



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

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5th SUNDAY OF EASTER 19 MAY 2019

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am	
MONDAY	9.15 am	Easter Weekday/St Bernardine of Siena
TUESDAY	12 noon	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Easter Weekday/St Rita of Cascia
THURSDAY	12 noon	Funeral Mass for Alf McManus
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Easter Weekday
SATURDAY	11.00 am	St Bede (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

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Nazareth House & retired priests in the deanery

Collection last Sunday £1012.23.

Thank you for your contributions to the **Priests' Training Fund** which so far have come to £931.41. The Fund will remain open for another two weeks.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Sacramental Programme

Children and parents meet **today** at 9.50 am in the parish hall. We will be considering what is meant by '**The Body of Christ**'. There will be a celebration in school next Thursday at 2.45 pm in connection with this theme. Refreshments after the 9 o'clock Mass today will be in the Cottage.

Prayer Partners

There are still a few letters to be collected from outside the sacristy.

Children's Liturgy

This will take place **next Sunday 26 May** during 11 o'clock Mass. Children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Deanery/Diocese

Confirmation

This is the **final call** for anyone aged 13 or over who has not been confirmed. Bishop John Arnold will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in the Cathedral during the 11 o'clock Mass on Whit Sunday, **9 June**. If you would like to take

advantage of this Confirmation, please see Fr Allen **today** so that proper preparation may be made.

Prestwich Clough Day

*Churches Together in Prestwich and Kersal are hosting a tent in this year's Prestwich Clough Day, to be held **this Sunday 19 May** in St Mary's Flower Garden, Bury New Road. Last year's tent proved very successful, 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 will be available and 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.

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**. He can be sponsored online www.justgiving.com/fundraising/frichardstriathlon 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.

Feast of St Philip Neri

Bank Holiday **Monday 27 May** at the Oratory Church of St Chad, Cheetham Hill Road, Manchester, M4 4EX
Solemn Mass at 11.00 am.
Music - Victoria, Missa pro Victoria (1600) with brass
Followed by a garden party.
Everyone is welcome.
More details on the parish

website www.manchesterora.tory.org

Bishops' Conference

At their meeting last week, the Bishops thanked all who worked for 'Adoremus' - the national Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage last year in Liverpool. The Bishops' Working Group will continue meeting with Diocesan Representatives to foster increased adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the communities of England and Wales. It will also support the ongoing efforts of the Bishops' Working Group of Adoremus towards the promotion of future Eucharistic Congresses. The next International Eucharistic Congress is to be held in Budapest, Hungary, in September 2020.

Catholic Emancipation

*As we vote in this Thursday's election, we might remember that it is 190 years since the **Catholic Relief Act** came into force in England and Wales, offering long-awaited legislation to allow Catholics to play their part in the public life of our countries.*

In the centuries following the Reformation, Catholics had numerous restrictions placed upon them such as not being allowed to purchase land, hold civil or military offices or seats in Parliament, inherit property or practice their religion freely without incurring civil penalties.

The Catholic Relief Act of 1829 started to redress this, allowing Catholics to sit in Parliament and vote in elections. One of the key players in the emancipation, and ultimately the Act, was the Irish barrister and orator

Daniel O'Connell. He peacefully mobilised the Catholic peasantry to agitate for emancipation and founded the Catholic Association in Ireland. In 1828, he flouted the custom of allowing by-elections to pass uncontested: he ran for and won the seat of County Clare by 68% of the vote. Even Ghandi was inspired by O'Connell's example to be a leader of liberation through non-violent acts.

For more details see www.catholic-ew.org.uk

A Prayer of Pope Francis

Let us turn in prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of our faith.

Mother, help our faith!
Open our ears to hear God's word and to recognize his voice and call.
Awaken in us a desire to follow in his footsteps ...
Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him in faith.

Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.

Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.
Remind us that those who believe are never alone.

Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus, that he may be light for our path.
And may this light of faith always increase in us, until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ himself, your Son, our Lord!