

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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23rd Sunday of the Year

Year A

6th September 2020

No man is an island... How true this is for those who follow Christ: each of us has responsibilities towards each other, based on our debt of mutual love. When we see wickedness and wrongdoing, then because of our privileged position of following the Lord Jesus, we have a duty to speak out. This will not always be easy - remember the prophet Jeremiah last week - but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love is the answer to every one of the commandments.

"If he listens to you, you have won back your brother."



Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Muriel Patterson & Brian Cain

Altar Candle Intentions - We are recommencing the Altar Candle Intentions. If you would like to place an intention please drop a note in at the Presbytery clearly stating the Intention and at which location you would like the candle (The Sanctuary, Sacred Heart, Our Lady, St Joseph or St Gerard). Please also indicate the week you would like it and we will do our best to accommodate your wishes, if the requested date is already taken we will allocate the nearest free weekend. We are suggesting a minimum donation of £5 per candle. We are unable to display the Intentions list at the back of Church due to the current restrictions but each location will have the usual Display Card.

Funerals: This week we have our First Requiem Mass in Church on Wednesday at 10:30 am for Muriel Patterson. Current restrictions limit attendance to immediate **FAMILY ONLY** and a total of 30 persons. This is the only Mass on Wednesday and those who normally attend will not be permitted unless they are related and members of the immediate family. We will be holding memorial services soon for all those who have died during the last 6 months and this will be the opportunity for those who couldn't attend a Graveside Service or Funeral to show their respects and remember their friends and families.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES — If you haven't received this years envelopes please speak to one of the Stewards and they will locate them for you.

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 **65** individual people with 2 metre safe distancing (3 single, two doubles (either end) or family bubble in each alternate row, stewards will direct). **Face Coverings** are now mandatory in church. People with respiratory issues, children under 11 years of age and some other people are exempt. Face-coverings can be removed by readers as they read the scriptures. The Priest needs only wear a face-covering when off the sanctuary and distributing Communion. Please adhere to the government and Diocesan Guidelines and observe the signage and directions of Stewards. **Thank you for your cooperation.**

ONLINE RETREATS between September to December 2020 led by Donna Worthington. The first of these is over two session on **Wednesdays 9th and 16th September 6.30-9pm.** (Participants need to attend the 2 sessions. Cost £40) and is entitled **"IGNATIAN PRAYER & TRAINING - EXPLORING SCRIPTURE THROUGH GUIDED, IMAGINATIVE PRAYER."**

The second retreat "THE ART OF LISTENING" is on| Friday 25th September 6.30-9pm - We will explore the art of listening through the wisdom of theatre, counselling techniques and the wisdom of our own bodies which can carry tension, stress, memory, other's pain - we can learn from the body's wisdom by becoming aware of what the body holds and the deeper knowledge it can offer. Participants do not need to have any training / experience in any of these approaches - just a

willingness to become better listeners, in order to be able to better listen to God, to each other and to our own selves and benefit our lives and those we encounter. Because of the nature of the topic explored, on this event, participants will be asked to join in with discussion and work with others.

For bookings, please contact Donna Worthington: drworthington@live.co.uk

Details for October will be published nearer the time.

Family is Sacred Zoom Course – September 2020 - After the success of our first Family is Sacred Webinar in July we will be offering the full 14 week course online via zoom. The first session will take place on Wednesday 23rd September, 7:30pm-9pm and will run every other Wednesday for 14 weeks. The course is designed to enrich and support marriage and family life and the building up of the Domestic Church. There will be input from various speakers followed by small group discussion and Q&A. All Welcome! Register your free place by emailing formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk before Tuesday 22nd September (Zoom details to follow).

Virtual Pilgrimage to Walsingham - 27th September - On 27th September there will be a virtual Pilgrimage of Reparation and Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham. It can be accessed via YouTube on Walsingham Catholic TV (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aJG5juz0>) or at the Basilica live stream <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/> Devotions will be streamed throughout the day, beginning with the Mass at 12.00. Full details are available on the website, including the programme for the day: <https://www.prolifepilgrimage.org/>

Average Attendance at Mass	
Weekday	15
Saturday Vigil	33
Sunday 8:30 am	23
Sunday 10:00 am	32

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St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	5th Sept Vigil	18:00	Sacred Heart Guild
Sun	6th Sept	08:30 10:00 11:30	23rd Sunday of the Year The Parish Blessed Sacrament Guild Baptism of Thomas Gwilum & Elis Carl Greer
Mon	7th Sept	09:15	Brian Cain R.I.P.
Tues	8th Sept	09.15	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F) Priests Intention
Wed	9th Sept	10:30	Requiem Mass for Muriel Patterson R.I.P. (Family Only)
Thurs	10th Sept	09:15	St Ambrose Barlow (F) Nellie Smith (Anniversary)
Fri	11th Sept		No MASS
Sat	12th Sept Vigil	18:00	
Sun	13th Sept	08:30 10:00	24th Sunday of the Year The Parish George & Doreen WANE R.I.P

St Mary's, Brownedge Live Streaming Times https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge		
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 6:30 pm
Monday to Friday	Mass	9:30 am
Private Prayer	Tuesday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Thursday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Rosary	8.00 pm
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 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.

For the Children



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EVIDENCE
WITNESSES
SUSTAIN
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NAME

Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound especially those in Hospital at this time