



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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2nd SUNDAY IN LENT 25 FEBRUARY 2018

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

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

MONDAY	9.15 am	Lent Weekday
TUESDAY	12 noon	Funeral Mass for Margaret Tomlinson
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Lent Weekday
THURSDAY	12 noon	Funeral Mass for John Barnes 7.30 pm at Holy Family, Kirkholt: Lenten Station (see over)
FRIDAY	8.00 am	Lent Weekday
SATURDAY	11.00 am	Lent Weekday (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 Mrs Margaret Mary Tomlinson of Lilac Grove, Prestwich and Mr John Barnes of Mount Road, Prestwich. May they rest in peace.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Sacred Heart & Holy Family, Rochdale

Collection last Sunday £1237.56.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Road Works!!!

Today, and for two or three Sundays after, Fairfax Road will be re-surfaced. The contractors will try to keep any disruption to a minimum but closing of part of the road is inevitable.

So if you are coming to church by car, please note that **today and next**

Sunday morning, Fairfax Road will be closed from Bury New Road as far as Highfield Road. Fairfax Road from Heys Road to Highfield Road will be open, as will Highfield Road itself. In the afternoons, Fairfax Road from Heys Road to Highfield Road will be closed.

San Damiano Cross

People have been asking, "What is this Cross that's appeared in our church?" It's all part of Bishop John Arnold's programme for the diocese, "Hope in the Future".

One day when St Francis of Assisi was praying in the dilapidated chapel of San Damiano, he heard the voice of Christ from the crucifix telling him, "Rebuild My Church". Thinking Our Lord

meant the chapel of San Damiano, Francis set about repairing it. He quickly realised that Our Lord meant the whole Catholic Church. He started the Franciscan Order and won the Pope's approval. The crucifix of San Damiano can still be venerated in Assisi.

Bishop Arnold has given a replica of the San Damiano cross to all parishes in the diocese. Jennifer and Judith Green have mounted our copy on a cloth background which can change with the liturgical seasons.

The cross will be a reminder that each one of us has a part to play in building up God's Church. Our parts will differ but every one is important. And the closer we are to Christ Our Lord, the more effective we will be.

Family Fast Day

CAFOD's Lenten Family Fast Day was last Friday 23 February. Your envelopes may be placed in the Offertory collection today.

In February, the contents of the Starving World box at the back of church will also go to CAFOD, and this Lent our donations will make double the difference. **For every pound we donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound** up to a limit of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed.

Do without? Or Do?

Giving up something, doing without. That's often how people see Lent. Nothing wrong with that. What we save can be given to a deserving charity. But what about doing something? For

example, what about trying to understand more our Catholic Faith?

In this parish we have so many chances to help us. The **CTS rack** at the back of church is generously filled. So too is the **Lighthouse rack** of DVDs. So too is the **parish library, with new additions this week.** **The Library is open after both morning Masses on Sunday. Come and see!**

Women's World Day of Prayer

The WWDP Service will be held **next Friday 2 March** at Prestwich Methodist Church, Bury New Road, at 1.00 pm. Everyone very welcome!

H.C.P.T. Fair

You are most welcome to join us for lunch in the parish hall on **Saturday 3 March.** The HCPT Fair will open at **10.30 am** with many stalls selling a variety of goods. All proceeds will help send sick children to Lourdes at Easter, and help with the fares of young helpers from the parish travelling with the diocesan pilgrimage.

Diocesan Almanac

The Salford Diocesan Almanac for 2018 is now available from the piety stall, £3. It was delayed so that it could include the latest changes in parish structures and movement of clergy. It is a mine of information for all who wish to keep up-to-date with things!

200 Club February winners:

£80 51 Mrs M O'Rourke
Agent Mrs M O'Rourke
£40 123 Mrs H McEnery
Agent Presbytery
£20 138 Miss L Doyle

Agent Mrs M Makin

Deanery/Diocese **Deanery Lenten Stations**

There will be **two** Lenten Station Masses in the deanery this Lent. The first will be at **Holy Family, Mornington Road, Kirkholt, Rochdale OL11 2DG** with Bishop John Arnold next Thursday 1 March.

The second Station Mass for the deanery will be **here at Our Lady of Grace on Thursday 22 March.**

Lenten Station Masses give us the opportunity to share our Lenten observance with priests and people of other parishes in the deanery. Please make an effort to take part where possible. Car-sharing would help. Both Masses will start at **7.30 pm.**

Lourdes Pilgrimage

The 86th annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Arnold, will take place between **Friday 27 July and Thursday 2 August 2018.** It is hoped that priests and people from all over the Salford Diocese will join this pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine in France.

Travel has been organised by plane and by coach. For further details about travel and accommodation, please contact Joe Walsh Tours on 0161 820 8790 or by email: info@joewalshstours.co.uk For all other aspects of the pilgrimage, please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office, 0161 817 2209, or visit the diocesan website at www.salfordlourdes.co.uk

Stop Press! Last-minute cancellations leave room

**on parish pilgrimage to
Rome 5-9 March. See Fr
Allen today.**