



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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2nd SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 20 JANUARY 2019

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am</u>	
MONDAY	9.15 am	St Agnes
TUESDAY	12 noon	(St Vincent)
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	
THURSDAY	12 noon	St Francis de Sales
FRIDAY	9.15 am	The Conversion of St Paul (with Year 5 children)
SATURDAY	11.00 am	Sts Timothy & Titus (Novena 10.40 am)

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

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for Mary Davenport of Warwick Avenue, Whitefield, and Kathleen Sharp of Bury Old Road, Whitefield. May they rest in peace.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER St Joseph's, Heywood

Collection last Sunday £1062.33.

Thank you for giving last Sunday to the White Flower Appeal by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). The retiring collection came to £623.97.

From the Crib Offerings, we have also been able to send £176.35 to **Bury Hospice**.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Sacramental Programme

Today, at whichever Mass they come to, parents will present their children as candidates for the Sacraments of Penance (Reconciliation) and Holy Communion. Year 3 or older children in schools other than Our Lady of Grace Primary who have not made their first Communion would still be welcome on the parish

programme. Just mention it to Fr Allen.

Vocations Mass

*Members of the Catenian Association and family members will join us at the 7 o'clock Mass **next Saturday 26 January** for the annual Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood.*

Pre-Marriage Course

Our pre-marriage course, run jointly with Our Lady of

Dolours parish, will begin on **Monday 11 February** at a venue still to be arranged. The Course will continue each Monday after that until Monday 25 March. If you are getting married this year, this Course is for **you!** It is a requirement that couples attend such a Course if they are marrying in the Catholic Church. If you know any couples planning to marry this year please inform them of this course and ask them to contact their parish priest.

Christian Unity Week

*Churches Together in Prestwich & Kersal will hold a service **today Sunday 20 January** at Prestwich Methodist Church on Bury New Road at **3.00 pm**.*

*The Week began on Friday 18 January and continues until **Friday 25 January**. The theme of this year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue." (Deuteronomy 16:18-20).*

Our New Project

This is a new project to help people with memory loss or dementia, together with their carers. **Meet in the Cottage on Thursday 7 March** at 11.30 am, to enjoy an hour or so singing some old favourites, and having a chat over a warm drink in a safe and happy place.

Those who come can decide after this initial meeting how frequent such meetings might be. This venture is non-denominational and there will be no charge to attend. And if you are simply feeling in need of some company you will be very welcome too. If you are interested please phone 07928 400063 or email prestwichsingalong@gmail.com

Please spread the word about this project to anyone you know who might benefit from it.

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Blessing for Engaged Couples

Bishop John Arnold invites all couples getting married in our churches in 2019, as well as any couples preparing for marriage outside the

Diocese, to a Service of Blessing on **Saturday 9 February** at the Cathedral at 3.00 pm. The date is chosen for its proximity to the Feast of St Valentine. The Bishop invites engaged couples, family and friends, as well as anyone involved in marriage preparation and ministry.

Bereavement Cafes

Christine Green arranges the Bereavement Café Drop-In at **Bury Hospice** on a regular basis. See poster in outer porch for details. The Cafes are intended to help people who grieve; feel lonely or isolated; or simply sad.

They meet at Bury Hospice, Rochdale Old Road, Bury BL9 7RG during the day on the first and third Thursdays of the month, and in the evening on the first and third Wednesday of each month. For times, see poster in outer porch. No need to book - just call in.

World Youth Day

This will be held in Panama City, 22 - 27 January. In 1986, Pope St John Paul II began the tradition in St Peter's Square, Rome, with a global youth celebration to which the entire Church was invited. Now, three decades later, Pope Francis will open the 22nd gathering of what has become a worldwide youth phenomenon - the opportunity for a million plus Catholics to celebrate their faith with the Holy Father. The theme this year is "I am the servant of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Lk 1:38)

Settlement Scheme

This Scheme of the British Government affects all UK citizens who want to remain

in the UK after Brexit (with the exception of Irish citizens). They will all have to apply through the scheme, which is expected to launch in March 2019.

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales are very concerned about this Scheme. Their comment can be found on their website www.catholicnews.org.uk

Here are some extracts:

Especially for people who have contributed to our society over many years, [this Scheme] may feel unjust and divisive that they are now required to apply for permission to stay.

We also expect that some people, particularly those who are already vulnerable, may face difficulties in practically accessing the scheme, leaving their immigration status at risk. We strongly oppose the decision to charge people for securing the rights they already have. This is not only unprincipled but will also create a barrier for larger families or people facing financial difficulties. It remains a fact that EU citizens must apply if they are to protect their existing rights and their place in our society.

We therefore ask Catholic parishes, schools and organisations to bring the Settlement Scheme to the attention of all who need to avail of it and to be aware of vulnerable people who may face barriers to applying or not realise that they need to apply. In particular we encourage you to signpost people towards the official information on the Settlement Scheme: gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families