



Our Lady of Grace

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

10th May 2026

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 10th May
Sixth Sunday of Easter
9.00am & 11.00am Holy Mass

Monday 11th May
12 noon - Holy Mass

Tuesday 12th May
12 noon - Holy Mass
Service of Confirmation
Bishop John Arnold
7:00pm

Wednesday 13th May
12 noon - Holy Mass

Thursday 14th May
SOLEMNITY OF THE
ASCENSION OF THE LORD
9.30am School Mass
with Crowning of the statue of
Our Blessed Lady
& 7.00pm - Holy Mass

Friday 15th May
12 noon - Holy Mass

Saturday 16th May
11.00am - Holy Mass
Followed by Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament until 12.30pm
Confessions
11.30am - 12.30pm
4.00pm - 4.40pm
Sunday Vigil Mass - 5.00pm

Sunday 17th May
Seventh Sunday of Easter
9am & 11am - Holy Mass



From the Parish Priest.....

This week we are celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. At the 11 am mass this Sunday we have two confirmations and on Tuesday we will be welcoming Bishop John who will confirm 35 young people from our parish community. This Sacrament builds on Baptism and First Holy Communion by strengthening the individual with the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Let us pray for our young people that the Holy Spirit will inspire and support their life choices as they grow into the young men and women that God intends them to be.

We celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension on Thursday. Our school community will be joining us for mass at 9:30am. We will be crowning the statue of Our Blessed Lady at this mass. The school choir will be leading our hymns, and I know they have been busy practising. We are blessed to have such a good school that seeks to support the faith development of our children and their families. From June, on the first Tuesday of each month when school is in session, the parish will be hosting a morning social in the Cottage, for parents and guardians after dropping off their children at school. I am hopeful that this small gesture of support and encouragement will grow into other joint ventures between the parish and school communities. God Bless you all. Keep me in your prayers.

Fr Gerard

Safeguarding:

Many thanks to all those who volunteer in the parish. As you will be aware, anyone with any formal role must go through the safer recruitment process, some may also need a DBS check. In the next weeks our safeguarding team will be continuing with this process and will contact you in due course. Thank you to the team and all of you for your cooperation. Please see Fr Gerard if you would like to volunteer your service in any way.

Prayer intentions for the sick & other petitions:

We pray for: All our sick parishioners and others known to us including, Christine Rogers, Barbara Murphy and Marion Seddon.
May Our Lady of Lourdes, intercede for them all.

Prayer intentions for those who have recently died:

Peter Lupton and Jackie Bolton.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Menino and Anna Mascarenhas, Oscar D'Cruz, Pat Vancalsteren, Stanley Holt, Clive Lamb and Eric Stonefield.
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.

A Birthday Mass Intention: Raphael Allen.

Our Lady's Altar Candle: A special intention.

Thanks for the kind donation towards the flowers.

School Mass for the Ascension of The Lord

The children and staff from our parish school will be celebrating Mass on the 14th of May at 9:30am with the crowing of Our Lady's statue. You are all welcome to join the school community. There will also be a Mass that evening at 7pm for those unable to make the morning mass. **Please note there will be no Mass at noon on Thursday.**

Quiz and Bingo Night

The next Parish Social will be a Quiz and Bingo night on Friday 29th May. Pay on the door. Doors open 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. Please join us!

Salford Jazz Club

The Salford Jazz Club presents a "Spring Swing" in the Parish Hall on 16th May from 7.30. Pay at the door.

Parish Prayer Group Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 11th May at 7.00pm in the cottage. All welcome.

Friendship Club

The Friendship Club will next meet in the parish hall on Wednesday 13th May 12.30 – 3.00pm. The group meets every alternative Wednesday. All welcome!

Do You Have A Child For Baptism?

The next meetings for those families who wish to have their children baptised in Our Lady of Grace parish over the coming months will take place in the church hall on **Sunday 6th June between 10.00 and 10.30am.**

Side Altar Votive Candles

If you would like the candle to burn for an intention of yours, please write the intention on an envelope, include an offering and place this through the presbytery door.

Churches Together in Prestwich

This weekend Churches Together members have been asked to pray for Revd. Jez Hackett and Heaton Park Methodist church. Please keep our Christian brothers and sisters in your prayers.

Homebound Parish Members

If you are aware of any members of the parish who would appreciate a visit from Fr Gerard, please ask their permission to give him their contact details, name, address and phone number.

Come and See! Young Adults Group

We will be starting a group for men and women interested in exploring the Catholic faith - if you or someone you know is interested, please join us at our next meeting on Thursday 14th May at 7pm in the Cottage.

Confirmations: Please keep the Confirmandi in your prayers. We have two young people being confirmed on Sunday 10th May at the 11am mass and Bishop John will preside at a Confirmation Service on Tuesday 12th May at 7pm. All welcome.

Manchester Half Marathon

We have parishioners running the Manchester Half Marathon in aid of Caritas, Diocese of Salford on May 31st. They are Caroline Johnston, Helen McCaffer, Liam Marsh, Helen Leung Miller and Mairead Lepki. If anyone would like to sponsor them, please use this link
https://www.justgiving.com/page/caroline-johnston-4?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Red Box News: £3,427.00 Raised from the Parish

Our parish raised £2,885.00 from Red Boxes plus another £542.00 from direct contributions for AFP - Mill Hill Missions during 2025. Sincere thanks are due to all direct contributors, Red Box holders and collectors who have donated their money and time so generously.

If you would like to help the APF Mill Hill Missions please contact local secretary Richard Cavey on 0161 773 7684 or 07971 260330.

The annual Diocesan Mission Mass for APF Mill Hill will take place in the Temporary Cathedral at 2.00pm on Saturday 30th May with refreshments served afterwards. All Red Box holders, annual members and direct contributors are welcome.

Book Club

The next meeting of the group will be on Monday 11th May at 2.00pm in the Cottage. We will be discussing "The Silence of the Girls" by Pat Barker, a 2018 retelling of the Greek Iliad myth, from the point of view of women. The full programme for 2026 is listed on the noticeboard outside church. Further details from the group's convenor, Vin Allerton on 07305 727900.

CAFOD Lent Fast

Two people made donations to CAFOD's Lent appeal by cheque. Unfortunately, these cheques have been lost. If you wrote one of these cheques, please get in touch with Fr. Gerard at the Presbytery.

Bathroom

The accessible toilet is open during all masses. If the hall is open, use the main entrance and for daily mass use the black door entrance on the carpark at the end of the hall building.

Last Week's Collection

Last week's collection was £1,123.85 – Many thanks for your generosity.