



Our Lady of Grace

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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd August 2026

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 23rd August

Holy Mass

9.00am & 11.00am

***Mission Appeal for the
Missionary Society of St Paul
(MSP)***

Monday 24th August

12 noon - Holy Mass

Tuesday 25th August

12 noon - Holy Mass

Wednesday 26th August

12 noon - Holy Mass

Thursday 27th August

12 noon - Holy Mass

Friday 28th August

12 noon - Holy Mass

Saturday 29th August

11.00am - Holy Mass

Followed by Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament until 12.30pm

11.30am - 12.30pm

Confessions

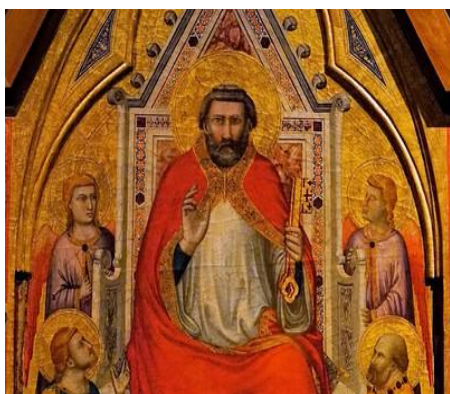
11.30 – 12.30pm

4.00 – 4.40pm

Sunday Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 30th August

9am & 11am – Holy Mass



From the Parish Priest.....

It is hard to believe that we are almost in September! The summer has flown by. I trust that you have all had time to rest and enjoy the beautiful weather. We should have another heat wave in the next few weeks.

As you read this, I will be on annual army cadet camp in Wathgill, North Yorkshire. Greater Manchester Army Cadet Force (GMACF) are one of the largest in the country. They work with young people from all kinds of financial and ethnic backgrounds. The adult volunteers are amazing and through their generosity our young people have the opportunity to develop life skills that will keep them in good stead for the rest of their lives. The social skills that they develop through the various activities really help them to become confident and generous members of their local communities.

My work is varied with the cadets, adult instructors, permanent staff and army/training personnel. Over the past 20 years I have grown to love this pastoral work and to see how having a chaplaincy presence really makes a difference to all connected with GMACF.

As we move into September, please remember that from Wednesday 2nd September, we will have mass in the evening at 6:30pm every Wednesday. This will enable our workers and others to have the opportunity to attend mass during the week. Please pass on this information to anyone you think may benefit.

The children and teenagers will be getting ready to return to school soon. I have a staff mass with Mr Collins and the team from our parish school next week. They have all been very busy preparing the school for the new academic year. Please keep the staff and children in your prayers so that they will all feel God's guiding hand in their lives.

See you all next week! 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, William Lyons, Bernadette Flynn, Kerry Hamer, Barbara Murphy, Eric Greatorex, Anna and David.

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

Prayer intentions for those who have recently died: Eileen Butt, James McCallion, Ben Kane, Mrs Conneally, Sue Richardson, Kate Cowman, Irene Cain, Canon Mortimer Stanley, Alan Corcoran and Simon Lewis.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Marcus Taylor and Peter Burke,
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.

Birthday Memorial Mass: Maureen Gilbert

A Special Intention.

Mission Appeal for the Missionary Society of St. Paul.

Fr Kingsley Onyekwere MSP, of the Missionary Society of St. Paul (MSP), will make the mission appeals this weekend. The MSP is a religious congregation working in different parts of the world, committed to spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ and the salvific work of God the Father in the Holy Spirit. The MSP warmly invites you to support their mission appeal. There will be a second collection at all Masses after communion. Additionally, you can donate by setting up a direct debit or by cheque using the provided account details:

Account Name: The Missionary Society of St Paul

Sort Code: 202963 Account No: 73306224

Bank Name: Barclays Bank

Alternatively, you can use your smartphone to donate via the QR code on the noticeboard at the back of church.

200 Club

We are planning to continue the 200 Club from September 2026. The cost is £36 for the year with 2 winning numbers each month (£100 each) and two extra bonus wins of £100 (August & November).

Please send a text, WhatsApp message or email to Maggie Cottam if you would like to renew, stop, or join the 200 Club. Leave your name, membership number (if you know it) and contact details and Maggie will get back to you. Contact details are as follows: -

Telephone 07835 918966

Email maggie.cottam7@gmail.com

Please join if you can. It is a great way to raise needed funds for the maintenance of the parish.

200 CLUB PAYMENT for the new year can be made in cash, by transfer, cheque (to Our Lady of Grace) and through the DONA machine at the back of Church.
Bank Details: Acc No: 60192309 Sort Code: 20-55-34
TSDT Our Lady of Grace Prestwich. (Please add note: For 200 Club.)

Presbytery, Internet & Phone

The internet, Livestream and DONA machine are now all working! If you have missed your DONA contributions to the parish please make them at your convenience-your contributions are very much appreciated.

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 on Sunday 6th September.

Church Cleaning

If you can join the Church cleaning team, please contact Fr Gerard – any help is greatly appreciated.

Churches Together in Prestwich

This weekend Churches Together members are praying for Community Vineyard Manchester (CVM) Church and Ross and Julie Payne their leaders.

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.

Friendship Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd September, 12.30 – 3.00pm in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for refreshments, conversation, a quiz, raffle and bingo. All welcome.

Side Altar Votive Candles

If you would like the large candle to burn for an intention of yours, write the intention on an envelope, include an offering and place this through the presbytery door. The small votive candles are now 50p.

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.

Cottage Renovations

We are doing well needed clearing and painting in the Cottage. This is being funded by the profits from the Bar. Ongoing maintenance for the Hall and Cottage is needed so if you can help with a few hours per week voluntary work please contact Fr Gerard.

Wednesday Evening Mass

From the first week in September, the mass on Wednesday will be in the evening at 6:30pm not 12 noon. This is to respond to the request from parishioners asking for an evening mass.

Parish Volunteers

If you are able to offer your time and talent to support the mission of the parish, please don't hesitate to speak to Fr Gerard.

Last Week's Collection

Last week's loose collection was £707.87.

Gift Aid Envelopes £466.00.

Standing Order Donations £325.00.

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.