

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Year C

2nd June 2019

World Communication Day

This is an unusual "in between" Sunday - in between the Lord's return to the Father's right hand at Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Church's tradition is to spend this time 'in between' in prayer, as did Mary and the Apostles, waiting for the promised gift of the Spirit. The Gospel for this Sunday is part of the 'priestly prayer' of Christ from the Last Supper - a prayer full of concern for his friends - for us, the Church. Eastertide has been all about the Church, and this Sunday is no exception: the vision of Stephen in the first reading, who sees heaven thrown open and is thus able to pray "Do not hold this sin against them" is a vision of what the Church must be - a community of love and mercy, always inspired (that is, guided by the Spirit) by the presence of Jesus. The Church is itself the community 'in between' the Lord's first and second coming: as we await the Spirit next Sunday, Saint John gives us the final vision of our destiny: "let everyone who listens answer 'Come!'"



Second Collection - There is a second collection at all masses this weekend for the Catholic Communication Network.

Vincent de Paul Society - St Marys SVP Summer Tea Party is on Thursday 6th June, there is a poster in the Porch with invitation slips, if you would like to go complete a form and place it in the envelope provided

Sacrament of Confirmation - An invitation from Bishop John to the young people to continue their faith journey towards Confirmation has been sent out via our Catholic schools. If your child is not in a Catholic School and has not received an invitation, can you please speak to Father Joe as he has the invitation letters and register of interest forms.

Summer Fair - The Fundraising group are holding the Annual Summer Fair on Sunday 23rd June on the Parochial Centre Car Park from 11 am to 1 pm. We would be grateful for any donations of bottle, fancy goods, good as new books, toys and raffle prizes. Items can be left in the box in the Church porch. Cakes etc can be brought from 9 am on the morning of the fair. Thank you for your continued support.

International Mass - Cathedral of St John, Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LL, Saturday 22nd June at 2pm. The International Mass is now in its third year and we look forward to another celebration of the diversity and vibrancy that can be found across our diocese. This year we have chosen the theme 'No one left behind' and as well as celebrating our many different communities we will also be reflecting on the importance of solidarity both in our faith and in our communities. All Welcome! Light Refreshments will be served following the Mass.

Parish Lottery - If you are a **WINNER** in our Parish Lottery please collect your winnings from one of the Sacristans after Mass.

Safeguarding - Many thanks for everybody's continued patience and support in getting through our Safeguarding process. Could I ask anyone supporting the liturgy group as a volunteer who has not had a full DBS check to let me know ASAP so that we can address this. It is essential that all volunteers have an up to date DBS. Could I ask that this is at least underway by 11/6/19. As always please call me if you have any questions or concerns Colette. My contact details are on the posters in church or in News and Views.

Votive Candles - We have been reminded by the Diocese that a clause in our Insurance demands that all candles are extinguished in the Church when it is left unattended. **Votive Candles** are put out before the Sacristans secure the Church for the night and re-lit when the Church is re-opened and someone is in the building - if you come into Church at any other time please **DO NOT LIGHT Votive Candles** but instead leave them unlit on the stands and they will be lit when they can be attended. Thank you.

Marriage Care Prep Dates 2019 - One day courses Each date is a separate course running from 9am - 4:30 pm at either - Manchester City Centre: **St Augustine's** 13 July; 21 Sept; Couples can now book directly onto their course of choice at www.marriagecare.org.uk/find-a-course/

FOODBANK - The volunteers and families of the Brownedge Christians Together Food Bank would like to say a heartfelt thank you for your amazing food donations. Your generosity has enabled us to give an extra bag of food items to families with school age children during the Christmas, Easter and February half term holidays. We look forward to your continuing support. Tins of vegetables, meat, fish, and rice pudding/fruit are the basic food items on our shopping list every week. All non-perishable food items, in date, will be much appreciated.

WEBSITE - Thank you to all who have visited our new Website so far at www.saintgerards.org.uk don't forget to follow us on Facebook @stgerardslostockhall and now Twitter @stgerardslostoc

St Gerard's Baptistry - The former Baptistry has become rather tired and neglected and is currently used primarily for additional storage. It is proposed to refurbish and revitalise this space by creating a Benedictine Chapel/Archive which will commemorate the extraordinary contribution of the Ampleforth Community to the parish and wider area over the last 100 year and more. For further information see News and Views next weekend.

Creating a Safer Environment Reminder - The diocesan safeguarding office have asked that parents be reminded of the need for them to supervise their children and young people at parish activities and events. It is important that children are not simply dropped off for activities unaccompanied, as there are robust guidelines re: the supervision ratios for all church activities and events. Furthermore there are legal requirements regarding activities for children and young people that we cannot meet unless a parent, or carer is present with the child or young person. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter and hope that you enjoy attending the activities and events along with the children and young people.

North West Scripture Festival 2019 - Saturday 29th June at Thornleigh Salesian College, Bolton, 9.30am to 3.30 pm. The theme of this year's festival will be **Peter and Paul: Chosen and Sent**. Prayer and worship; Scripture reflections; Small group conversation; Tea and coffee provided; please bring a packed lunch. Donation of £10 per person. To book contact 0151 522 1040.

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	1st June Vigil	12.00 17.30 18:00	Baptism of Jack Mayren Confessions Sacred Heart Guild Mass
Sun	2nd June	08.15 08.30 09.30 10.00 12.00	Seventh Sunday of Easter Confessions The Parish Confessions Blessed Sacrament Guild Baptism of Isla Joan Caton
Mon	3rd June	18.00 18.30	St Charles Lwanga & Comp (M) Exposition Priest Intentions
Tues	4th June	09.15	Easter Weekday Graham Walton R.I.P.
Wed	5th June	09.15	St Boniface Shields Family Living & Deceased (M)
Thurs	6th June	09.15	Easter Weekday
Fri	7th June		NO MASS
Sat	8th June	17.30 18:00	Confessions Lily Neville R.I.P.
Sun	9th June	08.15 08.30 09.30 10.00	PENTECOST SUNDAY Confessions The Parish Confessions John Hardman R.I.P.

St Mary's, Brownedge		
Monday	3rd June	9.10 am
Tuesday	4th June	9.10 am
Wednesday	5th June	9:10 am
Thursday	6th June	9:10 am. 11:00 am (SCH)
Friday	7th June	9:10 am
Saturday	8th June	7 pm
Sunday	9th June	9:30 am, 11am 6:30 pm

Parish Lottery No. 438 29/05/2019			
1st	£25	No. 46	Mr J Seabrook
2nd	£10	No. 72	Mr K Lyth
3rd	£5	No. 60	Ms C Flanagan

Offertory 25th/26th May 2019	
Offertory Loose	£277.80
Offertory Envelopes	£279.26
Attendance	219

Bingo Jackpots for 5th June 2019			
£28	£77	£167	£31

Prayer Intentions - We have a board in the Church where you may ask for prayers for any special intentions, please renew your request at least every 4 to 6 weeks. As the numbers on this board can be high at times we are unable to print them here. This area of the bulletin is intended for those who are recently deceased, seriously ill or in Hospital and in need of our prayers. Thank you.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Marian Clarke

For the Children

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