



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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14th SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 9 JULY 2017

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am	
MONDAY	9.15 am	
TUESDAY	12 noon	St Benedict, abbot, patron of Europe
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	
THURSDAY	12 noon	(St Henry)
FRIDAY	9.30 am	Year 6 Leavers' Mass (with whole school)
	12 noon	Funeral Mass for Fr Anthony Lawton
SATURDAY	11.00 am	St Bonaventure (Novena 10.45 am)

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 11.30 am-12.30 pm 6.00-6.45 pm

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Holy Family, Kirkholt

Collection last Sunday £1449.43.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Fr Anthony Lawton

Fr Lawton received all his sacraments, including ordination to the Sacred Priesthood, in this his home parish of Our Lady of Grace. He always retained a great affiliation to this parish. His funeral Mass will be offered here next Friday at 12 noon prior to burial in St Joseph's Cemetery, Moston. Next Thursday evening his body will be received into St Marie's church, Bury, where he was parish priest for 23 years, for Mass at 7.00 pm.

Food for Caritas Bury

*In the period 1 January to 15 June this year you have given **1393 items**. Brilliant! Sister Joan and helpers distribute these items as needed from St Joseph's Presbytery in Bury. They and the people who benefit are most grateful for all items. Especially useful are tinned veg, tinned fruit and complete meals in a tin, e.g. steak pies or beans and sausages in one tin.*

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

Summer Fair

The Notre Dame Association M/C Group invite us to their Summer Fair in Our Lady of Grace parish hall **next Saturday 15 July from 12 noon**. Poster in outside porch.

Caritas

Each month **Caritas Diocese of Salford** produces its own Newsletter called "The Beacon", commenting on recent events and advertising future ones.

The Newsletter is available in electronic form and our Caritas team, Janet Dalton, Jeff Milner and Eddie Welch,

would like to build up a database of parishioners interested in receiving the monthly Newsletter. If you would like to be on the list then please send your name and email address to Eddie at: eddie.welch@yahoo.co.uk

Caritas is also advertising for a **Refugee Response Coordinator**. The **Diocese of Salford** is advertising the post of **Site Manager** for the Cathedral Church and House in Salford. See posters in outside porch.

Work in the Parish

In the next week or so you may notice different works going on around the church and hall.

The gates at the front of the church are suffering from corrosion and are in dire need of repair and restoration. They will be away for a few weeks for treatment.

Scaffolding at the far side of the hall will enable the removal of plant growth and of the redundant chimney, and also for pointing work to be done at high level.

Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald – a distinguished guest

Here to give a talk at Salford Cathedral on the Vatican Council document “*Nostra Aetate*” (“*In our Time*”), Archbishop Fitzgerald stayed at the presbytery on Monday and Tuesday last. He was a delightful and appreciative guest. Retired now and living in Jerusalem, Archbishop Michael, a missionary White Father, headed the Vatican Pontifical Mission for Inter-Religious Dialogue and was

also Apostolic Nuncio in Egypt.

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Sea Sunday

Today is kept in England and Wales as Sea Sunday, supporting the Apostleship of the Sea by our prayers and contributions. Anything over £1000 in today’s collection will be sent to the AoS. If you would like to Gift Aid your contribution please pick up an envelope from the back of church.

Concert for Cornerstone Day Centre

Music from the Jill Fielding Duo, Sean Ryan, Mr Swing Man and Sean Hester’s Real Rhythm Irish Dancers – Saturday 15 July at 8.00 pm at St Kentigern’s Parish Centre, Hart Road, Fallowfield. £6 on the door.

Pope’s Prayer Intention for July: “Lapsed Christians”

“That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.”

“I feel so helpless. It seems so hopeless. What can I do to get my adult children back to church?” These words can be heard in almost every family. It’s something that **Pope Francis** has heard and this month he asks us to do something in response.

First, he asks us to **pray** for “*our brothers and sisters.*” Those who have left the faith are still children of the Father who created them. Through baptism they are members of the Body of

Christ. If we are concerned for them, how much more is Jesus, who shed his Precious Blood for them. When we pray, we share our concern with the Lord who shares his concern with us. Sharing in this way, we are drawn closer to Jesus.

Then we act. Not nagging, but gently loving. Members of the Body of Christ, we make the merciful love of Jesus tangible to others. The only sermon they may hear and listen to is the one we preach with our loving actions. Through us, those who are wandering can “*rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.*” Our continued prayer brings grace into their lives and it changes us so that our witness is more consistent.

Pope Francis said: “*Let us all remember this: one cannot proclaim the Gospel of Jesus without the tangible witness of one’s life. Those who listen to us and observe us must be able to see in our actions what they hear from our lips, and so give glory to God! I am thinking now of some advice that St. Francis of Assisi gave his brothers: preach the Gospel and, if necessary, use words. Preaching with your life, with your witness. Inconsistency on the part of pastors and the faithful between what they say and what they do, between word and manner of life, is undermining the Church’s credibility.*”

“It is not hopeless and we are not helpless.” That is the motto of a group of people who pray for loved ones who have wandered away from the Church. They share a deep concern for the lost

sheep. They're called the
"Marian Mantle Group"
and they can be found
online at
www.marianmantle.com