



# Our Lady of Grace

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

**24th May 2026**

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday 24th May**  
**PENTECOST**

9.00am & 11.00am Holy Mass

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**Mary, Mother of the Church**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**Eternal High Priest**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May**

11.00am - Holy Mass

Followed by Exposition of the  
Blessed Sacrament until 12.30pm

Confessions

11.30am - 12.30pm

4.00pm - 4.40pm

Sunday Vigil Mass - 5.00pm

**Sunday 31st May**

**TRINITY SUNDAY**

9am & 11am - Holy Mass



## From the Parish Priest.....

Pentecost is the birthday of the Church and with all Christians we pray,

**“Come, Holy Spirit, and Enkindle in us the Fire of Your Love.”**

There is much in our world that questions the foundations of the Church and our faith in Christ-Pentecost reminds us all that the Holy Spirit is alive and active in the Church and each one of us. It is our duty to proclaim Christ crucified and Risen-have no fear-believe the Gospel! As we celebrate this weekend with all Christians, pray for a renewal of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in your life and within our world. Be encouraged by the fact that Christ is with us in His Word, the Eucharist and through the sending of the Holy Spirit-the helper! We can be strong in the face of the challenges that come our way as Christians. Let us thank God for the blessings that are ours as members of the Church, the body of Christ. We also rejoice in the fact that Our Blessed Lady walks with us and is interceding for us to her Son. As this month of May is drawing to a close, let us pray to her for guidance and for all our prayer intentions. As the first fruit of the Resurrection, she is powerfully active in our lives and the world. With a mother’s love she is always there to listen to us and to draw us closer to her Son our Saviour. We are especially blessed to have *Our Lady of Grace* as the patroness of our parish and school. May all that we do glorify the Lord as she does as Mother of the Church.

Thanks for the ‘suggestions’ already placed in the suggestions box. I appreciate the thoughts and ideas. We have the parish finance and premises committee meeting this week so please keep us in your prayers that the Holy Spirit will inspire us to serve you all well.

We will shortly receive a beautiful statue of St Joseph and the Child Jesus. It has generously been donated to the parish in memory of Jose Mendez RIP. It will be placed near to the Lady Chapel in Church and will aid our devotion to this important role model in the Church. **Fr Gerard**

## Prayer intentions for the sick & other petitions:

All our sick parishioners and others known to us including, Christine Rogers, Barbara Murphy, Kerry Hamer, Marion Seddon, Helen Mukherjee and Bill Byrne. *May Our Lady of Lourdes, intercede for them all.*

## Prayer intentions for those who have recently died:

Michael Lyaskey, Anne Barker and Sheila Makin.  
*May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

## We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Catherine and Peter Gallagher, Michael Clyne, Catherine Christian, Janet O’Malley, Gordon and Rose Heath, Herbert Scholes, Mary Gillies and Mr F.J. Lundy.

*Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.*

**Thank you for a donation towards flowers.**

### **Quiz and Bingo Night**

The next Parish Social will be a Quiz and Bingo night on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Pay on the door. Doors open 7.30pm for an 8.00pm start. Please join us!

### **Friendship Club**

The Friendship Club will next meet in the parish hall on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 12.30 – 3.00pm**. The group meets every alternative Wednesday. 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 take place in the church hall on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June between 10.00 and 10.30am**.

### **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 have been asked to pray for the parishioners of St Hilda's church and Father Simon Sayer. Please keep our Christian brothers and sisters in your prayers.

### **Homebound Parish Members**

If you are aware of any members of the parish who would appreciate a visit from Fr Gerard, please ask their permission to give him their contact details, name, address and phone number.

### **Manchester Half Marathon**

We have parishioners running the Manchester Half Marathon in aid of Caritas, Diocese of Salford on May 31<sup>st</sup>. They are Caroline Johnston, Helen McCaffer, Liam Marsh, Helen Leung Miller and Mairead Lepki. If anyone would like to sponsor them, please use this link

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/caroline-johnston-4?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/caroline-johnston-4?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

### **Madonna Del Rosario Procession – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

All parishioners are invited to join the annual Madonna del Rosario procession on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July, departing at 1.15pm from St Michael's, George Leigh Street, Ancoats, M4 5DG. For enquiries, please telephone 0161 766 2218, mobile 07815 658621 or email [secretary@mial888.org](mailto:secretary@mial888.org)

### **Flower Arrangers**

If you would like to join the parish flower arrangers, please let Fr Gerard know. The group will be taking over the arranging of the Church flowers from Pentecost weekend.

### **Suggestions Box**

If you have any suggestions to help the parish mission, please place a written note in the 'suggestions box' near the entrance to the sacristy. Fr Gerard is eager to hear from you all. You can also email him directly at his diocesan email address.

### **Parish Finance & Premises Committees**

There will be a joint meeting for both committees on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm in the Presbytery.

### **Eucharistic Ministers' Meeting**

Thanks to all our Eucharistic ministers for their service to the parish. There will be a meeting for all existing and newly proposed ministers on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at 7pm in the Church**. Please let Maureen know if you cannot attend the meeting.

### **Magnifica Humanitas**

Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical Magnifica Humanitas, on preserving the human person in the age of artificial intelligence, will be published on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Upholding the dignity of every human person is central to the Gospel and teaching of the Church. Let us pray that the Pope's renewed message will be received by all!

### **Quarant'Ore**

There will be forty hours devotion at the Manchester Oratory on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June until Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Details on the noticeboard at the back of the church.

### **Dates for the diary....**

The children will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this significant stage in their relationship with the Lord.

### **Bathroom**

The accessible toilet is open during all masses. If the hall is open, use the main entrance and for daily mass use the black door entrance on the carpark at the end of the hall building.

### **Church Flower Arrangers**

The parish flower arrangers have started doing the church flowers, many thanks to the team. If you would like to join them, please see Fr Gerard.

### **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.

### **Last Week's Collection**

Last week's collection was £938.57 – Many thanks for your generosity.