

# Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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21st Sunday of the Year

Year A

23rd August 2020

There is a very simple theme to this Sunday's readings: it is the principle of authority in the community of the Church: we are introduced to the idea that God gives authority to someone in the first reading, where Shebna is dismissed by God and replaced. This is a prelude to the Gospel story of Peter being given authority: not because he is powerful or wise in the world's sense, but because he was able to profess his faith in the one sent by the Father. This is the principle of all authority in the Church: it is to spring only from God and our faith in God, professed by our way of life and rooted only in Christ, for to him all authority, in heaven and on earth, has been given.



**Advanced Notice** - The only Mass for today and Sunday 30th August at St Gerard's will be at 11 am. There will be **NO Saturday VIGIL Mass** on these weekends. There are also **NO WEEKDAY Masses until 1st September**. All the Masses at St Mary's Brownedge are available via the Streaming Service,

Face-coverings can be removed by readers as they read the scriptures. The Priest needs only wear a face-covering when off the sanctuary and distributing Communion.

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES** — If you haven't received this year's envelopes please speak to one of the Stewards and they will locate them for you.

## **The God who speaks through Creation - Online**

**Talk** - The Department for Formation is delighted to welcome Sr. Margaret Atkins, CRSA, to present a Talk on The God who speaks through creation on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm**. This talk will be delivered via Zoom as part of the series The God who speaks which was to be hosted at the Hidden Gem but postponed due to the pandemic. We hope this will lead to a resumption of some of the other planned evenings. Sister Margaret Atkins is a Canoness of St Augustine in the community at Boarbank Hall, Cumbria. She is a lecturer and author in Theology with special interest, amongst other things, in the ethics of the environment. If you wish to hear Sr. Margaret please email [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) and mark it 'God who speaks' in the subject line. You will receive a link for the zoom meeting on the morning of 26<sup>th</sup> August. Please, for security reasons, do not pass this link on to anyone else.

**CHURCHES RE-OPENING SAFELY** - The Church wants to ensure that the safety of people is paramount so we will proceed with small steps and will require some trial and error. **Thus, there is no rush to return to Mass; the Sunday Mass obligation is still dispensed while we try to implement a safe way for us to celebrate.** Every church building must have a risk assessment and a calculation made as to how many people it can hold observing 2 metre social distancing. Saint Gerard's can accommodate approx 70 individual people with 2 metre safe distancing (3 single, two doubles (either end) or family bubble in each alternate row, stewards will direct).

**WE REMIND YOU THAT THERE IS NO OBLIGATION FOR SUNDAY MASS AT THE MOMENT.** If you are able to come to weekday Mass that might spread the numbers so that everyone could get to Mass once a week at some point leaving Sunday Mass for people who work during the week.

**Syrian Group:** Thanks to those who supported, Kaye Hodgson from St. Mary's Brownedge, on cycling 214km to raise funds for our Syrian refugee project. £840 was raised. If you'd like to help with this very important project please donate either with an envelope marked 'Syrian Group' to St Marys or online via [www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kayecyclingforrefugees](http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/kayecyclingforrefugees)

- Do not enter the church if you have any of the Covid-19 symptoms.
- The Church will be OPEN 30 minutes before Mass times to avoid congestion or queuing.
- Sanitize hands at the hand stations on entry and exit.
- Please indicate to the stewards at the door how many you are and they will show you where to sit.

**FACE COVERINGS** - From 8th August face-coverings will be mandatory in church. People with respiratory issues, children under 11 years of age and some other people are exempt.

- Consider a **weekday Mass** rather than a Sunday Mass if you can. (after 1st September)
- You are asked **not to kneel down and to touch as few surfaces as possible.**
- The priest or minister will sanitize their hands immediately before and after distributing Holy Communion.
- You will be guided to Holy Communion section by section and receive only in the hand with arms outstretched across a table; you will be asked to return to your place by a circuitous route.
- Offertory boxes will be in the porch to put any envelopes or collection offerings in as you enter or leave the Church.
- The Church **WILL NOT** be Open for Private Prayer during the week.
- The TOILETS are **NOT IN USE** at the present time.
- You may want to bring your own missal or tablet with you.

**NOTE:** The diocese have recently issued directions that churches not adhering to all the guidelines as directed may be closed and have to undergo another health and safety inspection before being allowed to reopen. Please follow the direction of the stewards at all times. Please sit where you are directed, do not move up or along the benches and touch as few surfaces as possible, do not gather in the Porch on entering and leaving and keep to the 2 metre rule both inside the Church and outside within the Church grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Congratulations** - to our young parishioners on their A and O level results. If anyone wants to share their success with us please pass on the details and we will include them in News & Views.

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

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Please Pray for the Sick and Housebound especially those in Hospital at this time and unable to receive visitors.

## St Mary's, Brownedge Live Streaming Times

<https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge>

Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 6:30 pm
Monday	Mass	9:30 am
	Rosary	8:00 pm
Tuesday	Mass	9.30 am
	Private Prayer	5.00—6.00 pm
	Rosary	8:00 pm
Wednesday	Mass	9:30 am
	Rosary	8:00 pm
Thursday	Mass	9.30 am
	Private Prayer	5.00—6.00 pm
	Rosary	8:00 pm
Friday	Mass	9:30 am
	Rosary	8:00 pm
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
	Rosary	8:00 pm
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 6:30 pm
	Rosary	8:00 pm

### St Gerard's, Lostock Hall

Sunday	23rd Aug	11:00	The Parish
	30th Aug	11:00	The Parish

## 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



CAESAREA  
PHILIPPI  
QUESTION  
JOHN  
ELIJAH  
JEREMIAH  
PETER  
CHRIST  
JONAH  
ROCK  
CHURCH  
GATES  
KEYS