



# Our Lady of Grace

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

## SCHEDULE

### **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

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9am & 11am – Holy Mass

### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

12 noon – Holy Mass

### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

12 noon – Holy Mass

### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

The Annunciation of the Lord

12 noon – Holy Mass

### **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March**

12 noon – Holy Mass

### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**

12 noon – Holy Mass

### **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

11am – Holy Mass

11.30am-12.30pm – Exposition  
of the Blessed Sacrament

11.30am-12.30pm – Confessions

4pm-4.40pm – Confessions

5pm – Vigil Mass for Sunday

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Palm Sunday**

9am & 11am – Holy Mass



**Our Lenten Pilgrimage** -Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or do-over, to "return to God with our whole heart." We journey through Lent as a parish family, becoming closer to each other and through that closer to Christ, who never fails to encourage us. We should encourage each other therefore in our Lenten practices as we contemplate that Love that reaches down to us in all circumstances.

#### **Prayer Intentions for the Sick.**

**We pray for:** Ann Berry, Christine Rogers, David Nobel, Patrick Hullinson, Florence Ward, Barbara Murphy, Della McKernan, Dale Broom, Jackie Berry, Bernard Holt, Paticia 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 Roque, Angela Dunigan - *Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for them.*

#### **Prayer intentions for the dead.**

**We pray for the recently deceased:**

Fr P J Gormley, Robert Reed, Father O'Brien, Joan, and Megan Hamer.

**We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.** Edward Francis Ryan, Helen Munro, Ursula Rybicki, Bernadette Durkin, Ivy Ryan, William Christian,  
*Eternal rest grant to them O Lord*

#### **From Fr Gerard - Greetings to you all!**

I am delighted that Bishop John has appointed me to be your next parish priest and I look forward to getting to know you all in the future. As you can imagine there is a lot for me to learn about the parish and our community. I want you all to know that I will serve you to the best of my ability and ask that you be patient with me as I settle in. I will be relying on you all to help me fulfil the mission given to me-we are a family of faith. Since my arrival last Monday I have been busy-on Wednesday I visited our Parish School to meet the children and staff-what an amazing school with dedicated staff. We had the first confessions for 25 children from school on Thursday-this was a beautiful experience and the Children are looking forward to their first Holy Communion. Thanks to parents and carers for bringing them. Thursday evening, I met with the six young men who are part of the Parish RCIA programme-they will be baptised and received into full communion with the Church on Easter Saturday at the Vigil. They are very impressive. Please keep them in your prayers. As you can see, I have hit the ground running! Please keep me in your prayers as you are in mine daily. May Our Lady of Grace intercede for us all.

**Fr Gerard**

## **The Sacred Triduum will take place as follows:**

**Maundy Thursday** – 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

7.30pm - Mass of The Lords Supper

Followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until 10pm

**Good Friday** - 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

11am - Stations of The Cross

3pm - Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

**Holy Saturday** - 4<sup>th</sup> April.

8pm - The Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday** – 5<sup>th</sup> April.

9am & 11am – Easter Masses.

## **The Scrutiny for the Elect**

Following the beautiful Rite of Election presided by Bishop John on 22<sup>nd</sup> February Kasey Dalley, William Davies, James Sheehan, Corbin Stephens, Mark Riding and Ufuoma Clinton Idoru will now participate in the three scrutinies. Please keep them and their sponsors in your prayers as they progress towards full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

## **First Confessions**

Please pray for all our children who are making their first confession at this time.

## **Baptism Meetings**

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.**

## **A Walk of Witness – Good Friday**

A Walk of Witness and a Service of prayer, scripture readings and hymns will take place on Good Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11.am. Meet at St Marys Flower Garden, entrance on Bury New Road and walk to Tesco's Car Park. Please bring Crosses, Banners, or anything that will make it clear to members of the public that we are a group of Christians and not a political protest march.

## **Prayer Group**

The Prayer Group will meet on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.00pm in the cottage.

## **CAFOD Lent Fast Day**

The total amount given in the Fast Day envelope so far is £927. We will be collecting the Fast Day envelopes throughout Lent – just put them in with the normal Offertory collection. If you didn't get an envelope, there are spares near the church doors, or you can put a donation in the CAFOD box at the back of the church.

Together, we are supporting people like Rejoice in South Sudan, providing them with practical ways of overcoming the impact of devastating floods. Many thanks.

## **Gift Envelopes**

Next week, we will be preparing the boxes of offertory gift envelopes for the new tax year. If you already use the envelopes, you need do nothing – a new box will be prepared for you. But, if you don't make your offertory donations by bank standing order or using the DONA terminal, perhaps you would think about using the envelope scheme – especially if you are a taxpayer. For further details, 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) (Please note correct details).

## **Transport Hub – Access to OLOG Car Park**

As the adjacent Transport Hub progresses to the final stages of completion, VINCI Building have requested to strip the access scaffold from OLOG car park with this activity planned after Easter for w/c 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026. A working area is required, edged red on the site plan, which can be viewed on the noticeboard at the back of the church. The work will last for five days with vehicle access for removal of the scaffold.

Start: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

End: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

VINCI Building to make good damaged areas of OLOG car park surface following removal of the scaffold, proposed date to be confirmed.

## **Side Altar Votives**

Each week a votive candle burns before the statues of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady. The intention is included in the newsletter so that people may support it in prayer. 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.

## **Piety Stall**

Our Piety stall has a good selection of cards for Easter alongside some lovely gifts, please take a look after Mass and support the stall.

## **Last Week's Collection**

Last week's collection was £1097.92 – thanks for your generosity!