



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

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THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST 18 JUNE 2017

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am	
MONDAY	9.15 am	(St Romuald)
TUESDAY	9.15 am	(St Alban)
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Funeral Mass for Mrs Kathleen Alma Bates
THURSDAY	12 noon	St John Fisher & St Thomas More
FRIDAY	9.15 am	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
SATURDAY	11.30 am	First Holy Communions Y3H

CONFESSIONS this week

SATURDAY 10.00-11.00 am 6.00-6.45 pm

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for Mrs Kathleen McLoughlin of Farm Lane, Simister. May she rest in peace.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER St Joseph's, Ramsbottom

Collection last Sunday £1157.20.

Thanks to your generosity in the **Starving World box** in May we have been able to send £700 to Sister Theresa Abigaba for her school for handicapped children in Western Uganda. The June contents will go to Aid to the Church in Need.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

First Communions

Warmest congratulations and best wishes to our children who made their First Holy Communion yesterday and those who will do so next Saturday. They will come with their families to the 11 o'clock Mass next Sunday, after which there will be photographs and a party in the church hall.

July changes

On Saturday mornings, beginning on the first of July, the time of Mass will be brought forward to 11 o'clock. Our Lady's Novena will begin at 10.45 am. At the end of Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for veneration until Benediction at 12.30 pm. Saturday morning confessions will be re-timed for one hour, 11.30 am until 12.30 pm.

At this Saturday's Evening Mass

we welcome Catenians of Manchester North and Middleton Circle and their families.

Church works

The CCTV system in church has recently been up-graded. It should be possible for family members living away to follow weddings etc. Work is also under way to light up the façade of the church in the evenings.

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Day for Life

This is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's Day for Life is celebrated **today, 18 June**.

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. Anything over £1000 in today's collection will go to assist the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.

Father's Day

Here's wishing all fathers a happy day today. May they know how greatly they are loved and thought of.

Prestwich Community Picnic on **2 July**, 2.00-4.00 pm at St. Mary's Park. This is a **Family Event** to celebrate the people of Prestwich, with all its diverse links. Bring some food and drink to share and something to sit on. Craft activities for all the family.
Contact:
prestwichmums@gmail.com

From Curse to Blessing

Archbishop Michael L. Fitzgerald is one of the leading experts on Islam, Muslim-Christian relations and Interreligious dialogue among the senior hierarchy of the Catholic Church. He is coming to the Salford Diocese to speak on "Nostra Aetate, from Curse to Blessing": **4 July at 7.00 pm**

at the Cathedral Centre, Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. Places are limited so please pre-book via email: peter.hopkinson@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or phone 01282 422007

An invitation to our young people

"We're **Just Youth**, a youth ministry project based in Salford run by the Spiritans, and we work with thousands of children and young people across the north west of England every year. We are looking for volunteers between the ages of 18—26 to join our diverse team in Salford this summer.

"We are looking for young people who are enthusiastic, creative, and willing to make a difference in the world. If you're fresh out of college or Uni, why not rise up to the challenge and take a gap year with us? Make your year really count.

"Are you ready to put your faith into action? Email us for more information at admin@justyouth.co.uk and why not visit our website <http://www.justyouth.co.uk> as well?"

Encounter 2017

Encounter (previously known as Convivio) is an event for Catholic students in Years 9 and above. *It is a great opportunity for young people in our family of schools to get together and share their faith in Jesus Christ in an atmosphere of friendship.*

This year's event will include a range of activities centred on this year's theme:

"Connection or Communion?"

We hope that this theme will encourage young people to

consider the challenges of living in a technological society.

If you would like to register places on Encounter, please contact Gabriela Teixeira at gabriela.teixeira@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

*Where? **St Bede's College, Alexandra Road South, Manchester M16 8HX.**
When? **Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 July, 9.30 am-2.30 pm.***

Corpus Christi

On Holy Thursday, we walk with Jesus to the Mount of Olives, to keep watch with him on the night of his betrayal. The Sacrament is carried in the ciborium, covered with the humeral veil: and Christ's glory too is veiled as he undergoes his passion.

On Corpus Christi, we walk in the afterglow of Easter Time, in company with the risen Lord. This time, the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in a monstrance: the Lord's glory is not hidden, but visible to all.

Corpus Christi is one of the most Catholic of days, an expression of our faith in the Real Presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. And yet, this celebration is also outward looking, carrying the liturgy out of the church and into the streets. We come together in all our diversity and we celebrate our unity.

On Friday next, solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we thank God for the infinite love of Christ, represented by the image of his heart on fire with love.

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