

Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

28th July 2019

When we see the child in the sweet shop nagging and moaning at mum or dad for something, we probably don't think of it as a model of our prayer lives! And yet, if we take the word of God seriously today, that is exactly what our faith teaches us to do!

The message is persistence - never giving up, even if prayers do not seem to be answered. We shouldn't ask why they are not answered on the spot (God's probably got a reason), but should just continue beating on the door of heaven in faith and hope.



Weekend Mass - There will be **No 8:30 am Mass until Sunday 8th September.**

No MASS or EXPOSITION this week on Monday 29th July.

Fund Raising Committee Meeting - Monday 29th, 7 pm in the Porch, new members very welcome

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.

Diocese Pilgrimage to Lourdes — On Thursday last week, volunteers and pilgrims from the Salford Lourdes trip embarked on the Diocese's 87th pilgrimage. While in Lourdes, the group will complete a walking tour of Lourdes, enjoy social time together and experience Mass in the Grotto which you are able to watch live (www.lourdes-france.org/en/tv-lourdes/) on the Lourdes live stream at 07:30 (GMT) on Sunday 28 July. Bishop John will be celebrating the Mass, in which the Salford Lourdes team will be joined by pilgrims from the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. You can also follow the pilgrimage online by visiting the Salford Lourdes website and Twitter account, and they will also be sharing highlights from the pilgrimage on the Salford Diocese Twitter account.

Parish Pilgrimage to the Holy Land - The dates are now 12th - 19th March 2020. 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.

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 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.

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.

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 Baptised child in another

school in the Parish and they would like to join let us know as soon as possible.

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. If stocks are low we will ask via the Newsletter for donations.

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 - There will be NO Guild Meeting in August. 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 No. 446 24/07/2019			
1st	£25	No. 19	Mr J Robinson
2nd	£10	No. 66	Mrs S Walker
3rd	£5	No. 68	Ms C Poole
Offertory 21st / 22nd July 2019			
Offertory Loose		£245.72	
Offertory Envelopes		£258.54	
Attendance		188	
Bingo Jackpots for 31st July 2019			
£36	£86	£27	£27

For the Children

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St Gerard's, Lostock Hall			
Sat	27th July Vigil	17.30 18:00	Confessions Trish Donaldson R.I.P.
Sun	28th July	08.30 09.30 10.00	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time NO MASS until 8th September. Confessions The Parish
Mon	29th July		St Martha (M) NO MASS OR EXPOSITION THIS WEEK
Tues	30th July	09.15	Weekday in Ordinary Time Sheila McGarry
Wed	31st July	09.15	St Ignatius of Loyola (M)
Thurs	1st Aug	09.15	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori (M) Gordon Hunt R.I.P.
Fri	2nd Aug		Weekday in Ordinary Time NO MASS
Sat	3rd Aug Vigil	17.30 18:00	Confessions Sacred Heart Guild Mass
Sun	4th Aug	08.30 09.30 10.00	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time NO MASS until 8th September. Confessions The Parish / Blessed Sacrament Guild

St Mary's, Brownedge		
Monday	29th July	9.10 am
Tuesday	30th July	9.10 am
Wednesday	31st July	9:10 am
Thursday	1st Aug	9:10 am.11:00 am (SCH)
Friday	2nd Aug	9:10 am
Saturday	3rd Aug	9.30 am Vigil 7 pm
Sunday	4th Aug	10.00 am 6:30 pm

Positive & Inspirational Life Quotes by Quincy Seale

It's easy to forget what an amazing gift life really is. Our lives are nothing but a cosmic blink. Even our seemingly all-encompassing world is just tiny blue dot circling an average sized star spiralling around a galaxy of 200-400 billion stars, which itself is just one galaxy among billions more. Yet for one brief moment, we get to experience the wonders of existence, of consciousness.

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