



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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7th SUNDAY OF EASTER 13 MAY 2018

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00

am

MONDAY	9.15 am	St Matthias, apostle
TUESDAY	9.30 am	Our Lady of Grace feast day
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Funeral Mass for Bridget Thorp
THURSDAY	12 noon	Easter Weekday
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Easter Weekday/St John 1
SATURDAY	11.00 am	Easter Weekday/St Dunstan (Novena 10.40 am)
NEXT SUNDAY – Pentecost (Whit) Sunday		

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 11.30 am-12.30 pm 6.00-6.45 pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday 11.30 am - 12.30 pm

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for Mrs Bridget Thorp of Edward Street and Holt House, Prestwich; Mrs Kathleen Craine of Mellor Street, Prestwich; Mrs Maria Rosa Skrypnik of Heys Road and Oak Lodge, Prestwich; and Mrs Elizabeth (Jill) Leahy of Naseby Court, Prestwich. May they rest in peace.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER St Vincent's, Norden

Collection last Sunday £1109.85. The **Priests' Training Fund** came to £1203.63. Thank you for this and for the Ascension Thursday collection of £376.93.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

May Procession, Crowning

Today Sunday 13 May sees the May procession and crowning at 3 o'clock this afternoon. All are welcome to take part in this act of love for Our Blessed Lady, patron of our parish. **Tuesday next** is our patronal feast day of Our Lady of Grace.

Every day of the year, one parish or school is named and asked to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. **Today** is the turn of Our Lady of Grace parish. Please remember this intention in your prayers here and at home.

Sacramental Programme

The last meeting in the current programme is next

Sunday at 9.50 am in the parish hall. **It is very important that all the children attend, together with parent(s) or guardian.** The theme is 'We are the Body of Christ'.

The Prayer Group will meet tomorrow, **Monday 14 May**, 7.00-8.00 pm at 1B St Margaret's Close, Prestwich. All are welcome.

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The Catholic Fellowship

The Fellowship began sixty years ago, thanks to the efforts of two ordinary but very dedicated lay people, John and Eileen Power, with the support of Canon Joseph Lakin and Bishop George Andrew Beck. It exists for the support and welfare of children and adults with physical, sensory and learning disabilities and was known at the start as 'The Catholic Handicapped Children's Fellowship'.

If you are or have been a member or helper, you are very welcome to join the Fellowship and other organisations to celebrate its achievements and look to the future at a special Mass with Bishop John Arnold at St John's Cathedral, Chapel Street, Salford, M5 5LL at 2.00 pm on **Saturday 2 June**, for the Fellowship's diamond jubilee.

Aileen Power of the South Manchester Group writes: *'If you know nothing about us but want to find out you are welcome too. Come and join us for the Mass and afterwards in the cloisters and gardens for refreshments. Look at our displays, meet old friends and make new ones. We need to know if you are coming for catering. Please tell Jane on 0161 792 3628 (daytime) or Cath on 0161 682 9140/07949200304 (evenings) or email: catholicfellowship60@gmail.com Thank you.'*

Pentecost Youth Celebration

This will be held **next Sunday, 20 May**, in Salford Cathedral 2.00-6.30 pm.

Young people from our diocese are encouraged to attend. The keynote speaker will be **Fr Ged Kelly** and Bishop John Arnold will celebrate the Sunday Mass at 5.30 pm. For more information email: lorraine.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk Also, see poster in inner porch.

World Communications Day

The Catholic Church celebrates this day on the Sunday after the Ascension. It's a day when we pray for those who work in the media and give something to support the Church's important work in this area. We shall make a donation from the Ascension Day collection. Pope Francis, in his message for communications day, focuses on 'Fake News and Journalism for Peace'. The message may be read on the Vatican website or that of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales.

National Eucharistic Congress

The Congress will be held in Liverpool 7-9 September this year. Some inspirational speakers will lead sessions at the Congress, including **Bishop Robert Barron** from Los Angeles, one of the leading Catholic evangelists of our time. **Why not come?** Fr Allen will be happy to give details.

Pope Francis

Last Wednesday, the Holy Father spoke about Baptism and the Holy Rosary. Here are some extracts:

'If our parents have given us earthly life, the Church has regenerated us to eternal

life. We have become children in His Son Jesus (Cf Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:5-7). On each one of us also, reborn of the water and of the Holy Spirit, the celestial Father has his voice resound with infinite love, which says: "You are my beloved son". This paternal voice, imperceptible to the ear but very audible to the heart of one who believes, accompanies us throughout our life, without ever abandoning us. Throughout life the Father says to us: "You are my beloved son, you are my beloved daughter." God loves us so much, as a Father, and He doesn't leave us alone.

'This is true from the moment of Baptism. Reborn as children of God, we are so forever! Baptism, in fact, isn't repeated, because it imprints an indelible spiritual mark: "No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents Baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation" (CCC, 1272). The mark of Baptism is never lost! "But Father, if a person becomes a brigand, who kills people, who commits injustices, doesn't the mark go away?" No. To his own shame that son of God does those things, but the mark doesn't go away. And he continues to be a son of God who goes against God, but God never disowns His children. Have you understood this last thing? God never disowns His children. Shall we repeat it all together? "God never disowns His children." A bit louder, as I'm deaf and I didn't understand: [They repeat louder] "God never disowns His children." There, that's fine ...

'May is dedicated to the Virgin Mary. I invite you to

*cultivate devotion to the
Mother of God with the daily
recitation of the Rosary,
praying in particular for
peace in Syria and
throughout the world.'*