



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

‘Stay with us, Lord, on our journey’

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH 31 DECEMBER 2017

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am
MONDAY	12 noon Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
TUESDAY	12 noon Sts Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
WEDNESDAY	12 noon Funeral Mass for Christopher George
THURSDAY	12 noon Christmas Weekday
FRIDAY	9.15 am Christmas Weekday
SATURDAY	11.00 am Christmas Weekday (Novena 10.40 am)
SUNDAY NEXT	– The Epiphany of the Lord (transferred from 6 January)

CONFESSIONS this week

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 Fr James Creaton, retired PP of St Peter's, Middleton, and Mr Harry Blake of Heys Road, Prestwich. May they rest in peace.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Sacred Heart, Kirkholt

Collection last Sunday £1100.56.

Thank you also for the Christmas Day collection which realized £2258.67 for the parish.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Sacramental Programme

Most of you have now collected the **Letters for Prayer Partners**. If you haven't located yours, they can be found in alphabetical order on the table outside the sacristy. Thank you for promising to keep the children in prayer as they

get ready for their first Holy Communion.

New Year

Fr Allen and Fr Dearman want to wish you all a very happy new year. We have much to be grateful for. The Mass at 12 noon tomorrow gives us the chance to put the new year in God's hands.

Traidcraft

Our first monthly sale of fairly traded foods in 2018 will be held in the Parish Hall **next Sunday, 7 January**, after the 9am and 11am Masses. Why not make it a New Year's resolution to buy Fairtrade wherever possible? You may pay a few pence more - but you will have the satisfaction of

knowing that the farmers and producers of the goods you are buying are receiving a fair price for their produce. So come and stock up with Fairtrade tea, coffee, sugar, chocolate, rice, biscuits, pasta, muesli, honey, sweets and cleaning products - and much more.

Lighthouse rack

The 'Lighthouse' rack with CDs is now on the back wall of church. CDs are £2 each and money can be put in the 'Papers, books' box, or they can simply be borrowed and put back. These days, with so many delays on the roads and people stuck in their cars, these CDs can make excellent hearing. In the same circumstances, the Rosary can make for excellent praying!

Pre-Marriage Course

Each year we share with the Servite parish a Pre-Marriage Course for couples who are to marry in the coming year or so. This year's course will begin on **Monday 22 January at 7.00 pm and will continue each Monday from then until 5 March.**

Couples who are known to have made arrangements for their marriage will be contacted directly. If there are others who are thinking of getting married this year but who have not yet made arrangements with the priest, would they do so now please so that proper preparations can be made?

200 Club December winners

£80 163 Mrs A Beaumont
Agent Mrs E Harrington

£40 360 Mrs Locker
Agent Mrs M Makin
£20 74 Mrs M Hall
Agent Mr J Slattery

Deanery/Diocese

National Eucharistic Congress

This is a notice to give information about the forthcoming **National Eucharistic Congress to be held in Liverpool 7-9 September 2018.**

Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of all the faithful - clergy, religious and laity - which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church.

The last International Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908. The **Congress in Liverpool in 2018** will be the first National Congress ever to be held in England and Wales.

On **Friday 7 September**, there will be a Theological Symposium, with workshops for parish catechists, (especially for those involved in First Holy Communion programs), RE teachers, Hospital and Prison Chaplains, Seminary Communities and Extraordinary Ministers. The day runs from 10.00am to 6.00pm. This day will require booking.

On **Saturday 8 September**, there will be a six-hour stage led event with two key note speakers, various presentations with music, drama, prayer and adoration when 10,000 people are expected. **Bishop Robert**

Barron will be one of the speakers. This day will also require booking.

Parishes and Communities have been allocated numbers for the Friday and Saturday and booking should be made through them. **Early in the new year we shall be asking people if they would like to book for one or two of these days, or for both.**

On **Sunday 9 September** the Congress Masses will be celebrated at Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral followed by an outdoor procession. The numbers for the Cathedral will be limited with priority given to those who were booked on Friday and/or Saturday.

People are encouraged to come for the day to Liverpool and to take part in or witness the Blessed Sacrament Procession through the streets of the city. This obviously does not require prior booking.

22 dioceses are participating and Salford is invited to send 780 delegates on the Saturday with a smaller number on the Friday.

Those who would like to attend on the Friday and/or Saturday are to book through their parish or community. If required, it is hoped to arrange transport on a deanery basis.

'The Eucharist is a priceless treasure. By not only celebrating it but also by praying before it outside of Mass, we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace ... The worship of the Eucharist outside of Mass is of inestimable value for the life

*of the Church.' (From an
encyclical letter of Pope St
John Paul II)*