



# OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

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## 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER 5 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	Easter Weekday
TUESDAY	12 noon	Easter Weekday
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Easter Weekday
THURSDAY	12 noon	Funeral Mass for Mary Byrne
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Easter Weekday
SATURDAY	11.00 am	Easter Weekday (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 Mrs Mary Byrne of Milton Road, Prestwich, Mr Alan Brennan of Hampden Road, Prestwich, Mr David Briggs of Scott Road, Prestwich, and Mr Alf McManus, late of Stanhope Court, Prestwich. May they rest in peace.

**DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER** St Peter, Middleton

Collection last Sunday £1079.26. **Next Sunday** collection for Priests' Training Fund (see over)

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **Parish**

#### **Prayer Partners**

If you signed up some weeks ago to be a prayer partner to one of the children shortly making their first Holy Communion, would you kindly collect your letter from outside the sacristy today? First Communions will be on Saturdays 15 and 22 June, with a parish celebration on Sunday 23 June.

#### **Traidcraft ...**

**... is today Sunday 5 May,**  
in the Parish Hall after the

*9am and 11am Masses.  
Please continue to support us; by doing so, you ensure that farmers and workers in the Third World receive a fair price for their produce. You also help CAFOD's work with some of the poorest communities in the world.*

**May Procession and Crowning is next Sunday 12 May at 3.00 pm.** Pope St Paul VI, in his "Letter on the Occasion of the First of May" (30 April 1965), noted not only the venerable tradition of May devotions to Mary, but also their importance: "It is

precisely because the month of May is a powerful incentive to more fervent and trusting prayer, and because during it our petitions find their way more easily to the compassionate heart of Our Blessed Lady, that it has been a custom dear to our predecessors to choose this month, dedicated to Mary, for inviting the Christian people to offer up public prayers, whenever the needs of the Church demanded it, or whenever danger hovered menacingly over the world...

"When we look at the present needs of the Church or at the

state of peace in the world, we have compelling reasons for believing that the present hour is especially grave; that it makes a call for united prayer from the whole Christian people more than ever a matter of urgency.”

Considering the plight of so many Christians who face persecution throughout the world, all of us should use this month for fervent prayer for them.

### **Good Shepherd Sunday**

**Next 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.

**Next Sunday 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.

### **Pilgrimage To Walsingham**

Yesterday 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. We also carried our new parish banner for the first time.

**2019 Salford diocesan almanac** is now available on the piety stall at £3.

## **Deanery/Diocese**

### **Confirmation**

**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.

### **March for Life 2019**

This will be in London on **Saturday 11 May**. A group rail booking has been made from Manchester Piccadilly to London Euston at a cost of £46.20 return per person (concessionary fares available). For information contact John: 07909 920739 [john@mcr4life.co.uk](mailto:john@mcr4life.co.uk)

### **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](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/frrichardstriathlon) or by card or cheque through the NW Office of ACN- 01524 388739; [nw.office:acnuk.org](http://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.

## **St. Marie's Bury wins National Lottery support**

We are happy to congratulate the parish of St Marie and St Joseph in Bury on receiving £214,500, a massive injection of financial support, from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, for repairs and renewal of the lantern tower and masonry to St. Marie's Church. Made possible by National Lottery players, the project aims to remedy defects and also address some structural issues and enable the restoration of some of the finer architectural details to the tower and lantern.

Designed by Lancashire-born architect, John Harper, St. Marie's is a Grade II listed building, completed in 1842, the oldest Catholic church in Bury. The iconic lantern and tower is an eye-catching and prominent feature of the Bury town centre skyline. The church is open daily and used not only by its parishioners but also by those who work in and visit the town. The work to the lantern and tower will be extensive, taking several months.

Commenting on the award, the parish priest, Father Francis Wadsworth, said: "We're absolutely delighted and very grateful to have received this tremendous level of support thanks to National Lottery players. St. Marie's is a much-loved church with a long history of service to the Catholic community who live, work in, and visit Bury. This support will help preserve the fabric of the building, and also help us to encourage more visitors to call in and enjoy a few quiet and reflective moments while learning about its history."