



Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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32nd Sunday of the Year Year A 8th November 2020



Watch early for wisdom: wise words, and ones that the foolish bridesmaids of the Gospel should have taken to heart. This is the ultimate in putting off till tomorrow..., since the reading is about the end of time, when the Son of Man will come again. Then there will be no tomorrow. If a thing is worth doing, its worth doing today. Quite often we contemplate the end of time with anxiety and fear: this is not what God wants. Look at the Psalm, where we hear of desperate longing, a thirst for the Lord, that cannot wait. We should not just wait for the Lord with patient endurance, but with impatient longing: what could we desire more than the coming of the Lord, the rising of the dead and an eternity of joy and glory?

"The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him."

W/C 08/11/2020 This Weeks Intentions

Sanctuary	Birthday
Sacred Heart	For All Priest Worldwide
Our Lady	For All Priest Worldwide
St Joseph	Graham Walton R.I.P. Sadly Missed

St Mary's, Brownedge Live Streaming Times https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge		
Sunday		9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm
Monday to Friday		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		9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
Sunday		9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm

CHURCHES CLOSED AGAIN

In view of the latest Government restrictions our Church cannot now be open to celebrate public Mass until Thursday 3rd December, but we can open for Private Prayer.

Accordingly, arrangements are in place for our Church to be **open for Private Prayer with adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11.00am until 12.00 noon. This will start on Monday 9th November.** Please maintain social distancing and follow the instructions from the stewards when attending.

There is also the opportunity to attend St Mary's at Brownedge for Private Prayer on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3pm until 4pm.

The live streaming of Holy Mass from St Mary's, and other churches, will continue via www.churchservices.tv

We have experimented with streaming Mass from our Church using Facebook Live but our Wifi isn't strong enough. We are investigating alternatives and will keep you updated via our Website, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts.

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	7th Nov Vigil		The Parish
Sun	8th Nov		32nd Sunday of the Year The Deceased of the Parish
Mon	9th Nov	11:00am 12 noon	Florence Walsh R.I.P. Dedication of Lateran Basilica Church Open for Private Prayer & Exposition
Tues	10th Nov		Elizabeth Townsend St Leo the Great
Wed	11th Nov	11:00 am 12 noon	St Martin of Tours Church Open for Private Prayer & Exposition
Thurs	12th Nov		St Josaphat
Fri	13th Nov		
Sat	14th Nov Vigil		
Sun	14th Nov		33rd Sunday of the Year The Parish & Deceased of the Parish

Congratulations - to all the Children who received their First Holy Communion last Sunday.

Thank you to all the Catechists for helping to prepare the children and to the Stewards for making the Church a safe place to Celebrate. Apart from a few children who have been isolating all the children in Year 4 have now completed the Sacramental Programme.

November Holy Souls - November is the Month of the Holy Souls and this year because of current circumstances we will not be using the envelopes but instead the **Sunday Masses on the 8th and 22nd November** will also be dedicated to the Holy Souls of the Parish. if you would like an individual Mass for a loved on a weekday please request that in the usual way.

PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS - **We are still continuing to plan for Christmas as already announced.** Thank you to those who have already completed the Booking Forms. At the moment we are planning and working on the restrictions in place prior to the current lockdown and we are limited to approximately 65 people in the church. **Just a reminder that there will be 3 Masses on offer initially 5 pm on Christmas Eve, 6:15 pm on Christmas Eve and 10 am on Christmas Day.** If the places available are all taken for these Masses we will offer a further Mass at 8:30 am on Christmas Day. Booking Forms are now available both in the Church & via the website. These should be taken and Returned as soon as possible to the Presbytery. There will be **NO EXTRA** seating at the end of benches and each **booking is limited to 6 people or family bubble.** Please Remember though at this time there is **STILL NO OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS** and you can, of course, watch the services at St Marys or other churches online via www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge. **If you haven't pre-booked we are afraid you will not be able to enter the Church.** Please ensure your family and friends are aware of the pre-booking system to avoid disappointment.

Average Attendance at Mass	
Weekday	15
Saturday Vigil	33
Sunday 10:00 am	45

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ONLINE RETREATS led by Donna Worthington. **NOVEMBER/DECEMBER: ADVENT, A LESSER LENT** - Events to encourage the prayerful journey of staying in your cave... When we enter Advent in November, in the Celtic Christian tradition of these islands, Advent was seen as a *lesser Lent*. In light of lock-downs and social distancing, why not use the opportunity to see the beautiful season of Advent as a time of waiting, going into one's inner cave of the heart, contemplation, inner spiritual work and prayer? With all this in mind, I've put together a programme of events for November / December:

LECTIO TRAINING - Experience and train in delivering this ancient Christian practice of engaging with Scripture. **Friday 13th November 9.30am - 12.30pm**

A DESERT FATHER OF THESE ISLANDS - SAINT CUTHBERT - We journey deeper with the humble saint of Holy Island - his virtues, vision, motivation that pioneered Celtic Christianity in the North. **Sunday 29th November 6.30-9pm** - For bookings, please contact Donna Worthington: drworthington@live.co.uk

Family is Sacred Zoom Course. Running alternate Wednesdays, 7:30pm-9:00pm. You are encouraged to attend all sessions but please note, these are also standalone if you are just able to commit to some. 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



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For the Children



TEN BRIDESMAID LAMPS
 FIVE BRIDEGROOM FOOLISH
 SENSIBLE WEDDING OIL
 DOOR AWAKE HOUR



