



Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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Thankfully, we do not encounter leprosy in our culture. It can therefore be difficult to enter into the real depth of today's readings. We have to understand that leprosy meant exclusion, rejection and the end of "normal" life. For your leprosy to be cured would be like being given a second chance at life. What is the cause of exclusion and rejection in our society – or even in the Church? Who are those who must "live apart"? And how can we put into effect in our day those most touching of the words of Jesus, when asked if he wants to cure the leper: "Of course I want to!"? Contemplating exclusion and rejection in our world can be hard work: Saint Paul guides the way: the Christian path is not to work "for my own advantage, but for the advantage of everybody else". *"The leprosy left him at once and he was cured."*

W/C 07/02/2020 This Weeks Intentions

Sanctuary	Kathleen Bowman
Sacred Heart	Collette Bowman
Our Lady	Derek Barnes
St Joseph	Paul Cooper
St Gerard	Betty Russell

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Father Alban Crossley, Ryden Cross,
Frank Cutler, Jean Willis,
Edward Clayton, Mary Josephine Crook

FR ALBAN CROSSLEY OSB. - Father Alban sadly died on Tuesday 2nd February in York Hospital. Father Alban was Parish Priest at St Mary's Brownedge from 1992 to 1996.

Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day 11th February – Last year we able to celebrate this Feast with a Lourdes at Home Weekend. This year of course that is not possible and even though there is a Solemnity Mass at 9:15 am it will not be possible to FILL the church due to restrictions on numbers. For those who cannot attend Mass it is suggested that they say one of the Mysteries of the Rosary to celebrate the feast day.

Let Us Dream - Refugee Voices Event - Author Austen Ivereigh will join a panel of experts working with the refugee and asylum community on **Monday 8th February from 7.00pm – 8.30pm** to discuss Pope Francis's '*Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future*' and its messages to everyone concerned about our neighbour and the need to 'welcome the stranger.' In "*Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future*," Pope Francis reflects on the Covid-19 pandemic, the inequalities and cruelty in our world but also proclaims the kindness and

generosity across the world that is the path to a better future for all. The evening will look at how we here in the UK are ready and willing to dream and work together for a better future for all especially the welcoming and resettlement of refugees. This is a link to register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-path-to-a-better-future-tickets-137260565045>

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita - Monday 8th February is the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita and is a Day of Prayer for the Victims of Trafficking. Caritas has a small team dedicated to raising awareness of human trafficking in our local communities, supporting victims and working together with other agencies to combat this scourge. Please remember and pray for all victims of human trafficking during Holy Mass on Monday 8th February. Here is a link to a toolkit which you may also find useful and includes a prayer card. <https://justiceformigrants.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Day-of-Prayer-Anti-Trafficking-Toolkit-2021-Final.pdf>

Retrouvaille Marriage Support - Covid19 is a challenging time for many marriages. So much uncertainty around, health, income, employment, vulnerable family members, children, housing.. Different ways of seeing things, coping with change, managing fears can be a source of conflict and stress. It can be difficult to talk, to listen to support and comfort when there is so much uncertainty. Being together all the time, brings even more challenges. You just can't cope, would be better apart you wonder. Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples, it brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ...and you don't need to leave home, it comes to you! For confidential information about Retrouvaille', or to register for the next programme, a Virtual weekend commencing on 25th- 28th February 2021 Call or text 0788 7296983 or 0797

3380443. Email: retrouvilleukinfo@gmail.com – or visit www.retrouville.org.uk

Altar Servers Online Retreat – ‘Serving God and our neighbour in the everyday’ Saturday 27th February 2021 – 10am-12pm (Ages 8-11) and 1pm-3pm (Ages 12-17) - Servers aged 18 and over please email the address below. The day includes a keynote from Bishop John on the ministry of serving during this time and in the future, times of prayer, a recommissioning service and workshops on ‘Challenges & Opportunities’, ‘Prayer - A Friendship with Jesus’, and ‘Called to Serve’. To register your place or for more information email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk. An under 18’s videoconferencing consent form must be downloaded, completed by parents/carers and returned to the above email address. Download from <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/altar-server-retreat/>, The retreat will take place on Zoom.

The Global Catholic Movement invites you to “Global Healing.”- In 2015, Pope Francis published his ground-breaking letter on the environment *Laudato Si’*. Since then, millions of people worldwide have joined the global movement to address the environmental crisis our world is facing. This Lent, we are inviting YOU to join us for a series of reflective evenings with inspiring speakers, prayer and discussion, using the film-based resource “Global Healing”. These engaging documentaries will inform and challenge people to respond to Pope Francis’ call to Care for Our Common Home. Suitable for all who are concerned about what is happening to our world and who want to take action. **When?** Six Thursdays from 18th February – 25th March 2021, 7.30pm – 8.30pm **How to join?** To register please click [HERE](#) or email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global

Christian Leadership Formation Programme - Salford Diocese Christian Leadership Formation programme, offered in partnership with St Mary’s University, Twickenham and the

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Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound and for those who have asked for your Prayers.

St Gerard’s, Lostock Hall			
Sat	6th Feb Vigil	18:00	Ss Paul Miki & Comp Sacred Heart Guild (M)
Sun	7th Feb	10:00	5th Sunday of the Year The Parish
Mon	8th Feb	2 pm 6:30 pm	Funeral Service for Ryden Cross Requiem Mass for Margaret Slater R.I.P.
Tues	9th Feb	9:15 am	Ged Ellison R.I.P.
Wed	10th Feb	9:15 am	St Scholastica (M) Ged Ellison R.I.P.
Thurs	11th Feb	9:15 am	Our Lady of Lourdes (S) Winifred Lever R.I.P.
Fri	12th Feb		NO MASS
Sat	13th Feb Vigil	18:00	Sick, Infirm & Deceased Clergy
Sun	14th Feb	10:00	6th Sunday of the Year The Parish

St Mary’s, Brownedge <u>Live Streaming Times</u> https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge		
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm
Monday to Friday	Mass	9:30 am
Open for Private Prayer	Tuesday Thursday	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	Rosary	8.00 pm
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm

Catholic Union of Great Britain, is now open to applications. The programme is offered to students in Lower Sixth who are committed to their faith and aspiring to some form of public life. Students will require the support of their schools and religious minister in applying. For info and application forms: <https://christianheritagecentre.com/clf/>

please pray for the sick



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