



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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6th SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 17 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	
TUESDAY	12 noon	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	
THURSDAY	12 noon	(St Peter Damian)
FRIDAY	9.15 am	The Chair of St Peter the Apostle
SATURDAY	11.00 am	St Polycarp

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

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for Mrs Margaret O'Donovan of Polefield Grange, Prestwich. May she rest in peace.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Our Lady's, Langley, & St John Fisher, Boarshaw

Collection last Sunday £1185.01. Thank you for a further donation of £20 for Caritas. Thanks to your generosity in the **Starving World box** in January we have been able to send £579.33 to the St Francis Leprosy Guild. The contents in February will go to Cornerstone.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Party time!

Last week's Newsletter carried details of a 'Church Workers' Party' to be held in the parish hall from 7.30 pm on **Saturday 2 March**. 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. Thank you to those who have already replied.

Children's Liturgy ...

... next Sunday 24 February during 11am Mass. Come along and listen to the Gospel, pray, sing and take part in creative activities linked to the Gospel message. For children aged 3 to 7 (Nursery to Year 2).

Work in the parish hall

The complete re-furbishment of the ladies toilets still continues. Meanwhile the disabled toilet is available for use.

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.

Deanery/Diocese

Confirmation

- 1) **This is a message for children at present in Year 6 in primary school.**

Our Bishop, John Arnold, proposes to confirm them when they are in Year 8 of high school. He will confirm all Year 8 candidates in the diocese in 2021, between Easter and the summer holidays.

Their programme will start in June this year when Bishop Arnold will write to them all, explaining how to register for the Sacrament. In each of the three terms in Year 7, candidates will be helped towards a deeper understanding of, and a deeper commitment to, the Sacrament of Confirmation.

From September 2020 until Easter 2021 the emphasis will be on preparation within the parish, helped by catechists (as happens now for Penance and First Holy Communion).

- 2) **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 2019, 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 the next Whit Sunday.

Fatima in Salford!

Calling especially those in Fatima House in our primary school. The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will visit Salford Cathedral on **Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 February.** How about going to see and pray? Full details on the diocesan website or the poster in the inner porch.

Deanery Mass for our Young People

"Be Who God Created You To Be" – a deanery event 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. A great celebration and refreshments afterwards. Please do attend and show our "Hope in the Future" in our young people.

European Citizens

After Brexit **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.**

We will host an "EU Citizens' Rights Sessions" on **Saturday 9 March at 10.30 am in Our Lady of Grace Parish Hall, to explain in simple terms the Settled Status application. All European Citizens are invited to this important meeting.**

A Lenten Retreat

Sister Joan Kerley FMSJ and Maria Kidd will present this Retreat at Wardley Hall on the Fridays of Lent, 10.30 am – 12.30 pm. Details on poster in inner porch.

New Northern Bishop

Pope Francis has appointed **Bishop Robert Byrne**, at present auxiliary bishop in Birmingham, as Bishop of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle. Bishop Byrne comes from Urmston. He went to St Bede's College in Manchester and joined the Oratorians.

Bl John Henry Newman

John Henry Newman will be declared a saint after Pope Francis approved a second miracle attributed to the English Cardinal's intercession. Cardinal Vincent Nichols warmly welcomed the news and said he "hopes every Catholic priest in England "will hold his head high today knowing Cardinal Newman is declared a saint".

Save our Planet!

Schoolchildren are making us sit up and take notice! It's four years since Pope Francis wrote his encyclical letter 'Laudato Si', about caring for our common home. It's time we took more notice of that. Any volunteers to run something in the parish during Lent?

I hope to come to the Party on 2 March.

Name:

(Return asap)