



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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23rd SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 8 SEPTEMBER 2019

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday is 7pm on Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00.
MONDAY	9.30 am With Our Lady of Grace Primary School
TUESDAY	12 noon Funeral Mass for Margaret McLoughlin
WEDNESDAY	12 noon
THURSDAY	12 noon (The Most Holy Name of Mary)
FRIDAY	9.15 am St John Chrysostom
SATURDAY	11.00 am The Exaltation of the Holy Cross: Mass with sick & housebound

CONFESSIONS this week

SATURDAY 12 noon-12.30 pm 6.00-6.45 pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Held over this week

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER St John's, Rochdale, & St Gabriel's, Castleton

Collection last Sunday £1020.37.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Bl John Henry Newman

Blessed John Henry Newman will be canonised in Rome on 13 October. **Fr Laurence Gambella** will give an illustrated talk about Newman in the parish hall at 3.00 pm **today 8 September**. All welcome. The Oratories of England have created a website about John Henry Newman and his canonisation. Visit www.newmancanonisation.com

Mass for the Sick

Next Saturday 14 September at 11.00 am, here in church, there will be

Mass with Anointing (the Sacrament of the Sick) for the elderly, sick and housebound. If you need a lift please ring 0161-773 2324 or 0161-773 2690. The parish SVP is arranging a reception and buffet in the parish hall after Mass. Everyone welcome!

Discovering the Catholic Faith

Our new course begins on **Wednesday 25 September** and will be held in the presbytery from 7.30-9.00 pm. The course will continue until Eastertide 2020. Please tell non-Catholic friends and relatives about this Course and encourage them to attend. It is particularly

geared to non-Catholics who are interested in finding out more about our Catholic Faith. Parishioners who would like to attend are also welcome but please inform Fr Allen beforehand.

Parish Hall: Improvements, repairs

Why not take advantage of the refreshments provided in the parish hall after the Sunday morning Masses and come to see the improved lighting? The new much brighter lighting comes from LED panels and will be cheaper to run. The leak in the roof will hopefully be remedied in the next few days.

Welcome back!

Our schools returned last week. **Tomorrow, Monday**, children and staff from the Primary school will come to morning Mass at 9.30 am. We will celebrate the Birthday of Our Blessed Lady, transferred from today, 8 September.

On Wednesday afternoon there will be a welcome party for the new teachers in our school.

Deanery/Diocese

Churches Together In Prestwich & Kersal

Churches Together will meet at St Gabriel's CE, Bishops Road, Prestwich on **Tuesday next** at 7.30 pm. We are still looking for another representative from Our Lady of Grace parish. If you would like to be that representative please let Fr Allen know.

Youth Ministry in Parishes

*This is a training opportunity at Thornleigh Salesian College, Bolton, on **Saturday 14 September** 10.00 am to 3.00pm and could be an important help to further the engagement of young people in our parish. If you would be interested in attending please let Fr Allen know.*

Invitation to music meet-up

All singers, musicians, organists and musical directors from the deanery of St Therese of Lisieux (that's us!) are invited to this music ministry deanery meet-up at Guardian Angels church hall, 54 Harvey Street, Bury, BL8 2RD 7.30 pm on **Wednesday 25 September**.

Vacancy for Caretaker...

... at Cathedral Campus, Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP
Working hours: 35 hours per week to be worked over 5 days between Monday and Sunday. Salary, pension and benefits: Competitive, dependent on the skills and experience of the candidate

The diocese is recruiting for a Caretaker to integrate and unify maintenance support across the Church, House, Centre and a building currently under development (the former Education Office).

Closing date: 12 noon on Monday 30 September. To find out more visit: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies

Or to request an application pack or for more information on this post please contact:
The Director of Administration and Personnel,
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Thought for Today

Today's Gospel is from St Luke 14:25-33 and teaches us that the essential condition for true discipleship, demanded by Christ, was, and still is, total dedication, total commitment of oneself to Him. There can be no such person as a half-Christian. "He that is not with me is against me," He said on another occasion. We cannot be for Christ on Sunday and against Him for the remainder of the week. To be His true disciples, His true followers, we must live our Christian life every day and all day.

Following Christ means making our way to heaven. It is a life-journey. We have a limited time in which to complete this journey. Therefore, we must travel a certain distance each day. This does not mean that we must spend every day in prayer and meditation. There are other tasks to be done, but we must Christianize these other tasks.

Even the members of religious orders who "leave the world," that is, who are set free from the family and financial cares of this world by their vows of chastity and poverty, have to busy themselves with other cares like teaching, nursing, tilling the soil perhaps, house-keeping, writing and many such activities. They cannot and do not spend all their day and every day in prayer and meditation. Nor does Christ demand this of them. Much less, therefore, does He demand this of the ninety-nine percent of His followers who have to take on themselves financial and family cares. It is by fulfilling these worldly duties in a Christian way that they are dedicating themselves to His service. This is their total commitment to Christ.

The married man or woman who is loyal to his or her life-partner and to the family, if there is one, and who provides diligently and honestly for his own and the family's spiritual and temporal welfare, and who always does this with the intention of pleasing God, is following Christ and is moving steadily day by day towards heaven.

From *The Sunday Readings*
Fr Kevin O' Sullivan, O.F.M.