



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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14th SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 8 JULY 2018

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

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

am

MONDAY	9.15 am	(St Augustine Zhao-Rong & Companions, Chinese Martyrs)
TUESDAY	12 noon	
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	St Benedict, Patron of Europe
THURSDAY	12 noon	Funeral Mass for May Haworth
FRIDAY	9.15 am	(St Henry)
SATURDAY	11.00 am	(St Camillus de Lellis) (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

Holy Family, Kirkholt

Collection last Sunday £1000.77. Sts Peter & Paul £405.35.

Thank you also for a donation of £50, and £40 for altar flowers.

The St Anthony's box will be labelled '**Peter's Pence**' during July, for the Holy Father's charities.

Thanks to your generosity in the **Starving World box** in June we can send £424.50 to Aid to the Church in Need. The July Contents will go to CAFOD.

Today is Sea Sunday – see notice overleaf.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Parish Property Group

Members of the Group have one of their regular meetings this coming Thursday in the presbytery. The Group keeps an eye on parish buildings and oversees repairs and improvements. If there is something you would like the Group to

consider, please drop a note through the presbytery door or send Fr Allen an email or mention it to any of the group members: Brian Sweatman, James Chimeura, David Glynn, Deborah Hopkins.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday Exposition is just for one hour, 11.30 am to

12.30 pm, following the Saturday morning Mass and during Confessions. If you are shopping in Prestwich during that time, why not call in for a quiet few minutes with Our Lord? Or you might even go out of your way to come.

This is a time of 'heart to heart' with Christ Jesus. As we gaze in faith on Christ truly present, we allow Him

to gaze into our hearts with His eyes full of love. At times like this we can open our heart to Him. We can speak to Him about anything going on in our life. Short prayers like "Jesus, I place all my trust in You"; "Jesus, I love You"; "Sacred Heart of Jesus, help me to love You" are very much in place, because we are in the presence of One who loved us so much as to lay down His life for us.

Mothers, fathers! If you are walking your children home past the church, don't pass by without calling in for a visit.

Do we value enough how near Christ Our Lord is to us? With Our Lady of Grace church open every day from 8.00 am until 6.00 pm many of us have the chance to "pop in". The time of Exposition on Saturday mornings is also a very special time and opportunity.

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Madonna del Rosario Procession

The procession leaves from St Michael's, George Leigh Street, Ancoats M4 5DR at 1.15 pm **today Sunday 8 July**. It would be good to have a representation from Our Lady of Grace parish, and maybe to **walk as a parish next year** with a new and smaller banner?

Sea Sunday

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for those who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Anything over £1000 in this week's collection will go to the **Apostleship of the Sea**, the Church's official maritime

welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually.

National Eucharistic Lourdes 2018

From the Salford diocesan Lourdes committee:

We warmly invite members of our pilgrimage community, past and present, to join us **at Salford Cathedral on Sunday 22 July** at 5.30 pm for Holy Mass as we gather together in preparation for our departure to Lourdes for our 86th diocesan pilgrimage, during the 160th Anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady to Bernadette.

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop John, followed by refreshments in the Cathedral Cloisters and a chance to catch up with friends old and new before we travel.

The Pilgrimage is between **Friday 27 July and Thursday 2 August**. Travel by plane and coach. For details about travel and accommodation contact Joe Walsh Tours on 0161 820 8790 or by e-mail: info@joewalstours.co.uk

For all other aspects of the pilgrimage, contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office – Tel: 0161 817 2209 or visit their website at www.salfordlourdes.co.uk

Liverpool Congress

10,000 people from around England & Wales will converge on the city of Liverpool for the weekend of 7-9 September to discuss the greatest mystery of the Catholic Faith, the presence of Christ in the Blessed Eucharist.

It is significant that devotion to the Holy Eucharist persists today since the Penal Laws against Catholics in England stretched from 1535 into the 1900s. The celebration of Mass was illegal under pain of death from 1581 until 1791. Other laws brought loss of property and inheritance rights. Do we take our freedom too much for granted? Do we really appreciate this greatest of God's gifts to us - Jesus, His Son?

There are still places available for the Saturday at the Congress and more parishioners signed up during the past week. The Echo Arena in Liverpool - which can hold 10,000 pilgrims - will be the home to a six-hour stage programme on the Saturday, which will include a Congress Mass, keynote speaker **Bishop Robert Barron** from Los Angeles, and a drama highlighting the beauty of reverence and devotion. The day will end with Adoration. Fr Allen will be happy to take bookings. Transport to and from Liverpool will be arranged locally.

The **Sunday** programme is free and open to all, though all tickets for the 11.30 am Mass in Liverpool Cathedral that day have now been taken. Mass in the Cathedral will be followed by a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament through the streets of Liverpool. It all makes for a good family day out with a purpose!

A new Canon

Congratulations to our neighbouring parish priest of St Michael's and St Bernadette's, **Canon Steven Parkinson**. He was

installed last Wednesday at
the Cathedral as a member
of the Salford Diocesan
Chapter.