



# OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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## CHRIST THE KING 26 NOVEMBER 2017

### 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	
TUESDAY	12 noon	
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	
THURSDAY	12 noon	St Andrew, apostle
FRIDAY	9.15 am	with Years 4,5 & 6 children from Our Lady of Grace school
SATURDAY	11.00 am	(Novena 10.40 am)
SUNDAY NEXT – First Sunday of Advent		

### 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 Donnelly, formerly of Birch Grove, Prestwich. Her funeral Mass will be next Tuesday at 10.00 am in Burnley, with interment at St Joseph's Cemetery, Moston at 2.00 pm. May she rest in peace.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Our Lady & St Paul and St Joseph's, Heywood

Collection last Sunday £1166.95. Thank you also for a donation of £20 for altar flowers, as well as various donations towards the Christmas Fair. Thank you also for your generosity in the collection for the **Retired Priests Fund**. It has come to £1000.42.

## NEWSLETTER

### Parish

#### International Mass

Our annual International Mass is at 11 o'clock **today Sunday 26 November**, the solemnity of Christ the King. This is a warm 'thank you' to those providing national food at the party afterwards in the parish hall.

#### Next Saturday – the Christmas Fair

*The Fair will be held **next Saturday 2 December**. Doors open at 12 noon. Thank you to those who have signed up to donate **raffle prizes**. The list is still there by the choir stairs. The **November Draw of the 200 Club** will be held at the Fair.*

#### Sunday – Advent Wreaths

The traditional Advent wreath making will be in the parish hall **next Sunday at 2.00 pm**. Please bring scissors and if possible some foliage.

#### Traidcraft

*Our last monthly sale of fairly traded goods in 2017*

will be held in the Parish Hall after the 9am and 11am Masses **next Sunday 3 December**. Your last chance to buy fair-trade chocolate as stocking fillers, and we have some packs of CAFOD Christmas cards left! There's still time to order cards and gifts from the Traidcraft catalogue in time for Christmas. Don't assume that our prices are higher than the supermarkets' – we sell Divine chocolate for less than Sainsbury's! – but you can be sure that, by buying from us, farmers and workers in the developing world will receive a fair price.

### **Children's Liturgy**

**Also today** children from Year 2 and below are invited to the Children's Liturgy in the parish hall at the start of the 11 o'clock International Mass.

### **Parish Youth Rep**

**Bishop Arnold** is asking each parish to appoint a Parish Youth Rep - a young adult (18-25 years) who is part of the parish and is passionate and confident about getting young people involved more in the life of the parish and deanery. If you think you could do this, please see Fr Allen.

## **Deanery/Diocese**

### **Our Schools**

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then you need to make your voice heard.

The Coalition Government in 2010 ruled that any new 'faith' schools must admit at

least 50% other children. Since this would have meant turning Catholic children away from Catholic schools, no new Catholic schools have been built in England since then. The 50% cap was a policy that specifically targeted Catholics as Catholic schools are popular with parents of all faiths and none.

Last year the present Prime Minister promised to lift the 50% cap on faith admissions for new religious schools. The Government acknowledged the cap was unfair to the Catholic community and pledged to scrap it. The Conservatives even included a commitment to remove it in their 2017 manifesto.

Unfortunately, the feedback we are getting is that the Secretary of State for Education is thinking about U-turning on this and breaking the Government's promise to Catholics. There has been intense lobbying from the National Secular Society and the British Humanist Association.

The Catholic community now needs to make its collective voice heard and tell the Secretary of State that this level of discrimination against Catholic schools, parents and children will not be tolerated.

The Catholic Education Service is urging Catholics to write to the Secretary of State and their MP expressing their concern that this promise to our community could be broken. These letters can be easily sent by following this link, <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> inserting

your details and clicking 'send'.

### **Caritas and Salford**

**Loaves and Fishes** are pleased to present '**Music and Readings for Advent and Christmas**' at St John's Cathedral, Salford, with Bishop John Arnold, the Choir of St John's Cathedral, Anthony Hunt (organ) and Martin Barry (conductor) and Notability. **Next Sunday 3 December at 6.30 pm.** Tickets £5 each, from Caritas 0161 817 2250 or Salford Loaves and Fishes 0161 737 8775 or at the door.

### **'Teachings on the Eucharist' (Pope Francis)**

"What is the Mass essentially? The Mass is the memorial of Christ's Paschal Mystery. It makes us participants in His victory over sin and death and gives full meaning to our life.

"Therefore, to understand the value of the Mass we must understand, first of all, the biblical meaning of "memorial." It is not merely the recollection of past events, but in a certain sense renders them present and real... And the Mass is the memorial of His Passover, of His "exodus," which He carried out for us, to make us come out of slavery and to introduce us in the Promised Land of eternal life. It's not merely a recollection, no, it's more: it makes present what happened 20 centuries ago.

"...Every time the sacrifice of the cross is celebrated on the altar, the work of our Redemption is carried out" (*Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium*, 3).

For full text visit [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) and click on 'audiences', or

**www.zenit.org** and see  
their Wednesday newsletter.