



Our Lady of Grace

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THIRTY FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

ALL SAINTS 1st November 2026

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 1st November Solemnity of All Saints

Holy Mass
9.00am & 11.00am

Monday 2nd November

12 noon – Holy Mass
All Souls
Annual Service of Remembrance
7pm

Tuesday 3rd November

12 noon - Holy Mass

Wednesday 4th November

6.30pm - Holy Mass

Thursday 5th November

12 noon - Holy Mass

Friday 6th November

12 noon – Requiem Mass
Margaret Mullins RIP

Saturday 7th November

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 8th November

9am & 11am – Holy Mass
Children's Liturgy
9.00 – 9.30am



From the Parish Priest..... This weekend we are blessed to celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and then on Monday the commemoration of All Souls. Our Gospel for Sunday invites us to reflect on the Beatitudes as a way of life for the Christian. This is because Christ himself lived them. He is the example of how to live the truth of our calling in the ordinariness of our lives. Responding in faith to everything that life brings us. Based on the truth that our Heavenly Father 'blesses' us with his presence and gives us His Son as our saviour we are enlivened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Beatitudes help us to see the blessing of our relationships in Christ reflecting the love and mercy of God the Father. This is the road to sanctity, and it is why we give thanks for All Saints who encourage us by their example and fellowship. We ask that through their prayers for us we too will grow daily in our yes to God and will be transformed to live out the Beatitudes. The commemoration of All Souls is extended throughout November so that we can pray for all our departed loved ones who remain examples of love and faith. May they Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory. God Bless you all.

Fr Gerard

Christmas Fair - Saturday 28th November 2026

RAFFLE PRIZES – if you would like to donate a raffle prize for the 'Grand Christmas Raffle 2026' please drop them off at the presbytery. Thanks for your support and generosity.

VOLUNTEER HELPERS NEEDED – Would you like to help with the Fair? If so, there is a list at the back of church and in the sacristy for you to sign up. Any help is gratefully appreciated. Thanks!

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 Greator, Bill Kennelly, Brian Evans, Theresa, Barry Higgins, Margaret Bent, Alan Parker and Tony Macarie.

May Our Lady of Lourdes, intercede for their speedy recovery.

Prayer intentions for those who have recently died:

Margaret Mullins, John Lewis, Jennifer Finlayson and Maureen O'Hare.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Shirley Higgins, Anna Hughes. Jim Heath and Robert Broe.
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.

A special intention: Colin Irvin In thanksgiving: Bride and Patsy's 60th Wedding Anniversary, Joe and Maureen Duffy's 53rd Wedding Anniversary, and Anne and John Corkill's 50th Anniversary.

Dates for your Diary

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!

Church Foundations: An Update

Our consulting engineer continues to monitor the church on a six-monthly basis for movement, following completion of the ground investigation and full geotechnical report last year. A summary of this report indicates that foundation settlement is the cause of movement to the church, due to layers of peat beneath the sanctuary, side chapel, and side entrance. The Diocese property team continues to lead and take forward a wider project of ground improvement & foundation repair works, associated works, and remaining internal decoration of the church. The church is stable at the moment, work will need to be done in the future to give adequate support. A viable technical proposal has been identified, able to be installed externally, without internal disruption, and cost effective relative to a traditional underpinning solution. This would require financial support and a loan from the Diocese. The diocesan fundraising team will help to pursue private donors and grant applications. As advised by our consulting engineer, repairs are due to be carried out to defective underground drainage in the coming months, proposed dates to be advised.

Annual Service of Remembrance

Our Lady of Grace will be hosting Paul Williams Funeral Service Annual Service of Remembrance on Monday 2nd November at 7pm. It is an opportunity to gather to pray for loved ones who have died in the past year. You are most welcome to attend.

Churches Together in Prestwich

This weekend Churches Together members are praying for St Mary's Church, Prestwich and Revd. David Cooper.

Prayer Group

Please join the prayer group on Monday 2nd November at 7pm in the Cottage. All welcome.

Friendship Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday 11th November,

12.30 – 3.00pm. Come and join us for refreshments, conversation, a quiz, raffle and bingo.

All welcome.

Visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella

To mark the 300th anniversary of St Gerard Majella's birth his relics will be coming to Our Lady of Grace Church on Monday 23rd November from 5:30pm. Mass at 6:30pm with time for personal blessing with the relic after mass. There will also be the opportunity for confession from 5:30pm. St Gerard is the Patron Saint of mothers, couples trying to conceive, those looking for work, and making a good confession. You are most welcome to join us.

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.

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, please complete an envelope, available at the back of church, and return to the presbytery or sacristy. 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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection

Thanks to your generosity we have raised £1,441.90 for this October's Family Fast Collection.

200 Club October

October's winning numbers are 161 and 107.

Prize money will be available from the Presbytery from Tuesday. Congratulations to our winners!!

Last Week's Collection

Collection in Church £701.52

Gift Aid Envelopes £353.25

Standing Order Donations £ 614.00

Flower Donations £30.00

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.