



# Our Lady of Grace

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

**26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

9.00am & 11.00am Holy Mass

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**

**St. Catherine of Siena**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

**Fr Gerard's Mass of Installation**

7pm – Holy Mass

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

**St Joseph The Worker**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</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 - 5.00pm

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9am & 11am – Holy Mass



This Sunday we reflect on Christ as the Good Shepherd. He is the one who continues to lead us, his flock, throughout the challenges and joys of our Christian lives. Every single member of the flock is loved and highly valued by our heavenly Father, so much so, that we rejoice at this Eastertide that he sent his Son to die for each of us. This death transforms death and we are all given a share in Christ's Resurrection. His abiding presence in the Holy Spirit, Sacred Scripture, Eucharist and Church enables each one of us to generously fulfil our vocation. How can you fulfil your vocation daily?

This Thursday I will commit myself to serving the parish at my mass of installation as parish priest. It is a time for me to rejoice in my own vocation to ordained service in the Church. Thanks to you all for welcoming me to the parish. This Vocations Sunday let us ask the Lord to bless our families with members who will hear the Lord's call to serve him and the Church as ordained priests and deacons.

**Fr Gerard**

### Safeguarding:

Many thanks to all those who volunteer in the parish. As you will be aware, anyone with any formal role must go through the safer recruitment process, some may also need a DBS check. In the next weeks our safeguarding team will be continuing with this process and will contact you in due course. Thank you to the team and all of you for your cooperation. Please see Fr Gerard if you would like to volunteer your service in any way.

### Prayer intentions for the sick & other petitions:

**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 Zimmy, Tom Cutler, Rosemary Keyes, Anne Holland, Caroline Hoad, Kevin McCormick, Ellen Sumaya, Jocelyn, Chris Roque, Angela Dunigan, Christine Rogers, Mrs Hawkins, David Hawkins, and Jackie Shuff, Theresa McDermott, Mary Hennessey, Jennifer Finlayson and Kirsty Brown, *May Our Lady of Lourdes, intercede for them.*

### Prayer intentions for those who have died recently:

Walter Hicks, Liz Stephens and Veronica Hankinson.

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

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

Joan Mahood, Margaret Noonan, Judith Harrison (née Allerton), Lawrence Caswell and Michael Clyne. *Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.*

### Mass Intentions:

Margaret Brown, Raphael Allen, Nigel Humphreys and  
For all those who attended Divine Mercy Sunday devotions

### **Friendship Club**

The Friendship Club will next meet in the parish hall on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 12.30 – 3pm. The group meets every alternative Wednesday. Please join us!

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

#### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

If you would like to join the bishop and members of the diocese on the annual pilgrimage to Walsingham, please collect a booking form from the sacristy or call the office on 01618172209.

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 between 10.00 and 10.30am.**

### **End of Financial Year**

If you gave to the parish in the financial year that ended on 5<sup>th</sup> April – using gift envelopes, by bank standing order, or using the DONA terminal there is a letter for you, ready for collection from the table near the Sacristy, from this weekend onwards. Please collect your letter and save us the cost of postage. If you think you should have a letter, but you can't find one, please let us know; ring Vin Allerton on 0161 773 3318 or text to 07305 727900.

### **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 Revd. Jez Hackett and Heaton Park Methodist church. The prayer rota is on the notice board at the main entrance to the church.

### **Prayer Group**

The next Prayer Group Meeting is on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm in the Cottage. Everyone welcome.

### **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.

### **Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School Nursery and Reception Admissions Open**

Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School is a welcoming, inclusive and high-achieving school rooted in our Catholic faith and strong community. We proudly welcome families of all faiths. Our dedicated staff, clear values and

ambitious curriculum help every child thrive academically and personally.

### **Come and See! Young Adults Group**

We will be starting a group for men and women interested in exploring the Catholic faith-if you or someone you know is interested, please join us on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7pm in the Cottage.

### **Church Cleaners**

Can you help to clean the house of the Lord? Our beautiful church is cleaned by a small group of dedicated volunteers every other Friday at 10 am. If you can join the team of men and women, please see Fr Gerard to get the 'mop' rolling! Thank you.

### **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 end of the hall building.

#### **Dates for your diary!**

**Mass of Installation:** Fr Gerard's formal induction as parish priest will take place this coming Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm Mass. Fr James Mannock will represent the bishop and install Fr Gerard. You are all welcome to join the celebration. There will be refreshments in the hall after the mass.

**Confirmations:** Please keep the Confirmandi in your prayers in the coming weeks as they prepare for this special stage in their lives. Bishop John will preside at the Confirmation Service on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.

**Please Note:** The parish sick list in the newsletter and Prayers of the Faithful, will be relisted/renewed on the first Sunday of each month.

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

Last week's collection was £1,140.03

Many thanks for your generosity!

### **Prayer for Vocations**

Heavenly Father,

In the great love you have for your people, we ask you to inspire men in our diocese to respond to your call to priestly life and service as deacons.

Mould their hearts, Lord, after the Sacred Heart of Your Son, so that they may grow in love and serve with joy.

Through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel, pray for us.  
St Joseph, pray for us.**