

PENTECOST (WHIT) SUNDAY

4 JUNE 2017

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

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| <u>SUNDAY</u> | First Mass of Sunday 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am | |
| MONDAY | 9.15 am | St Boniface |
| TUESDAY | 12 noon | (St Norbert) |
| WEDNESDAY | 12 noon | |
| THURSDAY | 12 noon | |
| FRIDAY | 9.15 am | (St Columba/St Ephrem) |
| SATURDAY | 11.30 am | (Novena 11.15) |
| SUNDAY NEXT: The Most Holy Trinity | | |

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 10.00 am-11.00 am 12.00-12.30 pm 6.00-6.45 pm

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER St John's, Rochdale, & St Gabriel's, Castleton

Collection last Sunday £1132.70.

Thank you for your donations to Christian Aid which have come to £271.55. It remains open for another two weeks.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

The Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 5 June** 7.00-8.00 pm at 1B St Margaret's Close, Prestwich. All are welcome.

Traidcraft

*Our regular monthly sale of fair-trade goods will be held **today Sunday, 4 June** in the Parish Hall after the 9am and 11am Masses. New this month - Divine cappuccino chocolate bars, and packs of raw cane sugar. Your continuing support helps ensure that workers and small farmers in many developing countries receive a fair price for their produce.*

June Dates

13: 4.45 pm, Nursery Admission Parents, 5.45 pm, Reception Admission Parents, Our Lady of Grace School.

14: Anniversary of opening of Our Lady of Grace church, 1931.

15: 6.00-7.30 pm, Confessions in Our Lady of Grace church with visiting priest.

16: Solemn Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9.15 am Mass until Benediction at 6.00 pm.

17: 11.30 am, First Holy Communion Mass, Y3D.

17: 7.00 pm, Evening Mass attended also by Catenians of Manchester North and Middleton Circle.

18: Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

24: 11.30 am, First Holy Communion Mass, Y3H.

25: 11.00 am, Parish Thanksgiving Mass, with first communicants and their families, followed by photographs and party in the parish hall.

2.00 pm, Zimbabwe Community Mass.

29: Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, holy day of obligation.

29: RE Inspection, Our Lady of Grace School.

Flowers: an appreciation

Words of thanks are overdue to our flower arrangers for their imagination and hard work over Eastertide. Many visitors too have remarked on the beauty of the arrangements. This weekend the flowers represent tongues of fire and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, Reverence and Awe of the Lord.

Deanery/Diocese

The General Election

The Bishops of England and Wales encourage people to use their vote at this pivotal time for our nations.

"To a great extent, the outcome of this election will determine the approach taken on how leaving the European Union is achieved, the priorities we pursue and the values we wish to treasure as our own in the UK and as partners with countries around the world. It will determine how we can heal divisions in our society, care for the vulnerable, how our public services are run and whether we can remain a united kingdom."

The Bishops have given guiding principles to some more specific questions for consideration and to raise with candidates, including questions on how best to encourage and enable families to flourish, promote freedom of religion across the world and care for refugees and asylum seekers.

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)

Registration is now open for September 2017

The CCRS is for those wishing to deepen their understanding of the Catholic Faith and Catholic Education. It is for serving teachers in our Diocesan Catholic Schools, those who work in chaplaincy or are involved in parish ministry and for those who wish to deepen their understanding of the teachings of the Church. CCRS helps practically in the classroom on the delivery of RE and is a necessity for teachers who would like to progress into leadership. The course seeks to enable all participants to make an informed contribution to their chosen field of work in the Church. All information including dates, times and venues can be found on the website at <http://cpdf.org.uk/support/96/>. To register follow the link under the 'How to Apply'. Registration closes 16 June. See poster in outer porch.

A Summer Concert

The Association for Walsingham (Bury Branch) is holding a Concert to raise funds to help with the cost of the annual pilgrimage, at St Mary's RC Primary School, Belgrave Street, Radcliffe M26 4DG on **Thursday 22 June** at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5. The Concert is presented by Radcliffe Brass Band, Radcliffe Brass Ensemble and Radcliffe Training Band. Poster in outer porch.

'In the beginning was the Word' Event with Dr Ian Boxall

*A day of discovery of the New Testament, **Saturday 17 June** at St Bernadette's Parish Centre, Bury New Road, Whitefield, Manchester M45 7SX.*

Ian Boxall is Associate Professor of the New Testament at The Catholic University of America, Washington DC. He is a renowned scripture scholar who combines rich scriptural knowledge with a deep spirituality.

All are welcome. Arrivals and registration at 10.00am. The day begins at 10.30am and ends at 4.00pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Drinks will be provided. There is no charge for the day, but a donation towards expenses would be appreciated. See poster in inner porch.

Booking is recommended. To reserve a place contact: Fr C. Lough at St Bernadette's or email: christopher.lough@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

'We are One Walk'

On **Saturday 10 June** there will be a 'We are One Walk' from Salford Cathedral via St Ann's Square to Manchester Cathedral. Organised by the Maranatha Community, this follows the two very successful walks of witness to Christian Unity from Salford Cathedral to Manchester Cathedral in 2000 and 2009. The day will start with a gather to worship at Salford Cathedral at 10.00 am. All are welcome.