

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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18th Sunday of the Year

Year A

2nd August 2020

Divine providence is a wonderful thing: God is so generous with his creation (it is human greed that denies some their rightful share). The Kingdom of God is the time and place when this vision will be fully realised, when all who wish may come to the water, when all who are hungry may eat as much as they want, when what is left over is still enough for all the twelve tribes of Israel. Our contemplation of the kingdom of God, through the parables and miracles of Jesus, should stir us up to build this kingdom here and now. The miracle of Divine providence is allowed to work when human greed and selfishness give way to the power of the Spirit working within us, and we share all we have with those in need. Our hearts are set on the kingdom of God, where there is corn and wine and milk in abundance.



"They all ate as much as they wanted"

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Mary Winders, Gerald Ellison, Teresa Cooper,
Margaret Mahon, Cliff Turner, Joan Rostron,
Margaret Slater, Eunice Green & William Heyworth

FACE COVERINGS - On Friday this week the government announced that from **8th August Face Coverings MUST be worn in Places of Worship** and other enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet. There will no doubt be more details during the coming days but please be prepared to wear your Face Mask from next Saturday when entering the Church. Relevant guidance on face coverings is available on GOV.UK.

Gates: We have had new gates installed for a various number of reason and issues that have arisen over the past 18 months. If people want to discuss them with me please feel free to approach me. The gates will be OPEN from 9am on a weekday for Weekday mass attendance, and on Sundays and at other liturgical occasions, ensuring that liturgical functions always have priority. Entrance to the site at all times, can still be accessed via the entrance on Brownedge Road.

News & Views: As mentioned before we have continued to produce News & Views over the last 6 months although only via our Website. Producing paper copies at the moment is not possible for a number of reasons. If you have access on-line and have a neighbour nearby who doesn't, please print them a copy so that they can keep in touch. We will review this each month in line with Diocesan Guidelines. If you have anything to submit please do, including anything you have come across that helped you in the lockdown.

Keep in Touch: The best way to keep in touch is to sign up to our mailing list via the website. We will

then send you a link each week to the Newsletter and each month to News & Views. We have over a 100 followers on Facebook and I am sure we can do better (St Marys have over 750).

CHURCHES RE-OPENING SAFELY

The Church wants to ensure that the safety of people is paramount so we will proceed with small steps and will require some trial and error. **Thus, there is no rush to return to Mass; the Sunday Mass obligation is still dispensed while we try to implement a safe way for us to celebrate.** Every church building must have a risk assessment and a calculation made as to how many people it can hold observing 2 metre social distancing. Saint Gerard's can accommodate approx 70 individual people with 2 metre safe distancing (3 single, two doubles (either end) or family bubble in each alternate row, stewards will direct).

WE REMIND YOU THAT THERE IS NO OBLIGATION FOR SUNDAY MASS AT THE MOMENT. If you are able to come to weekday Mass that might spread the numbers so that everyone could get to Mass once a week at some point leaving Sunday Mass for people who work during the week.

Weekday Masses will be all at 9:15 am Monday to Thursday.

- Do not enter the church if you have any of the Covid-19 symptoms.
- The Church will be OPEN 30 minutes before Mass times to avoid congestion or queuing.
- Sanitize hands at the hand stations on entry and exit.
- Please indicate to the stewards at the door how many you are and they will show you where to sit.

- **Consider a weekday Mass** rather than a Sunday Mass if you can.
- You are asked **not to kneel down and to touch as few surfaces as possible.**
- The priest or minister will sanitize their hands immediately before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- You will be guided to Holy Communion section by section and receive only in the hand with arms out- stretched across a table; you will be asked to return to your place by a circuitous route. **THIS WILL BE DEMONSTRATED BEFORE EACH MASS.**
- Offertory boxes will be in the porch to put any envelopes or collection offerings in as you enter or leave the Church.
- The Church **WILL NOT** be Open for Private Prayer during the week.
- The TOILETS are **NOT IN USE** at the present time.
- The Mass will be kept quite short; there will be no.
- You may want to bring your own missal or tablet with you.

DO NOT BRING LOOSE SHEETS OF PAPER. NOTHING SHOULD BE LEFT IN THE CHURCH WHEN YOU LEAVE.

Churchyard - We now have two volunteers keeping the Churchyard and grounds tidy, Michael has been joined by Geoff. If anyone else is interested and has time to help out they are generally around the Church on Thursdays & Fridays.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: those booked to go on the parish pilgrimage will have received a letter from the tour operator. We have asked him to give people the option to transfer their booking to 22-29 April next year. We would recommend this. Fr Mark and Fr Joe will both lead the pilgrimage next April. For those who would prefer to go as planned from 14-21 Sept, one of either Fr Mark or Fr Joe will lead that group. If you wish to transfer to next April please contact Adrian Duffy before 4 August: info@northernstartravel.com or 0161 773 2115. Also, those who had dropped out of the pilgrimage may now wish to reconsider the dates for next April.

For the Children

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St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	1st Aug Vigil	18.00	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori (M) Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	2nd Aug	08.30 10.00	18th Sunday of the Year The Parish Blessed Sacrament Guild
Mon	3rd Aug	09:15	Gordon Hunt
Tues	4th Aug	09.15	St John Mary Vianney (M) Fr B Eager
Wed	5th Aug	09.15	Fr B Eager
Thurs	6th Aug	09.15	The Transfiguration of the Lord Fr B Eager (F)
Fri	7th Aug		NO MASS
Sat	8th Aug Vigil	18.00	St Dominic (M) Fr B Eager
Sun	9th Aug	08.30 10.00 11.30	19th Sunday of the Year W Craven, E Finch, B Walker, C Walker The Parish Baptism of Abbie Molyneux

St Mary's, Brownedge

Live Streaming Times

<https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge>

Sunday	Mass	9:30 am
Monday to Friday	Mass	9:30 am
Private Prayer		5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Rosary	8.00 pm
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11am 6:30 pm

PAROCHIAL CENTRE

The Parochial Centre is open again for members and for PRIVATE FUNCTIONS, including Baptism and Funeral gatherings.

Please contact the Steward during opening hours to discuss arrangements and restrictions on number at the present time.



ASHORE
SICK
VILLAGES
FIVE
LOAVES
FISH
BLESSING
SCRAPS
TWELVE
BASKETS
NUMBERED
THOUSAND