



Our Lady of Grace

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

19th July 2026

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 19th July

9.00am & 11.00am Holy Mass

12.30pm Baptism

Theodore Matthew Owens-Lentini

Monday 20th July

12 noon - Holy Mass

Tuesday 21st July

12 noon - Holy Mass

Wednesday 22nd July

12 noon - Holy Mass

Thursday 23rd July

12 noon - Holy Mass

Friday 24th July

12 noon - Holy Mass

Saturday 25th July

11.00am - Holy Mass

Followed by Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament until 12.30pm

11.30am - 12.30pm

Confessions

11.30am - 12.30pm

4.00pm - 4.40pm

Sunday Vigil Mass - 5.00pm

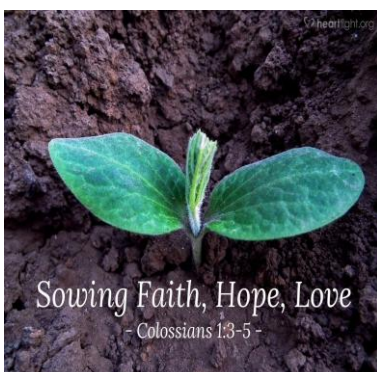
Sunday 26th July

Sixteenth Sunday Ord Time

9am & 11am - Holy Mass

12.30 Baptism

Sophia Aughey



From the Parish Priest.....

After lots of research and consultation, I am delighted to inform you that we will be replacing the existing votive candles and stands with the St Killian's System. This is reported to be, the safest, cleanest, most environmentally friendly votive system in the world. There are many churches in Salford Diocese, including the Cathedral, using this system. The stands are beautiful and the real candles offer a dignified and safe way for us to offer up our prayer intentions. Please have a look at the system online or on the notice board at the back of church (<https://saintkillians.ie>).

The system does not use any plastic or aluminium. All the candle wax from the system is recycled. The candles in the system are completely smoke free, which will help preserve our statues and walls from smoke damage and improve air quality within the church. All the wax from the system is collected in a water bath in the stand, thereby reducing wax spillage on our floors and surrounding areas. This system is endorsed for its safety by the largest insurer to the Catholic Church in the world.

Each of the side chapels will have one new stand from the St John range, accommodating 56 candles and in line with most of the other churches using this system, we will be asking for a donation of 50p per candle. The cost for the new stands is £1,476.00 with the ongoing costs for wax recycling and glass cleaning covered by the purchase of the candles in the future. We take delivery of the new stands Friday 24th July. Let me know what you think when the new system is here.

I have celebrated end of year masses at St Monica's and for our parish school in the past few days. These celebrations were wonderful and it was a pleasure to be with the children and staff. As the summer vacation starts let's keep them all in our prayers, may they have an enjoyable time with family and friends.

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, Bernadette Flynn, Kerry Hamer, Barbara Murphy, Eric Greatorex, Anna, David, Sue Richardson and Maureen Makin. *May Our Lady of Lourdes, intercede for their speedy recovery.*

Prayer intentions for those who have recently died: Ellen Tolan, Bill Davitt, Isabella Gray, Dolores Cain, Frank Ruddie, Helen Mukherjee and Keith Sandbach. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: John Higgins, Anthony Francis Higgins, Seamus O'Hanlon, Arabella Doherty, Vincent Mahood, Pat and Paul Wilson, Carol Hall, Angela George and Arthur Porterfield. *Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.*

Other Intentions: Lawrence Caswell & Eastwood Family.

Friendship Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday 22nd July, 12.30 – 3.00pm in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for refreshments, conversation, a quiz, raffle and bingo. 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 be in the church hall in September.

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 are praying for all of us at OLOG.

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.

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.

Parish Volunteers

Many thanks to our safeguarding team who help us to keep up to date with best practice for our volunteering and parish life. They do a lot of work behind the scenes. The volunteers in the Presbytery are also a great help to Fr Gerard and the parish community. Thanks to them all. If you can help in any way, please let Fr Gerard know.

Calling Volunteer Painters!

The metal gates and railings around the presbytery and church are in need of a fresh lick of paint. If you are able to join a 'painting social' to help Fr Gerard Please let him know. We will gather at **2pm on Sunday 9th August**. Paint and brushes will be provided, so too fabulous refreshments! All welcome.

Signboard of OLOG Parish Priests

The sign listing OLOG parish priests is now back in the church, near the piety stall. Say a prayer for all our former parish priests but especially our current one!

200 Club

June winning numbers are: **173** and **156**. We are planning to continue the 200 Club from September 2026. The cost is £36 for the year with monthly draws and two extra bonus wins of £100. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

92nd Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Fr Gerard is happy to take your petitions and mass intentions to the Grotto in Lourdes. Prayer intentions can be written and put in a sealed envelope which will be placed at the Grotto on your behalf-do not put donations in this envelope as all petitions are burned at the Grotto as a sign of the prayer ascending to the Lord. Mass intentions and donations can be put in a separate envelope marked 'Mass Intention' - Fr Gerard will make sure that the mass is offered in Lourdes for your intentions. Envelopes can be left in the sacristy of put through the presbytery post box before 30th July.

Parish Hall Updates

In the past weeks the entrance to the parish hall and main corridor have been painted-thanks to Paul. We have installed the Parish Processional Banner and the Union of Christian Mothers banner in the hall. They bring colour and beauty to the hall.

In the next week a new monitor will be fitted near the bar in the hall so that the Livestream from the church can be viewed in the hall. This will help our children's liturgy group to follow the mass and remain connected in the hall.

From September, the parish hall will be available during the Sunday masses for parents and children needing time out or a comfort break. The new monitor and livestream facility will also help to keep them connected with the celebration of the mass. The Monitor for the Livestream has been funded by the profits made from the bar in the hall.

Refreshments are served after the Sunday masses-please call in to see the banners and enjoy a brew!

Last Week's Collection

Last week's loose collection was £531.43

Gift Aid Envelopes £245.30

Standing Order Gifts £80.00

Flower donations £70.00

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.