



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 27 MAY 2018

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

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

am

MONDAY	9.15 am	
TUESDAY	12 noon	
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Anniversary of Consecration of Our Lady of Grace church
THURSDAY	12 noon	Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
FRIDAY	9.15 am	St Justin
SATURDAY	11.00 am	Sts Marcellinus & Peter/The Ugandan Martyrs (Novena 10.40)
NEXT SUNDAY	– The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	

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 Holy Family, Kirkholt

Collection last Sunday £1217.87.

Thank you for a donation of £40 for Sister Theresa's school in Uganda for children in special needs. The contents of the Starving World box for May will also go there.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

We Remember

On Wednesday next we will celebrate the anniversary of the consecration of Our Lady of Grace church by Bishop George Andrew Beck in 1956. The day is marked in the liturgical calendar as a Solemnity.

1956 was also the silver jubilee year of the opening of the church in 1931. Parish

priest, **Fr Denis O'Brien**, wrote:

'The priests and people of Our Lady of Grace thank Almighty God on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of their church for all His graces and blessings bestowed upon those who are gone and those who are still with us.

'Looking back over those years and turning back the pages of history to the foundation of our parish, we hold the priests and people,

living and dead, in grateful remembrance. As we gaze on our beautiful church we are all conscious of the kindly feeling which prevails upon our fellow citizens of Prestwich and we see a spirit of true Christian charity linking us with our good neighbours.'

Now in 2018, we echo those words of appreciation for all who have gone before us, 'marked with the sign of faith'.

Caritas Food Bank

*Did you see the notice recently sent from **Sister Joan** who runs the Food Bank in Bury? She wrote: 'Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support of the Caritas Food Bank. You won't have realised it but your very generous donations saved the day yesterday. Our selves were almost bare but your donations meant we didn't have to disappoint anyone who came to us for help. It's always exciting to unpack your bags – such a very thoughtful variety of food. With love, Sister Joan.'*

Donations may be left at the back of church every Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

Summer Fair Date

Our Lady of Grace Primary School will hold its Summer Fair on **Saturday 30 June** at the school site on Highfield Road. It's a **Family Fun Day!** Tickets for the raffle are available at the back of church.

200 Club: *the May draw will be held on 31 May. All monies and books to the presbytery please.*

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Catholic Fellowship Mass

It was known at its foundation sixty years ago as 'The Catholic Handicapped Fellowship'. Now celebrating its diamond jubilee and known simply as 'The Catholic Fellowship' it still works for the support and welfare of children and adults with physical, sensory and learning disabilities.

Bishop John Arnold will celebrate Mass in thanksgiving in Salford Cathedral **next Saturday 2 June** at 2.00 pm. There is a general invitation to all to take part, looking back with joy and looking forward in hope that such service may continue and evolve to suit the needs of our day in our Communities.

National Eucharistic Congress

*The Congress will be held in Liverpool **7-9 September** this year. Some inspirational speakers will lead sessions at the Congress, including **Bishop Robert Barron** from Los Angeles, one of the leading Catholic evangelists of our time. Why not come for one or more of the days? Fr Allen will be happy to give details.*

*Many events will be taking place in Liverpool on the Congress weekend. Catholic author **Katie Prejean** is the keynote speaker at a Youth Congress aimed at those aged 13-20, on Saturday 8 September 11.30 am-5.30 pm in the Liverpool Echo Area-Auditorium. Tickets for this event are £10.*

The aim of the day is to help young people to live the Eucharist through witness, proclamation, care for the broken in society and love for the planet.

The day features CJM, Rise Theatre, Cardinal Nichols, CAFOD, Animate, Salesians, Joel's Bar-One Hope Project. There will be an opportunity to highlight the Synod on young people which will be happening in October of this year. Resources to help prepare for the event are available on the Adoremus Youth website.

Young people whatever their church background will have a positive experience on the day. To book places, check arrangements with Lorraine Leonard, or go to adoremusyouth.co.uk or use the booking form Adoremus Booking Form.

Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday, officially called 'The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity', is one of the few celebrations of the Christian Year that commemorates a reality and doctrine rather than a person or event. On Trinity Sunday, we remember and honour the eternal God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Trinity Sunday is celebrated the Sunday after Pentecost, and lasts only one day, which is symbolic of the unity of the Trinity. Eastern Churches have no tradition of Trinity Sunday, arguing that they celebrate the Trinity every Sunday. Westerners also commemorate the Trinity at every Eucharist, although they set aside a special feast day for the purpose as well.

The Church has been celebrating the Trinity in its life and worship since the earliest days of the Church, as evidenced by the Trinitarian baptismal formula.

Trinity Sunday is the final celebration of the Church Year, after Christ's resurrection, ascension, and the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and shows the importance of the Trinity as the foundation, beginning and end of Christian belief and experience. Pope John XXII established the feast

day for universal observance in the Western Church in AD 1334 on the present date. Trinity Sunday has been especially popular in England, perhaps because Thomas Becket was consecrated on Trinity Sunday, AD 1162.