



# OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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## THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD 6 AUGUST 2017

### HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am
MONDAY	9.15 am (St Sixtus II/St Cajetan)
TUESDAY	12 noon St Dominic
WEDNESDAY	12 noon St Theresa Benedicta of the Cross, Patron of Europe
THURSDAY	12 noon St Lawrence
FRIDAY	9.15 am St Clare
SATURDAY	11.00 am (St Jane Frances de Chantal) (Novena 10.45)

### 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 Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich

Collection last Sunday £1154.40. Thank you also for a donation of £37 for altar flowers.

Thanks to your generosity in the **Starving World box in July** we are able to send £784.25 to the Society of St Peter, Apostle. This month's contents will go to CAFOD.

**Next Sunday** there will be a retiring collection for Nazareth House, Prestwich, and the Little Sisters of the Poor, Plymouth Grove, Manchester.

## NEWSLETTER

### Parish

#### 'Discovering our Catholic Faith' Course

Calling all interested adults! Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic or would you like to know more before deciding? Are you a baptized Catholic but never had your first Holy Communion? **Then this Course is for you!** It starts on **Wednesday 13 September**. We meet in the Presbytery at Our Lady of

Grace (11 Fairfax Road) 7.30-9.00 pm. The Course runs most weeks until Easter 2018.

If you would like to join please speak to Fr Allen or Judith or Jennifer Green. We would love you to join us on this journey of discovery!

#### University this year?

Then make sure you look out for your Catholic chaplaincy! Most of the Universities and Higher

*Education Institutions have a dedicated Catholic Chaplain based in the University or local parish.*

*The Catholic Chaplaincy is a place for you to explore your faith as a young adult, to meet other young people with similar interests from a great range of backgrounds, and to get involved in activities and social outreach. If you already have a strong faith, this is a chance to deepen it. If you are full of questions and*

doubts, this is a chance to share them and search for some honest answers about life and faith. Everyone is welcome!

To find your local Chaplaincy, and for all the contact details of all the University Chaplains and Catholic student societies, visit:  
[catholicsatuniversity.org.uk](http://catholicsatuniversity.org.uk)

**Fairtrade:** Our monthly **Traidcraft stall** is **today Sunday 6 August**, in the parish hall after the Sunday morning Masses. As well as our wide range of Fairtrade foods, we have "Clean & Fair" products - the world's first range of cleaning products to carry the Fairtrade mark, made with ethically-produced palm oil from smallholders in Ghana: hand wash, washing-up liquid, laundry liquid, multi-surface cleaner, soap bars - great products as good as leading brands. Their prices compare well with other eco-friendly cleaners. This is "cleaning with meaning".

### **Parish Diary Dates**

**-Walsingham Mass**  
**Saturday 23 September**  
with Rosary at 2.30 and Mass at 3.00 pm. This is the annual diocesan celebration for Our Lady of Walsingham.

**-Mass with Anointing of the Sick**  
**Saturday 30 September** at 11.30 am. This is our annual celebration with elderly, sick and housebound, to be followed by a party in the parish hall.

## **Deanery/Diocese**

### **Council of Christians and Jews**

Would you like to hear Rabbi Benjy Rickman,

Head of Religious Studies at King David High School, Manchester, in conversation with **Sister Teresa Brittain** of the Sisters of Our Lady of Sion and **Canon Steve Williams**, Co-chair, Manchester Branch, Council of Christians and Jews? We are invited to this meeting to be held on **Sunday 17 September, 8.00-9.30 pm.**

With Rosh Hashanah and the most solemn day of the Jewish Calendar, Yom Kippur, fast approaching, what are the roots of the "repentance" which are such important features of the season? How well have they been understood by other religious traditions, such as Christianity? The topic will therefore be: **Repentance: Is it Really all about Guilt?**

This is one of a series of meetings where members of the Jewish and Christian communities meet together to share the differences and similarities of their Scriptures in a spirit of mutual respect and exploration. To attend on 17 September, **it is necessary to register**, by email at [ccjsecretary@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ccjsecretary@yahoo.co.uk) or [saintgabriel@talktalk.net](mailto:saintgabriel@talktalk.net) or by leaving a voicemail message on 07791 733 980.

The venue of the meeting will be given when you register but we can say it is local, with good car parking facilities and easy access to the Metrolink. Verb sap!

### **Other coming events**

**-Altar Servers Day**  
**Saturday 2 December** at St Monica's RC High School, Prestwich – **a day for altar servers**. Registration commences at 9.00 am, concluding with Mass at 12 noon celebrated by **Bishop John Arnold**.

**-Annual Rosary & Hymns**  
**Saturday 9 September** at Platt Fields, Manchester (Grangethorpe Road entrance) at 3.00 pm. With Gospel singer Tom McCourt. Contact: Sarah Mitchell 0161 431 0410.

**-Titanic Dance**  
**Sunday 24 September** at the Palace Opera House at 7.30 pm. The English Premiere of TitanicDance, the new Irish Dance extravaganza featuring Manchester's three times Irish Dancer, James Keegan. This is its only UK show before it goes on a world tour. Book online at [www.atftickets.com/manchester](http://www.atftickets.com/manchester) or phone 0844 871 3019.

### **Planning a Day Out?**

Some parishioners have already visited Ordsall Hall in Salford about which we wrote last week. There are other historic houses with Catholic connections within easy reach of Prestwich. One of these is **Towneley Hall** in Burnley. BB11 3RQ.

*"From the Priest's Hole to the attic Towneley Hall is fascinating with period rooms covering several centuries of life at the hall. See the cat fast asleep by the range in the Victorian kitchen, stroll along the long gallery past bedrooms dating back to the 16th century, imagine the glamorous parties held in the regency rooms or have a quiet moment in the Towneley chapel. The hall was the family home of the Towneley's for nearly five centuries and is popular all year round with residents and visitors who come from near and far to see what this iconic landmark has to offer."*  
See - [www.towneley.org.uk](http://www.towneley.org.uk)