Our Lady of Grace

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THIRTY FOURTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME - CHRIST THE KING **22nd November 2026**

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 22nd November
Solemnity of Christ the King
Holy Mass
9.00am & 11.00am

Monday 23rd November
12 noon – Holy Mass
Relics of St Gerard Majella
5:30pm Arrival of the Relics
6.30pm Mass then Blessings

Tuesday 24th November
12 noon - Holy Mass

Wednesday 25th November
6.30pm - Holy Mass

Thursday 26th November
12 noon - Holy Mass

Friday 27th November
12 noon – Holy Mass

Saturday 28th November
11.00am - Holy Mass
Followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12.30pm
Confessions
11.30 – 12.30pm
4.00 – 4.40pm
Sunday Vigil Mass 5.00pm

CHRISTMAS FAIR
1-4pm

Sunday 29th November
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
9am & 11am – Holy Mass



From the Parish Priest…..

The relics of St Gerard Majella will be here on Monday-what a blessing for us to celebrate 300 years since his birth. I hope that you will be able to join us to give thanks to God for him and his continued intercession in the lives of so many people.
This week is also the last big push for our Christmas fair-if you can help with donations-see the list at the entrances of the church. I look forward to seeing you on Saturday 28th.
We are preparing for Advent! More in next weeks newsletter about our Wednesday evening masses and our guest preachers. As the world speeds up towards Christmas let US take time to prepare well for the Nativity of the Lord. Thanks for all your support. God Bless, **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**.**

RAFFLE TICKETS are now available at the back of church. Please return all money and ticket stubs in the envelope provided, to the presbytery or sacristy.

URGENT! VOLUNTEER HELPERS NEEDED – Would you like to help with the Fair? There are various roles that need doing to make the fair a success-we cannot do it without you! **CONTACT** – If you can volunteer, please contact Nigel Humphreys on 07985437875. He has a list of stalls and jobs that need volunteers. Many thanks.

Prayer intentions for the sick: All our sick parishioners and others known to us including, Barbara Murphy, Christine Rogers, Geraldine Lunn, Bernard Durkin, Zoey Campbell-Lowndes, Bernard Holt, Thomas Cutler, Bernadette Flynn, joe, Charles, Anna, Kerry Hamer and Et Dawson. *May Our Lady of Lourdes, intercede for their speedy recovery.*

Prayer intentions for those who have recently died:
Janet Yeboah, Jordan Reily and Noreen Russell.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
Allan Green, Kathleen Herbert, Sugrue & O'Connor Family, Baby Joseph Jordan, Gareth Holgate, Josephine Clarke and Keith Holland. *Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.*

Special Intentions: Josephine Clarke, SM and Gareth Holgate.

Birthday Intention: Joan Barlow.

Dates for your Diary

Church Deep Clean meeting today 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!

O.L.O.G CHURCH CONCERT
Friday 11th December at 7pm with Besses o'th' Barn Brass Band. Admission £5 Tickets available at the back of church after Sunday Masses or from the Presbytery.

C H R I S T M A S F A I R
If you are able to donate any of the following things for the fair, please drop them off at the Presbytery.
Chocolate bars for the chocolate tombola.
Toys 'old and new' for the Toy stall.
Good quality 'Bric or Brac'.
Irish Coffee ingredients!!
Unwanted gifts that we can use on our stalls.
Unopened bottles of wine or spirits.
Boxes of chocolates or tins of biscuits.

BAKED GOODS
Please contact Nigel (07985437875) to let him know if you are able to offer some baked good. All the usual delights including cakes, scones and mince pies. All to be delivered to the Cottage 10 am on Saturday 28th Nov.

UPPER HALL KITCHEN
Volunteer cleaners are needed on TUESDAY 24th November at 12:30pm for a deep clean of the upper hall kitchen and serving area. Let Nigel know if you can help. All welcome!

Parish Parking Space
In an effort to raise funds for the parish we will be leasing/renting 10 spaces in our car park through the website: YourParkingSpace.co.uk
Parking for parish events and Church services will not be affected by this arrangement and will be free to attendees.
If you know anyone who is looking for very competitive monthly parking arrangements, please pass on this information.

Churches Together in Prestwich
This weekend Churches Together members are praying for Heaton Park Methodist Church and Revd. Jez Hackett.

Friendship Group
The next meeting is on Wednesday 25th November, 12.30 – 3.00pm. Come and join us for refreshments, conversation, a quiz, raffle and bingo. All welcome.

Supervisor of Relationship Counsellors
Marriage Care is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support. They are looking for volunteer Supervisors to provide supervision and mentoring to our relationship counsellors who support couples experiencing relationship distress. For this role you would need to be professionally qualified and experienced in counselling supervision, and also be a qualified experienced relationship counsellor. For full information please visit: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email: volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 29 July – 4th August
If you would like to join our parish group going to Lourdes with the diocese this summer, please take an info sheet from the back of church and register your interest by returning the completed form to the presbytery or Fr Gerard.

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.

November Remembrance of the Holy Souls
If you would like to have your departed loved ones remembered at the masses during the last week of November, please complete an envelope, available at the back of church, and return to the presbytery or sacristy.

MUSIC GROUP 9.00 AM MASS
Anyone interested in joining the music group at 9.00am Sunday Mass please contact Nicola McCoy by email on n.mccoy89@outlook.com
Practice for Christmas will be in the Upper Hall on Sunday 20th December at 10.00am.

Last Week's Collection
Collection in Church £679.16
Gift Aid Envelopes £380.55
Standing Order Donations £330.00
Flower Donation £150.00

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.