



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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2nd SUNDAY OF LENT 17 MARCH 2019

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am	
MONDAY	9.15 am	Lent Weekday (St Cyril of Jerusalem)
TUESDAY	9.15 am	St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Lent Weekday
THURSDAY	7.30 pm	Lenten Station here
FRIDAY	8.00 am	Lent Weekday
SATURDAY	11.00 am	Lent Weekday (St Turibius) (Novena 10.40)

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 St Hilda, Tottington

Collection last Sunday £1212.16.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Happy 10th Birthday!

It is ten years since **Mgr Mark Davies** (now Bishop of Shrewsbury) opened the parish library (The St John Paul II Library) on 15 March 2009. The Library covers the broadest range of Catholic subjects, with 3800 items including books, DVDs and CDs, all of which may be borrowed. **Open after Sunday morning Masses** (unless otherwise announced). For enquiries contact **Mark Bowes** 0161 796 8163.

Lenten Station here

*We are hosts to the Deanery this week, on **Thursday 21 March at 7.30 pm**. Lenten Stations are not the Stations of the Cross but rather the stopping places where parishes from the Deanery meet together for Holy Mass and a little social. It would be nice if some of you would bake some small cakes for the refreshments in the hall after Mass.*

*There will be two other Lenten Stations in the Deanery: at **Holy Family, Kirkholt, 4 April (with the Bishop) and St Peter's,***

Middleton, 11 April, both at 7.30 pm.

Dementia Care

After another successful meeting last week, for the rest of this month we will meet **each Thursday in the parish Hall from 11.00 am until 12.30 pm. From April we will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.** We are a singing group for both carers and cared for loved ones with memory problems or those feeling lonely and isolated. Come and join us, and tell others about it.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

This Day was kept on Friday, so today please put your CAFOD envelope into the offertory collection. Through CAFOD's global Church network, your support can reach the ends of the earth. If you are a tax payer and sign the declaration on the envelope your offering will be worth 25% more.

Friday Lenten Masses

The early morning Mass on Fridays of Lent continues each Friday at **8.00 am**. It is good to see so many with young children making this effort. A very worthwhile exercise for those able to come!

Hidden Gem Stations of the Cross

*These Stations were painted by Ronald Adams RA and erected in St Mary's, Mulberry Street, in 1995. They have caused much controversy because of their style. **Bishop Terence Brain**, retired Bishop of Salford, has written an appreciation of the Stations which will open the eyes of many. His little book is on the piety stall today, only £1.*

Have you noticed?

Our warm thanks go to the parishioner who has kindly donated the cost of the new carpet along the altar rails.

Don't miss the boat!

*To guarantee that they will be included in Bidding Prayers at the weekend, please be sure to send names in by **Thursday evening**. Also, when giving Masses in, please indicate clearly whether they are for a sick person, or lately dead, or anniversary of death.*

Deanery/Diocese

Day of Prayer

Today is being kept in the Salford Diocese as a day of prayer for Victims and Survivors of Abuse. This intention will be reflected in the Bidding Prayers at Mass.

St Patrick's Day

*The 2nd Sunday of Lent eclipses the feast of St Patrick this year. However, a St. Patrick's Feast Day Mass will be celebrated at 7.00 pm on **Monday 18 March** at Salford Cathedral (parking available in Cathedral Centre car park M3 6DP). Parts of the Mass in Gaelic. After Mass there will be food – please bring something along for a shared table and a session – if you are a musician please bring instruments along to play at Mass and/or after.*

50 Faces of the Holy Land

A photographic exhibition, '50 Faces of the Holy Land', will be in Salford Cathedral until 28 March.

The faces of the Holy Land are marked with its history, its diversity, its joy and its suffering. Each face tells a story; each person, a memory. The exhibition shows the faces of fifty people from all sections of the various communities found in the Holy Land. It was commissioned by the Bishops Conference of England & Wales to highlight and promote the lives of the faithful in Israel, Palestine & Gaza. Stories are told by people of all ages and experiences; we learn what it is to live in a land known by so many to be holy.

Archbishop Patrick Kelly will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral on **Thursday 28 March** at 12.10 pm. to pray for peace in the Holy Land and to show our support for our Christian brothers and sisters. All are welcome.

Holy Name Church

"Do you have memories, stories or photographs of events that happened at the Holy Name Church from the years 1940-1990? We are looking for stories about the rich heritage of the Church and the connection it had with the local community. If you have anything at all to share please get in touch with Amy holynamestory@gmail.com 07960 975 133."

Lourdes 2019

The Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be from **Thursday 25 to Wednesday 31 July** this year. For more details see poster in inner porch or pick up a postcard from the back of church.

Foster with Bury

We have been asked to advertise the fostering service offered by Bury Council. Poster in outer porch gives more details.

Easter Duties call! The second precept of the Church is 'You shall confess your sins at least once a year'. This is linked with the third precept, 'You shall receive the sacrament of the Eucharist at least during the Easter season'.

These precepts are meant to guarantee to all the faithful the very necessary minimum in the spirit of prayer and moral effort, in the growth of God and neighbour.