



# OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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## 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 4 FEBRUARY 2018

### HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 &amp; 11.00 am</b>
MONDAY	9.15 am St Agatha
TUESDAY	12 noon St Paul Miki & Companions
WEDNESDAY	12 noon
THURSDAY	12 noon Funeral Mass for Kathleen Barrington
FRIDAY	9.15 am
SATURDAY	<b>3.00 pm</b> Queen of Peace Day

### 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

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for Mrs Kathleen Barrington of Holyrood House, Prestwich and Mrs Helen Pickles of Ruskin Crescent, Prestwich. May they rest in peace.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Guardian Angels, Bury

Collection last Sunday £1010.91. Thank you also for donations of £10, £20 and £50. Thank you for last weekend's collection for **CaritasDioceseofSalford**. It came to £643.46.

## NEWSLETTER

### Parish

#### Traidcraft

Our next sale of Fairtrade goods is **today Sunday 4 February** in the Parish Hall, after both the 9am and 11am Masses.

#### Sacramental Programme

The next meeting for children and their parents is **next Sunday 11 February**

*in the parish hall at 9.50 am.  
The theme will be: We are  
People who celebrate  
Forgiveness.*

#### Bury Caritas Food Bank

You have been very generous in bringing items for the food bank run in Bury by Caritas. In the first half of 2017 you gave 1,393 items of food and in the second half of 2017 1,362 – a grand total of 2,755 for the year, 53

each week. These are greatly appreciated. Items can be left in the containers at the back of church Saturday night/Sunday morning.

#### Stations of the Cross

*On the first Friday in Lent, 16 February at 7.00 pm, we will follow a reflective journey through the Stations with the help of Aid to the Church in Need, hearing*

stories of the persecuted Church. Please make a note of the date and time, and join us to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world.

## **Deanery/Diocese**

### **Safeguarding**

The diocesan Safeguarding office has asked parishes to publish this notice:

The safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults is at the heart of the Church's mission. There is no place in the Church, or indeed society, for abuse, which can affect people for their entire lives.

We recognise that with increased reporting and the ongoing national enquiry it has raised awareness of abuse and this may have led to individuals to reflect on their own experiences.

The Diocese of Salford encourages all those who have any concerns of abuse past or present by any person connected to the Diocese to report such abuse to either Dawn Lundergan, Safeguarding Co-Ordinator or Cath Taylor Safeguarding Officer via the contact details below;

Phone:

0161 817 2206.

E Mail:

dawn.lundergan@dioceseof  
salford.org.uk or  
catherine.taylor@dioceseof  
salford.org.uk

### **40 Days for Life (M/C)**

*"Want to end abortion? The launch meeting for the upcoming Lent campaign will be held on **Thursday***

**8 February** at 7.30 pm at St Kentigern's Social Club, 36 Wilbraham Road, Fallowfield, Manchester, M14 7DW. Please come along to learn more."

### **Quiz Night**

**Friday 9 February** at St Herbert's Parish Centre, Broadway, Chadderton OL9 0JY a **Quiz Night** hosted by the Catenian Association, with proceeds to the Bursary Fund supporting young people helping in Lourdes or other charitable work abroad.

7.30-11.00 pm. 1<sup>st</sup> prize £100. £2 per person for teams of 4 to 6, including refreshments.

### **Ashes at Wardley Hall**

*We are invited to visit the Bishop's house, Wardley Hall, on **Ash Wednesday 14 February** for a Shrine of Turin exhibition and the imparting of ashes throughout the day, 9.30 am to 4.30 pm.*

### **Lourdes 2018**

The 86th Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place between 27 July & 2 August. Details should be here shortly.

Adrian of Northern Star Travel is taking a group for five days by air from Manchester airport, departing 28 May, full board 4\* Hotel in Lourdes, £575 per person sharing. Call Adrian on 0161 773 2115.

### **Pope Francis on the Mass**

*On Wednesday last **Pope Francis** continued his catechesis on the Mass, speaking about the **Liturgy of the Word.***

*Through the reader, it's God Who speaks to us and questions us who listen with faith... However, to listen to the Word of God it's necessary to have an open heart to receive the word in the heart. God speaks and we listen to Him, to then put into practice what we have heard. It's very important to listen...*

*However, it's necessary to find good readers! – those that are able to read, not those that read mangling the words and nothing is understood. Good readers are needed. They must prepare themselves and try before the Mass to read well. And this creates a receptive atmosphere of silence.*

*We need to listen to Him. 'Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God' (Matthew 4:4) ... We speak of the Liturgy of the Word as the 'table' that the Lord prepares to feed our spiritual life... We think of the richness of the biblical Readings offered by three Sunday cycles that, in the light of the Synoptic Gospels, accompany us in the course of the Liturgical Year: a great richness.*

*It's certainly not enough to listen with the ears, without receiving in the heart the seed of the divine Word, enabling it to bear fruit... so that what is heard at Mass passes into daily life, in keeping with the Apostle James' admonition: 'Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves' (James 1:22). The Word of God makes a path within us. It doesn't stay in the ears; it must go to the heart, and from the heart*

*it passes to the hands, to  
good works.*