



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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PALM SUNDAY 9 APRIL 2017

THIS IS HOLY WEEK

MONDAY

Mass 9.15 am Monday of Holy Week

TUESDAY

Stations of the Cross at 9.30 am led by Year 4MT
Mass 12.00 noon Tuesday of Holy Week

WEDNESDAY

Stations of the Cross at 9.30 am led by Year 4P
Mass 12.00 noon Funeral Mass for Albert Gerrard

HOLY THURSDAY

MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER 7.00 pm

The church will remain open for watching
before the Altar of Repose until 10.30 pm.

GOOD FRIDAY

Day of fasting and abstinence

Stations of the Cross 10.00 am

Walk of Witness: walkers to gather at St Mary's church,
Church Lane, 11.00 am for walk and short service
outside Tesco's store (see over).

LITURGY OF THE PASSION 3.00 pm

A collection is taken on **Good Friday** for the **Church in the Holy Land**. The collection helps to maintain the Holy Places and is also used in the educational and healthcare work of the Church in that region. Please be generous on Friday.

HOLY SATURDAY

EASTER VIGIL 8.00 pm

EASTER SUNDAY

MORNING MASSES as usual at 9.00 and 11.00 am.

CONFESSIONS THIS WEEK

Good Friday 10.45 am to 12.00 noon

Holy Saturday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm (morning only)

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Holy Family, Kirkholt

Collection last week £1384.41. Thank you also for a donation of £20 towards Easter flowers. The contents of the **Starving World box** in April will go to Cornerstone.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

The Prayer Group will meet on **Monday 10 April** 7.00-8.00 pm at 1B St Margaret's Close, Prestwich. All are welcome.

Stations of the Cross - A First

The primary schoolchildren in Our Lady of Grace School have for many years followed the Stations of the Cross in school during Holy Week. **This year for the first time they will present the Stations in church.**

It will be the turn of Form 4MT on **Tuesday** and Form 4P on **Wednesday** – both days at **9.30 am**.

If you can possibly come for these occasions please do. You will be deeply moved.

Good Friday Walk of Witness

This Walk – for people of all ages - begins at 11.00 am with prayers in St Mary's Church, Church Lane, M25 1AN. We will then walk the Way of the Cross up Bury New Road to Tesco's, where there will be a short service on the Forecourt...and Hot Cross Buns. The event will finish at about 12.15 pm.

Easter Vigil Mass

The Mass **next Saturday evening, 15 April**, will be the Mass of the Easter Vigil and **will begin at 8.00 pm**.

School Nursery Intake

If your child was born between 01/09/2013 and 31/08/2014 and you wish

your child to be considered for our Nursery but have not yet given your child's details into school, please do so by telephoning the school office – 0161 796 7254 – on Monday 10 April. Thank you.

CAFOD Emergency

Appeal: the final total for the **emergency appeal for the famine victims in Africa was £1495.29**. Thank you, and congratulations on this generous sum.

Parish Youth Rep wanted

*The diocesan formation department is recruiting Parish Youth Reps in every parish: young adults 18-25 who are already part of the parish, and who are passionate and confident about enabling/encouraging other young people to share in the life of the parish, deanery and diocese. Training and support are promised and Bishop Arnold will commission the Youth Reps. Initial training day is **Saturday 27 May**. See poster in inner porch.*

Deanery/Diocese

Caritas Diocese of Salford (9)

"What does Caritas do?"

St Joseph's Welfare and Befriending (North Manchester) is a befriending service for older people to relieve loneliness and isolation, offering friendship and support.

This project includes a day nursery, family support, visits to vulnerable older people and support for adults with acquired hearing

loss. It also supports people seeking employment and a play scheme for young people with learning difficulties.

(To be continued)

Caritas is also organizing a **Mass for Migrants** at St John's Cathedral on the morning of the **Bank Holiday Monday 1 May**.

Ring & Ride

*Ring & Ride provides short, local journeys for up to six miles for shopping and **travel to places of worship** as well as to work, school, college, health appointments and social and leisure activities. 0161 200 6011 or 0845 688 3989. Poster in outer porch.*

Lenten Focus

Each week of Lent we focus on countries where the Aid to the Church in Need projects are helping the Faithful, in many cases making the difference between life and death.

In **Iraq, Christianity is holding on by a thread**. In June 2014 Daesh (ISIS) fighters gave Christians in Mosul three choices: 'Convert, Pay the Jizya Tax or Face the Sword'.

Over 120,000 Christians from Mosul and the Christian villages of the Nineveh Plains fled north to Erbil and other towns. Since then, **Christian families** have depended on the Church for their survival.

ACN has been a key partner in providing aid. Archbishop Warda of Erbil, who is co-ordinating the survival operation, recently said that **without ACN's support there would be no Christians in Iraq**.