

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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13th October 2019

There are many messages in today's Gospel: the power of God to heal, the compassion of Jesus for those in need, the fact that a despised foreigner (the Samaritan) is the only one who recognises what has been done, the role of faith and the importance of thanking God for gifts received. But because this Gospel is twinned with part of the story of Naaman the leper, the idea that the Church brings out most clearly is that of thanksgiving, or acknowledging what has been given to us. From an early age we are taught to say Thank You to recognise that someone has gone out of their way to give us something or do something for us. Our thanks strengthens the relationship that binds us together, and it is the same with God. As we recognise the good things that come from God, so our faith is deepened and the bond of the Covenant in Christ Jesus is strengthened.



Second Collection - Next weekend there is a Diocesan Mandatory second collection for **Missio**.

October Rosary - If you would like to join other parishioners in saying the Rosary you can find them on **Tuesday 15th October at 7 pm** at the home of Mr. J Seabrook, 25 Albrighton Close, Lostock Hall. You will be very welcome.

The Holy Land - Insight evenings. Continue next week on **Wednesday 16th October at St Mary's, Brownedge** in the Church (above the Narthex) from **7 to 8 pm** and then every month for the following 5 months. These information evenings are for those going on the Pilgrimage or anyone else who would like to learn more about the Holy Land.

FILM NIGHTS - Following the success of the film nights in June we are holding another on **Monday 21st October and Tuesday 22nd October** in the Parochial Centre 7pm - 8.30pm each night, on the life of St Pope John Paul II : **Karol the Man who became Pope** – based on the book (Stories of Karol: The Unknown Life of John Paul II) His feast day is Tuesday 22nd October

St Mary's Five Day Retreat - Explore the Christian Contemplative Tradition through 5 monthly retreat days led by Donna Worthington and hosted by The Diocese of Salford. Topics include Desert Fathers, Scripture, Labyrinth Prayer Walk. **Dates: Oct 23, Nov 20, Dec 11, Jan 22 (10.30am-3pm)** It helps organisationally if those interested could book or register interest by contacting Donna Worthington at drworthington@live.co.uk There is no charge for these retreats as they are supported by The Christian Meditation Trust (UK). Hot drinks will be provided, but a packed lunch is required. Free parking available.

Cheese & Wine Evening - At St Mary's, Brownedge on **Friday 25th October** in the Narthex **Tickets are £10 and are now on sale.** All

proceeds will go the Knights of St Columba Charities. For further information and **to book your please phone 629701.**

Marriage Care Seeking Volunteers - Broken relationships are extremely painful especially among family and friends. Drawing on the Catholic tradition and contemporary research we help couples from across the diocese preparing for Marriage to build strong, healthy, fulfilling relationships and offer ongoing support, through our Counselling Service. The Diocese are expanding our team and need additional Marriage Preparation Facilitators who share our passion to build happy homes. We are looking for married couples or individuals who could offer 3 Saturdays per year. This is a great opportunity to support couples entering Christian marriage and impact the wider community. Full training is provided and assisted delivery is supported by experienced facilitators. No upper age limit. For more information about this and other roles please speak to Margaret or Michael Cronin or Ann Quinlan or visit www.marriagecare.org.uk / email us volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

2020 - The Year of the Word. The Bishops of England and Wales have announced that the year beginning in Advent 2019 will be a 'Year of the Word,' with the theme 'The God who Speaks.' Supported by the Bible Society, there will be many national and local events throughout the year. In our own diocese several initiatives are planned to highlight the Bible's importance for our lives and our worship. Look in the usual places – parish newsletters and the diocesan website – for the many events that will help us celebrate the 'God Who Speaks.' We are already celebrating the Word in our own Parish with the Formation Group that meets every month next meeting **October 11** and you can still join the Five Day Retreats at St Marys the next being on **October 23.**

Piety Shop - Raffle tickets for the Piety shop Christmas hampers are now on sale before and after the weekend Masses. Tickets are 50 pence per strip and there will be two hampers as prizes which will be drawn at the Christmas fair.

Our Annual Mass for the Deceased of the Parish in the last 12 months will be held on Saturday 2nd November at the 6 pm Vigil Mass

Diocesan Mass for all Deceased members of CAFOD will be held at St Mary's Brownedge on **Saturday 9th November at 9:30 am.**

HOLY SOULS - November is the Month of the Holy Souls and as is our usual practice you are invited to put the names of deceased relatives and friends in the Special Envelopes in the Porch and then place them in the Boxes marked HOLY SOULS which will be at the front of the Altar during November. Should the envelopes contain money this will be used for general church expenses. **If you require a Mass saying please use the Blue Mass Offering envelopes.**

Preston Orpheus Choir - Saturday 2nd November at 7.30pm in Fulwood Methodist Church, Watling Street Road, Preston, PR2 8EA. For this concert we're performing a selection from Vivaldi, Mozart, Handel right up to Gershwin and Rodgers & Hammerstein - guaranteed to be something for everyone. Admission £12 (under 18s free) – no need to book, just turn up and pay on the door.

Brownedge Christians Together Food Bank - We have received a letter of thanks from the Food bank for our generous contributions. The Food Bank stocks were very low due to the Summer Holidays.

Parish Lottery No. 456 09/10/2019			
1st	£25	No. 45	Mr J Wilding
2nd	£10	No. 58	Mr F Tipping-Alston
3rd	£5	No. 22	Mr F Page

Offertory 5th / 6th October 2019	
Offertory Loose	£280.50
Offertory Envelopes	£341.83
Attendance	210

Bingo Jackpots for 9th October 2019			
£35	£97	£38	£28

For the Children

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St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	12th Oct Vigil	17.30 18:00	Confessions Thomas & Minnie Strangeway
Sun	13th Oct	08.15 08.30 09.30 10.00 12.00	28th Sunday of the Year Confessions The Parish Confessions Family Mass/Sacramental Prog Baptism Poppy Aria Linford
Mon	14th Oct	18.00 18.30	Weekday Exposition Priests Intention
Tues	15th Oct	09.15	St Teresa of Jesus (M) Living & Deceased members of Shield's Family
Wed	16th Oct	09.15	St Gerard Majella (F) Whole School Mass
Thurs	17th Oct		St Ignatius of Antioch (M) NO MASS
Fri	18th Oct		St Luke (F) NO MASS
Sat	19th Oct Vigil	17.30 18:00	Confessions Kathleen Donnelly (Anniversary)
Sun	20th Oct	08.15 08.30 09.30 10.00 12.00	29th Sunday of the Year Confessions Robert Yates Confessions The Parish Baptism Piper Halie Baldwin

St Mary's, Brownedge		
Monday	14th Oct	9.10 am
Tuesday	15th Oct	9.10 am
Wednesday	16th Oct	9:10 am
Thursday	17th Oct	9:10 am.11:00 am (SCH)
Friday	18th Oct	9:10 am
Saturday	19th Oct	9.30 am Vigil 7 pm
Sunday	20th Oct	9.30 am 11.00 am 6:30 pm

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY —

Any parishioner aged 65 or over who would like to attend the **Parish Christmas Party on Saturday 23rd November** please contact Mary Hardman on 468311 or Carole Hesmondhalgh on 339700 before Sunday 27th October please.

COFFEE Morning - The Coffee Morning on Harvest Sunday raised £152 for parish funds, thank you to all who stayed and contributed.

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VILLAGES
TEN
LEPERS
MASTER
PRIESTS
CLEANSED
CURED
NINE
PRAISE
FOREIGNER
FAITH

