



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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7th SUNDAY OF EASTER 2 JUNE 2019

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am	
MONDAY	9.15 am	St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs of Uganda
TUESDAY	12 noon	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	St Boniface
THURSDAY	12 noon	Easter Weekday/St Norbert
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Easter Weekday
SATURDAY	11.00 am	Easter Weekday (Novena 10.40)

NEXT SUNDAY – Pentecost (Whit) Sunday

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 St Joseph's, Heywood

Collection last Sunday £1056.23.

Thank you for your contributions to the **Priests' Training Fund** which came to £1107.41.

Anything above £1000 in today's collection will go to the Church's work in the media (see over).

NEWSLETTER

Parish

130 years ago

On **9 June 1889**, Fr David **Walshe**, first parish priest of Our Lady of Grace, said the first Mass in the parish in the Co-operative Store Hall in Warwick Street. This building was destroyed by fire only a few years ago. 82 people attended the first Mass. Sunday School in the afternoon attracted 28 and the Evening Service 47.

Fr Walshe wrote in the parish Log Book: 'A crowd watched us dispersing after Evening

Service, there being an excitement in the Village about the Catholics having service.'

So next Sunday will be the 130th anniversary. A newspaper of the time recorded: 'Prestwich once more vindicates its name. The home, or dwelling of the priests in Saxon times, is once more after the long desolation the home of a Catholic priest. On Sunday last the first Mass was said in the village since the Reformation. Silently and unobtrusively, the Catholic faith re-seeks her ancient

home in the upland hamlet.' Numbers at Mass increased from 82 on 2 June to 95 on 16 June and to 102 on 23 June.

The hall rental was seven shillings and sixpence each Sunday (37p). Fr Walshe did not record how much the collection realised but wrote: 'Many non-Catholics subscribed to our funds.'

Traidcraft

*Our monthly stall, selling fairly-traded foods and other goods, is **today Sunday 2 June** in the parish hall after the 9am and 11am Masses.*

Please continue to support us; by doing so, you not only ensure that farmers and workers in the Third World receive a fair price for their produce, but you also help CAFOD's work with some of the poorest communities in the world.

200 Club May winners

£80 356 Mrs S Zimny
Agent Mrs E Harrington

£40 Mrs S Cooper
Agent Mrs S Cooper

£20 84 Children's Heart
Fund, Agent Mrs M O'Rourke

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Confirmation

The diocesan programme for Confirmation will shortly get under way. Then, from Easter 2021, the Bishop will confirm children in Year 8.

To prepare, there will be a two-year programme. It begins this month with a gathering on **Saturday 15 June** in the Victoria Hall, Bolton, for children presently in Year 6.

Each parish will be expected to take a leading part in helping candidates prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Here at Our Lady of Grace we already have an excellent team of catechists for First Holy Communion. We will need another separate team for Confirmation. Fr Allen would love to hear from anyone who would like to help in this way.

Catechists

The renowned speaker **Mr David Wells** is offering a workshop for First Communion catechists or would-be catechists in June. It is open to all parishes and will be held at

St Michael's, Ribble Drive, Whitefield, M45 8NN on **Saturday 22 June** 10.00 am-12 noon. If you would like to attend please let Fr Allen know as the organisers wish to know numbers.

The American speaker **Sherry Weddell** is coming to St Bernadette's Parish Centre, Whitefield, M45 7SX on **Thursday 20 June.**

5:30pm – Holy Hour / Confessions

6:30pm – Tea/Coffee

7:00 pm – Talk – Forming

Intentional Disciples

8:30pm – Q&A and

discussions

9:00pm -Departures.

Register online

- www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/parishes/events/ or by

emailing

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or calling 0161 817 2214.

Parklife Alternative

On **Saturday 8 June** the Accord Inspirational Gospel Choir will be putting on an evening of Gospel songs from 7.30 pm at St Mary's Church on Church Lane, Prestwich, M25 1AN, with special guests Aidan Thomas Chalcedony & Sarai Williams.

The theme: Seasons.... Through Every Valley and Mountain

Tickets are £5 at the door (free for young people under 16).

Synagogue Visit

Via the Salford diocesan 'Department for Dialogue' we have received an invitation to take part in a Shabbat morning service at the Synagogue of Jacksons Row on **Saturday 15 June.** The service is from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon. Jacksons Row is the Reform

synagogue in Manchester opposite the Town Hall. Three parishes have been invited: St. Thomas More (Alkington), Our Lady of Grace (Prestwich) and St. Joseph's (Ramsbottom), with a maximum of ten people from each. If you would like to accept this invitation please get in touch with Sr. Teresa Brittain as soon as possible tbrittainnds2016@outlook.com We will need to fill in forms for security purposes a week ahead.

World Communications Day

The Catholic Church celebrates this Day each year on the Sunday following the Ascension, which is **today Sunday 2 June.** We are asked to pray for those who work in the media and to support the work done by the Church in this country through its media office.

It's a digital world and since the launch of the internet, the Church has always sought to promote its use in the service of the encounter between persons, and of solidarity among all.

While governments seek legal ways to regulate the digital world and to protect the original vision of a free, open and secure network, we all have the possibility and the responsibility to promote its positive use.

Pope Francis invites us to reflect on our 'being-in-relation', and to rediscover, in the current communications context, the very human desire not to be left isolated or lonely.

Instead of the special collection requested, we shall send to the national media office whatever is given over £1000 in today's collection.