



OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

'Stay with us, Lord, on our journey'

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7th SUNDAY 'OF THE YEAR' 23 FEBRUARY 2020

HOLY MASS THIS WEEK

SUNDAY First Mass of Sunday is 7pm Saturday. Sunday morning 9.00 & 11.00 am
MONDAY 9.15 am
TUESDAY 12 noon

WEDNESDAY **ASH WEDNESDAY** Day of fasting and Abstinence
Masses 12 noon and 7.00 pm with blessing and distribution of ashes at both

THURSDAY 12 noon Lent Weekday
FRIDAY 8.00 am Lent Weekday
SATURDAY 11.00 am Lent Weekday (Novena 10.40)

CONFESSIONS this week

SATURDAY 11.30 am-12.30 pm 6.00-6.45 pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Saturday 11.30 am-12.30 pm

DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER Our Lady's, Langley, & St John Fisher, Boarshaw

Collection last Sunday £1052.30

NEWSLETTER

Parish

Friday Lenten Masses

From this coming week Friday Mass will be at 8.00 am. For those able to come this would be a very worthwhile Lenten exercise.

Lenten Station Masses

Lenten Stations are a very old custom in the Church. They celebrate the unity of the Church in a spirit of prayer and penance. In Rome, a different church is designated as the Station

church for every day during Lent. The Pope, as Bishop of Rome, would offer Mass in the various churches attended by clergy and faithful. The custom was revived in this diocese some 50 years ago.

We will have three Lenten Station Masses in our deanery this Lent. The first, on **Thursday 5 March**, will be **here at Our Lady of Grace**. The second, on 19 March, will be in Bury or Middleton. The third, on **Thursday 26 March** will be

at **St Patrick's, Rochdale**. **Bishop John Arnold** will be the main celebrant at Rochdale. All three Masses will start at 7.00 pm.

Please make a note of these dates and do try to come.

Fairtrade

Our next Traidcraft stall will be **next Sunday, 1 March**, in the Parish Hall after both 9am and 11am Masses. This falls bang in the middle of this year's Fairtrade Fortnight (24 Feb to 8 March), so look out for special events and

promotions in your supermarket. But best of all, please support the cause of justice in world trade by buying Fairtrade goods from our monthly stall, this month and every month.

Sacramental Programme

Today brings the 3rd stage of the Programme preparing our Year 3 children for their first Holy Communion. The theme is 'Reconciliation'. Parents and children meet in the parish hall at **9.50 am**. Refreshments after the 9 o'clock Mass today will be in the Cottage.

Budapest 2020

16 parishioners and friends have now booked to attend the International Eucharistic Congress in Budapest 13-20 September this year.

Deanery/Diocese

What are you doing in Lent?

Lent is about more than giving something up; it is about really **doing** something. The Catechism of the Catholic Church makes this clear:

1438 'The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent, and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice. These times are particularly appropriate for spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works).'

Lent at the Hidden Gem

If you are visiting Manchester City Centre during the Season of Lent,

why not pop into St Mary's, the Hidden Gem? Each weekday during Lent there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions (11.30am), Holy Mass (12.30pm) and Stations of the Cross (1.00pm).

During Lent there will be an extra Mass on Wednesday evenings at 5.15pm and on Friday mornings at 8.00am. The church is open for quiet prayer from 8.00am till 6.00pm each day, and each Wednesday evening in Lent at 6.00pm there will be a series of Lenten Meditations, "Serene Silence", on the Seven Sorrows of Mary. Further details are on the diocesan website.

A message from the Bishops of England & Wales

'All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. **The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021.** Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusettledstatus

'Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply.

Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme

'The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities.'

Vacancies

Volition Community Volunteer Coordinator

Location: Salford and Manchester Cathedrals, its precincts, Manchester Cathedral Visitor Centre, Manchester Central Library and the Cenotaph.

Salary: Between £30,000 & £35,000. 37 hours per week, including some evening and weekend work. See: <http://www.volitioncommunity.org/job-vacancy-community-volunteer-coordinator/>

Prison Chaplain Vacancy

Permanent, part time, 20 hours a week including Sunday, at HMP Forest Bank, Pendlebury.

Salary: £16,296.80

For full role description and person specification, see: <https://www.sodexojobs.co.uk/jobs/job/Roman-Catholic-Chaplain/5259>

Dowry of Mary

The promised booklets didn't come. Never mind, we don't need books (though they can often help). A decade or two of the rosary – or even more - each day this Lent would make a good target. As would a visit to Mary's Son in the Blessed Sacrament.

*Last week, during his weekly audience, **Pope Francis** blessed a painting of **Our Lady of Walsingham**. The painting, by Amanda de Pulford, will return to Walsingham for the rededication of England as Mary's Dowry on 29 March 2020 and after the rededication, the Dowry Painting will begin a journey to every Catholic parish in England, including here in our diocese.*