



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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3rd SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 27 JANUARY 2019

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am	
MONDAY	9.15 am	St Thomas Aquinas
TUESDAY	12 noon	
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	
THURSDAY	12 noon	Funeral Mass for Mary Davenport
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Funeral Mass for Kathleen Sharpe (First Friday)
SATURDAY	11.00 am	The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) (Novena 10.40 am)

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 11.30 am -12.30 pm 6.00-6.45 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 11.30 am to 12.30 pm

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for Mrs Bernadette Webb of Willingdon Drive, Prestwich. May she rest in peace.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Our Lady of Dolours, Kersal

Collection last Sunday £1302.44. **Next Sunday is Caritas Sunday.** There will be a second collection for the work of Caritas (Diocese of Salford) which includes the Catholic Children's Rescue Society and Catholic Welfare Societies. See below.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Vocations Mass

We welcome members of the Catenian Association and family members at the 7 o'clock Mass **today Saturday 26 January** for the annual Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood.

The Prayer Group will meet tomorrow **Monday 28 January** at 1B St Margaret's Close, Prestwich, 7.00-8.00 pm. All are welcome!

Traidcraft

Our next sale of Fairtrade goods will be held next **Sunday 3 February** in the Parish Hall, after both the 9am and 11am Masses. Last year, we sold a total of £6,990 in goods, here at Our Lady of Grace and at a number of other parishes and events. These sales directly benefit many people in developing countries, who receive a fair price for their produce. Another benefit is that we were able to give the

profit of £1,355 on these sales to CAFOD, to go towards their connect2 project in Ethiopia. Our parish has been supporting connect2:Ethiopia since 2010, and the total of our donations has now reached £14,095. Many thanks to everyone who buys Fairtrade goods from us - please continue in 2019.

Caritas Sunday

Caritas encourages and supports parish and

community involvement in charitable activities that meet the social needs of people within the Diocese of Salford. Caritas provides a range of services to all people experiencing social disadvantage and need, and also recruits, trains and supports volunteers in a range of family and community services.

This year Caritas is asking all parishioners to use their gifts and talents to #BeTheChange and to help House The Homeless, Build Stronger Families and Welcome Refugees.

The second collection during Mass next Sunday will allow Caritas Diocese of Salford to #BeTheChange in our parishes and across the diocese.

Pre-Marriage Course

Our pre-marriage course, run jointly with Our Lady of Dolours parish, will begin on **Monday 11 February**. The Course will now be held at Our Lady of Grace presbytery and will continue each Monday from 11 February until Monday 25 March. **If you know any couples planning to marry this year please inform them of this course and ask them to contact their parish priest.**

Our New Project

*This is intended to help people with memory loss or dementia, together with their carers. **Meet in the Cottage on Thursday 7 March at 11.30 am, to enjoy an hour or so singing some old favourites, and having a chat over a warm drink in a safe and happy place. Please spread the word about this project to anyone you know who might benefit from it.***

200 Club: the January draw will take place on 31 January. Annual subscriptions are now due. New members always welcome!

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Blessing for Engaged Couples

Saturday 9 February at the Cathedral at 3.00 pm with Bishop John Arnold. He invites engaged couples, family and friends, as well as anyone involved in marriage preparation and ministry.

Settlement Scheme

This Scheme of the British Government affects all EU citizens who want to remain in the UK after Brexit (with the exception of Irish citizens). They will all have to apply through the scheme, which is expected to launch in March 2019.

Last week's Newsletter gave some details about the scheme, including the statement that EU citizens would have to pay for permission to stay in Britain. A few days ago the Government announced the welcome news that there will now be no charge.

For official information on the Settlement Scheme see: gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families

World Youth Day

This is taking place in Panama City, ending today, 27 January. These WYDs give the opportunity for a million plus Catholics to celebrate their faith with the Holy Father. "Another world is possible!" Pope Francis said in his first official speech in Panama. Young people "urge us to take our part in building it, so that our dreams

do not only remain ephemeral or ethereal, but can promote a social contract in which everyone has the chance to dream of a tomorrow. The right to the future is also a human right."

Lourdes Pilgrimage Choir

"The liturgy and music play a major part of the Diocesan pilgrimage each year and we would like to help make 2019 just as memorable.

"The Salford Diocese Lourdes choir are looking for new members to enhance the liturgy. This is a fun, dynamic group who work extremely hard to make every service special. Like any other voluntary role, commitment is needed and only with this commitment can we make the music ministry a success.

"If there are any sopranos, altos, tenors or bass who would like to join us in 2019 please contact Fr Philip Brady on 0161 740 2071 or email at: philip.brady@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

"The ability to read music is preferable but not essential. As part of the Diocesan Safeguarding scheme ALL volunteers must hold a current Salford Diocesan Volunteer DBS. The cut-off date for applications is the beginning of April 2019. Unfortunately, we cannot accept any forms or applications after this date.

"A meeting with the safeguarding office at Cathedral Centre or a representative from your parish safeguarding team can be arranged for new members to complete the relevant forms."