

# Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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25th Sunday of the Year

Year A

20th September 2020

We can never hope fully to understand God: especially God's generosity. We are very good at working out who is deserving of good fortune and who is not - unfortunately for us, God's gifts go to those God chooses, not those we choose. An example is forgiveness: those who have done the most wrong are those who receive the greatest forgiveness when they turn to God - perhaps at times we begrudge this gift. Today's lesson is simply this: God's ways are not our ways, God's thoughts are not our thoughts.

"Why be envious, because I am generous?"



**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:**

**Ronald Pope, Brian Cain & Muriel Patterson**

## W/C 20/09/2020 This Weeks Intentions

<b>Our Lady</b>	Families working in Critical Care in the NHS at Preston and Liverpool
<b>St Gerard</b>	Sheila Naylor R.I.P.

**Monday Evening Mass** - With effect from **5th October the Monday Weekday Mass will revert to the evening at 6:30 pm.** There will be no Exposition at the present time.

**Advance Notice** - It is now two months since our Church was able to reopen for public celebration of Mass. As we move forward in these difficult times we need to be able to open Church for other sacramental services such as baptisms, marriages, funerals, Masses for those families who lost loved ones during the lockdown and the resumption of the children's sacramental programmes. As with our Mass celebration, under the current regulations all these services can only take place with the necessary volunteer stewards. To minimise the extra workload on the stewards that this would require, it has been decided to **suspend the 08.30am Mass on Sunday mornings.** A review of Mass attendance since reopening shows that there is the necessary capacity to accommodate all who attend weekend Mass at the Saturday vigil and Sunday 10.00am Masses. It is planned that this change will take place **from the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> October.**

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME - Year 3.** If your child has been baptised in the Roman Catholic faith and is currently in year 3 at school, then this year they will be eligible to enrol on the Sacramental Program for 2020 / 21, which will

prepare them for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Due to the current situation in which we find ourselves with the global pandemic, the format of the Sacramental program will be altered this year from its usual format. We hope in the near future to be able to give you more details of the new revised program, which will consist of some on-line learning (provided by Salford Diocesan resources) supplemented with a reduced number of meetings with our team of catechists in Church. **We hope to start this program on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 6.30pm in the Church.** With the initial **Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020.** In the meantime, if you wish for your child to participate in this year's program, you are invited to **call at the presbytery to collect an application pack during parish office hours.** All the forms in these packs must be FULLY completed and any additional document supplied (eg permissions and copies of baptism certificates) by a deadline of Friday October 24<sup>th</sup> 2020. NB - **ALL SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM INFORMATION WILL BE ISSUED BY THE PARISH - EITHER THROUGH THE PARISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER, THE PARISH WEBSITE OR PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE.**

**CURRENT YEAR 4** - You will be contacted individually by the Catechists as you are midway through the current Program

**Brownedge Christians Together Food Bank** - At this time we are in need of URGENT help, due to Volunteer Retirements. We have vacancies in the roles of *Secretary to the Trustee meetings, Volunteers to give clerical support, Volunteers to checking food donation and filing food bags Volunteer drivers for Food delivery to Family homes.* The Food Bank is now making Home Deliveries as from September 2020 and we only ask volunteers to offer their help for two hours a week. Contacting us Text on 07811 457 866 or e

mail on [geoff\\_bctfb36Jemail.com](mailto:geoff_bctfb36Jemail.com) Thank You.

**Altar Candle Intentions** - If you would like to place an intention please drop a note in at the Presbytery clearly stating the Intention and at which location you would like the candle (The Sanctuary, Sacred Heart, Our Lady, St Joseph or St Gerard). Please also indicate the week you would like it and we will do our best to accommodate your wishes, if the requested date is already taken we will allocate the nearest free weekend. We are suggesting a minimum donation of £5 per candle. We are unable to display the Intentions list at the back of Church due to the current restrictions but each location will have the usual Display Card.

**ONLINE RETREATS between September to December 2020** led by Donna Worthington. *The second retreat in this series is "THE ART OF LISTENING" and is on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 6.30-9pm* - Exploring the art of listening through the wisdom of theatre, counselling techniques and the wisdom of our own bodies which can carry tension, stress, memory, other's pain—we can learn from the body's wisdom by becoming aware of what the body holds and the deeper knowledge it can offer. Participants do not need to have any training/experience in any of these approaches—just a willingness to become better listeners, in order to be able to better listen to God, to each other and to our own selves and benefit our lives and those we encounter. Because of the nature of the topic explored, on this event, participants will be asked to join in with discussion and work with others. **For bookings, please contact Donna Worthington: [drworthington@live.co.uk](mailto:drworthington@live.co.uk)**

**Reconciliation / Confessions** - These can be arranged by appointment, please contact Father Joe at the Presbytery.

Average Attendance at Mass	
Weekday	15
Saturday Vigil	33
Sunday 8:30 am	23
Sunday 10:00 am	32

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St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	19th Sept Vigil	18:00	Colette Bowman (Private INT)
Sun	20th Sept	08:30 10:00 11:00	<b>25th Sunday of the Year</b> The Parish Baptism of Thomas Davidson
Mon	21st Sept	09:15	St Matthew (F)
Tues	22nd Sept	09.15	
Wed	23rd Sept	09:15	St Pius of Pietrelcina (M)
Thurs	24th Sept	09:15	Our Lady of Walsingham (M)
Fri	25th Sept		No MASS
Sat	26th Sept Vigil	18:00	Muriel Patterson R.I.P.
Sun	27th Sept	08:30 10:00	<b>26th 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
Private Prayer	Tuesday Thursday	5:00 pm to 6:00 pm 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Rosary	8.00 pm
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 11:00 & 6:30 pm

**GIFT AID STATEMENTS** — Gift Aid annual statements are now available for collection from the Presbytery Office during office hours.

**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.  
**For the Children**

LANDOWNER	DAYBREAK	VINEYARD
WORKERS	MARKET	FAIR
WAGE	SIXTH	IDLE
GRUMBLED	UNJUST	FIRST



Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound especially those in Hospital at this time