

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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19th Sunday of the Year

Year A

9th August 2020

How does God reveal himself to us? Most of the time, in precisely the way we do not expect! This is what happened to Elijah: we expect God - all-powerful, almighty - to appear in dramatic effects of nature; but no, God is in a gentle breeze. Similarly in the Gospel: the disciples do not expect Jesus to come towards them walking on the lake - but he does. And when God is revealed in the unexpected, he gives courage and strength: Elijah was afraid when he went to Horeb, but was strengthened by his encounter with God to continue his mission; in the same way the disciples are given courage and faith by the Lord who walks to them on the waters.



"Tell me to come to you across the water"

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

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

Welcome to Abbie Molyneux who will be baptised into the Body of Christ today.

FACE COVERINGS - From 8th August face-coverings will be 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.

Advanced Notice - The only Mass for the next three Sundays 16th, 23rd & 30th August at St Gerard's will be at the unusual time of 11 am. There will be **NO Saturday VIGIL Mass** on these weekends.

St Marys Brownedge - Summer Mass times: In the month of August weekend Masses will be at 6:30 pm on Saturday, 9:30 am and 6:30 pm on Sunday.

Syrian Group: Due to the current pandemic some fundraising activities planned by the Syrian Group have had to be postponed. However, a key member of the Syrian Group, Kaye Hodgson from St. Mary's Brownedge, is cycling 214km to raise funds for our Syrian refugee project. If you'd like to help with this very important project please donate either with an envelope marked 'Syrian Group' or online via www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kayecyclingforrefugees

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.

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.

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

For the Children

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

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	8th Aug Vigil	18.00	St Dominic Fr B Eager (M)
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
Mon	10th Aug	09.15	St Lawrence Winfred Ward (F)
Tues	11th Aug	09.15	St Clare (M)
Wed	12th Aug	09.15	
Thurs	13th Aug	09.15	
Fri	14th Aug		St Maximillian Mary Kolbe (M)
Sat	15th Aug		
Sun	16th Aug	11.00	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary The Parish

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.

