Our Lady of Grace

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THIRTY THIRD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME **15th November 2026**

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 15th November
Holy Mass
9.00am & 11.00am

Monday 16th November
12 noon – Holy Mass

Tuesday 17th November
12 noon - Holy Mass

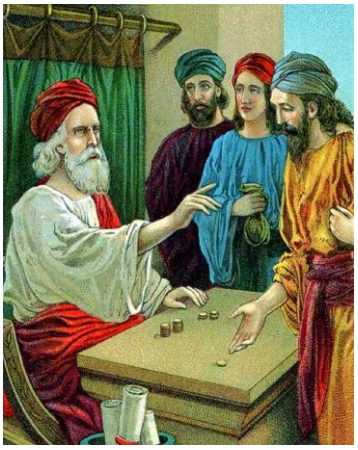
Wednesday 18th November
6.30pm - Holy Mass

Thursday 19th November
12 noon - Holy Mass

Friday 20th November
12 noon – Holy Mass

Saturday 21st November
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
11.00am - Holy Mass
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12.30pm
Confessions
11.30 – 12.30pm
4.00 – 4.40pm
Sunday Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 22nd November
Christ The King
9am & 11am – Holy Mass



From the Parish Priest…..

This weekend we have a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Arnold. The letter is written by a group of diocesan clergy following on from the Diocesan Synod, which prioritized ongoing care for priests, active and retired, as a key issue. It highlights that many priests over 60 face workload and support challenges. Issues include overload, responding to modern demands, and feelings of isolation amongst clergy. It is clear that priests love their ministry but need more mutual support, professional help and fraternity. Building on this consultation with clergy the diocese is now planning to expand the clergy support team, enhance fraternity, relaunch junior clergy programs, and plan for retirement. Parishioners have a vital role to play and are encouraged to support priests through prayer, volunteer work, and skills sharing. Copies of the letter are available at the entrances to church. Have a great week! God Bless.

Fr Gerard

CHRISTMAS FAIR - Saturday 28th November 2026

RAFFLE PRIZES – if you would like to donate a raffle prize for the '*Grand Christmas Raffle 2026*' please drop them off at the presbytery. Thanks for your support and generosity**.**

RAFFLE TICKETS are now available at the back of church. Please return all money and ticket stubs in the envelope provided, to the presbytery or sacristy.

VOLUNTEER HELPERS NEEDED – Would you like to help with the Fair? There are various roles that need doing to make the fair a success- we cannot do it without you! **CONTACT** – If you can volunteer, please contact Nigel Humphreys on 07985437875. He has a list of stalls and jobs that need volunteers. Many thanks.

Prayer intentions for the sick: All our sick parishioners and others known to us including, Barbara Murphy, Christine Rogers, Geraldine Lunn, Bernard Durkin, Zoey Campbell-Lowndes, Bernard Holt, Thomas Cutler, Bernadette Flynn, Kerry Hamer and Et Dawson.
May Our Lady of Lourdes, intercede for their speedy recovery.

Prayer intentions for those who have recently died:
Jennifer Finlayson, Tommy, Baby Campbell-Lowndes Jim Heath, Eileen Waterhouse, Billy Lyons and Desmond Farry.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Thomas Allen, Danian Allen and Kevin Gibson.
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.

Dates for your Diary

Church Deep Clean meeting on Sunday 22nd November from 2 pm until 6pm. Refreshments (Bacon Butties!) and cleaning materials will be provided-you bring the elbow grease! Young and old all welcome!

Parish Social - Saturday 14th November 6-9pm
After the Vigil Mass this evening there will be a parish social in the hall. An opportunity to meet, socialize and sample some Pizza!

C H R I S T M A S F A I R

If you are able to donate any of the following things for the fair, please drop them off at the Presbytery.

Chocolate bars for the chocolate tombola.
Toys 'old and new' for the Toy stall.
Good quality 'Bric or Brac'.
Irish Coffee ingredients!!
Unwanted gifts that we can use on our stalls.
Unopened bottles of wine or spirits.
Boxes of chocolates or tins of biscuits.

BAKED GOODS

Please contact Nigel (07985437875) to let him know if you are able to offer some baked good. All the usual delights including cakes, scones and mince pies. All to be delivered to the Cottage 10 am on Saturday 28th Nov.

UPPER HALL KITCHEN

Volunteer cleaners are needed on TUESDAY 24th November at 12:30pm for a deep clean of the upper hall kitchen and serving area. Let Nigel know if you can help.

Parish Parking Space
In an effort to raise funds for the parish we will be leasing/renting 10 spaces in our car park through the website: YourParkingSpace.co.uk
This is the first step in stopping people using the car park for free. Parking for parish events and Church services will not be affected by this arrangement and will be free to attendees. If you know anyone who is looking for very competitive monthly parking arrangements, please pass on this information.

Churches Together in Prestwich
This weekend Churches Together members are praying for St Margaret's Holyrood and Canon Steve Williams.

Friendship Group
The next meeting is on Wednesday 25th November, 12.30 – 3.00pm. Come and join us for refreshments, conversation, a quiz, raffle and bingo. All welcome.

Church Lighting
Several parishioners have pointed out that the church lighting needs updating with at least some bulbs replacing. We had a company come to review the lights last week. They are now preparing a proposal and projected costings for us to consider. More news on this in the coming weeks.

Eucharistic Ministers
Eucharistic Ministers who visit the homebound and sick are asked to collect a folder from the sacristy. Each folder contains log sheets to be completed after home visits, and the ministers' names are listed on the reverse side.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 29 July – 4th August
If you would like to join our parish group going to Lourdes with the diocese this summer, please take an info sheet from the back of church and register your interest by returning the completed form to the presbytery or Fr Gerard.

Visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella
To mark the 300th anniversary of St Gerard Majella's birth his relics will be coming to Our Lady of Grace Church on Monday 23rd November from 5:30pm. Mass at 6:30pm with time for personal blessing with the relic after mass. There will also be the opportunity for confession from 5:30pm. St Gerard is the Patron Saint of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. You are most welcome to join us.

November Remembrance of the Holy Souls
During the month of November, it is customary for Catholics to have a mass offered for the repose of the soul of departed family members and friends. If you would like to have your departed loved ones remembered at the masses during November, please complete an envelope, available at the back of church, and return to the presbytery or sacristy. Please list the names on the front of the envelope. The envelopes will remain in the basket at the foot of the altar throughout this time of remembrance.

Last Week's Collection
Collection in Church £474.33
Gift Aid Envelopes £379.75
Standing Order Donations £232.00

Please consider making your offering by standing order-gift aid, as the parish benefits even more from your generosity. For further information, contact Vin Allerton by phone (0161 773 3318), text (07305 727900) or email (vinallerton@gmail.com)
Many thanks to you all for your generous support of the parish.