



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

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16th SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 22 JULY 2018

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00

am

MONDAY	9.15 am	St Bridget of Sweden, patron of Europe
TUESDAY	12 noon	(St Sharbel Makhlof)
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	St James, apostle
THURSDAY	12 noon	Sts Joachim & Anne
FRIDAY	9.15 am	
SATURDAY	11.00 am	(Novena 10.40 am)

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

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for Mr Francisco Martin of Holyrood Road, Prestwich. May he rest in peace. The funeral will take place in Spain.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Our Lady of Dolours, Kersal

Collection last Sunday £1095.78.

The St Anthony's box will be labelled '**Peter's Pence**' during July, for the Holy Father's charities.

Next Sunday there will be an appeal and second collection for the **St Barnabas Society** (see over).

NEWSLETTER

Parish

"Are there any who are sick among you?"

St James asks that question in his epistle. He describes how the priest should be sent so that he can give the sick person the Sacrament of the Sick. That still applies today. Please inform your priest if someone is ill at home, unable to come to

Mass or receive the Sacraments. Do not take it for granted that "the priest will know". When a person is in danger of death, Catholics have a **serious duty** to send for the priest.

Meeting of Families

Dublin, Ireland, will host the next World Meeting of Families from **21-26 August**, guided by the

theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World".

Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church.

The Meeting will open on 21 August, simultaneously with an opening event in all the dioceses of Ireland. A three-day Congress will be held 22-24 August. Each day will reflect on the Congress theme.

Saturday 25 August will see a Festival of Families, a reflective concert style event. The Congress will close on Sunday 26 August with a Eucharistic Celebration that will gather thousands of people from Ireland and all over the world.

30,000 people from 103 countries have registered for the three-day pastoral congress. All the half million tickets have gone for the Pope's Mass in the Phoenix Park, as have the tickets for the visit of Pope Francis to Knock.

So that we can all be associated with this important event in the life of the Church, please take and use the prayer cards given out today as you enter church. *The old adage, "The family that prays together, stays together", is very true. These cards should be a useful help in praying together.*

St Barnabas Society

"The St Barnabas Society continues the work begun by The Converts Aid Society more than a century ago to give pastoral and financial help to non-Catholic clergy and religious who are resident in Great Britain and Ireland, and who have been led by faith and conscience into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

"For many it has been a difficult path and one which has involved huge sacrifice.

The Society strives to be a friend to them and a supporter, just as our patron St Barnabas was a friend and supporter to St Paul the Apostle, the greatest convert the Church has ever known."

The Director of the St Barnabas Society is **Fr Paul Martin**. He will make next Sunday's appeal. "Please pray for us and help us if you can. When people are generous to us then we in our turn can be generous to others."

The International Eucharistic Congresses: A Spiritual Odyssey 1881-2016

That is the title of a book written by Fr Allen and published last week by Gracewing.

In his Foreword to the book, Cardinal Vincent Nichols of Westminster describes the book as "a volume unique both for its fascinating travelogue and for the richness of its Eucharistic theology and devotion".

There is nothing written in English and currently in print that covers this subject. The Cardinal continues: "What has been needed, and what many people have longed for, is something that everyone can access, and in plain English. Unavailable until now, here it is, and totally new! The author's clear style will appeal to all and his distilling of the meditations of some of the finest theologians in the world will provide endless spiritual nourishment."

Copies of the book are on the piety stall, 400 pages at £20. All royalties will go to Bury Hospice.

200 Club: the July draw will be held next Friday 27 July. All monies and books to the presbytery please.

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Mass for Lourdes

Bishop John Arnold will celebrate Mass in Salford Cathedral (Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE) **today Sunday 22 July** at 5.30 pm. Members of the diocese are warmly welcome to join in this Mass in preparation for this year's pilgrimage to Lourdes, whether travelling this year or not. The pilgrimage leaves next Friday.

Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Cloisters and a chance to catch up with friends old and new. We are asked to share this invitation with those who may not otherwise see it.

Ordination

Callum Brown was ordained priest yesterday (Saturday) at the Cathedral. *Fr Callum Brown and Fr Mark Paver (who has now completed his studies) will be taking up appointments in parishes in the late summer. The diocese has two new deacons, Robert Hayes and Damien Louden. They will return to their seminary for a final year of studies. Every Wednesday at the 12 noon Mass we pray by name for those studying for the priesthood and who will serve in our diocese.*

Sacramental Programme

The Bishop reports that the working group concerned with the revision of the Sacramental Programme is making good progress. He promises that new materials will be made available but

parishes may also use other sources if they feel they already have good proven courses.