



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

‘Stay with us, Lord, on our journey’

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27th SUNDAY ‘OF THE YEAR’ 8 OCTOBER 2017

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

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

MONDAY	9.15 am	(St Denis/St John Leonardi/BI John Henry Newman)
TUESDAY	12 noon	(St Paulinus of York)
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	
THURSDAY	12 noon	(St Wilfrid)
FRIDAY	9.15 am	(St Edward the Confessor) With children of Years 4-6
SATURDAY	11.00 am	(St Callistus) Novena 10.45 am

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 11.30 am-12.30 pm 6.00-6.45 pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 11.30 am-12.30 pm

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER St Mary, Littleborough

Collection last Sunday £1140.32.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

‘Hope in the Future’

At the meeting he called at the Cathedral last Wednesday, **Bishop John Arnold** spoke of his ideas for this diocesan scheme.

The scheme would be in five stages, with the first stage lasting up to Christmas this year. Further resources for the other stages would be supplied in the new year. The Bishop did not elaborate on

what these other stages involved.

The first stage is intended to recognize and celebrate the many gifts that already enrich our parishes across the diocese.

The Bishop had in mind a team in every parish, helping every parish to be a ‘missionary parish’. He suggested that a team of between eight and twelve people might work together on this project.

In this parish, we already have a very large number of people actively involved in

one way or another in what can rightly be called ‘missionary’ tasks.

This might be a good time for others to step forward who have not until now been able to be actively involved but who would now like to be.

Bishop Arnold has set out a ‘**Register of Interest**’ for those who might want to volunteer. If you are considering this, please pick up a copy of the ‘Register of Interest’ from the back of church as you go out today, and return it next Sunday or before.

In a letter following the meeting at the Cathedral, Bishop Arnold wrote to the priests of the diocese in which he said: *I appreciate that there is much to do and it will take a good length of time but I believe we are on the right track and are making a good beginning... I think that we have left room for every parish to be itself and find its own way of developing its mission and I am particularly hopeful that the priests of the Diocese will benefit from the delegation of many tasks and ministries to members of the parish community.*

In the light of this comment, let us in this parish "recognize and celebrate the many gifts that already enrich" us. Many of those "tasks and ministries" the Bishop refers to will be listed in the **2018 Year Book** soon to be printed and distributed. We can also recognize and celebrate them at the **International Mass** to be held at 11 o'clock on Sunday 26 November, the solemnity of Christ the King.

If anyone has further thoughts on any of the above, please let us hear them.

Harvest Fast Day...

Following Friday's CAFOD Harvest Fast Day, we will collect Fast Day envelopes this weekend and next – just put them in with the normal Offertory collection.

If you missed getting an envelope last weekend, there are spare envelopes (and prayer cards) still available at the back of church.

The gates are back!

Local Prestwich firm Mac Fabs have made an excellent job of restoring the original church gates and they are now back in place.

The gates serve two purposes: they are not to keep people out but to keep people, especially children, safe so that they do not run straight out into the road. The gates are also of course intended to open to let people in! Our church is open for all from eight o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in the evening. Why not call in and spend a little quiet time with Our Lord, in company with Our Lady and the Saints? Think of the gates as "the gates of heaven"!

Primary School: Mid-Day Supervisor required at Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School. Closing date: Noon, Friday 13 October. Details, Application Form, Job Description & Person Specification are available on www.bury.gov.uk

Entertainments

- "Safe Ambition" is an evening entertainment in aid of CAFOD **next Saturday 14 October** at Our Lady of Dolours (Servite parish), 500 Bury New Road, Salford M7 4ND. 7.30 pm to late, and includes food, raffle & late bar. Tickets £5 adults, or £10 families. Tickets from Vin Allerton (0161-773 3318) or John Devaney (jrdevaney43@gmail.com), or from the Servite Parish Office (0161-792 2152).

- **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.

Deanery/Diocese

Vocations Mass

Our Deanery (Bury-Rochdale) is celebrating a Mass for Vocations at St Bernadette's, Whitefield, **next Tuesday 10 October at 7.30 pm**. Can we please have a good representation from the families of this parish?

Lourdes 2018

*"The 86th Salford Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage will take place **27 July-2 August 2018**. At the heart of our pilgrimage family are our sick pilgrims and we are seeking volunteers, both medical and non-medical, to assist them so that they may fully partake in our pilgrimage programme.*

*"We welcome volunteers of all ages and abilities and there are many areas in which you can get involved. If you would like to find out more please come along to one of our Volunteer Information Meetings: **Sunday 15 October**, 2.00 - 3.00 pm.*

***Wednesday 22 November**, 7.30 - 8.30pm, both at Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford St Salford M3 6DP. Why not bring a friend along with you too? We are a friendly and welcoming pilgrimage community and we look forward to seeing you."*