



# Our Lady of Grace

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

17th May 2026

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday 17th May**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter**  
9.00am & 11.00am Holy Mass

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
12 noon - Holy Mass

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May**  
12 noon - Holy Mass

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May**  
12 noon - Holy Mass

**Thursday 21st May**  
12 noon - Holy Mass

**Friday 22nd May**  
12 noon - Holy Mass

**Saturday 23rd 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 24th May**  
**Pentecost**  
9am & 11am – Holy Mass



**From the Parish Priest.....**Both of our Confirmations were beautiful celebrations, and Bishop John was very impressed with our young people. The choir were amazing, as usual, and the bishop commented on blessed we are to have them! I am planning to invite the Confirmandi to come to one of the Sunday masses after half term, so we can celebrate with them.

On Thursday, we had the children and staff from our parish primary school with us for a morning mass to Celebrate the Ascension of the Lord. The children were amazing! The readers, choir, altar servers and each child really helped to make the mass a worthy celebration. Even the little 'little ones' were so well behaved and participated in all the singing. My thanks to Mr Collins and all the staff who helped to prepare for the mass. The crowning of Our Blessed Lady was also beautiful. I will be celebrating mass in the school in June for the school feast day and I am already looking forward to being with them all.

Both of these occasions have reminded me how blessed we are as a parish community to have such wonderful young people in our parish family. Thanks to their parents for supporting their growing involvement in the Church and parish. If you have any young people in your families, please encourage them to become more active in the Church as they bring us all such blessings. Let me know if you have any ideas on how we can reach out to them.

I am very grateful to our Eucharistic Ministers for their help and service. Now that we have Communion under both kinds regularly, we need to appoint more ministers to help with this sacred service. If you would like to serve the parish in this way or can recommend someone, please speak to me. Some of the ministers will be visiting our homebound with Holy Communion on a regular basis and others will serve at mass. I look forward to hearing from you. God bless you all. **Fr Gerard**

### 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:

Anne Barker, Michael Maher, Bobby Lyons and Teresa Potts.  
*May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

### We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Judathan Allen, Cornelius Carr, Irene Rawcliffe, Margaret Carey, Mary Taylor, Irene Drusilla Lyampy, Michael Gormley and Valerie Griffin. We also remember the victims and families of the Manchester Arena bombing.  
*Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.*

**Other Mass Intention:** Birthday of Nora Reddington and the Holy Souls.

### **Thank you.**

Raphael Allen would like to thank those who responded to his appeal for 'Women in trouble in Slavery.' Raphael has been able to send £700 to the charity Talitha Kum.

### **SVP Meeting**

The SVP are meeting in the upper hall after the 9.00am Mass today 17<sup>th</sup> May.  
New members welcome.

### **Quiz and Bingo Night**

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

### **Friendship Club**

The Friendship Club will next meet in the parish hall on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 the Community Vineyard Manchester (CVM) Church and their leaders Ross and Julie Payne. 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.

### **Manchester Half Marathon**

We have parishioners running the Manchester Half Marathon in aid of Caritas, Diocese of Salford on May 31<sup>st</sup>. 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](https://www.justgiving.com/page/caroline-johnston-4?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

### **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.

### **Madonna Del Rosario Procession – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

All parishioners are invited to join the annual Madonna del Rosario procession on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, departing at 1.15pm from St Michael's, George Leigh Street, Ancoats, M4 5DG.  
For enquiries, please telephone 0161 766 2218, mobile 07815 658621 or email [secretary@mia1888.org](mailto:secretary@mia1888.org)

### **Flower Arrangers.**

If you would like to join the parish flower arrangers, please let Fr Gerard know. The group will be taking over the arranging of the Church flowers from Pentecost weekend.

### **Suggestions Box**

If you have any suggestions to help the parish mission, please place a written note in the 'suggestions box' near the entrance to the sacristy. Fr Gerard is eager to hear from you all. You can also email him directly at his diocesan email address.

### **Parish Finance & Premises Committees**

There will be a joint meeting for both committees on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm in the Presbytery.

### **Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting**

Thanks to all our Eucharistic ministers for their service to the parish. There will be a meeting for all existing and newly proposed ministers on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7pm in the Church. Please let Maureen know if you cannot attend the meeting.

### **Dates for the diary....**

The children will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this significant stage in their relationship with the Lord.

### **Last Week's Collection**

Last week's collection was £988.87 – Many thanks for your generosity.