



# OUR LADY OF GRACE PRESTWICH

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## 3rd SUNDAY ‘OF THE YEAR’ 26 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 Angela Merici)
TUESDAY	12 noon	Funeral Mass for José Peinador
WEDNESDAY	12 noon	
THURSDAY	12 noon	Funeral Mass for Roy Craine
FRIDAY	9.15 am	St John Bosco
SATURDAY	11.00 am	(Novena 10.40 am)
SUNDAY NEXT – The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas Day)		

### 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 Mrs Kate Heneghan of Poppythorn Lane, Prestwich; Mrs Marie Coleman, formerly of Hampden Road and Buckley Lane; and Fr Stephen Naughton OSM, of Our Lady of Dolours, Kersal. May they rest in peace.

### DEANERY CIRCLE OF PRAYER St Joseph’s, Heywood

Collection last Sunday £1321.99. Thank you also for an anonymous donation of £250 for St Anthony’s Bread. Further donations have brought the White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) to £664.36.

**Today** there will be a second collection for **Caritas (Diocese of Salford)**. Caritas incorporates the former Catholic Children’s Rescue Society and is an “umbrella” for a number of diocesan charities.

## NEWSLETTER

### Parish

**Children’s Liturgy** is today during 11.00 am Mass. 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.

**The Prayer Group** will meet on **Monday 27 January**

7.00-8.00 pm at 1B St Margaret’s Close. All are welcome.

**Please note this new development:** at the entrance to the Sacred Heart chapel in Our Lady of Grace church is a “Prayer Box”, with cards below it. You are invited to write your prayer request and post this in the box. Your intentions

will be remembered at the fortnightly Prayer Group meeting. This gives us all an opportunity to support each other through our prayer.

### Over 60s Club

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.

### Traidcraft

Our next sale of Fairtrade goods will be held next **Sunday, 2 February**, in the Parish Hall, after both the 9am and 11am Masses. Last year, we sold a total of £5,232 in goods here at Our Lady of Grace and at a number of other parishes and events. These sales directly benefit many people in developing countries, who receive a fair price for their produce. But there is another benefit too; we were able to give the profit of £916.80 on these sales to CAFOD, to help fund their work with some of the poorest communities around the world. Many thanks to everyone who buys Fairtrade goods from us - please continue in 2020.

### Budapest 2020

The International Eucharistic Congress will be held in Budapest 13-20 September this year. We could arrange a group flying from Manchester and staying in a 4\* hotel 13-21 September, eight nights, for about £1150, including b&b and evening meal at the hotel and registration at the Congress which includes all the conferences and events and a midday meal. But we need to act quickly. **If you are interested in joining, please tell Fr Allen this week.** (Notices will shortly appear for an 'official' group, flying from London and costing £1300 for 7 nights.)

### The Word of God

Pope Francis asks us to celebrate the Word of God in a special way today. It gives us the opportunity to thank all our Readers at Mass for the

care they take in presenting God's Word to us.

### Deanery/Diocese

#### Holocaust Memorial

"May the anniversary of the unspeakable cruelty that humanity learned seventy-five years ago serve as a summons to pause, to be silent and to remember. We need to do this, lest we become indifferent."

(Pope Francis)

#### Living the Sunday Eucharist: The Gloria

Last week we talked about the Penitential Act. In Advent and Lent that is the main focus of the introductory rites (as is suitable for those seasons), but on every other Sunday of the year it is followed by an explosion of praise and joy – the hymn (and it is a hymn!) "Glory to God in the highest!" This is one of the oldest texts in the Mass. It started life as a Christmas hymn (with the obviously reference to the song of the angels to the shepherds of Bethlehem), but gradually spread to Easter and major feasts and Sundays: this tells us that it is meant to be joyful! The hymn is all about proclaiming how wonderful, how amazing our God is, how deserving of our praise and worship and glorification! After praise of the Father, we sing specifically of the work of Jesus, the "Lamb of God", born for us and sacrificed for us, before ending with abundant praise of the Most Holy Trinity!

*It is hardly surprising that this hymn should be sung. This great Sunday hymn should challenge us: how much effort are we willing to put into singing the praises of God? Do we see this as an integral part of our Sunday meeting with the Lord, or just*

*something which "makes Mass longer"? Oh, and one final thought: how much sense does it make just to say a joyful song? Do we recite "Happy birthday to you"? Or solemnly say "Should auld acquaintance be forgot..." on New Year's Eve?*

### Accountancy Vacancy

The diocese is seeking a qualified Accountant who can effectively support the work of the Department for Finance. To find out more and download a vacancy pack, please visit: [www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies)

### It's Party time!

Keep the acceptances rolling in for the "Parish Workers' Party" **next Friday evening, 31 January, 7.00 pm onwards.**

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 **no later than Tuesday!** Thank you.

Yes, I will come to the Party next Friday 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: -