



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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22nd SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 1 SEPTEMBER 2019

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am	
MONDAY	9.15 am	
TUESDAY	12 noon	St Gregory the Great
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	(St Cuthbert)
THURSDAY	12 noon	
FRIDAY	9.15 am and 2.00 pm Nuptial Mass:	Rennie Lee & Joane Mina
SATURDAY	11.00 am	(Novena 10.40)

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 11.30 am - 12.30 pm 6.00-6.45 pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 11.30 am - 12.30 pm

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER St Michael & St Bernadette, Whitefield

Collection last Sunday £1159.10. Thank you also for a donation of £50.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Coming very soon: BI John Henry Newman

Blessed John Henry Newman will be canonised in Rome on 13 October. **Fr Lawrence Gambella** will give an illustrated talk about Newman in the parish hall at 3.00 pm **next Sunday 8 September**. All welcome. The Oratories of England have created a website about John Henry Newman and his canonisation. Visit www.newmancanonisation.com

Also, Mass for the Sick

On **Saturday 14 September** at 11.00 am, here in church,

there will be Mass with Anointing (the Sacrament of the Sick) for the elderly, sick and housebound. If you need a lift please ring 0161-773 2324 or 0161-773 2690. The parish SVP is arranging a reception and buffet in the parish hall after Mass. Everyone welcome!

Our Common Home September: plastic

Continuing the theme we began earlier this year, each month will feature a way in which we can contribute to saving the planet. This month we ask - **Can we reduce our use of plastic, particularly of single-use plastic?** We must think carefully about our choices when

buying, for example, soap, laundry detergent, wipes, straws, water bottles, vegetables and fruit. What alternatives are there to goods containing plastic or wrapped in plastic? Plastic can take hundreds (or sometimes thousands) of years to decompose. (See also Bishop Arnold's Message overleaf)

200 Club August winners

£80 40 Mrs S Cooper
Agent Mrs S Cooper
£40 96 Mrs M Gormley
Agent Presbytery
£20 Mrs A McMenemy
Agent Mrs S Cooper

Traidcraft: our monthly Traidcraft sale is **today** in the

Parish Hall after both the 9am and 11am Masses. For this one day only, all our Christmas cards will be reduced by £1 per pack.

A roof leak! The hall roof is leaking in, hence the scaffolding outside.

Deanery/Diocese

Rosary in Platt Fields,
3.00pm **Saturday 7**

September with Gospel
Singer **Tom McCourt**.

Youth Ministry in Parishes

This is a training opportunity at Thornleigh Salesian College, Bolton, on **Saturday 14 September** 10.00 am to 3.00pm and could be an important help to further the engagement of young people in our parish. If you would be interested in attending please let Fr Allen know.

Going to University?

University Chaplains play an important part in university life. They support all students who pass through the university gates.

Catholic Chaplains serve in all universities in the country, including here in our diocese of Salford.

Fr Frankie Mulgrew, Chaplain to the University of Salford, lists his **top five reasons** to visit your university chaplaincy, whatever your university.

1, You'll find a place of welcome, fellowship and a space to relax with like-minded people.

Whoever you are and wherever you come from, you will be welcomed with open arms to your University Chaplaincy. People from all walks of life and faiths are embraced. The chaplaincy can offer a safe space for you to recharge and share

thoughts with people you might not have otherwise encountered in your university journey.

2, You can go deeper in your faith through liturgy and events.

University Chaplaincies provide students spiritually with Masses, confessions and a weekly holy hour, as well as other events. These offerings will provide you with a unique opportunity to go deeper in your faith throughout your time as a student, learning more about yourself. University is a time for self-development professionally and personally, so why not spiritually too?

3, You will make new friends through social events.

Starting university, with many moving cities and leaving home for the first time, can be daunting. But with a growing list of events on the Chaplaincy's social calendar, visiting the Chaplaincy can be a perfect opportunity to expand your networks and meet new people.

4, We'll be there for you in difficult times that may lay ahead.

While University can be great, it comes with its own pressures and there will be times when it may feel as if things are getting too much. If you feel that way, the University Chaplaincy can provide a safety net for you to fall back on, offering support and advice in how to move forward.

And Fr Frankie's final reason is...

5, Because your mum will be so happy when you tell her you've visited the Catholic Chaplaincy!

Message from Bishop John Arnold

Sunday 1 September marks the "World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation." This day of prayer was instituted in the Catholic Church in 2015 by Pope Francis ... It also marks the start of the "Season of Creation," which unites Christians in prayer and action for the protection of our common home. The Season of Creation ends on 4 October, the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. During this season we are encouraged to deepen our relationship with God, our neighbour, and the earth we share, being ever more attentive to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

Especially at this time, with attention on the fires in the Amazon Rainforest, we pray for those in positions of power and influence to be effective 'guardians of God's creation', which includes all of us who exercise influence as consumers. We also pray for those who are involved in the preparations for the Synod on the Amazon ...

We all have our part to play in caring for our common home, and ... we encourage a Christian spirituality of ecology, and a call to a new lifestyle, beginning in personal and family life. As disciples, we are invited to be part of the redeeming mission of Christ and to approach our task with joy and gratitude. "Rather than a problem to be solved, the world is a joyful mystery to be contemplated with gladness and praise [Laudato Si', 12]." We invite you to pray with us, especially on 1 September, but throughout the Season of Creation.