



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

‘Stay with us, Lord, on our journey’

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17th SUNDAY ‘OF THE YEAR’ 29 JULY 2018

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

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

am

MONDAY	9.15 am	(St Peter Chrysologus)
TUESDAY	12 noon	St Ignatius of Loyola
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori
THURSDAY	12 noon	(St Eusebius/Peter Julian Eymard)
FRIDAY	9.15 am	
SATURDAY	11.00 am	St John Mary Vianney (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

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Guardian Angels, Bury

Collection last Sunday £994.39. Thank you also for a donation of £500.

Today there will be an appeal and second collection for the **St Barnabas Society** (see below).

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Meeting of Families

Dublin will host the next World Meeting of Families from **21-26 August**, with the theme “**The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World**”.

Here at Our Lady of Grace, we gave out prayer cards last Sunday to help us all to be associated with this important event in the life of the Church. If you didn't receive one of these cards last Sunday, or if you would

like more, please collect from the piety stall today. The old adage, “The family that prays together, stays together”, is very true. These cards should be a useful help in praying together.

St Barnabas Society

“The St Barnabas Society continues the work begun by The Converts Aid Society more than a century ago to give pastoral and financial help to non-Catholic clergy and religious who are resident in Great Britain and Ireland, and who have been

led by faith and conscience into the full communion of the Catholic Church.

“For many it has been a difficult path and one which has involved huge sacrifice. The Society strives to be a friend to them and a supporter, just as our patron St Barnabas was a friend and supporter to St Paul the Apostle, the greatest convert the Church has ever known.”

*The Director of the St Barnabas Society, **Fr Paul Martin**, will make today's appeal.*

**The International
Eucharistic Congresses:
A Spiritual Odyssey
1881-2016**

That is the title of a book written by Fr Allen and published by Gracewing.

In his Foreword to the book, **Cardinal Vincent Nichols** of Westminster describes the book as “a volume unique both for its fascinating travelogue and for the richness of its Eucharistic theology and devotion”.

There is nothing written in English and currently in print that covers this subject. The Cardinal continues: “What has been needed, and what many people have longed for, is something that everyone can access, and in plain English. Unavailable until now, here it is, and totally new! The author’s clear style will appeal to all and his distilling of the meditations of some of the finest theologians in the world will provide endless spiritual nourishment.”

Copies of the book are on the piety stall, 400 pages at £20. All royalties will go to Bury Hospice.

Traidcraft: *Our next monthly sale of fair-trade goods is **next Sunday 8 August** in the Parish Hall after the 9am and 11am Masses. Normal range of fairly-traded foods, plus some craft goods from around the world at a fraction of normal prices.*

200 Club July winners:
£80 98 Mrs M Raffo
Agent Mrs A Murphy
£40 177 Mr P Devlin
Agent Mrs G Devlin
£20 279 Mrs E Stanley
Agent Mrs M Makin

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Salford in Lourdes

550 pilgrims from across the Diocese of Salford have made the 1000-mile journey to Lourdes and are now there, in the foothills of the French Pyrenees. At the heart of the Salford pilgrimage are 23 sick pilgrims, cared for by a team of volunteer doctors, nurses and carers assisted by lay volunteers.

Lourdes is one of the busiest Christian pilgrimage sites in the world with 4-6 million pilgrims visiting each year. But why do we go on pilgrimage?

Pilgrimages to Lourdes began after the Virgin Mary appeared in a series of 18 apparitions to a poor 14-year-old girl, named Bernadette Soubirous. These apparitions took place in a Grotto on the banks of the river Gave between February and July 1858. During the 9th Apparition ‘the beautiful lady’ told Bernadette to go and dig in the dirt in the corner of the Grotto. After several attempts Bernadette unearthed the spring which is still the source of the famous Lourdes water to this day. During the 13th apparition Our Lady told Bernadette to: ‘Go and tell the priests that the people are to come here in procession, and they are to build a church here.’ Pilgrims visit Lourdes in answer to this request.

People may think that pilgrims visit Lourdes in order to experience a miracle. In the 160 years since the Apparitions took place, only 70 miracles have been officially acknowledged

by the Catholic Church as having taken place at Lourdes. For Christians, pilgrimage is a chance to renew and strengthen one’s faith and sense of purpose. Life can be so hectic and pilgrimage gives us that time out, away from the hustle and bustle of our daily routine, to sit quietly and think about our lives, or to seek a solution to a problem or help with a major decision that we may have to make.

Some come on pilgrimage in search of strength and guidance in times of difficulty or distress. For many sick pilgrims Lourdes gives an opportunity to bathe in the healing waters of the spring and to find peace with their prognosis rather than to seek a miraculous cure.

Lourdes is a wonderful place to restore one’s faith in humanity when witnessing the thousands of people who come to give their time willingly to help those in need. Journalist Leon Spence sums up the pilgrimage experience: *‘Lourdes brings people, young and old, disabled or able-bodied, rich and poor together. No one ever judges you, where you come from, what you do for a living or what type of house you live in. The fact is you are there, in Lourdes, on a shared experience of faith and everyone is accepted.’*

To follow this year’s Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage visit our website: www.salfordlourdes.co.uk

Found: *A red and black Walking Aid. Enquire at the presbytery.*

Latest Liverpool Congress:

Friday fully booked. Last day

for booking Saturday is
Tuesday 31 July.