



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

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16th SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 21 JULY 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 Mary Magdalene
TUESDAY	12 noon	St Bridget of Sweden, Patron of Europe
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	(St Sharbel Makhluf)
THURSDAY	12 noon	St James, Apostle
FRIDAY	9.15 am	St Joachim & St Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
SATURDAY	11.00 am	(Novena 10.40)

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 11.30 am - 12.30 pm 6.00-6.45 pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 11.30 am - 12.30 pm

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER St John's, Rochdale, & St Gabriel's, Castleton

Collection last Sunday £1301.38 of which £301.38 has been sent to the Apostleship of the Sea.
During July the St Anthony's box will be renamed **Peter's Pence**, to support the Holy Father's charities.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Church Bells

For some time now the bells on the western side of the church have been ringing only intermittently, owing to faulty drivers. Now all four drivers and all four loudspeakers have been replaced with new. The bells reproduce the sound of a bell in an Italian church. The volume is the same as it was before these replacements.

Singalong

Come to the parish hall on **Thursday this week** from eleven o'clock until half past

twelve and join the dementia group and carers for a carefree singalong. We are indebted to Elaine and her helpers for providing this much appreciated support.

Blessed John Henry Newman

Fr Laurence Gambella will give an illustrated talk about the life of Blessed John Henry Newman in the parish hall on **Sunday 8 September** at 3.00 pm. This is open to all but will be of special interest to those going on the parish pilgrimage to Rome for the canonisation of Cardinal Newman on 13 October.

Deanery/Diocese

Priestly Ordinations

Our congratulations and prayers and best wishes for their future go with **Robert Hayes and Damien Loudon**, ordained priests in Salford Cathedral yesterday.

Salford in Lourdes

*The diocesan pilgrimage leaves for Lourdes this coming Thursday. A **Pre-departure Mass** will be celebrated **today Sunday 21 July** at 5.30pm in Salford Cathedral.*

All are welcome to this celebration. You do not need

to be joining the pilgrimage this year, or to have been to Lourdes in the past. **Bishop John Arnold** will celebrate the Mass along with clergy from the diocese. There will be refreshments in the Cathedral Cloisters afterwards and a chance to catch up with friends old and new.

Going on Holiday?

Call into the sacristy and **take a Mass sheet with you** for the Sunday(s) you will be away. Sharing in Sunday Mass wherever we are helps us to feel a living part of the worldwide Church community. Wherever we find ourselves, we always need to be nourished by the Eucharist.

If you are staying at home and perhaps going out for days you might like to take in two churches in the Salford diocese which are celebrating their bi-centenary this year.

The church of **St Mary and St John Southworth** in **Samlesbury**, PR5 0UL, stands in a secluded and beautiful spot on a wooded hilltop which overlooks the River Ribble. The church, which replaced a chapel, was completed in 1818 and was officially opened in July 1819. The church has close links to local Martyr, **St John Southworth**, a member of the local gentry family of Southworth of nearby Samlesbury Hall. Following his canonisation in 1970, his name was added to the original dedication of St Mary's.

Samlesbury Hall is well worth a visit too. It has at least two priest's hiding holes dating from penal times when it was a secret Mass centre. Open Sunday to Friday 10.00

am-4.00 pm. Closed Saturdays and occasionally Fridays. Check with their website. Admission is free. Both church and hall lie on the road from Blackburn to Preston.

St Mary and St John, known as **Pleasington Priory**, BB2 6FR, also opened in 1819. It was built from designs by John Palmer and is a pioneering building of the Gothic Revival in England, notable for the quality of its stone carving. It is one of only a few grade I listed buildings in the Diocese. Pleasington is on the western outskirts of Blackburn.

Caritas event, 'Parish Social Action'

Eddie Welch has written a comprehensive report on this recent meeting held at Holy Cross College, Bury. Too long to reproduce here, his report may be found on the inner notice board.

New Dawn in the Church

The 'New Dawn Conference' is held annually in Walsingham. It is attended by some two thousand people, many of whom stay on the Family Camp next to the conference field, while others have accommodation in the village of Walsingham and the surrounding area. Celebration of Mass is the central focus of each day and there are daily talks by English and international speakers; a choice of workshop sessions each afternoon; and opportunities for the sacrament of reconciliation and for prayer ministry. Separate sessions are organised for children and young people. This year's Conference is **5 to 9 August**. A poster in the inner porch gives more details.

Christian Persecution Report

Last December British Foreign Secretary **Jeremy Hunt** commissioned an independent review into the persecution of Christians. The report was released last week.

The report reveals the alarming reality that 80% of persecuted believers are Christians. This fact goes under-reported in the Western media.

We must regularly keep our persecuted brothers and sisters in our prayers.

We can't forget either the many people and priests who suffered in England during the penal days when Catholicism was outlawed.

This week sees the anniversary of the death (on either **20 or 30 July 1645**) of **Fr Richard Bradley**.

He was a son of the Bradley family of Bryning Hall in the Fylde. His father and mother were repeatedly fined for their recusancy.

Richard joined the Society of Jesus (the Jesuits) and served as a chaplain to the English and Irish forces then fighting in present-day Belgium. He was then sent to work as a priest in England. He served in Lancashire but was quickly discovered and arrested.

He was put into the goal at Manchester and died in prison there from his sufferings.

Footnote

Don't wait for six strong men to carry you into church.

Let your own legs carry you!