



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 13 JANUARY 2019 First Sunday 'Of the Year'

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	Funeral Mass for Jadwiga Getz
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	
THURSDAY	12 noon	St Antony, abbot
FRIDAY	9.15 am	With Year 6 children
SATURDAY	11.00 am	(St Wulstan) (Novena 10.40 am)

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 Holy Family, Kirkholt

Collection last Sunday £1299.45.

Today sees the annual White Flower Appeal by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). See note overleaf. There will be a retiring collection.

Thanks to your generosity in the **Starving World box** in December we are able to send £620.49 to Aid to the Church in Need. The January contents will go to the St Francis Leprosy Guild.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Sacramental Programme

Meeting for children and their parents **today Sunday 13 January** at 9.50 am in the parish hall. **Next Sunday**, at whichever Mass they come to, parents will present their children as candidates for the Sacraments of Penance (Reconciliation) and Holy Communion. Year 3 or older children in schools other than Our Lady of Grace Primary who have not made their first

Communion would still be welcome on the parish programme. Just mention it to Fr Allen.

Pre-Marriage Course

*Our pre-marriage course, run jointly with Our Lady of Dolours parish, will begin on **Monday 11 February** at the Servite Priory, 500 Bury New Road, Kersal M7 4ND, 7.00-8.30 pm. The Course will continue each Monday after that until Monday 25 March. If you are getting*

*married this year, this Course is for **you!** It is a requirement that couples attend such a Course if they are marrying in the Catholic Church.*

A New Venture!

This is a new project 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.

Those who come can decide after this initial meeting how frequent such meetings might be. This venture is non-denominational and there will be no charge to attend. And if you are simply feeling in need of some company you will be very welcome too. If you are interested please phone 07928 400063 or email prestwichsingalong@gmail.com

'White Flower' Appeal

*The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will hold its annual appeal **today**. SPUC is currently campaigning to stop the decriminalisation of abortion, which means taking abortion outside the law. This is the most dangerous threat to unborn children and their mothers in decades.*

Please be as generous as you can to help SPUC defeat this latest attack on unborn babies and their mothers, and to stop abortion getting even worse in this country by decriminalisation.

Deanery/Diocese

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins

The Week begins on **Friday 18 January** and continues until **Friday 25 January**. The theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue." (Deuteronomy 16:18-20).

Churches Together in Prestwich & Kersal will hold a service **next Sunday 20 January** at Prestwich

Methodist Church on Bury New Road at 3.00 pm.

Christian communities "become newly aware of their unity as they join in a common concern and a common response to an unjust reality. At the same time, confronted by these injustices, we are obliged, as Christians, to examine the ways in which we are complicit. Only by heeding Jesus' prayer 'that they all may be one' can we witness to living unity in diversity. It is through our unity in Christ that we will be able to combat injustice and serve the needs of its victims." (Graymoor Ecumenical & Interreligious Institute).

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. By annually observing this Week of Prayer, Christians move toward the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one". (cf John 17:21)

Catholic Medical Association

Being a doctor, a nurse or a carer while at the same time trying to remain a faithful Catholic is an increasingly difficult proposition. Having a regular opportunity for Catholic healthcare practitioners to meet together, discuss aspects of medical ethics and faith, and sharing experiences, can be hugely beneficial.

The Catholic Medical Association meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm at St Mary's, Elbow Street, Levenshulme M19 3PY for Mass, mutual support and speaker-led discussion about medical

*and ethical issues. All involved in healthcare are invited. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 15 January**.*

Blessing for Engaged Couples

Bishop John Arnold invites all couples getting married in our churches in 2019, as well as any couples preparing for marriage outside the Diocese, to a Service of Blessing on **Saturday 9 February** at the Cathedral at 3.00 pm. The date is chosen for its proximity to the Feast of St Valentine. The Bishop invites engaged couples, family and friends, as well as anyone involved in marriage preparation and ministry.

Vocations Weekend for young women

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There's nothing quite like religious life, an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? Stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. Opportunity for prayer, reflection and input; chance to ask questions and meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.

Theme: Follow your Heart - Discernment and Vocation
Dates: 15 - 17 February

Location: Liverpool
For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit www.fcjsisters.org