



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

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21st SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 25 AUGUST 2019

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am	
MONDAY	9.15 am	(Blessed Dominic Barberi)
TUESDAY	12 noon	St Monica
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	St Augustine of Hippo
THURSDAY	12 noon	The Passion of St John the Baptist
FRIDAY	9.15 am	(Sts Margaret Clitheroe, Anne Line & Margaret Ward)
SATURDAY	11.00 am	(St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne) (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 Sacred Heart, Rochdale

Collection last Sunday (including the Assumption) £1280.62.
Thank you also for a donation of £500.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Mass for the Sick

On **Saturday 14 September** at 11.00 am, here in church, there will be Mass with Anointing (the Sacrament of the Sick) for the elderly, sick and housebound. If you need a lift please ring 0161-773 2324 or 0161-773 2690. The parish SVP is arranging a reception and buffet in the parish hall after Mass. Everyone welcome!

Catholic Family Care

Thank you so much to the members of CFC who contributed 120 garments and £175 during the past

year. There is always a great need for warm clothing and an ever-increasing number of requests for grants towards school uniforms. If you feel you could help by giving two new garments and 50p each year to this cause please phone 0161-773 2690.

BI John Henry Newman

Blessed John Henry Newman will be canonised in Rome on 13 October. **Fr Lawrence Gambella** will give an illustrated talk about Newman in the parish hall at 3.00 pm on **Sunday 8 September**. All welcome. The Oratories of England have created a website about

John Henry Newman and his canonisation, with links, articles, videos and podcasts. You can view the website by visiting www.newmancanonisation.com

200 Club

The August draw will be held on Friday 30 August. All monies and books to the presbytery please.

Deanery/Diocese

Hope in the Future

This diocesan programme offers a training opportunity for **Youth Ministry in Parishes** with a meeting at

Thornleigh Salesian College, Bolton, on **Saturday 14 September** from 10.00 am to 3.00pm.

Parishioners are invited to a training day aimed to help and guide on how to engage young people in parish life.

Chris Knowles will explain how we can take inspiration from the recent Synod on Youth to engage young people. To sign up or find out more, visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk /email hope@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

This training day could be an important help to further the engagement of young people in our parish. If you would be interested in attending please let Fr Allen know.

Cemetery Masses

Tomorrow, Bank Holiday Monday 26 August Holy Mass will be offered at 11.00 am in both Moston and Wardley Cemeteries for those buried there. These annual Masses always combine an opportunity for prayer for our deceased loved ones as well as a welcome meeting with old friends.

St Monica's High School

Congratulations to Year 11 students on their GCSE results, as well as to parents/carers and staff.

71.4% of pupils achieved a standard pass in English and Maths (4-9)

46.5% of pupils achieved a strong pass in English and Maths (5-9)

9 students achieved 9 or more Grade 7-9 (A/A*)

A total of 41 Grade 9s were awarded to Year 11 students

A total of 112 grade 8s were awarded to Year 11 students
A total of 242 grade 7s were awarded to Year 11 students

Found: a silver locket with two photographs. Enquire at the presbytery.

Famous demonstrations

We continue from last week's Newsletter which told of the Government's Parliamentary Bill in 1906 to abolish Church schools. A huge demonstration at Belle Vue, Manchester, that year brought together 75,000 Catholics from every parish in the Salford Diocese, protesting against the Bill.

John O'Dea, Headteacher of St Anne's School, Ancoats, in his book published in 1910, ***The Story of the Old Faith in Manchester***, described the event:

They [the 75,000] came in single files and in battalions – on foot, by tram and train, by bus and waggonette, by motor car and motor bus – the great tide of humanity surging through the gateways and avenues to the positions allocated in the grounds for the various meetings – a magnificent spectacle of Catholic discipline.

Everyone of the 137 missions in the Diocese sent its contingent, invariably with the Rector at its head. Blackburn, Burnley and Bury, Oldham, Ashton and Bolton, Rochdale, Stockport, Bacup, and every township and hamlet on the western slopes of the Pennines were represented.

Here were gathered all shades of political thought and feeling – Radical and Tory, Unionist and Home Ruler, Liberal and

Labourmen, ultra-Royalist and ancient Fenian men, all animated by the one spirit – fealty to the old Faith.

Every resolution was carried with an absolute unanimity that was thrilling. The climax came when the grand old hymn 'Faith of our Fathers' was sung, verse and chorus, with passionate fervour – a fitting close to a grand ceremony.

But the day was not yet done. In the dusk of the autumn evening, whilst thousands upon thousands of spectators were massed together on the grand stands awaiting the firework display, one little group began to sing 'Hail, Queen of Heaven'. The effect was electric. Immediately, Dr Lingard's hymn was taken up by the waiting multitude. In billows of sound the grand strains rolled like an organ diapason, echoing and re-echoing from the grand picture across the gleaming levels of the lake.

Promenaders stood still, spellbound and thrilled. The men removed their hats. Pipes and cigars were put away. The band of the gardens was drowned by the great volume of sound and could be heard no longer. Everybody sang. The scene was marvellous, full of reverence.

Then hymn followed hymn. The closing lines of St Patrick's 'For God and St Patrick and our native home' must ring in the ears of those that heard it till for them also 'Time be no more'.

What happened to the Government's Bill to abolish Church schools? There was a general election and the Government was defeated.