



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER 12 MAY 2019 'GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY'

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am</u>	
MONDAY	9.15 am	Easter Weekday/Our Lady of Fatima
TUESDAY	12 noon	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Easter Weekday
THURSDAY	12 noon	Easter Weekday
FRIDAY	9.30 am	Our Lady of Grace feast day Mass with primary school
	12 noon	Funeral Mass for Alan Anthony Brennan
SATURDAY	11.00 am	Easter Weekday/St John I (Novena 10.40)

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 11.30 am-12.30 pm 6.00-6.45 pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday 11.30 am -12.30 pm

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for Mr Michal Skurnica of Bury New Road, Prestwich. May he rest in peace.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER St Vincent's, Norden

Collection last Sunday £1190.03. **Today** there is a second collection for the **Priests' Training Fund** (see over). Thank you for your generosity in the **Starving World box** during April. We are able to send £474.97 to Aid to the Church in Need. The contents of the box during this month of May will go to **Sister Theresa Abigaba** to help with her pioneering special school for handicapped children in Uganda.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

May Procession and Crowning is today Sunday 12 May at 3.00 pm. Do come if you can and bring the family. Our May devotions are a most heart-warming way of showing our love and devotion for Mary our Mother.

This week sees two feasts of our Blessed Mother. Monday is the memorial of Our Lady

of Fatima, marking her first apparition there on 13 May 1917. Friday is our own patronal feast of Our Lady of Grace, transferred this year from Wednesday 15 May.

Pope St Paul VI wrote that the month of May "is a powerful incentive to more fervent and trusting prayer, and ... our petitions find their way more easily to the compassionate heart of Our Blessed Lady".

Last year **Pope Francis** established the memorial of '**Mary, Mother of the Church**', to be celebrated on the Monday after Pentecost. **Pope St Paul VI** had already laid the foundations for this memorial during the Second Vatican Council when he declared the Blessed Virgin Mary as "Mother of the Church, that is to say of the Christian people, the faithful as well as the pastors, who

call her the most loving Mother" and established that "the Mother of God should be further honoured and invoked by the entire Christian people by this most tenderest of titles".

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today Sunday 12 May is also the World day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious life.

This year in the Diocese, we look forward to the ordination to the Priesthood of the Rev Damien Loudon who is completing his studies at the Beda College, Rome, as well as the Rev Robert Hayes from Oscott College, Birmingham. Please hold them in your prayers as well as our other seminarians who are continuing their journey in formation.

Today there will be a special collection for the work of the Ecclesiastical Education Fund, which supports the training of priests for the Diocese of Salford. Your support is really appreciated.

Prayer Partners

Thank you to those who signed up some weeks ago to be a prayer partner to one of the children shortly making their first Holy Communion. If you haven't already done so, would you kindly collect your letter from outside the sacristy today? First Communion will be on Saturdays 15 and 22 June, with a parish celebration on Sunday 23 June.

Pilgrimage To Walsingham

On 4 May, 23 parish members joined the Salford Diocesan

day pilgrimage to Walsingham, England's National Shrine of Our Lady, and there we remembered to pray for our parish. This week's Universe newspaper carries a report and photographs of the pilgrimage, including a group photo featuring some of our pilgrims and also the parish banner, carried there for the first time.

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Confirmation

A reminder that **Bishop John Arnold** will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Cathedral during the 11 o'clock Mass on Whit Sunday, **9 June**, for candidates aged 13 or over. If you have not been confirmed and would like to take advantage of this Confirmation, please see Fr Allen so that proper preparation may be made.

Sponsors needed!

*Fr Richard Howard, a priest of this diocese of Salford, is undertaking an Olympic distance triathlon to support Christians in Egypt through Aid to the Church in Need (ACN). He'll be swimming 1.5 km, cycling 40 km and running 10 km in Southport on **19 May**. You can sponsor him online www.justgiving.com/fundraising/frrichardstriathlon or by card or cheque through the NW Office of ACN- 01524 388739; nw.office:acnuk.org*

Sponsor sheets are on the table at the back of church.

*Aid to the Church in Need is also running a Day Retreat at Salford Cathedral on **Saturday 25 May** to pray for the suffering and persecuted Church around the world. See details on poster in inner porch.*

Prestwich Clough Day

Churches Together in Prestwich and Kersal are hosting a tent in this year's Prestwich Clough Day, to be held **next Sunday 19 May** in St Mary's Flower Garden, Bury New Road. This proved very successful last year, with many people stopping by to enjoy children's crafts, activities, a chat and a space set aside for anyone who wanted to pray. It was a very effective way of having a Christian presence in a very popular family day out in Prestwich, 12 noon - 5.00 pm.

A flyer with the contact details of all the local churches belonging to Churches Together and the times of their regular services is available and is handed out to the public attending. Anyone from this parish who would like to be at the tent and welcome those who come is invited to turn up during the Day.

Papal Nuncio in Salford

Archbishop Edward Adams is the Holy See's representative in Great Britain and resident in Wimbledon. He is visiting our diocese during this coming week. Among other engagements he will bless the new Laudato Si project at Wardley. **Bishop John Arnold** writes: "I am hoping that it will become a place for school and other groups to visit and to learn. We must all be learning more about good management of our gardens and property as a practical response to Climate Change. I know I will be pestering you on this subject but I need to do so since, as so many of our school pupils recognise, things are serious and we all have to be involved."