



# OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

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## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 12 JANUARY 2020

### 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	(St Hilary)
TUESDAY	12 noon	
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	
THURSDAY	12 noon	
FRIDAY	9.15 am	St Antony, abbot
SATURDAY	11.00 am	(Novena 10.40 am)

### CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 11.30 am -12.30 pm 6.00-6.45 pm

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Saturday 11.30 am to 12.30 pm

**YOUR PRAYERS** are asked for Mr Gerald O'Neill of Welcomb Walk, Whitefield; Mrs Stella Clewath of Simister Lane, Prestwich; Mr Roy Craine of Mellor Street, Prestwich; and Mr Jose Luis Peinador of Kenilworth Avenue, Whitefield. May they rest in peace.

### DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Nazareth House & retired priests in the deanery

Collection last Sunday £1255.47. Thank you for a further donation of £20 for the Retired Priests Fund. **Today** is the annual White Flower Appeal, with a **retiring collection for SPUC** – the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. See below.

## NEWSLETTER

### Parish

#### Sacramental Programme

There will be a meeting for children and their parents **today Sunday 12 January** at 9.50 am in the parish hall.

#### White Flower Appeal

SPUC – the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children – holds its annual appeal today. We are living in what many people would

describe as 'barbaric times'. On 21 October last year the government in Westminster imposed on the people of Northern Ireland the most extreme abortion regime in Europe. Abortion will now be permitted **for any reason up until at least 24 weeks, and even beyond that. The abortion lobby now wants to introduce this in England and Wales.** Please be generous in today's retiring collection, to help

SPUC on our behalf to defend unborn babies and their mothers from this new attack. You might also fill in the PC to be found at the back of church, asking that Parliamentary time should not be given for this proposal.

#### Piety Stall

There will be a 'Catch Up' meeting **next Sunday 19 January** in the parish library in the hall at 10 o'clock. We

have a good team of volunteers but newcomers would be welcome.

### Over 60s Club

*The Club meets in the parish hall for friendship and activities every Wednesday 1.00-4.00 pm. Why not come along? You would be very welcome.*

### Safeguarding

There will be a meeting for the completion of forms **next Sunday 19 January** at 12 noon in the presbytery. Information will be sent to those involved. If there are any **new** volunteers within the different groups would the group coordinator please let Fr Allen know so that the forms may be sent out. Thank you!

## Deanery/Diocese

### God Speaks Through Matthew

We will be hearing the Gospel according to Matthew at Sunday Mass for much of this coming 'Year of the Word'. Fr Chris Lough will lead an introduction to this great teaching Gospel, outlining some of the main themes and ideas to look out for over the coming weeks and months. When and where? On **Monday 20 January** at St Anne's parish hall, 1537 Ashton Old Road, Hr Openshaw, Manchester M11 1GR, 7.30-9.00 pm. All welcome. Tea & coffee available from 7.00 pm.

There is no charge for the evening (optional donation to Cornerstone Day Centre). Ample parking and Bus 219 stops at the door.

Please book to give us some indication of expected numbers. Contact:

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or formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk 0161 817 2214

### Misa en Espanol

*Catedral de Salford, 250 Chapel Street, M3 5LE  
Todos los Terceros Domingos de cada mes a las 2pm.  
Próxima misa: Domingo 19 de Enero 2020.*

*Todos están bienvenidos a la Misa, Refrigerio compartir siempre al final de la Misa.  
Información:  
salfordcatedralenespanolmisa@gmail.com / llamar: 07947 613721*

### Christian Unity

Our special service for Churches Together in Prestwich and Kersal will be at St Margaret's, Prestwich, **next Sunday 19 January** at 3.00 pm. The keynote speaker is **our Bishop, John Arnold**, and his theme is the preservation of the environment. We are all surely united in our concern for the future of the planet as part of the salvation story.

### Living the Sunday Eucharist

*Introductory Rites: Sprinkling with Holy Water. At Sunday Mass there is the option of a Sprinkling with Holy Water replacing the Penitential Rite. John the Baptist preached "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins", and this is the meaning of this action at this moment of the Mass.*

*There are many symbolisms at work in the waters of baptism, but when that water is sprinkled it is a sign of cleansing and purification – the washing away of sin and guilt and all that hinders us from the joys of life in God's*

*Kingdom. In some ways this action is an extension of something we have already done – dipping our fingers in the holy water stoup on the way into church: that was a reminder of baptism, which washed sin away and welcomed us as children of God and sisters and brothers of Jesus.*

### It's Party time!

A reminder of the "Parish Workers' Party" on **Friday evening, 31 January, 7 o'clock onwards**. This will be a nice way to show appreciation of all the good work done by so many.

You know who you are, and many of you (though not all: e.g. tea rotas, food bank helpers, etc.) are listed in the parish Year Book, so no formal invitations will be sent out. For catering purposes, we need to know how many people to expect. So if you can come, please fill in the tear-off notice below and post it in at the presbytery or sacristy or put it in next Sunday's collection.

Yes, I will come to the Party on 31 January.

Name:

Contact:

It's a Friday evening and fish and chips are on the menu. If you have any difficulties with that, please indicate below what you can eat instead and we will try to provide: -