



# OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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## 12<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 25 JUNE 2017

### HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am
MONDAY	9.15 am
TUESDAY	12 noon Funeral Mass for Kathleen McLaughlin
WEDNESDAY	12 noon St Irenaeus

THURSDAY	12 noon	<b>St Peter &amp; St Paul Holy Day of Obligation</b>
	<b>Masses:</b>	<b>Wednesday evening 7.00 pm</b>
		<b>Thursday 9.30 am (with school) and 12 noon</b>

FRIDAY	9.15 am	(The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church)
SATURDAY	<b>11.00 am</b>	(St Oliver Plunket) Novena 10.45 am

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY	<b>11.30 am-12.30 pm</b>	6.00-6.45 pm
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DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Nazareth House and retired priests in the deanery

Collection last Sunday £1336.13. Christian Aid totalled £288.55.

## NEWSLETTER

*in the parish hall next  
Sunday after the morning  
Masses.*

### Parish

#### First Communions

Warmest congratulations and best wishes to our children who have made their First Holy Communion over the past two weeks. They will come with their families to the 11 o'clock Mass **today**, after which there will be photographs and a party in the church hall.

#### Traidcraft next Sunday

*There will be a good selection of Traidcraft goods*

#### July changes

***Beginning next Saturday, 1 July, the time of Mass will be brought forward to 11 o'clock. Our Lady's Novena will begin at 10.45 am. At the end of Mass the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for veneration until Benediction at 12.30 pm. Saturday morning confessions will be re-timed for one hour, 11.30 am until 12.30 pm.***

#### Church works

Work has now been completed to light up the façade of the church in the evenings, from dusk until midnight.

**200 Club:** *the June draw will be held on Friday 30 June. New members always welcome.*

**The Salford Diocesan Inspectors** will examine the quality of RE in Our Lady of Grace primary school on Thursday next. We are

quietly confident, but a little prayer would not go amiss.

## Deanery/Diocese

### The Prestwich Carnival

today is a happy event but notice some roads will be closed in the early afternoon.

### Prestwich Community

**Picnic** on **2 July**, 2.00-4.00 pm at St. Mary's Park. This is a **Family Event** to celebrate the people of Prestwich, with all its diverse links. Bring some food and drink to share and something to sit on. Craft activities for all the family.

Contact:

prestwichmums@gmail.com

### From Curse to Blessing

#### **Archbishop Michael L.**

**Fitzgerald** is one of the leading experts on Islam, Muslim-Christian relations and Interreligious dialogue among the senior hierarchy of the Catholic Church. He is coming to the Salford

Diocese to speak on "Nostra Aetate, from Curse to Blessing": **4 July at 7.00 pm at the Cathedral Centre, Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP.** Places are limited so please pre-book via email: [peter.hopkinson@dioceseof-salford.org.uk](mailto:peter.hopkinson@dioceseof-salford.org.uk) or phone 01282 422007

### Syria's Christians Search for Peace

Salford Cathedral will host an **Exhibition** on Saturday **8 July (12pm - 6pm)** and Sunday **9 July (12pm - 5pm)**. This exhibition of artworks is inspired by the Syrian conflict and will include drawings by Syrian children of all faiths sharing their experiences of their homeland with you. There will also be artwork from Farid Georges, a Syrian

Orthodox painter from Homs, chronicling the destruction of his beloved city.

Hand-made table linens by lace-makers from Aleppo, who often work for hours by candlelight in war-torn Aleppo, will also be displayed.

Alongside this work, the exhibition will include photographs from ACN's extensive archives revealing the faces and places devastated by the Syrian conflict. The information banners will guide you through the history of Christianity in Syria, the current living conditions for Syrian people and how benefactors like you are making such a difference to their lives.

Entrance is free and all are welcome. ACN gifts and literature will be available.

### Encounter 2017

**Encounter (previously known as Convivio) is an event for Catholic students in Years 9 and above.** It is a great opportunity for young people in our family of schools to get together and share their faith in Jesus Christ in an atmosphere of friendship.

This year's event will include a range of activities centred on this year's theme:

**"Connection or Communion?"**

We hope that this theme will encourage young people to consider the challenges of living in a technological society.

If you would like to register places on Encounter, please contact Gabriela Teixeira at [gabriela.teixeira@dioceseof-salford.org.uk](mailto:gabriela.teixeira@dioceseof-salford.org.uk)

[salford.org.uk](http://salford.org.uk)

Where? **St Bede's College, Alexandra Road South, Manchester M16 8HX.**

When? **Tuesday 11 and Wednesday 12 July, 9.30 am-2.30 pm.**

### Sts Peter & Paul

On 29 June, the Church celebrates the feast day of two great saints, Peter and Paul. Their personal backgrounds and individual lives were very different. **Peter** received this special name, meaning 'Rock', from Jesus himself. He was one of Jesus' first chosen disciples and was named by him as leader of the Twelve, the apostles.

**Paul** only met Jesus after Jesus had risen. This took place on the road to Damascus, an event which changed Saul of Tarsus into Paul, apostle to the Gentiles. What joined them was their love of Jesus and their martyr-death in the city of Rome, Peter by crucifixion and Paul, as a Roman citizen, by beheading with the sword. Their feast day next Thursday is a holy day of obligation.

Pope Benedict had this to say in 2005:

*"The Feast of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul is at the same time a grateful memorial of the great witnesses of Jesus Christ and a solemn confession for the Church: one, holy, catholic and apostolic. It is first and foremost a feast of catholicity. The sign of Pentecost - the new community that speaks all languages and unites all peoples into one people, in one family of God - this sign*

*has become a reality. Our liturgical assembly ... is an image of the family of the Church distributed throughout the earth."*