



Our Lady of Grace

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: THE ASSUMPTION

15/16th August 2026

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 16th August
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Mass
9.00am & 11.00am
Baptism 12.30
Alexander Davies

Monday 17th August
12 noon - Holy Mass

Tuesday 18th August
12 noon - Holy Mass

Wednesday 19th August
12 noon - Holy Mass

Thursday 20th August
Requiem Mass
Mrs Eileen Butt RIP
12 noon - Holy Mass

Friday 21st August
12 noon - Holy Mass

Saturday 22nd August
11.00am - Holy Mass
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12.30pm
11.30am - 12.30pm
Confessions
11.30am – 12.30pm

Sunday Vigil Mass – 5.00pm
Annual Mission Appeal for the Missionary Society of St Paul (MSP)

Sunday 23rd August
Holy Mass 9am & 11am
Annual Mission Appeal for the Missionary Society of St Paul (MSP)

From the Parish Priest.....

This weekend we celebrate The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is the oldest feast of Our Lady but it was not until 1 November 1950, that Pope Pius XII proclaimed the Dogma of Mary's assumption body and soul into heaven.

In the Apostles' Creed, we profess our faith in the "Resurrection of the body" and in "life everlasting". This is the ultimate goal and meaning of our life's journey. This promise of faith is already accomplished in Mary, who is the "sign of sure hope and comfort" (Preface). It is a privilege granted to Mary, and closely connected to her being the Mother of Jesus. Since death and the corruption of the human body are consequences of sin, it was not right that the Virgin Mary – who is free from sin – should be affected by this natural law. Hence the mystery of her "Assumption into heaven". The fact that Mary has already been assumed into heaven is a reason to celebrate, to rejoice, to hope in the "already and the not yet". One of God's creatures – Mary – is already in heaven. With her, and like her, we too, who are God's creatures, will one day be there too. Mary's destiny, united to the transfigured and glorious body of Jesus, is, therefore, the destiny of all those who are united to the Lord Jesus in faith and love. We rejoice and give thanks for Mary as our own Heavenly Mother.

I will be on annual camp with Greater Manchester Army Cadet Force next weekend. I have been a chaplain with GMACF for the past 20 years and it is very enjoyable work. The staff and cadets keep me on my toes!

Fr Kingley Onyekwere MSP, of the Missionary Society of St Paul (MSP), will be celebrating the weekend masses and making an appeal next weekend 22nd/23rd August. There will be a second collection after Holy Communion at the weekend Masses. There is also information on the notice board at the back of church regarding ways to support the mission of the Society of St Paul.

God Bless, **Fr Gerard**

Prayer intentions for the sick: All our sick parishioners and others known to us including, Lisa Gooddy, Mary Kavanagh, Christine Rogers, William Lyons, Bernadette Flynn, Kerry Hamer, Barbara Murphy, Eric Greator, Anna, David, Sue Richardson. *May Our Lady of Lourdes, intercede for their speedy recovery.*

Prayer intentions for those who have recently died: Dan McIntyre, Frances McParlin, Charlie Harley, Ray Frost. Eileen Butt, Lena Conneally, Tom Mitchell, Margaret Conneally, John Gorman and Oliver Ashton. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Eileen Ruscoe, Robert Burton, Ian Kirkpatrick, Nora Walsh, Helen Duckett, Tony O'Hanlon, Phyllis Sutton, James and Alice Brown, Mary Corkill and Keith Brown. *Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.*

A Special Intention & Birthday Memorial Mass: Liz Masud, Mollie Watson

200 CLUB

We are planning to continue the 200 Club from September 2026. The cost is £36 for the year with 2 winning numbers each month (£100 each) and two extra bonus wins of £100 (August & November).

Please send a text, WhatsApp message or email to Maggie Cottam if you would like to renew, stop, or join the 200 Club. Leave your name, membership number (if you know it) and contact details and Maggie will get back to you. Contact details are as follows: -

Telephone 07835 918966

Email maggie.cottam7@gmail.com

Please join if you can. It is a great way to raise needed funds for the maintenance of the parish.

200 CLUB PAYMENT for the new year can be made in cash, by transfer, cheque (to Our Lady of Grace) and through the DONA machine at the back of Church.

Bank Details: Acc No: 60192309 Sort Code: 20-55-34 Our Lady of Grace. (Please add note: For 200 Club.)

Presbytery, Internet & Phone

The internet, phone line and Livestream are back up and running! Unfortunately, we are having trouble the the DONA machine – it is in intermittently. We are working to get this fixed so that you can make your donations as usual. Sorry for the inconvenience.

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 be in the church hall in September.

Churches Together in Prestwich

This weekend Churches Together members are praying for Heaton Park Methodist Church and Revd Jez Hackett.

Homebound Parish Members

If you are aware of any members of the parish who would appreciate a visit from Fr Gerard and our Eucharistic Ministers, please ask their permission to give him their contact details, name, address and phone number. We will be starting home visits from Eucharistic ministers soon - thanks to them.

Friendship Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday 19th August, 12.30 – 3.00pm in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for refreshments, conversation, a quiz, raffle and bingo. All welcome.

Side Altar Votive Candles

If you would like the large candle to burn for an intention of yours, write the intention on an envelope, include an offering and place this through the presbytery door. The small votive candles are now 50p.

Anniversary/Memorial Flowers

If you would like to sponsor the church flowers in memory of a departed loved one or to celebrate an occasion, you are most welcome to do so. It cost around £50 per weekend for the church flowers.

Thanks to our Volunteer Painters!

As you can see our volunteer painters have done a fabulous job on the gates and railings. We had 22 volunteers and 4 ladies in the Hall keeping us fed and watered! Many thanks to you all for sharing your time and talents!

Cottage Renovations

We are doing well needed clearing and painting in the Cottage. This is being funded by the profits from the Bar. Ongoing maintenance for the Hall and Cottage is needed so if you can help with a few hours per week voluntary work please contact Fr Gerard.

Church Cleaning

If you can join the Church cleaning team please contact Fr Gerard – any help is greatly appreciated.

Parish Car Park-Restricted Access

As the adjacent Transport Hub progresses to completion, VINCI Building has requested access to make good the damaged areas of OLOG car park surface, next to the Hall near the back wall. The activity is planned for Monday & Tuesday next week. A working area is required for two days. Please see the notice on the noticeboard with a picture of the area outlined in RED. There will be minimal parking during this work.

Start: Monday 17 August 2026

End: Tuesday 18 August 2026

Wednesday Evening Mass

From the first week in September, the mass on Wednesday will be in the evening at 6:30pm not 12 noon. This is to respond to the request from parishioners asking for an evening mass.

Parish Volunteers

If you are able to offer your time and talent to support the mission of the parish, please don't hesitate to speak to Fr Gerard.

Last Week's Collection

Last week's loose collection was £559.69

Gift Aid Envelopes £355.20

Standing Order Donations £156.00

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.