



# OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT 4 MARCH 2018

### HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY** First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am

MONDAY	9.15 am	Lent Weekday
TUESDAY	12 noon	Lent Weekday
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Sts Perpetua & Felicity
THURSDAY	12 noon	Lent Weekday/St John of God
FRIDAY	<b>8.00 am</b>	Lent Weekday/St Frances of Rome
SATURDAY	11.00 am	Lent Weekday (Novena 10.40 am)

### 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** St Michael & St Bernadette, Whitefield

Collection last Sunday £1062.20. Thank you also for a donation of £50. CAFOD Fast Day, see below.

## NEWSLETTER

### Parish

#### Welcome!

With Frs Allen and Dearman on the parish pilgrimage to Rome this week, we welcome **Fr Gabriel O'Donoghue** who will be here for the duration.

#### Road Works!!!

*Over the next two or three Sundays, Fairfax Road will be re-surfaced. No work will be done today because of adverse weather conditions. Please follow the signs*

*when work resumes and allow a little extra time.*

#### Traidcraft

Fairtrade goods will be in the parish hall after both the 9am and 11am Masses **this Sunday, 4 March**. As well as the usual foods and cleaning materials, we will have the Real Easter Egg, the only chocolate egg that tells the story of Easter. Do come and browse Traidcraft's new Spring catalogue, which includes a new range of craft goods and Easter cards and gifts

that we can order for you in time for Easter.

#### CAFOD Lent Fast Day

*The total donations last weekend came to £1426.80 – a magnificent result. And the Government will double this to £2853.60. Many thanks. We will continue to accept Fast Day envelopes for the next few weeks. If you haven't already had one, spare envelopes are at the back of church. Every £ you give will help more children escape hunger and poverty.*

## **Assistant Head**

Our Lady of Grace Primary School is advertising for an Assistant Headteacher. See outer porch for details or visit the school website.

## **Lenten Lunches ...**

... on Saturdays at St Margaret's Church Hall, St Margaret's Road, P'wich M25 2QB. All proceeds go to Christian Aid. The next two are on 10 and 17 March.

Lenten Lunches are 12.00 - 2.00pm, £5.00 each, and you get a bowl of homemade soup (varieties vary each week), a roll & butter, apple pie with either cream or custard, and either tea or coffee.

## **Deanery/Diocese**

### **Deanery Lenten Stations**

Bad weather forced the cancellation last Thursday of the deanery Lenten Station Mass at Kirkholt. The second deanery Station Mass will be **here at Our Lady of Grace on Thursday 22 March.**

### **Cathedral Exhibition**

*"People, Book, Land: the 3,500 Year Relationship of the Jewish People with the Holy Land", authored by the late Hebrew University Professor Robert Wistrich, was first launched at UNESCO headquarters and has been displayed at the UN, the Vatican and at the British Parliament. 24 panels display the Jewish narrative from the Biblical Prophets to the Kingdoms of David and Solomon, until the establishment of the State of Israel.*

*This exhibition is now in Salford Cathedral and open for public viewing on weekday afternoons until March 15 between 2 and 5pm.*

## **Prayer Workshops**

This Lent the Diocesan Department for Formation offers a series of three evening **Prayer Workshops** at different locations within the Diocese. On each evening participants will be introduced to a different method of prayer and invited to use it as part of their Lenten Prayer.

**Schoenstatt Shrine**, Manchester Rd, Kearsley, BL4 8QQ, Tuesdays 6, 13 and 20 March;  
**St. Mary's**, Todmorden Rd, Burnley BB10 4AU on Wednesdays 7, 14 and 21.  
**Cathedral House**, 250 Chapel St, Salford M3 5LL, on Tuesdays 13, 20 and 27.

Start at 7.30pm, with refreshments beforehand and finish at 9pm. While booking is not essential it would help to give an idea of numbers if people email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

### **'Muslims & Catholics - Transforming Lives Together'**

*Caritas Diocese of Salford and Citizens Manchester warmly welcome you to an evening of fellowship and shared discussion between members of Muslim and Catholic communities across Greater Manchester.*

**Monday 19 March 7.30 pm**, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford St, Salford M3 6DP. To register, see diocesan website.

## **Diocesan Vacancies**

See posters outer porch.

## **Holy Mass (continued)**

Last week **Pope Francis** continued his talks on the Mass, speaking of the Preparation of the Gifts (also known as the Offertory):

'At every Mass, may we experience the Preparation of the Gifts as an invitation to offer our lives completely to the Lord, in order to receive from him the grace to live ever more fully our vocation to grow in holiness and to serve the coming of his Kingdom.

'Our offering is certainly a small thing, but Christ is in need of this small thing. He gives us so much and He asks little of us. He asks us for good will in ordinary life; He asks us for an open heart; He asks us for the will to be better to receive him who offers Himself to us in the Eucharist. He asks us for these symbolic offerings, which will then become His Body and His Blood.

'An image of this self-giving movement of prayer is represented by incense that, consumed in the fire, gives off a perfumed smoke that goes up on high: to incense the offerings, as is done on feast days, to incense the cross, the altar, the priest and the priestly people manifest visibly the offertory bond that unites all these realities to Christ's sacrifice.

'And don't forget: it's the altar that is Christ, but always in reference to the first altar, which is the Cross, and on the altar, which is Christ, we bring our little gifts, the bread and wine, which then will become so much: Jesus Himself who gives Himself to us.'