



# Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

**Year B**

**16th May 2021**

## 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

The Apostles had a direct and overwhelming experience of the resurrection they were eyewitnesses to that event. Thanks to their authoritative testimony many people came to believe; from faith in the risen Lord, Christian communities were born and are born continually. We too, today, base our faith in the risen Lord on the witness of the Apostles, which has come down to us through the mission of the Church. Our faith is firmly linked to their testimony, as to an unbroken chain which spans the centuries, made up not only by the successors of the Apostles, but also by succeeding generations of Christians. Like the Apostles, each one of Christ's followers is called to become a witness to his resurrection, above all in those human settings where forgetfulness of God and human disorientation are most evident.

### W/C 16/05/2021 This Weeks Intentions

Our Lady	Sister Mary Higney RNDM
<p>Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:  <b>Dominic McCrudden, Rita Rossall,          Sister Mary Higney, Jean Brennan,          David Walne, Josephine Mann.</b></p>	

**Please Note there is no Weekday Mass on Tuesday this week 18th May.**

**CAFOD** - Our local MP Nigel Evans has kindly agreed to attend a zoom meeting with parishioners at both St Gerard's and St Mary's to discuss climate change, debt relief and a green recovery from the pandemic. **The meeting will take place on Thursday 27th May between 5.30pm and 6.30 pm.** Would anyone who would like to attend please provide Margaret or Michael Cronin with their e mail address and a link will be provided. Our email address is: [michaelcronin\\_uk@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:michaelcronin_uk@yahoo.co.uk) Thank you.

**CAFOD** - As coronavirus brings devastation across India, CAFOD is working with experienced local Church agency, Caritas India, to provide vital support to poor and marginalised. Donations to CAFOD's Coronavirus Appeal will help Caritas India distribute PPE kits to frontline health workers, promote COVID & vaccine awareness campaigns, and set up safely run isolation & quarantine centres. You can donate online here: [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give). Please keep praying for the people of India and all those affected by the pandemic.

**FOOD BANK** - As we come slowly out of Covid, we are hoping to start collecting food again for the Brownedge Christians Together food bank. Particularly needed are tins of meat, tuna, and tinned vegetables. As such, we will leave a box for

donations in the back of church. This will be emptied on Tuesday mornings and taken down to Brownedge. Thank you so much in anticipation.

**Walsingham's May Rosary** - Walsingham invite people from Dioceses across England and Wales to pray the May Rosary for the following intentions:

1. Protecting our families and the family of nations, especially in this Year of St Joseph
2. A deepening of faith, hope and love and the protection of life
3. Peace in the world
4. Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them.

**The designated Rosary Hour for the Diocese of Salford for the National Rosary Relay Rally on Sunday May 30th is from 1pm to 2pm. All are welcome to join along in prayer.**

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer - 15/16 May** - This week we pray for the people of St. John Southworth's parish, Nelson, Brierfield and Fence, for Fr. Gerard Kelly, their parish priest, and for the Methodist community who share Christchurch with this parish. We pray for their parish primary schools. We pray that they may be true to God's name and that God's love will dwell in them.

**Miles that Matter** - Caritas is proud to have supporters, staff and volunteers who are walking in solidarity and in the 'virtual' footsteps of so many people who have fled war and conflict and seek a new life on these shores and in Greater Manchester and Lancashire in particular. *Miles that Matter* is running from **1<sup>st</sup> May until International Refugee Week in June**. If you are interested in finding out more, or wish to participate, please call Rachel Taylor 0161 817 2285 or visit the website <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/miles-that-matter/>

**Weekly Eco -Thought for the Seventh Sunday of Easter 16th May 2021** — In the third Eucharistic Prayer we pray ‘all you have created rightly gives you praise.’ In these spring days how can we enable creation’s song of praise to be heard more clearly?

**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 you can do so by dropping off a note with the details at the Presbytery. Mass offered on the occasion of a birthday, anniversary or special need is appropriate, beneficial and appreciated.

**International Refugee Week - 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> June.** - Caritas is proud to have supporters, staff and volunteers who are walking in solidarity and in the ‘virtual’ footsteps of so many people who have fled war and conflict and seek a new life on these shores and in Greater Manchester and Lancashire in particular. **Miles that Matter** is running from 1<sup>st</sup> May until International Refugee Week 14<sup>th</sup> – 18th June. If you are interested in finding out more, or wish to participate call Rachel Taylor 0161 817 2285 or visit the website <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/miles-that-matter/>

**The God who Speaks through Mark** - As we return to Ordinary Time after Pentecost, the Department for Formation is pleased to offer four online evenings on the Gospel according to Mark.  
**Wednesday 26 May 2021 – Mark Time** – some of the main themes and ideas to look out for in our Sunday Gospels over the coming weeks and months (with Fr Christopher Lough)  
**Wednesday 2 June 2021- The Humanity of Jesus in Mark** (with Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp)  
**Wednesday 9 June 2021 – The Disciples in Mark** (with Fr Michael Deas)  
**Wednesday 16 June 2021 – The Little People in Mark** (with Fr Michael Winstanley SDB)

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	15th May Vigil	6:00 pm	The Parish
Sun	16th May	10:00	<b>7th Sunday of Easter</b> Theresa Cooper
Mon	17th May	6:15 pm	Josephine Mann R.I.P.
Tues	18th May		<b>NO MASS</b>
Wed	19th May	9:15 am	Agnes & Wilfred Flanagan
Thurs	20th May	9:15 am	Sister Bridget Windle
Fri	21st May		<b>NO MASS</b>
Sat	22nd May Vigil	6:00 pm	The Parish
Sun	23rd May	10:00	<b>Pentecost Sunday</b> C.A. Yates

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	3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
	Thursday	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

Each presentation will be from 7.00 to 8.30 pm and will include time for discussion and questions. They are offered free of charge. To reserve a place on one or all the evenings and to receive the Zoom link in advance, please email [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

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