



# OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 28 JANUARY 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 St John Bosco

THURSDAY 12 noon

FRIDAY 9.15 am The Presentation of the Lord With Year 4 children

SATURDAY 11.00 am (St Blaise/St Ansgar) Novena 10.40 am

### 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 Kathleen Langan of James Street, Prestwich and Mrs Shelagh Garside of Rectory Green, Prestwich. May they rest in peace.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Our Lady of Dolours, Kersal

Collection last Sunday £1125.27. **Today** is kept in the diocese for **Caritas Diocese of Salford**. There will be a second collection for the work of Caritas (see over).

## NEWSLETTER

### Parish

#### Traidcraft

Our next sale of Fairtrade goods will be held **next Sunday 4 February** in the Parish Hall, after both the 9am and 11am Masses. Last year, we sold a total of £6,460 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. But there is another benefit too; we were able to give the profit of £1,270 on these sales to CAFOD, to go towards their connect2 project in Ethiopia. Our parish supported Connect2:Ethiopia since 2010, and the total of our donations has now reached £12,740. Many thanks to everyone who buys

Fairtrade goods from us - please continue in 2018.

#### Still Wanted!

*Grateful thanks to those who have volunteered for the **Liturgy Rota** in the past two weeks. Others will still be very welcome. Also, we are looking for more members to increase our **baptismal preparation team**, to help couples coming for the baptism of their first child.*

## Children's Liturgy Today

*Specially designed for children in Nursery, Reception and Years 1 and 2, Children's Liturgy will be held in the parish hall **today** at the start of the **11 o'clock Mass**. At the end of the opening hymn, children are invited to come to the side door of the church. They will then go into the parish hall with the catechists, returning after the Bidding Prayers.*

## School News

Our Lady of Grace Primary School needs **Midday Supervisors**. Please contact Mrs Linda Barmby at the school office: 0161 796 7254, lbarmby@ourladyofgracercp primarieschool.co.uk

## 200 Club January winners:

**£80** 175 Mr L Brooks  
Agent Mrs M Makin  
**£40** 257 Mrs A Kerslake  
Agent Mr A Scholes  
**£20** 249 Mrs M Slattery  
Agent Mr J Slattery

## Deanery/Diocese

### Lourdes

**Saturday 3 February** at St Bernadette's Social Club, Selby Ave, Whitefield, M45 8UT a **Gala Dinner** in aid of the pilgrimage fund, supporting the sick pilgrims and medical team. A welcome drink, 4-course meal and live entertainment, tickets £35. To reserve tickets please email Filippa Martin: martin\_filippa@yahoo.co.uk

**Friday 9 February** at St Herbert's Parish Centre, Broadway, Chadderton OL9

OJY a **Quiz Night** hosted by the Catenian Association, with proceeds to the Bursary Fund supporting young people helping in Lourdes or other charitable work abroad.

7.30-11.00 pm. 1<sup>st</sup> prize £100. £2 per person for teams of 4 to 6, including refreshments.

## Christian Aid in Prestwich Tesco's

*The Christian Aid Group, on behalf of Churches Together in Prestwich and Kersal, are asking people to shake a bucket in the entrance and by the tills in Tesco's in Prestwich on **Friday next 2 February**, for an hour any time between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm.*

*They say it's a very happy time. "We get to meet many friends of local churches and community groups out for their shopping. And it increases the profile of the local Christian community, as well as the work of Christian Aid."*

*If anyone can offer some time, please ring, e-mail or text Rev Steve Williams on 07757 411377  
saintgabriel@talktalk.net*

## Caritas Diocese of Salford

Caritas is a part of the Caritas Social Action Network - the official agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for domestic social action. It has taken on the work formerly done by the Catholic Children's Rescue Society, and also has taken on the role formerly looked after by Catholic Welfare Societies, founded years

ago under Bishop Thomas Holland.

It encourages and supports parish and community involvement in charitable activities that meet the social needs of people within the Diocese, and provides much support and advice.

## Candlemas Day

*Friday next is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple at Jerusalem. Christ Jesus is the light who came into this world to dispel sin and darkness. For this reason, traditionally at least since the seventh century, candles have been blessed at Mass this day to be used throughout the year, hence coining the term "Candlemas."*

*Our parents presented us at church for our baptism. We were dedicated to God, and given the name, "Christian." We, too, received a lit candle from the paschal candle, at which the priest said, "You have been enlightened by Christ. Walk always as a child of the light and keep the flame of faith alive in your heart. When the Lord comes, may you go out to meet Him with all the saints in the heavenly kingdom."*

*As a light, each of us must bear witness to Our Lord; be a beacon that guides others to Christ. We may also be "a sign that will be opposed," especially on issues of the sanctity of human life, marriage and the family.*

*In many Eastern European countries, the feast of the Presentation officially closes the celebration of Christmas. For this reason, Saint John Paul II began the custom of keeping the Nativity scene in*

*St Peter's Square until 2  
February.*