



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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2nd SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 19 JANUARY 2020

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am	
MONDAY	9.15 am	(St Fabian/St Sebastian)
TUESDAY	12 noon	St Agnes
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	(St Vincent, deacon & martyr)
THURSDAY	12 noon	
FRIDAY	9.15 am	St Francis de Sales
SATURDAY	11.00 am	The Conversion of St Paul, apostle (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

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Holy Family, Kirkholt

Collection last Sunday £1134.28. Thank you for your generosity to the annual White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC). The retiring collection came to £612.36.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for **Caritas (Diocese of Salford)**. See below.

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Sacramental Programme

At Mass today, the children will present their favourite Bible stories.

Safeguarding

There will be a meeting for the completion of forms **today Sunday 19 January** at 12 noon in the presbytery. Information has been sent to those involved.

Children's Liturgy will take place during 11.00 am Mass next week. Children

from Nursery to Year 2 (ages 3-7) are welcome to come and join in with singing, prayers and activities linked to the Sunday readings.

Caritas Sunday ...

... is **next Sunday, 26 January**. This year Caritas is asking all parishioners to support the goal of a 2020 with #NobodyLeftBehind and to help House the Homeless, Build Stronger Families and Communities, and Welcome Refugees. The second collection at Mass and ongoing support will allow Caritas Diocese of

Salford to continue important work in our parishes and across the Diocese.

Thank you for your continued support for the **Bury Food Bank**. In the second half of 2019 you gave 1649 items. Altogether in 2019 you gave 3185 items, 221 less than the 3406 items given in 2018.

Over 60s Club

No meeting this coming Wednesday. The Club will resume its meetings in the parish hall on **Wednesday 30 January**, 1.00-4.00 pm.

Several people have said they will join then. Why not come along also? You would be very welcome.

Singalong

The Singalong will meet on **Thursday 23rd January** in the parish hall, 11.00 -12.30. It is proving popular and a good help to dementia sufferers and their carers. We are deeply grateful to Elaine and her team of helpers.

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Christian Unity

Our special service for Churches Together in Prestwich and Kersal will be at St Margaret's, Prestwich, **today Sunday 19 January** at 3.00 pm. The keynote speaker was to have been our Bishop, John Arnold. At short notice he has been called to a meeting in Rome. He has asked Fr Allen to take his place this afternoon.

A Journey of Hope

This is the title of **Pope Francis'** message for World Day of Peace 2020. It is a long and involved message which contains the following paragraph:

"We need to pursue a genuine fraternity based on our common origin from God and exercised in dialogue and mutual trust. The desire for peace lies deep within the human heart, and we should not resign ourselves to seeking anything less than this."

The full message may be read on the Vatican website.

The Word of God

Pope Francis asks us to celebrate the Word of God in a special way next Sunday. It

gives us the opportunity to thank all our Readers at Mass for the care they take in presenting God's Word to us.

God Speaks Through Matthew

Although today we hear St John's Gospel, 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.

Living the Sunday Eucharist

The Penitential Act

Do you remember when, as children, your mum or dad (or grandparents) would say as you came in from an afternoon or evening of play "Make sure you wipe your feet before you come in!" Perhaps this is something you still say! In a sense that is what the "penitential act" is all about. It is part of our preparation to worship God in our liturgy. The first thing we do once we are all gathered is a spiritual "wiping of the feet", asking God to cleanse us of sins and faults and failings, so that we can worship properly. As with many parts of the Mass, the most important moment here is not the words we say, but

the silence we are given. This silence is for each one present to "personalise" this moment: it is not a generic acknowledgment of sinfulness, but a deeply personal and intimate confession... Even though this is a penitential moment, it is also joyful, because it celebrates the love of God who desires only that we turn back to him and live! It helps us to become, as Saint Paul says, "the holy people of Jesus Christ, called to take their place among all the saints."

It's Party time!

Acceptances are rolling in for the "Parish Workers' Party" on **Friday evening, 31 January, 7.00 pm onwards**. Keep them coming!

You know who you are, and many of you (though not all) 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: -