



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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PALM SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2019

THIS IS HOLY WEEK

MONDAY

Mass 9.15 am Monday of Holy Week

TUESDAY

Stations of the Cross at 9.30 am led by Year 4KT
Mass 12.00 noon Tuesday of Holy Week

WEDNESDAY

Stations of the Cross at 9.30 am led by Year 4W
Mass 12.00 noon Funeral Mass for Joan Reynolds.

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER 7.30 pm

The church will remain open for watching
before the Altar of Repose until 10.30 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY

Day of fasting and abstinence

Stations of the Cross 10.00 am

Walk of Witness: walkers to gather at St Mary's church,
Church Lane, 11.00 am for walk and short service
outside Tesco's store (see over).

LITURGY OF THE PASSION 3.00 pm

A collection is taken on **Good Friday** for the **Church in the Holy Land**. The collection helps to maintain the Holy Places and is also used in the educational and healthcare work of the Church in that region. Please be generous on Friday.

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL MASS 9.00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

MORNING MASSES as usual at 9.00 and 11.00 am.

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

Good Friday 10.45 am to 12.00 noon

Holy Saturday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm (morning only)

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER

St Mary's, Littleborough

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for Mrs Joan Reynolds of Rectory Green, Prestwich. May she rest in peace.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Stations of the Cross

Primary schoolchildren in Our Lady of Grace school will present the Stations of the Cross **in church on Tuesday and Wednesday next**. People who came to these Stations last year were deeply moved. If you can possibly come for these occasions please do.

It will be the turn of Form 4KT on Tuesday and Form 4W on Wednesday – both days at **9.30 am**.

Good Friday Walk of Witness

This Walk – for people of all ages – begins at 11.00 am with prayers in St Mary's church, Church Lane, M25 1AN. We will then walk the Way of the Cross up Bury New Road to Tesco's, where there will be a short service on the Forecourt. The event will finish at about 12.15 pm. Join us if you can.

Easter Vigil Mass

The Mass **next Saturday** evening, 20 April, will be the Mass of the Easter Vigil and will begin at **9.00 pm**.

Offertory – and end of Financial Year

Collection last Sunday £1114.60. Thank you also for £20 for altar flowers. If you gave to the parish in the financial year that ended on 5 April – either using gift envelopes or by standing order – there is a letter for you, ready for collection outside the sacristy after Mass from this weekend. Please collect yours. If you think you should have a letter but can't find one, please let us know.

Parish Library

A number of new books with attractive titles have been added to the Library in the last couple of weeks. The Library continues to offer a high level of service to the parish. If you haven't visited it or tried it why not come in today? The Library is open after both morning Masses, and the usual refreshments are in the hall too.

Welcome ... & Farewell!

People move into the parish, and move out to other places, often without letting the parish priest know. It would be greatly appreciated if newcomers and anyone leaving would complete the simple form now in the porch and put it through the presbytery letter-box. We like to be able to welcome you or to say 'Thank you'.

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Mass of Christm

Two tickets are left for this Mass at Salford Cathedral at **11.00 am on Wednesday 17 April**. A coach will pick up those wishing to go.

Pilgrimages

*Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne for young adults (20s and 30s) from **Wednesday 24 April to Sunday 28 April**. A time to walk along part of St Cuthbert's Way, reflect and pray with other young adults and spend time on the beautiful island of Lindisfarne. Accommodation is in a basic bunkhouse near St Cuthbert's cave. Cost - £85 to cover food and accommodation For more information email lynnefcj@hotmail.com or find us on Facebook (FCJ Young Adult Network)*

*The Salford Diocesan day pilgrimage to **Walsingham**, led by Bishop John Arnold, is on **Saturday 4 May**. A coach will pick up from Our Lady of Grace at 7.10 am, leave Walsingham on return at 5.00 pm and deliver back to Our Lady of Grace. £20 return. To book ring Fiona 07939 262 204.*

Special School

St John Vianney School in Stretford is the Diocesan Special School. If any parent is looking for Catholic SEND provision for their child it would certainly be worth a visit. To see the School in action ring the School's reception on 0161 881 7843 and Mr Moloney, the Headteacher, and they will happily arrange a convenient time for you to visit.

The first Palm Sunday

"Jesus enters Jerusalem. The liturgy invites us to share in the joy and celebration of the people who cry out in praise of their Lord; a joy that will fade and leaves a bitter and sorrowful taste by the end of the account of the Passion. This celebration seems to combine stories of joy and suffering, mistakes and successes, which are part of our daily lives as disciples. It somehow expresses the contradictory feelings that we too, the men and women of today, experience: the capacity for great love... but also for great hatred; the capacity for courageous self-sacrifice, but also the ability to "wash our hands" at the right moment; the capacity for loyalty, but also for great abandonment and betrayal." (Pope Francis, 2018)