



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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17th SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 30 JULY 2017

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am	
MONDAY	9.15 am	St Ignatius Loyola
TUESDAY	12 noon	St Alphonsus Mary Liguori
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	(St Eusebius/St Peter Julian Eymard)
THURSDAY	12 noon	
FRIDAY	9.15 am	St John Vianney
SATURDAY	11.00 am	(Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major) (Novena 10.45)
SUNDAY NEXT	The Transfiguration of the Lord	

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 £1086.02.

Thank you also for donations of £100 and £20 towards the repair and restoration of the church gates. **The SVP collection last week** raised the magnificent total of £540. Many, many thanks for your generosity.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Our Lady of Grace ... In Uganda!

Sister Theresa Abigaba has sent us this message from her school in Western Uganda:

"Our Beloved Father, and all the Parishioners (our Friends) at Our Lady of Grace church. We shall never ever forget the love, care and support you have always rendered to Good Shepherd Special School,

more especially supporting us in building such beautiful accommodation and the installation of solar panels. May the Good Lord reward you abundantly."

See the inner notice board for Sister's message and also photographs of the teachers' house which, because of our considerable support, she has named after this parish.

Fairtrade: Our monthly **Traidcraft stall** is **next Sunday 6 August**, in the

parish hall after the Sunday morning Masses. As well as our wide range of Fairtrade foods, we have "Clean & Fair" products - the world's first range of cleaning products to carry the Fairtrade mark, made with ethically-produced palm oil from smallholders in Ghana: hand wash, washing-up liquid, laundry liquid, multi-surface cleaner, soap bars - great products as good as leading brands. Their prices compare well with other eco-friendly cleaners. This is "cleaning with meaning".

200 Club July winners

£80 74 Mrs M Hall,
agent Mr J Slattery
£40 294 Mrs A Brown,
agent Mrs G Devlin
£20 304 Mrs P Cribbin,
agent Presbytery

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Lourdes Pilgrimage – update on live services

The Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage is now in Lourdes until **Thursday next, 4 August**. Those at home can follow updates on the pilgrimage by reading the blog that is updated daily at <http://salfordlourdes.blogspot.co.uk/> or on twitter/facebook by searching for @salfordlourdes

There will also be an opportunity to watch some of the services via the Lourdes webcam at this link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8WaQNv0vbOk>

The services shown live will be: **Grotto Mass** - shared with Diocese of Shrewsbury, celebrated by Bishop John Arnold and Bishop Mark Davies. **Monday 31 July 8.45am GMT** (9.45am Lourdes)

Mass is directly followed by **passage through the Grotto** for our whole pilgrimage **Monday 31 July 10.00am GMT** (11.00am Lourdes)

As a pilgrimage we will attend the **Blessed Sacrament procession** on **Wednesday 2 August at 17.00 GMT** (16.00 Lourdes).

Date for your diary - Altar Servers Day

Saturday 2 December at St Monica's RC High School, Prestwich – **a day for altar servers**. Registration commences at 9.00 am, concluding with Mass at 12 noon celebrated by **Bishop John Arnold**.

Planning a Day Out?

What about **Ordsall Hall** in Salford? Ordsall Hall is Salford's 'Hidden Gem', a Grade 1 listed Tudor manor house first recorded in 1177. It is part of our Catholic history in these parts. It was the home of the Radclyffe family who remained faithful to the Catholic Faith.

Today, it is an engaging heritage site open to visitors 5 days a week throughout the year. Surrounded by landscaped grounds, it boasts hands on exhibitions, immersive room settings and a small cafe. The Hall re-opened in May 2011 following a two year £6.5 million restoration project.

Children are welcome and there are lots of things for them to do. Families can bring a picnic to eat in the orchard. The Hall and grounds are FREE to visit.

The Hall is open Monday to Thursday 10.00am – 4.00pm
Sunday 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Closed Friday and Saturday.
322 Ordsall Lane, Salford
M5 3AN, 0161 872 0251.

Pope Pays Tribute to Grandparents

Last week, on the feast of St Joachim and St Anne, parents of Our Lady and grandparents of Jesus, **Pope Francis** saluted grandparents: "How important grandparents are in the life of the family, to communicate the patrimony of humanity and faith

essential for every society!" – he tweeted on his Twitter@Pontifex_it account.

Pope Francis has regularly called attention to the role of grandparents in the family and in society. "How important is encounter and dialogue between generations, especially within the family," he said at Rio de Janeiro on July 26, 2013. "This relationship, this dialogue between the generations is a treasure to preserve and nourish!"

Two years later, during the Angelus on Sunday, July 26, 2015, the Holy Father thanked grandparents with these words: "I would like to greet all the grandmothers and grandfathers, thanking them for their precious presence in families and for the new generations. We greet and give a great applause for all living grandparents, but also for those who are looking at us from Heaven."

During the General Audience of Wednesday, March 11, 2015, Pope Francis dedicated his entire catechesis on the family to grandparents. "The prayer of the elderly and of grandparents is a gift for the Church, it's a richness!" he said. It is also a "great injection of wisdom for the entire human society, especially for that which is too busy, too grasping, too distracted," he added. "How lovely is the encouragement that an old man is able to transmit to a youth in search of the meaning of faith and of life! It is truly the mission of grandparents, the vocation of the elderly. Grandparents' words have something special for young people.

And they know it," he recalled.