



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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EASTER SUNDAY 16 APRIL 2017

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	<u>First Mass of Sunday 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am</u>	
MONDAY	9.15 am	Easter Monday
TUESDAY	12 noon	Easter Tuesday
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Easter Wednesday
THURSDAY	12 noon	Easter Thursday
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Easter Friday
SATURDAY	2.00 pm	Nuptial Mass: Daniel Holt & Geraldine Ryan
SUNDAY NEXT	Divine Mercy Sunday	

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 10.00 am-11.00 am 12.00-12.30 pm 6.00-6.45 pm

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Our Lady & St Paul, and St Joseph, Heywood

Collection last Sunday £1431.56. Thank you also for donations of £20 & £30 towards Easter flowers. The collection on Good Friday for **the Church in the Holy Land** came to £937.16.

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.

Rome 2018

Northern Star Travel Ltd has made us an 'early booking offer' of a **5-day parish pilgrimage to Rome, 5-9 March next year**. We would be staying at the 4 star Hotel Conciliazione, literally round the corner from St Peter's.

The price of £520 includes

return flights Manchester-Rome; airport duty and passenger taxes; one suitcase for the aircraft hold; four nights bed and breakfast at the hotel; guiding in Rome with a local guide; coaching in Rome to visit various places.

A deposit of £100 per person is required, with the balance not due until four weeks before departure. Not included is personal travel insurance, nor the Rome city tax of six Euros per night payable directly to the hotel. Single room supplement

would be £100 but there is only a small number of singles.

Booking forms are available from the table by the CTS rack. This offer is dependent on having a group of at least 20 pilgrims.

The official hotel website – www.hotelconciliazione.it - says: “The brand new Hotel has been completely renovated to offer innovative technologies in the charming atmosphere of a historic building. It has an ancient well preserved facade, interior design refined, elegant furnishings and 67 rooms and junior suites completely equipped to offer all the services to satisfy any necessity with us during your stay: wi-fi connection, LCD TV with major satellite channels, mini bar, air conditioning and direct dial telephone. The bathrooms are modern in design, with a hairdryer, shower or Jacuzzi.”

An attractive offer! If interested, please sign up quickly.

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Divine Mercy Sunday

This will be observed with special ceremonies **next Sunday 23 April** in several churches of the diocese. Details of some of these are displayed in the outer porch.

Caritas Diocese of Salford (10)

“What does Caritas do?”

St Joseph’s Mission to Deaf People through its pastoral services enables deaf people and their families to access the sacramental and social life of the Church and also

offers support through a weekly surgery to assist people with form filling, medical accompaniments, benefits and personal issues.

Life-Limiting and Complex Disability Service: this new Caritas development in Didsbury will provide residential accommodation to young people aged 18-35 years old with life-limiting conditions and complex needs. The project will offer enhanced care and support for those adults with conditions such as cancer and a wide range of complex neurological and metabolic conditions.

The property has been specially adapted to cater for four young adults to live as independently as possible and offers companionship, dignity and respect in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere.

(Series now concluded)

This year **Cornerstone** will be hosting a **Big Sleep Out** in support of the people who have to endure sleeping rough on our streets. People are invited to sleep out for just one night and help those who are forced to sleep out every night.

Visit to register and set up a Justgiving page at www.cornerstonebigsleepout.co.uk or donate via the Justgiving link. Funds raised over the last two years of the Cornerstone Big Sleep out have enabled Cornerstone to create **the Safe Haven Project**. This offers temporary accommodation for some of the homeless men and women in Manchester. The Big Sleep out is at St Christopher’s church, Ashton-under-Lyne **next Friday 21 April**.

Caritas is also organizing a **Mass for Migrants** at St John’s Cathedral, Salford, at 11.30 am on **Bank Holiday Monday 1 May**. Poster in inner porch.

That same day Caritas is also assisting with an event at the **Lowry Centre** when prospective mayoral candidates for Greater Manchester will speak and answer questions. Anyone wishing to attend this event is asked to email eddie.welch@yahoo.co.uk who will give further details.

Easter Focus

Each week of Lent we have looked at countries where Aid to the Church in Need projects are helping the Faithful, in many cases making the difference between life and death.

Today we focus our prayer on **Egypt** and the Christian Coptic Church there which suffered only last Sunday when 44 people were killed in two churches. We pray also for the safety of Pope Francis who will visit Egypt 28-29 April.

Happy Birthday, Pope Benedict!

Today, Easter Sunday, is also the 90th birthday of **Pope Benedict XVI**.

His former secretary, Mgr Georg Ganswein, now Prefect of the Papal Household, said: “We will celebrate in a very small way.... Easter Monday, in the afternoon, only at home, with a very Bavarian aspect... The small dedication to Bavaria will do well for the pope’s heart, and also ours.”