



# OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

**'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'**

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 9 DECEMBER 2018

### HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 &amp; 11.00 am</b>	
MONDAY	9.15 am	Advent Weekday
TUESDAY	<b>9.15 am</b>	Advent Weekday/St Damasus
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	Advent Weekday/Our Lady of Guadalupe
THURSDAY	12 noon	St Lucy
FRIDAY	9.15 am	St John of the Cross (with Phase 2 schoolchildren)
SATURDAY	11.00 am	Advent Weekday (Novena 10.40 am)

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 11.30 am -12.30 pm 6.00-6.45 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT 11.30 am to 12.30 pm

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Guardian Angels, Bury

Collection last Sunday £1172.06. Thank you also for a donation of £100 for altar flowers at Christmas. A further £15.70 was received for the **Retired Priests of the Diocese Fund**, now at £1140.19.

**Next Sunday** there will be a retiring collection for the parish **St Vincent de Paul Society**.

## NEWSLETTER

### Parish

#### Christmas Fair

A very big 'Thank You' to all who contributed in any way to the success of this year's Christmas Fair. Although the income, at £3200, was a little down on last year the social benefits more than compensated. What was very pleasing was the number of helpers, including some new volunteers. Much hard work went into the Fair and great generosity on the part of so many.

The list of raffle winners is on the outer notice board. Some prizes remain to be collected from the presbytery.

#### Christmas Mass times

*Christmas Day this year falls on a Tuesday. We will celebrate Midnight Mass on Monday, with Masses at 9.00 and 11.00 on Tuesday morning.*

#### Primary School Vacancy

Middy Supervisor needed. Please apply to Mrs Linda Barmby at the School Office, 0161 773 7254, or email

lbarmby@ourladyofgracercp  
rimaryschool.co.uk

#### Can you help?

*We are having difficulty in loading the weekly Newsletter on the parish website. Is there someone who knows about these things who would volunteer to do this?*

### Deanery/Diocese

#### Bishop's Message

Our Bishop, John Arnold, did not write an Advent Pastoral Letter this year but last

Sunday he issued a short Message for Advent:

"We come again to the beginning of a New Year in the life of the Church. All around us, for several weeks, the accent has already been on preparing for Christmas but, for many people, Christmas no longer has anything to do with the birth of Jesus. A great deal of effort is spent on presents, decorations, food and parties. These are all perfectly good in themselves but they have hidden the very thing that they celebrate and can distract us from what the Feast is all about. God loves us and He sent His Son, Jesus, to live among us to be our Saviour.

"Let us be sure to enjoy Christmas but, as Christians, we must never allow ourselves to forget what it is all about." +John

### **From Benidorm to Bury**

The stars of the ITV Show "Soul Magnificent" headline the **New Year's Eve Cabaret Buffet Dance** at the Elizabethan Suite, Bury, performing Motown dance hits and a tribute to the Drifters. For information and tickets please call Terry Johnson on 07484 662807. Proceeds go to Grace's Place.

### **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Some parishioners have already booked on the Holy Land Pilgrimage arranged by Adrian Duffy of Northern Travel Ltd of 55A Bury Old Road, Prestwich M25 0FG. **The dates are 7 to 14 February 2019** and the is £995. For details contact Adrian on 0161 773 2115 or email info@northernstartravel.com

### **Supporting Marriage**

*The Government wants to make divorce easier by allowing it **for no reason**. The spouse being divorced would have no say. This is often called 'no fault' divorce as it does away with the need to allege fault such as adultery.*

***These plans threaten the very nature of marriage by turning it into an arrangement terminated at the whim of either spouse.***

*How can we have a say? The **Coalition for Marriage** is Britain's leading campaign group supporting traditional marriage between a man and a woman, to the exclusion of all others and for life. Access its website <https://www.c4m.org.uk>*

*The Coalition offers a guide to help us to take part in the Government's consultation entitled "Reducing family conflict: Reform of the legal requirement for divorce". The online consultation is available at this address: [www.bit.ly/divorcerespond18](http://www.bit.ly/divorcerespond18) It is not necessary to answer every question.*

*Coalition for Marriage has only given comments on questions 2, 5, 8 and 10, which it believes are of the greatest importance to marriage supporters. We are asked to use our discretion in deciding which questions to answer and how we wish to approach them.*

***All responses must be submitted before midnight tomorrow Monday 10 December 2018.***

### **Appeal for Toys**

**Caritas Schools Service** are short of 80 sacks of toys for children who would otherwise receive nothing on

Christmas Day. They would be grateful for any donations of new unwrapped toys by 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please contact Mike Coen or Rachel Clift on 0161 817 2276

**Don't miss** Our Lady of Grace School Choir and Christmas Carol Service, in church **Tuesday 18 December** at 6.00 pm.

### **Roll of Honour**

It is a great pity that we do not have the names of all the parishioners of Our Lady of Grace parish who died in the service of their country in the two World Wars. If we had, we could erect a fitting memorial to them.

Thanks to the recollections of one parishioner, we do know some details of three who were killed during the Second World War:

**John Duncan Forbes Cowden, DFC.** Fl/Lt Pilot 635 Squadron. Attended Our Lady of Grace Primary School and De La Salle College. Died in action 14 February 1945, aged 23. Buried in Berlin 1939-1945 War Cemetery, Coll.grave 9.A.18-23. Son of Duncan and Mary Cowden (nee Warren) of Simister Lane, Prestwich.

**Ronald Francis Garside.** 103 Squadron RAF. Died 7 July 1943, aged 23. Remembered on Panel 150 at Runnymede. Son of William and Kathleen Garside (nee Francis) of Heywood Road, Prestwich.

**Francis Thomas Beaumont.** Sgt. Pilot. Died 20 February 1944, aged 24. Buried in Gweru Cemetery, Midlands, Zimbabwe. Plot 1. Row A. Grave 11. Son of Thomas and Christina Beaumont (nee Cox).