

# Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella

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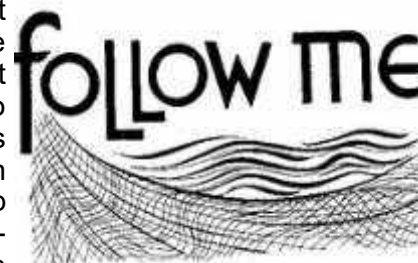
22nd Sunday of the Year

Year A

30th August 2020

A quick glance at last week's Gospel reveals the interesting development of the story: last week, we heard Peter proclaiming that Jesus was the Messiah, and being given authority as a result. This week, Peter gets it wrong: he is rebuked by the Lord because he does not understand who the Messiah is. The Messiah is the one who will give everything for his people - even his own life. To be a follower of Jesus demands an understanding and acceptance of this fact, and a willingness to take up the cross as Jesus did. Our introduction to this is the prophet Jeremiah - also persecuted for doing and saying what was right. Have a look at the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, where this twinning of Jeremiah and prophecy of persecution also appears.

*"If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself."*



**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:**

**Muriel Patterson , Brian Cain**

**Advanced Notice** - The only Mass for today at St Gerard's will be at **11 am**. WEEKDAY Masses this week are on Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September. All the Masses at St Mary's Brownedge are available via the Streaming Service,

**Brian CAIN** - It is with great sadness that Eileen McGivern has to announce the death of her wonderful son-in-law Brian John CAIN husband of her daughter Bernadette and father of Joshua. He died at home in the early hours of Friday morning. Thanks to everyone for their thoughts, kind wishes and prayers during his illness.

**Thank You** - John Robinson has asked us to pass on his thanks to everyone for their kind words, thoughts and prayers for him during his stay in hospital.

**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)

**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. 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 years envelopes please speak to one of the Stewards and they will locate them for you.

**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.

- 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.
- **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.

**Parish Office Re-Opening:** The Parish Office will return to normal opening from 1st September as we welcome back Anna, our Secretary from Furlough.

**Family is Sacred Zoom Course – September 2020** - After the success of our first Family is Sacred Webinar in July we will be offering the full 14 week course online via zoom. The first session will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 7:30pm-9pm and will run every other Wednesday for 14 weeks. The course is designed to enrich and support marriage and family life and the building up of the Domestic Church. There will be input from various speakers followed by small group discussion and Q&A. All Welcome! Register your free place by emailing [formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) before Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September (Zoom details to follow).

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			
Sun	30th Aug	11.00	22nd Sunday of the Year The Parish
Mon	31st Aug		No MASS
Tues	1st Sept	09.15	
Wed	2nd Sept	09.15	
Thurs	3rd Sept		St Gregory the Great NO MASS
Fri	4th Sept		No MASS
Sat	5th Sept Vigil	18:00	
Sun	6th Sept	08:30 10:00 11.30	23rd Sunday of the Year The Parish Baptism of Thomas Gwilym & Elis Carl Greer

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 6:30 pm
Monday to Friday	Mass	9:30 am
Private Prayer Tuesdays &		5:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Rosary	8.00 pm
Saturday	Mass	9:30 am 7 pm Vigil
Sunday	Mass	9:30 am 6:30 pm

**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**

DESTINED	JERUSALEM	ELDERS
SCRIBES	SATAN	OBSTACLE
RENOUNCE	CROSS	LIFE
WORLD	GLORY	ANGELS



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