



# OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER 26 MAY 2019

### HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 &amp; 11.00 am</b>	
MONDAY	9.15 am	St Augustine of Canterbury
TUESDAY	12 noon	Easter Weekday
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Anniversary of Consecration of Our Lady of Grace church

<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord Holyday of obligation</b>
	<b>Mass: Wednesday 7.00 pm Thursday 12 noon</b>

FRIDAY	9.15 am	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
SATURDAY	11.00 am	St Justin, Martyr (Novena 10.40)

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY	11.30 am-12.30 pm	6.00-6.45 pm
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EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday 11.30 am -12.30 pm

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Holy Family, Kirkholt

Collection last Sunday £1262.64. Thank you for your contributions to the **Priests' Training Fund** which now stands at £1082.41. The Fund will remain open for another week.

Thank you also for generous donations received in the past week: £50 from the Zimbabwe group; £300 for sanctuary carpet; and £500 (Gift aided).

## NEWSLETTER

### Parish

#### Children's Liturgy

Today Sunday 26 May during 11 o'clock Mass. Children from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are welcome and encouraged to attend.

On this day, 26 May 1889, Fr David Walshe came from St Alban's, Blackburn, to live in the presbytery at St Thomas of Canterbury, Higher Broughton. Fr Walshe had

just been appointed to start a new parish in Prestwich. Until he found somewhere to live in Prestwich he worked the new parish from Higher Broughton. That was 130 years ago to this very day.

#### Thursday next

Next Thursday will be a double celebration for us at Our Lady of Grace. It is the Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord and also the anniversary of the consecration of Our Lady of

Grace church on 30 May 1956.

#### Traidcraft

Our next monthly stall, selling fairly-traded foods and other goods, will be **next Sunday 2 June** in the parish hall after the 9am and 11am Masses. Please continue to support us; by doing so, you not only ensure that farmers and workers in the Third World receive a fair price for their produce, but you also help CAFOD's work with some of

the poorest communities in the world.

### **Sister Theresa**

*This parish has supported Sister Theresa Abigaba for some years now. Sister founded the first Special school in Western Uganda for handicapped children. The school – Good Shepherd School – now teaches over 200 such children. It depends entirely on voluntary subscriptions. The contents of the Starving World box this month will go to Sister to help with the school. See the montage of photos on the inner notice board.*

### **Thursday Singalong**

The group for people with dementia and their carers will now meet in the parish hall **every other Thursday, beginning on Thursday of this coming week.** We meet from 11.00 am until 12.30.

This week is Dementia Action Week, making us more aware of the impact Dementia has not just on the individual but on their families. One person develops dementia in the UK every three minutes. More than 850,000 people in the UK are now living with the condition, and that figure is expected to rise to one million by 2021.

Specifically this year the Alzheimer Society is asking us to 'join the conversation'. They are encouraging everyone to take action by starting a conversation with someone they know living with dementia. It can all begin with a simple 'hello'.

Our Lady of Grace parish is making a little contribution to 'joining the conversation' by our fortnightly sessions,

which are much appreciated by those who come. If you know of anyone who might profit from coming please let them know. Our Singalong can make a real difference to those with dementia, since they can get out of the house, and meet in a familiar location, with old friends and new, over simple refreshments, at the same time feeling safe and supported.

**200 Club:** *the May draw will be held on Friday 31 May. All monies and books to the presbytery please.*

### **Deanery/Diocese**

#### **Confirmation**

The diocesan programme for Confirmation will shortly get under way. Then, from Easter 2021, the Bishop will confirm children in Year 8.

To prepare, there will be a two-year programme. It begins next month with a gathering on Saturday 15 June in the Victoria Hall, Bolton, for children presently in Year 6.

**Each parish will be expected to take a leading part in helping candidates prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Here at Our Lady of Grace we already have an excellent team of catechists for First Holy Communion. We will need another separate team for Confirmation. Fr Allen would love to hear from anyone who would like to help in this way.**

#### **Vacancy**

**A Communications Assistant at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford. Salary: £20,000 - 25,000 per annum depending on experience.**

*The purpose of the role is to support the Communications Manager in a busy, dynamic environment. They will assist with a variety of external and internal communications involving both the work of the diocese and its parishes. The suitable candidate will understand and be sympathetic to the work of the Catholic Church, and be passionate about supporting the work of the Diocese, including promoting education and strengthening social action in line with the social teaching of the Church.*

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#### **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.manchesteroratory.org](http://www.manchesteroratory.org)

***Ascension Thursday*** *this week marks the day Jesus departed the earth. It is a day to celebrate Christ's victory over sin and death and his eternal reign at God the Father's right hand. It is therefore a day filled with joy and hope that we will one day be resurrected and glorified like Christ (1 John 3:2).*