



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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EASTER SUNDAY 1 APRIL 2018

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	Funeral Mass for Una Anderson
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Easter Friday
SATURDAY	11.00 am	Easter Saturday (Novena 10.40 am)

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

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER St Marie & St Joseph, Bury

Collection last Sunday £1281.78. Thank you also for a donation of £20 towards Easter flowers.

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 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.

Offertory Boxes

Thank you to those who have already collected their offertory boxes from outside the sacristy. The new envelopes will be needed from next Sunday so if you haven't already done so, would you kindly pick up

your box today? The parish must be very grateful to all who contribute regularly and so make it possible to live without too many financial worries.

The parish however is losing out on the extra income that it could claim, if only all our tax-paying parishioners would sign a simple Gift Aid certificate. The government is happy to refund the tax that you have already paid on what you give to the Church – 25p for every £1

given – and it costs you nothing!

Forms are at the back of church.

Congratulations!

1) On Easter Monday, 2 April 1956, **Leo Brooks** married **Lily Maria Rathburn**. The couple plan to celebrate their anniversary, God willing, with a family day out on Easter Monday 2018 at Chester Zoo with their six children, twenty grandchildren and their seven precious great grandchildren.

2) **Deacon Rohan Michael Dias** will be ordained to the priesthood on Tuesday 17 April in Mangalore Cathedral in India. His brother **Vincent Dias**, a parishioner of Our Lady of Grace, is going to the ordination along with his wife **Feliciana** and daughter **Sofia**.

200 Club March Winners

£80 112 Mr B Jones

Agent Mrs S Cooper

£40 277 Mrs Hall

Agent Mrs A Murphy

£20 11 Mrs O Beck

Agent Mrs M Makin

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Divine Mercy Sunday

This will be observed with special ceremonies **next Sunday 8 April** in several churches of the diocese. Details of some of these are displayed in the outer porch.

They include **St Marie's, Bury**, with Devotions at 3.00 pm and **St Clare's, Blackley**, with Devotions at 2.30 pm.

Liverpool Congress

The National Eucharistic Congress will be held in

Liverpool 7-9 September this year. The national organisers had told us that names of those attending would be needed before the end of March.

They have now realised that this was an impossible target. They have changed their deadline to the end of May.

Already five parishioners have signed up to go to the Congress. If others wish to go, for one or two days, please see Fr Allen, who is also the Salford diocesan coordinator for the Congress.

Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of all the faithful – clergy, religious and laity – which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The last International Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908. The Congress in 2018 will be the first National Congress ever to be held in England and Wales.

These are some of the Congress highlights.

Friday 7 September

Welcome: Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP and the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain

- 1) The Scriptural Context – Canon Mervyn Tower
- 2) The Eucharist in the life of the Church - Canon David Oakley
- 3) Teaching the Eucharist – Sr Margaret Atkins OSA

In the afternoon you can attend one of the three presentations for each time slot.

1) Dora Nash: Preparing Children for the Sacraments of Initiation, or Bishop Paul Mason and Fr Paul Douthwaite: The ministry of the Eucharist in hospitals and prisons, or Fr Paul Gunter OSB: Eucharistic Liturgical Rites outside of Mass

2) Dr Dominic Robinson SJ and National Ecumenical Officers: The Eucharist as a sign of the Church's Unity: "One Bread, One Body" revisited, or Dr Philip McCarthy, CSAN: "A kingdom of justice, love and peace": The Eucharist and Social Justice, or Julie Rourke: Teaching children to pray

3) Dr Ian Ker: John Henry Newman and Dominic Barberi: An historical moment in Eucharistic Adoration, or Chris McElroy: Musical resources for Adoration, or Fr Chris Thomas and Sr Moira Meeghan: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: Ministry and Practice

Saturday 8 September

Keynote 1 - Bishop Robert Barron of Los Angeles
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Exploring the themes of the congress with Drama, Testimony and Presentations

Exposition and Benediction to include reflection from Cardinal Vincent Nichols

Sunday 9 September Liverpool Cathedral

9.30 Solemn Mass,
Celebrant: Archbishop Malcolm McMahon OP

11.30 Solemn Mass,
Celebrant: Cardinal Vincent
Nichols

13.00 Outdoor Eucharistic
Procession

14.45 Benediction