



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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4th SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 3 FEBRUARY 2019

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

<u>SUNDAY</u>	<u>First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am</u>	
MONDAY	9.15 am	St Blaise – from 2 Feb – followed by blessing of throats
TUESDAY	12 noon	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs of Japan
THURSDAY	12 noon	
FRIDAY	9.15 am	(St Jerome Emiliani/St Josephine Bakhita)
SATURDAY	11.00 am	(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

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Guardian Angels, Bury

Collection last Sunday £1183.79.

Thank you also for donations of £40 and £50, as well as £20 for SPUC and £20 for CAFOD.

Today 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

Traidcraft

Our next sale of Fairtrade goods will be held **today 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 today will allow Caritas Diocese of Salford to #BeTheChange in our parishes and across the diocese.

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 January winners

£80 185 Mrs N Livesey
Agent Mrs M Makin

£40 42 Mrs H Porterfield
Agent Mrs M Makin

£20 205 Mrs M Duffy
Agent Presbytery

Deanery/Diocese

Engaged Couples

Next Saturday 9 February at the Cathedral at **3.00 pm** **Bishop John Arnold** will hold a blessing service for engaged couples (not Mass). He invites engaged couples, family and friends, as well as anyone involved in marriage preparation and ministry. St John's Cathedral, Chapel Street, Salford M3 5LE.

Fatima in Salford!

*The National Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, along with Relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will visit the Cathedral on **Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 February.***

A whole series of events and services are planned across the two days. Devotions are encouraged across the two days between services and all are welcome to celebrate this once in a lifetime visitation. Full details can be found on the diocesan website or via the poster in the inner porch.

Deanery Mass for our Young People

"Be Who God Created You To Be" is the theme of this Deanery event to be held on **Tuesday 26 February 7.00 pm** at Sacred Heart Church, Rochdale, OL16 5BX.

All are welcome at this Mass for Youth, especially the young but all others who wish to encourage and pray for our young people. It should be a great celebration and there will be refreshments afterwards. Please do attend and show our "Hope in the Future" in our young people.

Brexit and European Citizens

*One of the consequences of the United Kingdom leaving the European Union is that **European Union citizens in the UK will have to apply for Settled Status, from March 2019 and before the deadline of 30 June 2021, to be able to stay legally in the UK and have their rights protected after Brexit.***

The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales are very concerned about the introduction of the Settled Status. Their comment can be found on their website www.catholicnews.org.uk

A national organisation, the3million, together with two local Italian

*organizations (Italiankids and INCA UK), and with the support of the European Commission, has organised an "EU Citizens' Rights Sessions" in Prestwich, on **Saturday 9 March at 10.30 am at the Parish Hall, Our Lady of Grace**, to explain in simple terms the Settled Status application.*

All European Citizens are invited to this important meeting.

World Youth Day

"You, dear young people, are not the *future* but the *now* of God. He invites you and calls you in your communities and cities to go out and find your grandparents, your elders; to stand up and with them to speak out and realize the dream that the Lord has dreamed for you. Not tomorrow but now, for wherever your treasure is, there will your heart also be (cf. Mt 6:21).

"Whatever you fall in love with, it will win over not only your imagination, it will affect everything. It will be what makes you get up in the morning, what keeps you going at times of fatigue, what will break open your hearts and fill you with wonder, joy and gratitude. Realize that you have a mission and fall in love; that will decide everything.

"For Jesus, there is no "meantime", but only a merciful love that wants to enter into and win over our hearts. He wants to be our treasure ... he is generous love that invites us to entrust ourselves. He is concrete, close, real love. He is festive joy ..."

(Pope Francis, World Youth Day, Panama, January 2019)