



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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1st SUNDAY IN LENT 18 FEBRUARY 2018

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
TUESDAY	9.15 am	Lent Weekday
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Lent Weekday/St Peter Damian
THURSDAY	12 noon	The Chair of St Peter, Apostle
FRIDAY	9.15 am	St Polycarp
SATURDAY	11.00 am	Lent Weekday Novena 10.45 am

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

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

Collection last Sunday £1212.00.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Road Works!!!

Next Sunday, and for two or three Sundays after that, Fairfax Road will be re-surfaced. The contractors will try to keep any disruption to a minimum but closing of part of the road is inevitable.

So if you are coming to church by car, please note that **on the next two Sunday mornings Fairfax Road will be closed from Bury New Road as far as**

Highfield Road. Fairfax Road from Heys Road to Highfield Road will be open, as will Highfield Road itself. In the afternoons, Fairfax Road from Heys Road to Highfield Road will be closed.

The Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 19 February 7.00-8.00 pm at **1B St Margaret's Close, Prestwich.** All are welcome.**

Family Fast Day

CAFOD's Lenten Family Fast Day is **next Friday 23**

February. Fast Days are our opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat – in places like Zimbabwe.

Can we give up a meal, or eat a simple meal, in solidarity with them? With malnutrition still killing almost three million children a year, our fasting, prayers and donations will ensure more of God's children have enough food to eat.

And this Lent, our donations will make double the difference. **For every**

pound we donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed.

Please take the envelope pinned to this newsletter home, and if at all possible let's keep the fast next Friday. Whatever we save we put in the envelope and place it in next Sunday's collection.

In the light of recent news reports, you may wish to know CAFOD has a statement about safeguarding vulnerable communities. You can see this at www.cafod.org.uk and a copy is on the noticeboard in the porch.

Stations of the Cross

Dismal attendance last Friday! *Never mind, there is plenty of time to catch up and observe our Lenten prayer and penance and almsgiving.*

Children's Liturgy

Next Sunday 25 February sees the Children's Liturgy here during the 11 o'clock Mass. Children from Nursery up to Year 2 are welcome to attend. They will go from church into the parish hall when Mass starts.

H.C.P.T. Fair

*You are most welcome to come and join us for lunch in the parish hall on **Saturday 3 March**. The HCPT Fair will open at 10.30 am with many stalls selling a variety of goods. All proceeds will help send sick children to Lourdes at Easter, and help with the fares of young helpers from the parish*

travelling with the diocesan pilgrimage.

200 Club

The February draw will be held next Friday 23 February. All monies and books to the presbytery please. Annual subscriptions are now due.

Deanery/Diocese

Welcome!

This afternoon in Salford Cathedral, **Bishop John Arnold** will welcome those who are preparing to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter or later this year. Among them will be three persons from this parish.

St Monica's High School

In a week that has seen a report published, describing a school few parents and children will recognise, we must offer our prayers and support to all at St Monica's. It was a joy to take part in our parish assembly there last Thursday.

'Adoremus' Congress

A **National Eucharistic Congress** will take place in Liverpool 7-9 September this year. All Catholic dioceses in England and Wales will take part.

On **Sunday 9 September**, following Mass in Liverpool Cathedral, there will be an outdoor Blessed Sacrament Procession, leaving the Cathedral at 1 o'clock and finishing about 3 o'clock. The Sunday programme is obviously open to all comers.

The Friday and Saturday programmes have to be pre-booked.

Friday 7 September offers presentations and workshops of special interest to those actively involved in parish life.

Saturday 8 September, in the Echo Arena, will welcome 10,000 delegates or representatives of parishes and communities from all over England and Wales. The keynote speaker will be **Bishop Robert E. Barron** from Los Angeles. Our Lady of Grace has **five places** for this event.

The Saturday places allocated to us have now been taken up but if you would like to go on the Friday please ask for a pack from the presbytery giving more details. Information should also be on the diocesan website shortly.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

*The 86th annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Arnold, will take place between **Friday 27 July and Thursday 2 August 2018**. It is hoped that priests and people from all over the Salford Diocese will join this pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine in France.*

Travel has been organised by plane and by coach. For further details about travel and accommodation, please contact Joe Walsh Tours on 0161 820 8790 or by email: info@joewalshstours.co.uk For all other aspects of the pilgrimage, please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, 0161 817 2209, or visit the diocesan website at www.salfordlourdes.co.uk

