



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST ('CORPUS CHRISTI') 3 JUNE 2018

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	
TUESDAY	12 noon	St Boniface
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	(St Norbert)
THURSDAY	12 noon	
FRIDAY	9.15 am	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
SATURDAY	11.00 am	First Holy Communion Mass (Y3C)

CONFESSIONS this week

<u>THURSDAY</u>	6.00-7.30 pm	
<u>SATURDAY</u>	12 noon-12.30 pm	6.00-6.45 pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT To be resumed on 23 June

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for Mrs Alfreda Farrugia of Church Drive, Prestwich. May she rest in peace. Funeral here on 12 June.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER St Joseph's, Heywood

Collection last Sunday £933.78. Thank you also for a donation of £500.

Thanks to your generosity in the **Starving World box** in May we are able to send £600 to Sister Theresa Abigaba for her school in Uganda for children in special needs. The contents of the Starving World box for June will go to Aid to the Church in Need.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

A very special week

Next Saturday half the children who have been preparing over the past few months will make their first Holy Communion, to be followed by the other half on

Saturday of next week. To prepare for these great events there will be an opportunity to take part in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) on **Thursday 7 June** when confessions will be heard from 6.00 pm until about 7.30 pm. A visiting priest will be here to help and this is

open of course to all the parish.

Hall – make it yours!

Just a reminder that the parish hall is well furnished and is available for bookings. Why go elsewhere?

Traidcraft

Our regular monthly sale of fair-trade goods will be held **this Sunday 3 June** in the Parish Hall after the 9am and 11am Masses. New this month – “Breakfast Blend” teabags, replacing the “Everyday” teabag range. This tea is better quality than before and carries the “Leaf Lock” True Taste logo, which guarantees that it will taste as if it has been freshly picked from the tea estate. It is still Fairtrade, and is supplied from estates in Malawi, Uganda and Tanzania in East Africa. Your continuing support helps ensure that workers and small farmers in many developing countries receive a fair price for their produce.

The Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 4 June** 7.00-8.00 pm at 1B St Margaret's Close, Prestwich. All are welcome.

200 Club May winners

£80 97 Age Concern
Agent Mrs M O'Rourke
£40 96 Mrs M Gormley
Agent Mr A Scholes
£20 120 Miss H Fisher
Agent Mrs E Harrington

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Mass at Cathedral

The Annual Mission Mass for all APF-Mill Hill members (Red Box holders and annual members) will be offered at Salford Cathedral at 3.00 pm **next Saturday 9 June**. All box holders and members are invited to attend.

National Eucharistic Congress

The Congress will be held in **Liverpool 7-9 September**

this year. We don't have to be present for the whole time. Some people will want to be present for all three days but each day is independent and has its own programme. So far six people from this parish have signed up to at least one day of the Congress.

*The **Friday programme** will attract people who want to play an active role in the parish, such as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, members of Baptismal or Sacramental Programme teams, Catechists, Musicians, those working for Justice and Peace.*

*The **Saturday programme** is aimed at a more general audience, including as it does keynote talks by **Bishop Robert Barron** from Los Angeles, one of the leading Catholic evangelists of our time, as well as a reflection by **Cardinal Vincent Nichols**, and an exploration of the Congress themes through drama, testimony and presentations.*

*The **Sunday programme** covers Mass in the Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, at 9.30 am with Archbishop Malcolm McMahon as celebrant, and at 11.30 am with Cardinal Vincent Nichols as celebrant. That will be followed by a Blessed Sacrament Procession through Liverpool streets, leaving the Cathedral about 1 o'clock and returning for Benediction at 2.45 pm.*

In the afternoon and evening of the Friday and Saturday there will be a supporting programme, presented by the Archdiocese of Liverpool and the Bishops' Conference, with numerous activities across the city

centre for anyone wishing to attend.

There is also 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.

Fr Allen can give more details if needed. See outer notice board.

Corpus Christi

Cardinal Francis Arinze from Nigeria spoke at the International Eucharistic Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico, in 2004.

In his homily, the Cardinal pointed out that the Eucharist makes us one with Christ Who then sends us out on a mission...

In words strongly reminiscent of some used by St Thérèse of Lisieux, the Cardinal ended:

It is the Eucharist, therefore, which makes it possible for the Church to bear witness to Christ; for the martyrs to give their lives for Jesus and for the missionaries to go to distant lands to proclaim Christ. It is the Eucharist that strengthens the virgins to bear witness to a love consecrated and sacrificed by Jesus; the priests to spend their own strength to make Christ known; the spouses to live their conjugal life in an exemplary manner; the faithful lay people to bring the spirit of Christ to the various secular environments of daily life, vivifying them from within, as belonging to this world; young people to be sentinels of the dawn, to lead people to Christ, the Light, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

(Quotation from a
forthcoming book '*The
International Eucharistic
Congresses 1881-2016:
A Spiritual Odyssey*')