



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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5th SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 10 FEBRUARY 2019

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am	
MONDAY	9.15 am	(Our Lady of Lourdes)
TUESDAY	12 noon	
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	
THURSDAY	12 noon	St Cyril & St Methodius, Patrons of Europe
FRIDAY	9.15 am	With Year 4 children
SATURDAY	3.00 pm	Queen of Peace Day

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 11.30 am -12.30 pm 6.00-6.45 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 11.30 am to 12.30 pm

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich

Collection last Sunday £927.57.

The collection for the work of Caritas (Diocese of Salford) came to £842.84, but thanks to the ten people who Gift Aided their donations the total will increase by £36 to £878.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Party time!

It seems a long time since we had a 'Church Workers' Party'. To brighten up the winter months, and have a celebration before Lent, what about such a party on **Saturday 2 March**? That would be the Saturday before Ash Wednesday. We would start from 7.30 pm in the parish hall.

This will be a nice way to show appreciation of all the good work done by so many.

You know who you are, and many of you are listed in the parish Year Book, so no formal invitations will be sent out. But it would help with catering if you would kindly indicate if you are coming. Just fill in the slip on the other side of this Newsletter and return it to the presbytery or put it in next Sunday's collection.

Getting nearer

Our new project is intended to help people with memory loss or dementia, together with their carers. Meet in

the Cottage on Thursday 7 March at 11.30 am, to enjoy an hour or so singing some old favourites, and having a chat over a warm drink in a safe and happy place. Please spread the word about this project to anyone you know who might benefit from it.

Work in the parish hall

Work began last week on completely re-furbishing the ladies toilets and should finish mid-week. Meanwhile the disabled toilet is available for use.

Deanery/Diocese

Confirmation

This is a message for Catholics who are **aged 13 or older and not yet confirmed.**

Bishop John Arnold will celebrate Mass and the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Whit Sunday, 9 June, at 11.00 am at Salford Cathedral.** To allow for proper preparation, please give your details in writing to Fr Allen if you wish to be confirmed on Whit Sunday next.

Fatima in Salford!

The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will visit the Cathedral on **Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 February.** Full details can be found on the diocesan website or via the poster in the inner porch.

Deanery Mass for our Young People

"Be Who God Created You To Be" is the theme of this Deanery event to be held on **Tuesday 26 February 7.00 pm** at Sacred Heart Church, Rochdale, OL16 5BX.

All are welcome at this Mass for Youth, especially the young but all others who wish to encourage and pray for our young people. It should be a great celebration and there will be refreshments afterwards. Please do attend and show our "Hope in the Future" in our young people.

Brexit and European Citizens

One of the consequences of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union is that European Union citizens

in the UK will have to apply for Settled Status, from March 2019 and before the deadline of 30 June 2021, to be able to stay legally in the UK and have their rights protected after Brexit.

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales are very concerned about the introduction of the Settled Status. Their comment can be found on their website www.catholicnews.org.uk

*A national organisation, the 3million, together with two local Italian organizations (Italiankids and INCA UK), and with the support of the European Commission, has organised an "EU Citizens' Rights Sessions" in Prestwich, on **Saturday 9 March at 10.30 am at the Parish Hall, Our Lady of Grace**, to explain in simple terms the Settled Status application.*

All European Citizens are invited to this important meeting.

Songs of Praise

Received this week from the organisers of TV's Songs of Praise:

'You are warmly invited to a special Songs of Praise music recording of hymns and songs at **Bolton's Victoria Hall** in March, featuring Shalom Chorale, winners of Songs of Praise Gospel Choir of the Year 2018 and some very special guests. All are welcome and we are especially keen for enthusiastic singers to join us and lead the viewers at home in the singing. We would love to see every seat filled, so please only apply if you are definitely able to come.'

The recording will be at the Victoria Hall, Knowsley Street, Bolton BL1 2AS, Friday 8 March 6.30-9.30 pm.

For free tickets apply by sending name, address, contact phone number and number of tickets requested to SOPcongregations@avanti-media.tv Or call on 0161 873 7073.

There are also invitations to choir competitions to be held on 9 and 10 March. Poster in outer porch gives details.

Pope Francis

'Beyond all the speeches, one further step was taken in Abu Dhabi when the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar and I signed the Document on Human Fraternity.

'There we affirm the common vocation of all men and women to be brothers and sisters as children of God, we reject every form of violence – especially that committed in the name of religion – and we dedicate ourselves to defending authentic values and peace in the world.

'Let us pray that the seeds sown during the visit may bear much fruit according to His holy will.'

Words above of Pope Francis on his return to Rome after his historic visit last week to the United Arab Emirates and Morocco.

I hope to come to the Party on 2 March.

Name:

(Return asap)