



# OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

‘Stay with us, Lord, on our journey’

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## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT 7 APRIL 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	Lent Weekday
TUESDAY	12 noon	Lent Weekday
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Lent Weekday
THURSDAY	12 noon	Lenten Weekday/St Stanislaus
	<b>7.30 pm</b>	Deanery Lenten Station Mass at St Peter's, Middleton
FRIDAY	<b>8.00 am</b>	Lent Weekday
SATURDAY	11.00 am	Lent Weekday/St Martin 1 (Novena 10.40)
SUNDAY NEXT	Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord	

### CONFESSIONS this week

TUESDAY (at Our Lady of Dolours Servite Church) Penance Service at 7.00 pm  
SATURDAY 11.30 am -12.30 pm 6.00-6.45 pm

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** 11.30 am to 12.30 pm

**YOUR PRAYERS** are asked for Mr Donald Martin of Holyrood Court, Prestwich; and Fr Myles Sheahan, retired parish priest of St Christopher's, Ashton-under-Lyne. May they rest in peace.

**DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER** St Mary's, Radcliffe

Collection last Sunday £1218.02. Thank you also for a donation of £500.  
Thank you also for the CAFOD Family Fast Day contributions which have now reached £1377.53. With Gift Aid, the total benefit to CAFOD is £1520.03. The **Cyclone Appeal** has so far come to £452.05. Thanks to your generosity in the **Starving World box** in March we are able to send a further £523.17 to CAFOD. The April contents will go to Aid to the Church in Need.

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **Parish**

#### **Our new Banner**

When groups have taken part in meetings or processions, we've heard it said: "Why can't we have a banner like other parishes?" Well, now we have. It is on display by the Lady chapel. Those taking part for

example in the diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham, or in the Italian Walk in Manchester, and also on other occasions are invited to use this banner.

#### **Offertory Boxes**

*All but two of the boxes of envelopes for the offertory collection scheme have*

*been collected or delivered. If you don't already use the envelopes, please consider joining – especially if you are a taxpayer. You can give as much as you like, and as often as you wish – there is no commitment to any fixed donation. If you are interested, please fill in the slip on this newsletter and*

place in the collection or through the presbytery door.

### Traidcraft

Our monthly sale of fair-trade goods will be held in the Parish Hall **today Sunday 7 April** after both the 9am and 11am Masses. People who placed orders for Fairtrade Easter eggs can collect their eggs; and there is still time to order eggs in time for Easter.

The Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 8 April** 7.00-8.00 pm at 1B St Margaret's Close, Prestwich. All are welcome.

### Dementia Care

"What Our Lady of Grace does today, the Government thinks tomorrow!" We started our **Singalong group** earlier this year. This week the Health Secretary, Matt Hancock, recommended that people with dementia should be given music or dance therapy to prevent them from being 'over-medicalised'.

His comments follow research which found that giving people with dementia personal playlists resulted in a 60% reduction in the need for drugs.

Mr Hancock said: "There is increasing evidence suggesting music can bring calm to people with dementia by reducing agitation and supporting those affected to cope better with symptoms."

From now onwards we will meet in the parish hall on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays** of each month, 11.00 am to 12.30 pm. **Come and join us, and tell others about it.** Next meeting is **18 April**.

### Global Healing

Last Monday's film on 'Global Healing' gave us

much to think about. The world around us is in real need of healing and every one of us can help.

What about a **monthly 'action plan'** centred around one particular thing? **This month let's think about our use of water.** So much water is wasted, yet the supply is not unlimited. By what simple ways can we save water?

### Lenten Stations

The next Deanery Lenten Station Mass is at **St Peter's, Taylor Street, Middleton M24 1BL next Thursday 11 April at 7.30 pm.** If you would like to come but have no transport please sign up on the list by the choir stairs and transport will be found.

### Defibrillator now here!

In case you missed this item last week, we repeat that we have bought a defibrillator which can be used by anyone in the church or hall or cottage needing urgent medical help. The defibrillator will be kept **in the presbytery** for ease of access from all these venues.

### Holy Week times

**Holy Thursday**, Mass of the Last Supper, **7.30 pm**

**Good Friday**, Stations of the Cross **10.00 am**. Liturgy of the Passion **3.00 pm**

**Easter Vigil**, Saturday night **9.00 pm**

### Deanery/Diocese

### Mass of the Sacred Chrism

We have been given four tickets for this Mass in Salford Cathedral on

**Wednesday 17 April** at 11.00 am when the oils to be used in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Anointing of the Sick and Ordination will be blessed.

This is a diocesan-wide celebration in a packed Cathedral, and one much appreciated by all who attend. If you would like one of the tickets please tell Fr Allen.

### 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](mailto:lynnefcj@hotmail.com) or find us on Facebook (FCJ Young Adult Network)

Diocesan Day Pilgrimage to **Walsingham** on **Saturday 4 May**. Coaches leave from different parts of the diocese at about 7.00 am, leaving Walsingham on return at 5.00 pm. £20 return. For Bury district ring Fiona 07939 262 204.

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