



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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13th SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 2 JULY 2017

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>First Mass of Sunday 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am</u>	
MONDAY	9.15 am	St Thomas, apostle
TUESDAY	12 noon	(St Elizabeth of Portugal)
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	(St Anthony Zaccaria)
THURSDAY	12 noon	(St Maria Goretti)
FRIDAY	9.15 am	
SATURDAY	11.00 am	Novena 10.45 am

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY **11.30 am-12.30 pm** 6.00-6.45 pm

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for Fr Anthony Lawton, formerly parish priest of St Marie's, Bury, and a native of this parish of Our Lady of Grace. May he rest in peace.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Nazareth House and retired priests in the deanery

Collection last Sunday £1241.60. Sts Peter & Paul £428.16.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

School RE Inspection

The diocesan examiners who visited Our Lady of Grace primary school last Thursday will issue their report in about a fortnight's time. Watch this space.

Traidcraft today

There will be a good selection of Traidcraft goods in the parish hall after the morning Masses today.

200 Club June winners:

£80 24 Mrs J Walmsley, agent Presbytery.

£40 227 Mrs A McMenemy, agent Mrs S Cooper.

£20 295 Mrs M Makin, agent Mrs M Makin.

Visit from Russia

Sisters from St Elisabeth's Convent, a Russian Orthodox community in Minsk, Belarus are visiting the diocese next week. A Sister will **come to next Friday's 9.15 am Mass** with a small display of crafts produced in the convent's workshops by the people the Sisters care for.

The convent currently counts just under a hundred

nuns and around 300 sisters of mercy. They provide spiritual and social help to the sick and the suffering, including 200 orphanage children with psychophysical deficiencies for more than 14 years. They also provide a charity shelter for the homeless, drug or alcohol addicts, ex-prisoners and the less able. Over 180 residents live there today.

The Sisters have also established a rehabilitation facility for female ex-prisoners, the homeless and mentally challenged women. To support and develop the

above ministries, more than twenty workshops and studios operate within the frameworks of the Sisterhood. These include sewing and embroidery shops, candle workshop, wood-carving, stone and blacksmith workshops and many more.

Caritas

Regular readers of our parish Newsletter will be aware of some of the many areas of social action that Caritas undertakes. Each month the charity produces its own Newsletter called "The Beacon", commenting on recent events and advertising future ones.

The Newsletter is available in electronic form and our Caritas team, Janet Dalton, Jeff Milner and Eddie Welch, would like to build up a database of parishioners interested in receiving the monthly Newsletter. If you would like to be on the list then please send your name and email address to Eddie at:

eddie.welch@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you, from the Caritas team.

Caritas is advertising for a Refugee Response Coordinator. See poster in outside porch

Saturday mornings

Please note the changes to the Saturday morning programme from yesterday:
10.45 Novena;
11.00 Holy Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction at 12.30;
Confessions 11.30-12.30.

Deanery/Diocese

Sea Sunday

Next Sunday will be kept in England and Wales as Sea Sunday, supporting the Apostleship of the Sea by our prayers and contributions. Anything over £1000 in next Sunday's collection will be sent to the AoS. If you would like to Gift Aid your contribution please pick up an envelope from the back of church.

Dementia Friendly Communities

DFC is a programme which helps people living with dementia to feel understood, valued and able to contribute to their community. If you are interested in this area of work you are invited to a local meeting in the Wilton Room of Prestwich Library tomorrow Monday 3 July 12.30-2.30 pm.

Syria's Christians Search for Peace

Salford Cathedral will host an **Exhibition next Saturday 8 July (12pm - 6pm) and Sunday 9 July (12pm - 5pm)**. This exhibition of artworks is inspired by the Syrian conflict and will include drawings by Syrian children of all faiths sharing their experiences of their homeland with you. There will also be artwork from Farid Georges, a Syrian Orthodox painter from Homs, chronicling the destruction of his beloved city.

Hand-made table linens by lace-makers from Aleppo, who often work for hours by candlelight in war-torn Aleppo, will also be displayed.

Alongside this work, the exhibition will include photographs from ACN's extensive archives revealing the faces and places devastated by the Syrian conflict. The information banners will guide you through the history of Christianity in Syria, the current living conditions for Syrian people and how benefactors like you are making such a difference to their lives.

Entrance is free and all are welcome. ACN gifts and literature will be available.

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.

If you would like to register places on Encounter, please contact Gabriela Teixeira at gabriela.teixeira@dioceseof.salford.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.**

Good News!

Bishop John Arnold informs us that **seven** candidates for the diocesan priesthood will begin their formation this autumn. This must be the largest number in recent years. We will keep them in our prayers.