



Our Lady of Grace

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

26th July 2026

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 26th July

9.00am & 11.00am Holy Mass

12.30pm Baptism

Sophia Aughey

Monday 27th July

12 noon - Holy Mass

Tuesday 28th July

12 noon - Holy Mass

Wednesday 29th July

12 noon - Holy Mass

Thursday 30th July

12 noon – Eucharistic Service

Friday 31st July

12 noon – Eucharistic Service

Saturday 1st August

11.00am - Holy Mass

Followed by Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament until 12.30pm

11.30am - 12.30pm

Confessions

11.30am – 12.30pm

4.00pm -4.40pm

Sunday Vigil Mass – 5.00pm

Sunday 2nd August

Eighteenth Sunday Ord Time

9am & 11am - Holy Mass

From the Parish Priest.....

The mass for the dedication of the new altar in Salford Cathedral was a wonderful celebration. The restored Cathedral is spectacular with every detail giving praise to God. Many congratulations to Canon Jones, the Cathedral Dean, and all his collaborators. It is well worth a special visit to see the Cathedral-you will be amazed and in awe of the craftsmanship.

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage is almost upon us. We have the pre-departure mass at the Cathedral Sunday (26th July) at 5:30pm. The youth coach leaves next Wednesday, and the flight goes on Thursday. There will be several livestream liturgies so please look on the diocesan Lourdes website to join us in prayer. You will all be in my intentions and I will light a candle for you all at the grotto. During my absence Fr Joel will cover the masses. I am very grateful to him for his help.

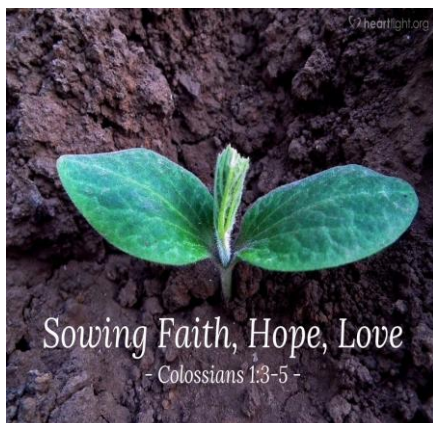
In the past few weeks our Sunday scriptures have encouraged us to consider what it means to be a follower of Christ and how we nurture our Christian vocation. We are blessed to receive the Lord in his Word and in the Eucharist. The other sacraments are also part of our Christian journey. Through the parables we have been encouraged to accept that we have an important role in preparing our hearts and minds to receive the revelation of God each day. If we are to be strong enough to see and ignore the 'weeds' in society that can choke our Christian calling, we must ponder the Word of God and sustain ourselves with the Sacraments and as part of His body the Church. The Holy Eucharist is sacred food for this journey. Be encouraged to bring your questions and challenges to the Lord in prayer. Be encouraged by the truth that the Holy Spirit prays for us in our weakness. God gives us all that is needed to live out our Christian vocation so let us be open and attentive to His gifts by earnestly preparing ourselves to receive from a God is so close to us. 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, Bernadette Flynn, Kerry Hamer, Barbara Murphy, Eric Greatorex, Anna, David, Sue Richardson, and Maureen Makin. *May Our Lady of Lourdes, intercede for their speedy recovery.*

Prayer intentions for those who have recently died: Alan Capper, Tony Statham, Michael Mulryan, and Alan Penn, *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Jessie Green, David, Terry Connor and Chris Healey. *Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.*

Other Intentions: The retirement intentions of Mike Platt and for his family alive and in heaven.



SVP Meeting

There will be a meeting this morning, after the 9.00am Mass upstairs in the hall.
New members welcome.

Prayer Group Meeting

The Prayer Group will next meet tomorrow evening, Monday 27th July, at 7.00pm in the cottage.

Friendship Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday 5th August, 12.30 – 3.00pm in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for refreshments, conversation, a quiz, raffle and bingo.
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 be in the church hall in September.

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 are praying for St Mary's Church Prestwich and the Revd. David Cooper.

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.

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.

Parish Volunteers

A huge thank you to Francis for his fantastic work running the bar in the church hall. Thanks too to Barry for his oversight and help. They are a great team.
The parish finance and premises committee members also do a great job-thanks to each of them for their time and generosity.

Lost Glasses

A pair of lady's glasses were found in the church from last weekend. They are in a green Specsavers case. If they are yours please see Fr Gerard-if you can!

Calling Volunteer Painters!

The metal gates and railings around the presbytery and church are in need of a fresh lick of paint. If you are able to join a 'painting social' to help Fr Gerard Please let him know. We will gather at **2pm on Sunday 9th August**. Paint and brushes will be provided, so too fabulous refreshments! All welcome.

200 Club

June winning numbers are: **173** and **156**. We are planning to continue the 200 Club from September 2026. The cost is £36 for the year with monthly draws and two extra bonus wins of £100. More information will follow in the next few weeks. Please join if you can.

92nd Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Fr Gerard is happy to take your petitions and mass intentions to the Grotto in Lourdes. Prayer intentions can be written and put in a sealed envelope which will be placed at the Grotto on your behalf-do not put donations in this envelope as all petitions are burned at the Grotto as a sign of the prayer ascending to the Lord. Mass intentions and donations can be put in a separate envelope marked 'Mass Intention' - Fr Gerard will make sure that the mass is offered in Lourdes for your intentions. Envelopes can be left in the sacristy or put through the presbytery post box before 29th July.

Parish Hall Updates

The new monitor for the hall should be ready this weekend so that the Livestream from the church can be viewed in the hall. This will help our children's liturgy group to follow the mass and remain connected in the hall.

From September, the parish hall will be available during the Sunday masses for parents and children needing time out or a comfort break. The new monitor and livestream facility will also help to keep them connected with the celebration of the mass. The Monitor for the Livestream has been funded by the profits made from the bar in the hall.

Refreshments are served after the Sunday masses-please call and enjoy a brew!

Last Week's Collection

Last week's loose collection was £650.27
Gift Aid Envelopes £859.00
Standing Order Gifts £155.00

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.