



# Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

11th July 2021



Again it is prophecy that is our theme (see last week). Here, we concentrate on the sending of prophets, the entrusting of the mission to them, and most importantly the necessary qualifications to be a prophet. The only qualification necessary is an open ear, to hear the mandate from God. We see this in Amos, the simple shepherd, and in the Twelve, called by Jesus from their humble occupations, which no one would have thought qualified them to speak on 'religious' themes. As last week, the possibility of rejection and failure is quite explicitly treated - Jesus instructs the Apostles in what to do if they are ignored. When the Gospel simply states, "So they set off to preach repentance..." we can imagine all that was in their minds and hearts as they did so. They had heard the call of Jesus, and allowed it into their hearts: this was all they needed to go out and speak his words.

### W/C 11/7/2021 This Weeks Intentions

Sacred Heart	The Sick & Suffering
<p><b>Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:</b>  <b>John Seabrook, David Galloway,</b>  <b>Margaret Porter, Dominic McCrudden,</b>  <b>Rita Rossall, Sister Mary Higney,</b>  <b>Jean Brennan, David Walne, Josephine Mann.</b></p>	

Congratulations to the Children in the **Sacramental Programme** who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend and next. Please continue to pray for them.

**ECO THOUGHT OF THE WEEK** - In Mark's Gospel today Jesus sends out the Twelve, warning them 'to take nothing for the journey except a staff-no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses.' How simply to we journey through life in terms of what we use, what we consume?

**Holy Fathers Intentions for July** - In the month of July, the Holy Father calls on all to become "architects of dialogue and friendship" to solve the conflicts and causes of division that exist in society and among individual people. Only through dialogue, he says, is it possible to avoid the constant polarization and social enmity that destroy so many relationships. The Holy Father asks that we pray to construct the common good with men and women who extend a hand to each other, and especially to always be at the side of the "most impoverished and vulnerable, those on the peripheries".

**Online Christian Retreats via Zoom** - Created and Led by Donna Worthington, all retreats are an invitation to be rejuvenated and affirmed in faith, to know Christ better and to open up sacred space in order to listen to the Holy Spirit and experience a living spirituality that consoles,

challenges and inspires. Varied methods enable Christians to deepen their own discipleship and travel on in their faith journeys (presentation, theological discussion, stillness, prayer, creative sessions, images, music etc). **All retreats cost £20, unless otherwise stated.** For bookings, please see the website or contact Donna Worthington: [drworthington@live.co.uk](mailto:drworthington@live.co.uk) [www.christianretreats.live](http://www.christianretreats.live)

- PRACTISING THE PRESENCE OF GOD** | A very practical seeking out of the wisdom of the delightful Carmelite Brother Lawrence as we explore what it means to pray and experience God as the 'centre of rest'. **Fridays 6.30-9pm 16th, 23rd July.**
- GOD IN ALL THINGS** | We explore Ignatian understandings of this and seek to see and find God in all things - in our homes, nature, the senses etc and our journey will incorporate visiting various wells of wisdom including Saint Ignatius' *Suscipe* ('Receive') prayer. The retreat will be a mix of discussion, prayer, paintings, music etc. *But I always think that the best way to love God is to love many things.* (Van Gogh) **Mon 12th July 10am-1pm**
- THE HANDLESS WOMAN** | Through the depths of an ancient story 'The Handless Woman', we will explore the wisdom which speaks to our heroic journeying. **Sat 24<sup>th</sup> July 10am-1pm**

**Christian Heritage Centre Event - Faith & Reason: A Catholic Integration** A short, residential summer course exploring the relationship of faith with philosophy, science and culture. Particularly helpful for catechists and teachers fielding commonly-asked questions around Catholicism, besides anyone wanting to deepen their understanding of the Faith. **Runs 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> August.** For more info and registration, <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/faith-and-reason/>

**CREATING A SAFER ENVIRONMENT REMINDER**

- The diocesan safeguarding office have asked that parents be reminded of the need for them to supervise their children and young people at parish activities and events. It is important that children are not simply dropped off for activities unaccompanied, as there are robust guidelines re: the supervision ratios for all church activities and events. Furthermore there are legal requirements regarding activities for children and young people that we cannot meet unless a parent, or carer is present with the child or young person.

**TRACK & TRACE** - Following another easing of Lockdown we have been asked to encourage Smartphone Users to use the Track & Trace **QR Code** displayed in the Narthex on your arrival.

**BROWNEDGE CHRISTIANS TOGETHER**  
**FOODBANK - SECRETARY WANTED** - Would you like to have a supportive role in our Food Bank? Have you got the skills and the time to organise and service our 4 Trustees meetings per year plus an AGM? **If so we need your help now** Please contact us [foodbankbct@gmail.com](mailto:foodbankbct@gmail.com) or Tel. 07896245910

**Online Retreat for Married Couples** - The organisers of the online prayer resource Pray As You Go, in partnership with the Westminster Diocese's Marriage and Family Life Team, offer an Audio Retreat for Married Couples. It uses as its base ingredients scripture, the Ignatian tradition and other Christian insights to provide a simple recipe, which you can then enjoy blending together to make a tasty, exciting and balanced meal to feed your marriage. Further information can be found here [Where two are gathered - a marriage retreat | Pathways to God](#)

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	10th July Vigil	6:00 pm	Gordon Hunt R.I.P.
Sun	11th July	10:00 am	<b>15th Sunday of the Year</b> The Parish
Mon	12th July	6:30 pm	John, Derek & all Deceased Family members.
Tues	13th July	9:15 am	
Wed	14th July		<b>NO MASS</b>
Thurs	15th July		St Bonaventure (M) <b>NO MASS</b>
Fri	16th July		Our lady of Mt. Carmel (F) <b>NO MASS</b>
Sat	17th July Vigil	6:00 pm	Monica Sharples
Sun	18th July	10:00 am	<b>16th Sunday of the Year</b> The Parish

St Mary's, Brownedge Live Streaming Times <a href="https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge">https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge</a>		
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

**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.

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BREAD	HAVERSACK	PURSES
TUNIC	HOUSE	WELCOME
DUST	FEET	SIGN
DEVILS	OIL	CURED



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