



# OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT 24 MARCH 2019

### HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 &amp; 11.00 am</b>	
MONDAY	9.15 am	<b>The Annunciation of the Lord</b>
TUESDAY	12 noon	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Lent Weekday
THURSDAY	12 noon	Funeral Mass for Margaret Fallon
FRIDAY	<b>8.00 am</b>	Lent Weekday
SATURDAY	11.00 am	Lent Weekday (Novena 10.40)

### CONFESSIONS this week

THURSDAY	<b>6.00-7.30 pm (see below, Sacramental Programme)</b>	
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 Mrs Janina Protasiewicz of Oak Lodge, Prestwich. R.I.P.

**DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER** St Joseph's, Ramsbottom

Collection last Sunday £1158.35. Thank you also for a donation of £20, and of £100 gift aided. The CAFOD Family Fast Day brought in £1121.53. If you missed last week, envelopes can still be placed in the offertory collection today. **Also see over page.**

## **NEWSLETTER**

### **Parish**

#### **Sacramental Programme**

First Communion children and their parents continue the Sacramental Programme **this morning** at 9.50 am in the parish hall. We will learn about the **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance)**. In this Sacrament, God comes to our rescue and helps us to get things right. On **Thursday next, 6.00-7.30 pm**, priests will be available in church to hear

confessions not only of the children but also adults who wish to avail of this wonderful Sacrament. A visiting priest, **Fr Joseph Sweeney**, will be in the confessional box.

**The Prayer Group** will meet on **Monday 25 March 7.00-8.00 pm at 1B St Margaret's Close, Prestwich.**  
*All are welcome.*

**Children's Liturgy** will take place **next Sunday** 31 March during 11.00 am mass. We will be listening to and

talking about the Lent readings, praying and singing together, and completing Lent and Mother's Day activities. Children from Nursery to Year 2 (ages 3-7) are welcome to attend.

#### **Offertory Boxes**

*Boxes of envelopes for the offertory collection scheme, for the new tax year starting on April 6, will shortly be available. If you don't already use the envelopes,*

**please consider joining** – especially if you are a taxpayer. You can give as much as you like, and as often as you wish – there is no commitment to any fixed donation. If you are interested, please fill in the slip at the bottom of this newsletter and place in the collection or through the presbytery door.

### Dementia Care

The **Thursday meetings in the parish Hall from 11.00 am until 12.30 pm** continue to be popular. The next meeting will be on Thursday morning next, and then from April we will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month. Come and join us, and tell others about it.

### Lenten Stations

A big **'Thank You'** to all who helped in any way last Thursday when we hosted the Deanery. Visitors expressed their warmest appreciation. There will be two other Lenten Stations in the Deanery: at **Holy Family, Kirkholt, 4 April (with the Bishop) and St Peter's, Middleton, 11 April, both at 7.30 pm.**

### CAFOD Family Fast Day

Thank you for your generous response last week. We have all surely been moved by the plight of so many people in Africa suffering from the recent cyclone.

A message from CAFOD reads: *We know that the Catholic community will want to respond. The Church and our local experts in the Southern Africa region are already responding but desperately need support ...*

*Vital humanitarian aid is needed for the millions of*

*people made homeless and our priority is to reach the most vulnerable with food and clean water, basic shelter and hygiene kits.*

**This month's contents of the Starving World box at the back of church will be sent to CAFOD for this purpose.** If you wish to Gift Aid your donation please use one of the Fast Day envelopes, mark it **'Cyclone appeal'** and post it through the presbytery letterbox.

### Global Healing

*In response to Pope Francis' encyclical letter on climate and justice (Laudato Si) and our Bishop's Lenten pastoral letter, we will have a **Film Evening in The Cottage on Monday 1 April at 7.00 pm** showing the film 'Global Healing', a resource sponsored by the Bishops' Conference. Further information may be found on [www.ourcommonhome.co.uk](http://www.ourcommonhome.co.uk)*

**H.C.P.T. Fair** Thank you so much to everyone who, despite the weather, made the Fair, both socially and financially, such a great success. Thank you to the Mini-Vinnies and the singers for all they did to help. The total raised was £1442. This will pay for two sick children to go to Lourdes at Easter. The SVP stall, manned by the Mini-Vinnies, raised £116 which will go to the project we have undertaken in India.

### Red Box News

*Our Parish raised £3102.50 for APF-Mill Hill Missions in 2018. Thanks are due to all direct contributors, box holders and collectors who have donated their time and money so generously. Anyone who would like to*

*help with the Red Boxes should contact the local secretary **Richard Cavey** on 0161 773 7684 or 07971 260330.*

**200 Club** The March Draw will be held on **Friday 29 March**. All books and monies to the presbytery please.

## Deanery/Diocese

### Holy Land Mass

**Archbishop Patrick Kelly** will celebrate Mass in the Cathedral on **Thursday 28 March** at 12.10 pm. to pray for peace in the Holy Land and to show our support for our Christian brothers and sisters. All are welcome.

### New appointment

*The Trustees of the Diocese of Salford have appointed **Pauline Morgan** to the newly created role of Diocesan Chief Operating Officer. She will take up the role in June. Pauline is a parishioner of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Urmston, and has been involved with the life of the Church for many years.*

### Lourdes 2019

The Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will be from **Thursday 25 to Wednesday 31 July** this year. For more details see poster in inner porch or pick up a postcard from the back of church.

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