



Our Lady of Grace

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TWENTY NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

18th October 2026

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 18th October

Holy Mass
9.00am & 11.00am

Monday 19th October

12 noon – Holy Mass

Tuesday 20th October

12 noon - Holy Mass

Wednesday 21st October

6.30pm - Holy Mass

Thursday 22nd October

12 noon - Holy Mass

Friday 23rd October

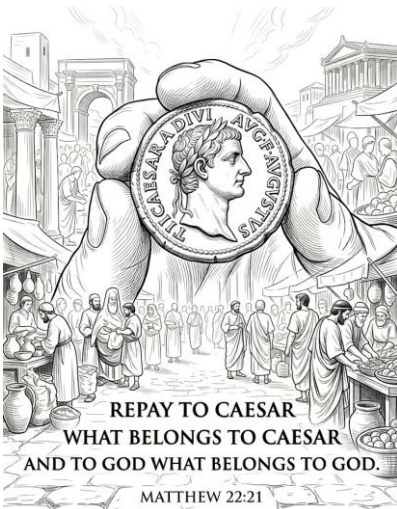
12 noon - Holy Mass

Saturday 24th October

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

Sunday 25th October

9am & 11am – Holy Mass
Baptism 12.30
Arlo Mullan



From the Parish Priest.....

Our Gospel this weekend reminds us of Jesus' famous response to the Pharisees and Herodians regarding the Roman census tax: "Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God." Seeking to trap Jesus with a politically dangerous question, his opponents present a Roman denarius. Jesus exposes their hypocrisy by noting that the coin bears the image and blasphemous inscription of Emperor Tiberius. Just as the coin belongs to the emperor whose image it carries, human beings belong entirely to God, having been created in His divine image (Genesis 1:27). The Lord is reminding us in the Gospel that we all have dual responsibilities: fulfilling our civic duties as responsible citizens while offering our whole hearts, minds, and souls to God.

We "give to God what is God's" by loving Him wholeheartedly, loving our neighbours—who also bear His sacred image—and recognizing that all life and blessings ultimately belong to Him. In this way, we are called to build God's kingdom. All our actions have the power to build up God's Kingdom or to challenge it. As we seek to give to God what is rightfully His, let us pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us and give us the wisdom to answer God's invitation.

On Monday I will be at the episcopal ordination of Fr Stephen Wang, my classmate from the English College in Rome. He is being ordained bishop of Arundel and Brighton. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins this next chapter in his service of the Lord and the Church. We pray for all our bishops that they will have the courage to preach the Gospel and serve us all as successors to the Apostles.

I wish you every blessing this coming week.

Fr Gerard

Prayer intentions for the sick: All our sick parishioners and others known to us including, Lisa Gooddy, Barbara Murphy, Christine Rogers, Bernadette Flynn, Kerry Hamer, Pat Flynn, Bernard Derkin, Michael Murphy, Anne Kenny, Dale Broom, Eric Greatorex, Bill Kennelly, Vicky Manock, Brian Evans, Jennifer Finlayson, Theresa, and Barry Higgins.
May Our Lady of Lourdes, intercede for their speedy recovery.

Prayer intentions for those who have recently died:

Dymthna McCarthy, Margaret Mullins, Mark Silcock, Kirsty Brown, Kevin McDermott, Beth Kildare, Hugh McGilleveray, Kevin McDonagh, and Terry Hedge.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Paul Evans, Mollie Watson and Robert O'Rourke.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.

Dates for your Diary

Our church is cleaned by a wonderful group of volunteers every other Friday throughout the year. Their hard work makes a big difference. In preparation for Advent and Christmastide we are going to have a **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 Saturday evening Mass on 14th November there will be a parish social in the hall. An opportunity to meet, socialize and sample some Pizza!

Forward Planning for Christmas Liturgies

There will be a family Mass on Christmas Eve at 5pm and then Midnight Mass starting with Carols at 11:45pm. Christmas Day Masses are 9am and 11am.

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 today in the church hall, Sunday, November 1st, 10.00 – 10.30am.

Churches Together in Prestwich

This weekend Churches Together members are praying for The Vision and Mission of Churches Together in Prestwich and Kersal.

RCIA Programme

The programme for people interested in joining the Church is now underway. If you would like to join the RCIA course, please contact Nigel Humphreys on 07985437875. All welcome!

Friendship Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday 28th October, 12.30 – 3.00pm in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for refreshments, conversation, a quiz, raffle and bingo. All welcome.

Food Bank

Please remember that the baskets at the back of the church are available for donations to support our local food bank. Non-perishable food only. Donations of household items and toiletries are also welcome.

Parish Library

Please remember we have this great resource with many books available. The library is open after Mass each Sunday in the Parish Hall building.

Children's Liturgy Volunteer Leaders Needed

We are planning to have the children's liturgy at every 9am Mass on Sunday in the future. As we make plans, if you would like to join the organisation team please contact Nicola McCoy by email at:

n.mccoy89@outlook.com

There is a safe recruitment process with enhanced DBS check for this role.

Altar Servers

If you have a youngster who would like to join the Altar Serving team, please let Fr Gerard know. We will be having a meeting for interested boys and girls soon. It is great for our youngsters to help with the liturgy, please encourage them to think about joining us.

Our Homebound and Sick

Many thanks to our Eucharistic Ministers who have started to take Holy Communion to our homebound and sick parishioners. If you know of anyone to be added to the list, please let Fr Gerard know.

Prayer Group

The prayer group will meet in the Cottage on Monday 19th October at 7pm. All welcome.

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 there will be envelopes available next weekend for you to complete and return to the presbytery or church. Envelopes will be available throughout November. Please list the names on the front of the envelope. The envelopes will remain in a basket at the foot of the altar throughout this time of remembrance. If you would like to make a donation for the mass, please include it in the envelope.

Last Week's Collection

Collection in Church £493.15

Gift Aid Envelopes £392.55

Standing Order Donations £112.00

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.