

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

21st July 2019

Sacred Hospitality is our theme: as the letter to the Hebrews says: remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this some people have entertained angels without knowing it.

True hospitality lies in two things: first the welcome, encouraging the stranger to enter the house and be at home there: secondly, the gift - not just of food or drink, but of time: listening to the stranger, and giving of ourselves to them.

This is what makes hospitality costly, but holy, and a true service of Jesus Christ.



Weekend Mass - There will be **No 8:30 am Mass on Sundays starting Sunday 28th July until Sunday 8th September**. This is in line with the practice already in place at St Marys of only having one morning Mass on Sunday during the Summer School Holidays.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - The dates are now 12th - 19th March 2020. We had an excellent information evening a week last Tuesday about the trip, with about 30 people registering an interest. Given such a good response we are now ready to go forward and begin to take bookings. **Booking forms and itineraries are available at the back of church**. These should be sent directly to Northern Star Travel agent. Booking and deposits should be paid by 15th August to secure your place.

The Holy Land - Insight evenings. Starting on 18th September and then every month for the following 6 months we will be holding information evenings for those going on the Pilgrimage or anyone else who would like to learn more about the Holy Land. Further details nearer the time.

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. 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.

Sacramental Programme - The programme for next year starts in October, if you have a child in our school you will shortly receive a letter but any **Baptised Catholic** in Year 2 is eligible to join the course. If you have a child in another school in the Parish and they would like to join let us know as soon as possible.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Sacred Heart Guild Meetings - As it is the holiday season the August meeting of the Guild has been cancelled. Our next meeting will be on the 12th September at 7pm. The Guild members meet at 7pm. on the second Thursday of every month and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a game of bingo and a raffle. Our numbers are only small but the Guild is open to any ladies in the parish. If you are interested in joining us you can ring Carole on 339700 for any further information.

Parish Lottery - If you are a **WINNER** in our Parish Lottery please collect your winnings from one of the Sacristans after Mass.

Parish Lottery No. 445 - 17/07/2019			
1st	£60	No. 78	Mrs A Gill
2nd	£40	No. 48	Church Funds
3rd	£10	No. 13	Mrs D Gardner
3rd	£10	No. 19	Mr J Robinson
3rd	£10	No. 72	Mrs M Nisbet

Offertory 13th / 14th July 2019

Offertory Loose	£290.96
Offertory Envelopes	£252.79
Attendance	221

Bingo Jackpots for 14th July 2019

£35	£85	£26	£26
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For the Children

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St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
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
Mon	22nd July	18.00 18.30	St Mary Magdalene (F) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Priest Intention
Tues	23rd July	09.15	St Bridget (F) End of Year School Mass
Wed	24th July	09.15	Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thurs	25th July	09.15	St James (F) Walter Adams R.I.P.
Fri	26th July		St Joachim & St Anne (M) NO MASS
Sat	27th July Vigil	17.30 18:00	Confessions
Sun	28th July	08.30 09.30 10.00	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time NO MASS until 8th September. Confessions The Parish

St Mary's, Brownedge		
Monday	22nd July	9.10 am
Tuesday	23rd July	9.10 am
Wednesday	24th July	9:10 am
Thursday	25th July	9:10 am. 11:00 am (SCH)
Friday	26th July	9:10 am
Saturday	27th July	9.30 am Vigil 7 pm
Sunday	28th July	10.00 am 6:30 pm

HOLIDAYS - Don't forget us whilst you are on holiday! If you visit a Church bring us back a copy of their News (any denomination), if you attend a Fun Event and see some good ideas for future fund raising events here bring them back and share them with us. A photo often helps to explain an idea.

Finally, holidays are not only about sleeping and eating. They are also about exploring the beauty of nature and becoming amazed. Its time for you to get your eyes out of books and away from 'screens' and have a look around the beautiful world around us.

