



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

‘Stay with us, Lord, on our journey’

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EASTER SUNDAY 21 APRIL 2019

Pope Francis' *Urbi et Orbi* Blessing from Rome will be relayed by BBC1 TV today at 11.00 am GMT

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am	
MONDAY	9.15 am	Easter Monday
TUESDAY	12 noon	Easter Tuesday
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Easter Wednesday
THURSDAY	12 noon	Easter Thursday
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Easter Friday
SATURDAY	3.00 pm	Easter Saturday Queen of Peace Day

SUNDAY NEXT – Divine Mercy Sunday

CONFESSIONS this week

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 Louise Kaye of Muirfield Close, Prestwich. May she rest in peace.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER St Patrick's, Rochdale

Collection last Sunday £1271.58. Thank you also for a donation of £20 towards Easter flowers. The Good Friday collection for the Church in the Holy Land realised £747.80.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Easter Greetings

Fr Allen and Fr Dearman are very grateful for the good wishes and gifts received in the past few days and warmly wish all parishioners and friends a very happy and blessed Easter.

Stations of the Cross

The Year 4 schoolchildren in Our Lady of Grace School presented the Stations of the Cross in church on two days

last week. We are most grateful to them and to all who prepared them. Everyone who attended was deeply moved. We send our thanks to all those responsible.

Go carefully

You will have noticed that the leaded glass on one of the entrance doors into church from the porch has now been repaired. The door opposite needed repair not too long ago. The damage was

caused by people opening the doors by pushing on the glass. We will shortly get these glass panels protected. Meanwhile, **please push on the wood to open the doors, not the glass!**

Almanacs have arrived

The 2019 Salford Diocesan Almanac has finally been printed and is available on the piety stall at £3. The delay has been caused by the numerous changes to parishes and clergy. Now at last we have an up-to-date

record of where people are, and details of the many new parishes created in the diocese by amalgamating two or more parishes.

Letter for You!

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. Please collect yours and save the parish having to pay the postage! If you think you should have a letter but can't find one, let us know.

Welcome ... & Farewell!

Already some people have made use of the new forms to be found in the porch to let us know of their arrival in the parish. It would be greatly appreciated if newcomers and anyone leaving would complete the simple form in the porch and put it through the presbytery letter-box. We like to be able to welcome you as you come or to say 'Thank you' and wish you well if you go.

200 Club: the April draw will be held on Friday 26 April. All monies and books to the presbytery please.

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St George's Day

Because it falls this year during the Easter Octave, the liturgical celebration of St George's Day is transferred to Tuesday 30 April. This year the Cathedral welcomes us to a Mass in honour of the Patron Saint of England, Saint George, on 30 April at 7.00 pm. Following the Mass there will be a shared table and tea and coffee served. BYOB. All welcome.

Pilgrimages

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.

The 87th annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to **Lourdes**, led by Bishop John Arnold, will take place **between 25 July and 31 July** when priests and people from all over the Salford Diocese will join the pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine. Poster in inner porch gives details.

Or visit

www.salfordlourdes.co.uk

How bad can it get?

Last week the Government trumpeted its 'no-fault' divorce plans. This week the Government says no-fault leads to injustice. Only this time it's tenancy contracts.

And this time the Government is to stop tenancy agreements being ended for no reason! Yes, really. The Government says that 'no-fault evictions' are unjust and unfair. However, with marriage law, no-fault divorce is apparently a must.

In marriage, couples promise to be together for life. Landlords and tenants generally never say "I do" for life. But under Government plans a marriage will be on a more flimsy basis than a tenancy agreement. A marriage could be scrapped on request by one spouse – all in six months flat – whereas Landlords are to be barred from evicting a tenant at short notice after a fixed-term tenancy has ended, unless they have a "concrete,

evidenced reason". The inconsistency here is staggering.

The Government's press release talks about ending "unfair evictions" and giving "greater peace of mind" and security to tenants. Yet ministers don't seem to have any problem with unfair divorces or any desire to give spouses peace of mind. They're content to allow people to simply unilaterally resign from their marriages – with all the insecurity that then comes for the other party and any children. This could include anxieties about the fate of the family home – but goes much deeper.

Public policy is sending out the message that you're much better off with a tenancy than a marriage.

The Government must think again on its no-fault divorce plans, which will be disastrous for family life and society.

From *Coalition for Marriage*
www.c4m.org.uk

An Easter Thought

"During this night of resurrection, with all our hearts we shall sing the alleluia, the song of joy that has no need of words. Hence, Paul can say to the Philippians: "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I will say, rejoice!" (Phil 4:4). Joy cannot be commanded. It can only be given. The risen Lord gives us joy: true life. We are already held for ever in the love of the One to whom all power in heaven and on earth has been given (cf Mt 28:18)."

(Pope Benedict XVI, during a homily given at the Easter Vigil 2007)