The Christian Meditation Trust (UK). Hot drinks will be provided, but a packed lunch is required. Free parking available.

**Sacramental Programme** - The programme for next year starts in October, please return completed forms to the Parish Office. Any **Baptised Catholic** starting Year 3 is eligible to join the course. If you have a Baptised child in another school in the Parish and they would like to join let us know as soon as possible.

**Newsletter & News & Views** - If you leave something at the Presbytery or in Church for the Newsletter or News & Views please add your name and contact details in case we have to get back to you. Anonymous requests may not be included.

**Marriage Care Seeking Volunteers** - Broken relationships are extremely painful especially among family and friends. Drawing on the Catholic tradition and contemporary research we help

couples from across the diocese preparing for Marriage to build strong, healthy, fulfilling relationships and offer ongoing support, through our Counselling Service. The Diocese are expanding our team and need additional Marriage Preparation Facilitators who share our passion to build happy homes. We are looking for married couples or individuals who could offer 3 Saturdays per year. This is a great opportunity to support couples entering Christian marriage and impact the wider community. Full training is provided and assisted delivery is supported by experienced facilitators. No upper age limit. For more information about this and other roles please speak to Margaret or Michael Cronin or Ann Quinlan or visit [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk) / email [us.volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk](mailto:us.volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk).

**2020 - The Year of the Word.** The Bishops of England and Wales have announced that the year beginning in Advent 2019 will be a 'Year of the Word,' with the theme 'The God who Speaks.' Supported by the Bible Society, there will be many national and local events throughout the year. In our own diocese several initiatives are planned to highlight the Bible's importance for our lives and our worship. Look in the usual places – parish newsletters and the diocesan website – for the many events that will help us celebrate the 'God Who Speaks.' We are already celebrating the Word in our own Parish with the Formation Group that meets every month next meeting **October 11** and you can still join the Five Day Retreats at St Marys the next being on **October 23**.

**October Rosary** - The Rosary will be said in various locations in October the first being at Lonsdale Chase on 1st October at 7 pm.

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	28th Sept Vigil	17.30 18:00	St Matthew Confessions Mark McNulty (F)
Sun	29th Sept	08.15 08.30 09.30 10.00	<b>26th Sunday of the Year</b> Confessions The Parish Confessions Bertha Walker (Anniversary)
Mon	30th Sept	18.00 18.30	St Jerome Exposition Priests Intention (M)
Tues	1st Oct	0915	St Therese of the Child Jesus (M) Bertha Walker (Anniversary)
Wed	2nd Oct	09:15	The Holy Guardian Angels (M) William Cornwell (Anniversary)
Thurs	3rd Oct	09.15	Weekday Catherine Whiteside (Anniversary)
Fri	4th Oct		St Francis of Assisi (M) NO MASS
Sat	5th Oct Vigil	17.30 18:00	Confessions Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	6th Oct	08.15 08.30 09.30 10.00	<b>27th Sunday of the Year</b> Confessions The Parish Confessions Blessed Sacrament Guild

St Mary's, Brownedge		
Monday	30th Sept	9.10 am
Tuesday	1st Oct	9.10 am
Wednesday	2nd Oct	9:10 am
Thursday	3rd Oct	9:10 am.11:00 am (SCH)
Friday	4th Oct	9:10 am
Saturday	5th Oct	9.30 am Vigil 7 pm
Sunday	6th Oct	9.30 am 11.00 am 6:30 pm



If you're getting the NEW iPhone 11, remember to use #easyfundraising when you take out your new contract. You could raise up to £62:50 donation that will really make a difference to Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Gerard Majella RC Church – at no extra cost to yourself. [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/saintgerards/](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/saintgerards/)

Parish Lottery No. 454 25/09/2019			
1st	£25	No. 8	Mr G Hobson
2nd	£10	No. 64	Mr F Naylor
3rd	£5	No. 25	Mr / Mrs A Walsh
Offertory 21st / 22nd Sept 2019			
Offertory Loose		£368.08	
Offertory Envelopes		£267.97	
Attendance		260	
Bingo Jackpots for 2nd October 2019			
£33	£95	£36	£26

**For the Children**

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