

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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St Peter & St Paul Year A

28th June 2020

Peter and Paul are the two great heroes of the Apostolic Age. Peter for leading the first Christian communities and binding them in unity, a role that springs from his profession of faith in Caesarea Philippi, and Paul for travelling throughout the Roman Empire as the Apostle to the Gentiles, ensuring that the Gospel could be heard by all. They both ended up in Rome, the heart of the Empire, where they crowned their lives of witness by shedding their blood for Christ. As the ancient hymn for this feast day ("Decora Lux aeternitatis") says: "Rejoice, O Rome, this day; thy walls they once did sign With princely blood, who now their glory share with thee. What city's vesture glows with crimson deep as thine? What beauty else has earth that may compare with thee?" In celebrating the death of these apostles and martyrs, we celebrate the triumph of life and death offered fully to God.



CHURCHES REOPENING: - A message from Fr Mark, our Rural Dean

'You will be aware that some acts of public worship are to be allowed from 4 July. 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. Smaller buildings may apply the "1 metre plus" principle but then people will have to wear face coverings. We also need to take into account that many will come from the same household or social "bubble" and so will not need to socially distance. It seems wise to trial this at a weekday Mass, thus, 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. There are guidelines for the celebrations which we will share with you in the coming days.'

From Fr Joe :

In the light of what has been said in the guidelines from both the Bishops Conference and from the Diocese, just to let you know where we are up to at Our Lady's & St Gerard's – we do hope to return to some form of public worship in the coming weeks, the current work on the outside of the church is due to be finished on Monday, and the redecoration of parts of the inside of the church will also commence on that day and will last that week. We hope also to have the church professionally deep cleaned – due to all the work that has taken place. During that time we hope to contact the diocese for the required inspection to take place sometime during the week that begins on 6th July. **Once the inspection has been passed we will inform the parish** as to when liturgies will restart as soon as possible after that.

What is really important to remember is that for public liturgies to take place – whether baptisms, funerals, weekday or Sunday Masses, **WE ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE STEWARDS/CLEANERS AT ALL LITURGIES**, to help with social distancing and church layout as well as sanitisation of the used area of the church afterwards. Thank you to the few volunteers that have already come forward, **but we will need many more** if we are to be able to accommodate the usual parish level of liturgical services.

If you feel that you can help, please contact the presbytery either email : office@saintgerards.org.uk Or by phone 01772 335387 and leave a message, or contact Kevin Lyth at Kevin.lyth@blueyonder.co.uk who is co-ordinating the volunteers. Thank You.

Songs of Praise:

On Sunday evening at 6.30pm at St. Mary's there will be a service of "Songs of Praise" where they will play recordings of some peoples' favourite hymns. If you want a hymn to be considered please send in an email to bamberbridgeoffice@gmail.com or phone message on 335168. Mass is available on a recording from the morning Mass.

St Mary's, Brownedge		
Live Streaming Times		
https://www.churchservices.tv/bamberbridge		
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am
		6:30 pm Songs of Praise
Monday to Friday	Mass	9:30 am
Every Day	Exposition	4:00 - 5:00 pm
	Rosary	8.00 pm
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am
		6:30 pm Songs of Praise

St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	27th Jun	Vigil	Peter Gallagher
Sun	28th Jun		Saint Peter & Saint Paul The Parish
Mon	29th Jun		
Tues	30th Jun		
Wed	1st July	10.30	Agnes Flanagan Funeral of Mary Winifred Winders
Thurs	2nd July		
Fri	3rd July		Sacred Heart Guild St Thomas — Apostle
Sat	4th July	Vigil	Blessed Sacrament Guild
Sun	5th July		14th Sunday of Year A The Parish

Hand Soap Containers - Don't throw your empty Hand Soap bottles away please but **DONATE** them instead to the Church. We can re-fill them with sanitiser and use them in Church when we are able to re-open.

Tuesday 30th June between 8.30 and 9.00am. Online national parliamentary prayer breakfast. This event is free and open to all, but registration is necessary via Eventbrite. The theme of the service is 'Hope and peace in a time of fear and suffering' It will include prayers led by parliamentarians, hymns and a keynote address by the bishop of Kensington. The organisers are hoping that as many Christians, church leaders and parliamentarians as possible can be brought together to reflect upon the message of hope, peace and loving service our faith brings to our society at this moment. Further details of registration etc can be found at www.christiansinparliament.org.uk.

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Apps available for your phone etc

JESUITS Sacred Space : www.sacredspace.ie

Pray as you go : <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

3 Minute Retreat : <https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer>

UNIVERSALIS <https://universalis.com/>

For Scripture, Morning, Evening prayer of the church, the Divine Office, Mass text each day.

MASS AND LITURGIES ON LINE : <https://www.churchservices.tv/>

Church from all over UK and Ireland (you can search churches of liturgies and masses)

St Mary's Brownedge is on this site

EWTN (Eternal Word Television Network) Catholic :

<https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/daily-readings>

Catholic Online World's Catholic Library - <https://www.catholic.org/>

Salford Diocese - Updates and Resources We are regularly updating our website with signposts to helpful resources we have collated for use during this difficult time. You can find this, along with livestreaming times, here: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/covid19/>

Bishop John has released a number of messages via YouTube in the last few weeks.
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Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:
Mary Winders, Gerald Ellison, Teresa Cooper,
Margaret Mahon, Cliff Turner, Joan Rostron,
Margaret Slater,