



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

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31st SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 5 NOVEMBER 2017

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am	
MONDAY	9.15 am	
TUESDAY	12 noon	(St Willibrord)
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	
THURSDAY	12 noon	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
SATURDAY	11.00 am	St Martin of Tours (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 Eileen English of Laburnum Grove, Prestwich. May she rest in peace. Funeral Mass here 12 noon Tuesday 14 November.

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER St Vincent, Norden

Collection last Sunday £1107.17.

Thank you for last Sunday's collection of £782.22 for the missionary work of the Church.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Bishop John Arnold here this week

On Wednesday this week, our Bishop will bless and officially open the new Foundation Stage Unit at Our Lady of Grace Primary School. He will arrive at 9.45 am for the blessing at 10 o'clock.

Christmas Fair meeting

*Yes, it's that time of the year again! The usual planning meeting will be in the presbytery at 7 o'clock **next Tuesday evening, 7 November**. The Fair will be in the parish hall on **Saturday 2 December**. Tuesday's meeting is for those who wish to help. This meeting will finalise planning and is **open to everyone***

who is willing to lend a hand.

2018 Year Book

The Year Book will be here early this week. To sort copies into districts, ready for sending out next Sunday, you are invited to the presbytery next Friday at 10.00 am. Many hands make light work! Because of the funeral that morning of

Canon Kevin O'Connor at St Margaret Mary's, Moston, there will be no morning Mass here at Our Lady of Grace. There will be a Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion at 9.15 am.

Traidcraft Today

The Fairtrade stall will be in the Parish Hall today after the 9am and 11am Masses. As well as our normal range of goods, we will also have Christmas cards available, plus "Little Treasure" gifts - button pens and notebooks, and sparkly boxes. Your last chance to order craft goods for Christmas presents from the Traidcraft catalogue - with 10% discount and no delivery charges! - for collection on 3 December.

Entertainment in the Parish Hall

Two events which should be very enjoyable and which merit your full support:

- **Lourdes Quiz Night Saturday 11 November** starting 7.30 pm. This Family Quiz Night will be packed full of funny entertainment, with food, raffles and laughter. **Tickets now on sale** at the back of church. Proceeds will help with the fares of our youth who help the sick in Lourdes.

- **Remembrance Concert Saturday 18 November**, from 7.30 pm. This Stacksteads Brass Band concert includes tributes to Gracie Fields and Vera Lynn and is in aid of the RBL Poppy Appeal and Cornerstones Homeless Charity in Manchester. Tickets £11 include a two-

course hot supper, tea/coffee and song sheet. Call Terry on 07484 662807.

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Memorial Mass in Salford Cathedral

In the north transept of Salford Cathedral is the War Memorial Chapel, where the names and initials of 663 men who died during the War are inscribed on eight white marble tablets. Three of these tablets contain the names of 107 men who at that time were members of various conferences of the St Vincent de Paul Society throughout the Diocese.

Bishop John Arnold will celebrate a Memorial Mass in the Cathedral **next Friday 10 November** at 7.30 pm to commemorate the centenary of the Battle of Passchendaele, which took place from 31 July to 10 November 1917. This battle was one of the most horrific of the First World War and many of the soldiers who fought and died came from the regiments based in our region.

After the Mass, a special exhibition will be opened, dedicated to the approximate 8,000 men from the Diocese of Salford who sacrificed their lives during the Great War.

Armistice Day in Heaton Park

*There is to be an Armistice Day Commemoration **next Saturday 11 November** in Heaton Park, near the "Stables Cafe". As the clock strikes 11am there will be a lone bugler's salute and readings by Feelgood Theatre productions.*

This tribute is in honour of all men and women affected by war and in particular the men of the Manchester Pals regiments who were stationed in Heaton Park in the First World War and the RAF who were stationed there during the Second World War.

Red Wednesday

No, not Manchester United, but a request from **Aid to the Church in Need** that we stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their peacefully held beliefs. The highlight comes on **Wednesday 22 November** when we are urged to wear an item of clothing with the colour red.

Red is the Christian colour of martyrdom. Christians are the most persecuted faith group in today's world and #RedWednesday will honour all Christians who suffer and die for their faithfulness to Christ's message of peace and love. #RedWednesday will shine a light on Christian persecution but also highlight the injustices perpetrated against other faith groups. ACN's campaign calls for respect and tolerance for people of faith and between different faith traditions.

Catholic Singles helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

NB Meeting for parents for Sacramental programme

is in school, 6.30 pm
Wednesday 22 November.