

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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14th July 2019

Both first reading and Gospel today invite us to be “down to earth” about the Law of God. It’s very easy to become an “expert in religion” - knowing all the right answers, remembering all the right quotes, and so on. But for Moses and for Jesus, if God’s Law is to be kept anywhere, it must be in our hearts and in our everyday lives.



We are not to be concerned with keeping our eyes fixed on heaven, if it means that we cannot see the poor man at our feet.

A.P.F. Mission Appeal - We welcome Father Jan Klaver to the parish this weekend to celebrate Mass with us and to make an Appeal for A.P.F. Mission Box holders.

A.P.F. Mission Boxes - Grateful thanks to boxholders and collectors for the June collection which amounted to £815.70

CAFOD - We have received a letter of thanks from Cafod for donation of £759.58 to their aid work.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - No Exposition this Monday due to School leavers Mass.

Book Sales - Thank you for continuing to support the Parish by buying the books at the back of Church, recent donations amounted to £59.90.

Majella Companions - Next meeting Monday 15th July at 2 pm in the porch.

Parish Lottery - Next week 17th July is the quarterly Super Draw.

Mass Intentions - If you would like to offer a Mass for example, in thanksgiving, for the intentions of another person (such as on a birthday, anniversary etc), or, as is most common, for the repose of the soul of someone who has died envelopes are available in the porch. Usually, a stipend is given to the priest for offering the Mass, (A Mass stipend is a donation given by the laity to a priest for praying a Mass. Despite the name, it is considered as a gift or offering freely given rather than a payment as such. In this Diocese the Stipend actually goes into Parish funds and not to the Priest saying the Mass). The practice of offering Mass intentions, particularly for the dead, dates back to the early Church but we also clearly recognize its importance now. When we face the death of someone, even a person who is not Catholic, to have a Mass offered for the repose of their soul and to offer our prayers are more beneficial and comforting than any other

sympathy card or bouquet of flowers. Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

Donations of Books etc - Thank you but please **do not bring any further book donations** into the Church for the present time. The numbers are increasing and we have very limited storage space. If stocks are low we will ask via the Newsletter for donations.

Change of Dates - The dates for the Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land in March 2020 are now 12th - 19th March 2020. This is due to the availability of the hotel accommodation. Staying for 5 Nights in Jerusalem and 2 nights in Galilee. The cost is expected to be £1350+£250 single room supplement but this includes Airport Taxes and admission fees where applicable. If you are interested let us know in writing via email or letter please as soon as possible. Email your expression of interest to office@saintgerards.org.uk.

Notices etc - when the alterations were made to the porch many years ago it was a rule at the time that notices could only be displayed with the consent of the parish priest and never displayed on the glass areas of the doors. The numbers of notices have been increasing and also going on the doors, these have now been removed and further notices must be approved before they are displayed.

Votive Candles - If you come into Church during the week and there is no one else in the building please **DO NOT LIGHT Votive Candles** but instead leave them unlit on the stands and they will be lit when they can be attended. **Each candle when lit should be adequately spaced (approx. 10cm) apart.** Thank you.

The next Baptism course will be in September, part 1 on Tuesday 10th September 7pm and Part 2 on Tuesday 17th September 7pm in the church porch Presentations – Sunday 15th September at 10am Mass. Enrolment forms for the Course are available from Father Joe and Sister Louise and can be collected after a weekend Mass in Church. Enrolment forms must be completed and returned to the Church prior to attending the course.

Midsummer Deanery Walk - Thank you for those who attended. Our Deanery stretches as far north as Dunsop Bridge, as far west as Lostock Hall, as far east as Clitheroe and as far south as Darwen. Forty-six people from eleven different parishes joined the walk: thank you for your company, patience, endurance and your enthusiasm.

Faith Formation Group - First meeting on August 14th at 7:30 pm and then on the **2nd Wednesday of the each Month**. Topics will be advertised before each session.

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: Sept 25, 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.

Parish Lottery No. 444 10/07/2019			
1st	£25	No. 40	Mr M Phelan
2nd	£10	No. 14	Mrs S Williams
3rd	£5	No. 17	Mrs P Clunan
Offertory 6th / 7th July 2019			
Offertory Loose		£288.78	
Offertory Envelopes		£473.29	
Attendance		224	
Bingo Jackpots for 17th July 2019			
£34	£84	£25	£25

For the Children

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St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	13th July Vigil	17.30 18:00	Confessions Father Jan Klaver APF Red Box Appeal Grace Nisbet (Anniversary)
Sun	14th July APF Red Box Appeal	08.15 08.30 09.30 10.00 12.00	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions The Parish - Family Mass Baptism: Freya Louise Doran
Mon	15th July	18.30	St Bonaventure (M) Priest Intention School Leavers Mass
Tues	16th July	09.15	Our Lady of Mount Carmel (F)
Wed	17th July	09.15	Weekday in Ordinary Time Monica Sharples R.I.P.
Thurs	18th July	09.15	Weekday in Ordinary Time Danny Patten R.I.P.
Fri	19th July		NO MASS
Sat	20th July Vigil	17.30 18:00	Confessions
Sun	21st July	08.15 08.30 09.30 10.00 12.00	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Confessions The Parish Confessions Baptism: Edie Mae Fayad

St Mary's, Brownedge		
Monday	15th July	9.10 am
Tuesday	16th July	9.10 am
Wednesday	17th July	9:10 am
Thursday	18th July	9:10 am.11:00 am (SCH)
Friday	19th July	9:10 am
Saturday	20th July	9.30 am Vigil 7 pm
Sunday	21st July	9:30 am, 11am 6:30 pm

ECO bricks - Thank you for all the ECO bricks donated so far for the Bishops Project. It is essential that they are as hard as possible to represent bricks for the wall and to this end **MUST** weigh at least 16 oz (approx. 400g) or more, (**it is possible to get them up to 24oz with careful packing**) Some of the 'bricks; donated so far are not up to this standard so rather than start a new one please take a part filled one from the back of Church and bring it back when it is really solid.

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ETERNAL
BRIGANDS
LEVITE

MASTER
LIFE
BEAT
SAMARITAN

INHERIT
NEIGHBOUR
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