



# OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

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## 21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 27 AUGUST 2017

### HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

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

MONDAY	9.15 am	St Augustine of Hippo
TUESDAY	12 noon	The Passion of St John the Baptist
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
THURSDAY	12 noon	(St Aidan and Saints of Lindisfarne)
FRIDAY	9.15 am	St Edmund Arrowsmith
SATURDAY	11.00 am	(Novena 10.45)

### 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

**DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER** St Michael & St Bernadette, Whitefield

Collection last Sunday £1043.49, Assumption £467.50.

Thank you also for a donation of £250 for repairs being carried out now.

## **NEWSLETTER**

### Parish

#### 'Discovering our Catholic Faith'

**Getting nearer!** This new course will start on **Wednesday 13 September** in the Presbytery at Our Lady of Grace (11 Fairfax Road) 7.30-9.00 pm. The Course runs most weeks until Easter 2018. It is intended for anyone thinking about becoming a Catholic or wanting to know more about the Faith before deciding, or for those baptized Catholic but not brought up in the Faith.

Please let Fr Allen or Judith Green know if you intend to come.

#### **2018 Year Book**

Yes, *it's time to prepare copy for next year's book.* Would those responsible for the various groups or activities please put the new details in writing to the presbytery or email to [john.allen@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:john.allen@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)  
*Thank you in advance.*

#### **Car Park closed**

Please note that the parish car park will be closed all

day on August Bank Holiday Monday. The car park is closed on one day each year to prevent it from becoming a public right of way.

#### **Parish repairs**

*Repairs and improvements to the parish plant are progressing as planned.*  
*-Floodlighting to the church is already in place.*  
*-The stonework on the front of the church will shortly be cleaned.*  
*-The gate pillars are ready to be pointed and will soon receive the restored gates.*

*-The old chimneys on the hall roof, together with foliage growing there, have been removed and the roof re-slatted.*

*-Some of the altar plate will shortly be re-silvered.*

*Your continuing support makes all these things possible.*

### **University this year?**

If you are going to University be sure to contact the Catholic Chaplaincy. Visit [catholicSATUniversity.org.uk](http://catholicSATUniversity.org.uk)

### **Zimbabwe Mass**

*We welcome today Zimbabwe Catholics from Greater Manchester and beyond for their monthly visit and Mass at 1.00 pm.*

**200 Club:** the August Draw will be held on **Thursday** 31 August. All monies and books to the presbytery please.

### **Deanery/Diocese**

#### **Cemetery Masses**

On **Bank Holiday Monday 28 August** Mass will be offered at 11.00 am in St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley, and St Joseph's Cemetery, Moston, for those buried there.

#### **Rosary Rally**

*The 46th Annual Rosary Rally takes place on **Saturday 9 September** at 3.00pm in Platt Fields, Manchester (Grangethorpe Road entrance). With Gospel Singer **Tom McCourt** and Free Ice Cream. Contact: Sarah Mitchell 0161 431 0410*

### **New Website!**

The new diocesan website will launch at the start of next month, September.

### **Saint of the Week: Edmund Arrowsmith**

*Edmund was born at Haydock in Lancashire in 1585, the eldest child of Robert Arrowsmith, a yeoman farmer, and Margery Gerard, a member of an important Catholic family in Lancashire. Among his mother's relations was Father John Gerard, who wrote The Diary of an Elizabethan Priest, as well as another martyr, the Blessed Miles Gerard. He was baptized Brian, but always used his confirmation name of Edmund.*

*The family was constantly harassed for its adherence to the Catholic Faith. One of his grandfathers died a confessor in prison. His parents were taken to Lancaster jail; the four children were cared for by neighbours.*

*In 1605, at the age of twenty, Edmund left England and went to the English College, Douai, to study for the priesthood. He was soon forced to return to England due to ill health, but recovered and returned to Douai in 1607.*

*He was ordained in Arras on 9 December 1612, and sent on the English mission a year later. He ministered to the Catholics of Lancashire without incident until around 1622, when he was arrested and questioned by the Anglican Bishop of Chester. Edmund was released when King James I of England ordered all arrested priests be freed. He joined the Jesuits in 1624.*

*In the summer of 1628, Fr Edmund was betrayed by a lapsed Catholic named Holden, who denounced him to the authorities, and whom Edmund had censured for entering an unlawful marriage. He was arrested on the charge of being a Roman Catholic priest in England and imprisoned in Lancaster castle. He decided to let the court prove the charge rather than help them with a confession, saying, "Would that I were worthy of being a priest!" When the jury found him guilty of being a priest, he exclaimed, "Thanks be to God!"*

*Brought to execution, he prayed for everyone in the kingdom and then said, "Be witnesses with me that I die a constant Roman Catholic and for Christ's sake. Let my death be an encouragement to your going forward in the Catholic religion." St John Southworth, a fellow-prisoner in Lancaster castle, was able to give Fr Edmund absolution on the day of his execution.*

*He was hanged, drawn and quartered at Lancaster on 28 August 1628. His final words were "Bone Jesu!" ("O good Jesus!")*

*The house where St Edmund Arrowsmith said his last Mass is still standing in Hoghton, as is the public house where he was taken after his arrest: the Boar's Head at Hoghton. He was beatified in 1929 and canonised as one of the Forty Martyrs of England and Wales by Pope Paul VI in 1970. His feast day is 28 August.*

*His hand was preserved and kept by the Arrowsmith family as a relic until he was beatified and it now rests in*

*the Catholic Church of St  
Oswald and St Edmund  
Arrowsmith,  
Ashton-in-Makerfield.*