



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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18th SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 5 AUGUST 2018

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

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

am

MONDAY	9.15 am	The Transfiguration of the Lord
TUESDAY	12 noon	(St Sixtus II & Companions/St Cajetan)
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	St Dominic
THURSDAY	12 noon	Funeral Mass for Mrs Silvana Oliver
FRIDAY	9.15 am	St Lawrence
SATURDAY	11.00 am	St Clare (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

YOUR PRAYERS are asked for Mrs Ann Meaden of Tamworth Avenue, Whitefield, and Mrs Silvana de las Heras Oliver of Guest Road, Prestwich. May they rest in peace.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich

Collection last Sunday £1051.33. Thank you also for a donation of £60.

The appeal last Sunday and second collection for the **St Barnabas Society** realised £900. Fr Paul Martin has written a warm letter to thank us all. **Peter's Pence** offerings in July (for the Holy Father's charities) came to £176.59. Thanks to your generosity in the **Starving World box** in July we are able to send £654.67 to CAFOD. The contents of the box in August will go to the Society of St. Peter, Apostle, for the training of native clergy in mission lands.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Four Homilies

The National Eucharistic Congress will be held in Liverpool 7-9 September. To help prepare for that, the homilies at Mass today and for the next three Sundays will concentrate on the Eucharist.

Today's homily will consider Holy Mass as both Sacrifice and Meal. Next Sunday, the emphasis will be on the Real Presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. The remaining Sunday homilies will cover the idea of Praying the Liturgy and then Mission to the World.

Those who have booked places at the Liverpool Congress should receive all information and tickets by mid-August.

New Priest here

Fr Callum Brown, recently ordained at Salford Cathedral, will celebrate Mass here at Our Lady of

*Grace this coming
Wednesday 8 August at 12
noon.*

Prayer in the Family

The prayer cards given out over the last two Sundays should help us all to be associated with the next World Meeting of Families in Dublin from 21-26 August, with the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World". If you haven't yet received one of these cards, or if you would like more, please collect from the piety stall today. These cards can be a useful help in praying together within the family. People can choose from the prayers which are the most applicable to them.

Caritas Food Bank

*Over the first six months of this year you have given **1,612 items** in this parish to the Caritas Food Bank in Bury. That is a truly impressive figure, averaging 62 items each week. It easily surpasses the number of 1,393 items given in the corresponding period last year. Warmest thanks and congratulations to all concerned, including of course our parish team of organisers.*

Traidcraft: Our next monthly sale of fair-trade goods is **today Sunday 5 August** in the Parish Hall after the 9am and 11am Masses. Normal range of fairly-traded foods, plus some craft goods from around the world at a fraction of normal prices.

The International Eucharistic Congresses: A Spiritual Odyssey 1881-2016

*More copies of this book
written by Fr Allen and
published by Gracewing are*

*now on the piety stall. All
royalties will go to Bury
Hospice.*

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Bishop John Arnold writes

Speaking in 2015, Pope Francis said:

"We received this world as an inheritance from past generations, but also as a loan from future generations, to whom we will have to return it!"

That is why I recently joined with a number of Catholic academics who backed calls from charity Plan B Earth urging the Government to do what is necessary to tackle climate change. Plan B Earth were hoping to persuade the Government to reduce the 2050 carbon target, even to the point of taking legal action against them. The legal action was unsuccessful but that does not mean that this issue disappears.

The question of Climate Change can no longer be dismissed as something that is happening elsewhere. We are experiencing an impact on our own seasons, with the heavy snow and increasing cold of winter to the recent prolonged heat of a summer with almost no rain for weeks. These severe fluctuations have an increasingly detrimental effect on agriculture. And locally, in recent weeks, we saw first-hand the devastation and drain on resources that wildfires can cause, with danger to life and property.

We might have chosen to ignore the impact of Climate Change in distant places, with rising sea-levels swamping farmlands in

Southeast Asia, to punishing heatwaves in Japan and cyclones in America – but change is clearly happening here. Unless we take the issue of climate change more seriously, future generations will suffer in unprecedented ways. We have one planet, Earth, and we are responsible for it. Pope Francis calls us to care for our common home. There is no doubt that many people are beginning to understand the challenge. It is certainly my experience that young people in our schools are more aware of their responsibility for caring for the planet and its resources than any generation before them. As I visit local schools, I see the fascination that pupils have in their study of the environment and the innovation that they display towards the challenges that future generations face.

But while we must all learn to take our part, even in simple everyday tasks, there are some decisions and changes that are beyond our control. This is when the Government has a duty and unique opportunity to step forward and lead. The current 2050 carbon target does not treat the issue of fossil fuels with any real urgency. When we see wildfires in the Arctic Circle we need strong and determined action, not complacency. The damage we have inflicted on our planet has been great but Pope Francis believes that it is not too late to heal the wounds. We all need to work together.

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**Found in the car park
and still unclaimed:** A
red and black **Walking Aid**.
Enquire at the presbytery.