



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

‘Stay with us, Lord, on our journey’

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THE BIRTH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST 24 JUNE 2018

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

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

am

MONDAY	9.15 am	
TUESDAY	12 noon	Funeral Mass for Dominic McLoughlin
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Funeral Mass for Martin Tolan
THURSDAY	12 noon	St Irenaeus

FRIDAY Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Holy Day of Obligation
Mass 7.00 pm Thursday 9.30 am and 12 noon Friday

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 Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich

Collection last Sunday £1246.46. We shall give the sum over one thousand pounds to the **Day for Life**, to be used to fund projects such as the Anscombe Bioethics Centre, promoting the dignity of the human person. Thank you also for your recent contributions of £132.40 for **Christian Aid**.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Holy Day on Friday

Friday’s Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul is surely one of the most loved feasts in the Church’s calendar. It links us with the first Pope in the person of St Peter and with the greatest missionary in the person of St Paul.

As early as the year 258, there is evidence of an already lengthy tradition of celebrating the solemnities of both Saint Peter and Saint Paul on the same day. Together, the two saints are the founders of the See of Rome, through their preaching, ministry and martyrdom there.

In a sermon in the year 395, St. Augustine of Hippo said of Sts Peter and Paul: “Both

apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles’ blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labors, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.”

In England, prior to the Reformation, more churches were dedicated to St Peter than to any other saint, with the exception of Our Blessed Lady, showing the devotion of the English Church to St Peter and to Rome.

Thank you!

This is a warm 'Thank you' to all who helped in any way with the children's First Communion, including those who helped at the party last Sunday. It all showed great teamwork.

Traidcraft next week

Our next monthly sale of fair-trade goods will be held next **Sunday 1 July** in the Parish Hall after the 9am and 11am Masses. As well as our normal range of fairly-traded foods, **we will be holding a Craft Fair Sale** – lots of craft goods from all around the world, at a fraction of their normal prices, as Traidcraft clear their warehouse to make way for the autumn range.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

*Saturday Exposition is just one hour, 11.30 am to 12.30 pm, following the Saturday morning Mass and during Confessions. **Last week's question is repeated here: could various groups in the parish take responsibility for being present in turn during Exposition?** The groups mentioned in the parish Year Book spring to mind. It would be easy to work out a rota which over the weeks would involve very many of our parishioners. This would also ensure proper order and continuity. Exposition would still of course be open to all. That is very important*

because the Eucharist is the centre of unity, not just for groups.

The 200 Club June draw will be held on Friday 29 June. All monies and books to the presbytery please.

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An Invitation

Fr Manock, PP of St Mary's, Radcliffe, writes: "Calling past staff and pupils of Saint Mary's, Radcliffe! It is forty years since the Bishop blessed the new school building. To celebrate we are hosting an Afternoon Tea on **Thursday 28 June** at 1.30 pm to which all past staff and pupils are warmly invited."

Blessed Sacrament Procession

*On **Saturday 30 June** there will be a Blessed Sacrament Procession beginning from St Mary's Wardley Cemetery Chapel, Manchester Road, Wardley, M28 4UJ. First Communicant children are invited as are the general public.*

Those who have made their first Holy Communion are asked to dress in their Communion attire and to lead the Procession, meeting at the chapel at 2.30 pm. Parents of this year's First Communicants might like to go along as a family to share in this Procession.

Madonna del Rosario Procession

The procession will leave from St Michael's, George Leigh Street, Ancoats M4 5DR at 1.15 pm on **Sunday 8 July**. Eight parishes have promised to walk in this

year's procession. All parishes are welcome to join. It would be good to have a representation from Our Lady of Grace parish, and maybe to **walk as a parish next year** with a new and smaller banner?

National Eucharistic Congress

*The Congress will be held in Liverpool **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 7, 8 and 9 September** this year.*

There are still places available for the Saturday. *The Echo Arena in Liverpool - which can hold 10,000 pilgrims - will be the home to a six-hour stage programme on the Saturday, which will include a Congress Mass, keynote speaker **Bishop Robert Barron** from Los Angeles, and a drama highlighting the beauty of reverence and devotion. The day will end with Adoration. Fr Allen will be happy to take bookings. Transport to and from Liverpool will be arranged locally.*

*The **Sunday** programme is free and open to all, though all tickets for the 11.30 am Mass in Liverpool Cathedral that day have now been taken. Mass in the Cathedral will be followed by a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Liverpool. It all makes for a good family day out with a purpose!*

Birth of St John the Baptist

As a solemnity, this day 'outranks' a Sunday of Ordinary Time and so replaces the 12th Sunday of Ordinary Time that would normally be celebrated on this day. It underlines the huge importance of St John

the Baptist as the last of the prophets, announcing the coming of the Messiah, and calling out to the people, "Prepare a way for the Lord. Make his paths straight!".