



# Our Lady of Grace

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

9.00am & 11.00am Holy Mass

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

**St George, Martyr Solemnity**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**St Mark, Evangelist**

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 - 5.00pm

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9am & 11am - Holy Mass



**From Fr Gerard:** In this Eastertide our scripture readings from the Acts of the Apostles tell us how the early Christian communities 'parishes' started to organise and help each other. This gives me the perfect opportunity to thank all our active volunteers who help to support the physical needs of the church. It also gives me the chance to recruit new volunteers for these important tasks!

I am delighted that we are now having communion under both kinds at all masses. We need to add to the number of Eucharistic Ministers serving the community-please be generous and say 'yes' if I ask you to help. We are also reinstating the 'offertory procession' at the weekend masses-please say yes if asked to help so that everyone at mass can eventually be included in this service-especially our young parishioners!

The 'tea and Coffee' team do great work each weekend, but we need to add volunteers to this hospitality ministry. Please speak to me or one of the team if you can join the rota. Also, if you would like to join a parish flower arrangers' group please let me know. You don't have to be *blooming* good as training can be given! Thanks to you all for your support. 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:** Ann Berry, Christine Rogers, David Nobel, Patrick Hullinson, Florence Ward, Barbara Murphy, Della McKernan, Dale Broom, Jackie Berry, Bernard Holt, Patricia Green, Bernadette Green, Eileen Butt, Frank Colgan, Marian Whyte, Stephen King, William Lyons, Beth Arnistead-Cargan, Sue Jimmy, Tom Cutler, Rosemary Keyes, Anne Holland, Caroline Hoad, Kevin McCormick, Ellen Sumaya, Jocelyn, Chris Roque, Angela Dunigan, Christine Rogers, Mrs Hawkins, David Hawkins, and Jackie Shuff, Theresa McDermott, Mary Hennessey and Jennifer Finlayson. *May Our Lady of Lourdes, intercede for them.*

### Prayer intentions for those who have died recently:

Shirley Kynaston, Eileen Banks and Liz Stephens. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

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

Monica Rybicki, Sarah Brammer, Anne O'Leary, Theresa Buckley, John O'Dwyer, Sean Cosgrove and Friends, Agnes Holt, Bridget O'Regan and Irene Rose Heath 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday R.I.P. *Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.*

### **Friendship Club**

The Friendship Club will next meet in the parish hall on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 12.30 – 3pm. The group meets every alternative Wednesday. Please join us!

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

#### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

If you would like to join the bishop and members of the diocese on the annual pilgrimage to Walsingham, please collect a booking form from the sacristy or call the office on 01618172209.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 between 10.00 and 10.30am.**

### **Offertory Gift Envelopes**

Thanks for taking your offertory envelopes. If you have not taken yours, please contact Vin Allerton by phone on 0161 773 3318, by text to 07305 727900, or by email to [vinallerton@gmail.com](mailto:vinallerton@gmail.com) many thanks.

### **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 David Cooper and the parish of St Mary's, Prestwich. The prayer rota is on the notice board at the main entrance to the church.

### **Piety Stall**

Our Piety stall has some lovely cards and gifts, please take a look after Mass and support the stall.

### **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.

### **Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School Nursery and Reception Admissions Open**

Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School is a welcoming, inclusive and high-achieving school rooted in our Catholic faith and strong community. We proudly welcome families of all faiths. Our dedicated staff, clear values and ambitious curriculum help every child thrive academically and personally.

### **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 on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm in the Cottage.

### **Church Cleaners**

Can you help to clean the house of the Lord? Our beautiful church is cleaned by a small group of dedicated volunteers every other Friday at 10 am. If you can join the team of men and women, please see Fr Gerard to get the 'mop' rolling! Thank you.

### **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 end of the hall building.

### **S.V.P. & Food Pantry**

The SVP are very grateful for all donations of tins, packets, jars, baby food, toiletries etc which will be given to our local food pantry. There will be a meeting in the hall today, 19<sup>th</sup> April, after the 9.00am Mass. New members always welcome.

### **Catholic Social Teaching Webinar:**

Caritas Salford is offering a free webinar to introduce the basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) in an accessible way. Many people are unaware of the depth of the Catholic Church's teaching on social justice, which applies the Gospel to current social issues impacting our communities. With local elections approaching in May, the time is right to raise awareness of CST and reflect on how it can help to inform the decisions and choices we make in life. It will take place online on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April, from 6pm to 7.15pm. To find out more and to register for your free place, please visit: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/events](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/events)

### **Dates for your diary!**

**Mass of Installation:** Fr Gerard's formal induction as parish priest will take place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm Mass. Fr James Mannock will represent the bishop and install Fr Gerard. You are all welcome to join the celebration. There will be refreshments in the hall after the mass.

**Confirmations:** Please keep the Confirmandi in your prayers in the coming weeks as they prepare for this special stage in their lives. Bishop John will preside at the Confirmation Service on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

**Please Note:** The parish sick list in the newsletter and Prayers of the Faithful, will be relisted/renewed on the first Sunday of each month.

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

Last week's collection was £990.92  
Many thanks for your generosity!