

**Prayer Intentions for the Sick**

Federico Angiolini, Craig Millward, Anne Holland, David Millward, David Noble, Clare Levy, Christine Rogers, Roxine Calow, Patrick Hulinson, Greg Calleja, Barbara Murphy, Florence Ward, Peggy Sugrue, Dale Broom, Jackie Berry, Bernard Holt, Patricia Greene, Bernadette Greene, Henry Marron and Johnny Falloon.

**Prayer Intentions for the Dead**

**Recently Deceased:** Damien Rabbitt, Shirley Higgins.

**Anniversaries:** Jim Heath, Joan and John Bostock, Joyce Burke, Les Bamber, Eric English, Cliff Berry, Dermot O'Connor, Fr John O'Sullivan, Theo O'Connor, Bishop Geoffrey Burke, Ella Berry, Mary Walsh, Joyce Burke, Fr Denis Gerathy.

**WISDOM FROM THE SAINTS**

“If a tiny spark of God’s love already burns in you, do not expose it to the wind, it may blow out. Stay quiet with God.” St Charles Borromeo

“Love your neighbour as yourself. Because God is in each and every one of us.”  
St Martin de Porres



“Receive in tranquillity and peace, O Lord, the souls of your servants who have departed this life to come to you. Grant them rest and a place of light. Give them the life that will not age, good things that will not pass away, delights that have no end, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”  
Saint Ignatius of Antioch



Last Week’s collection was £918.49 Thank you

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The monthly figure for Standing Orders:£1366.00



This week, the Sacred Heart Lamp burns for the Faithful Departed.



This week, Our Lady’s Lamp burns for peace in our world.



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**THIRTIETH SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**

<b>Sunday 29th October</b>	<b>Holy Masses 9am &amp; 11am</b>
<b>Monday 30th October</b>	<b>Holy Mass 12noon</b>
<b>Tuesday 31st October</b>	<b>Holy Mass 12 noon</b>
<b>Wednesday 1st November Solemnity of All Saints</b>	<b>Holy Mass with School 9.30am Holy Mass 12 noon Holy Mass 7pm</b>
<b>Thursday 2nd November Commemoration of All Souls</b>	<b>Holy Mass 12 noon</b>
<b>Friday 3rd November</b>	<b>Holy Mass 12 noon</b>
<b>Saturday 4th November St Charles Borromeo</b>	<b>Exposition 11.30am-1pm Confessions 11.40am-12.50pm, 4-4.40pm Holy Mass 11am Vigil 5pm</b>

## For Federico

I mentioned at Mass last week that Federico was seriously ill and needs our help to be able to settle his affairs in Manchester and return to Milan. Even in his short time here he has had a great influence on many people. We thank God for bringing him to our parish in Prestwich and we pray that God might heal him and carry on to use him for his Kingdom.

There will be a second collection for Federico Angiolini this weekend.

## Month of the Holy Souls

Please make sure to take an envelope from the back in which to submit the names of your deceased relatives and friends. During November, these envelopes will be placed in a basket before the altar and the people listed remembered at all Masses. In addition, a novena of Masses will be offered, for the names recorded, during November. You may place an offering in your envelope but a donation is not necessary.

## Mrs Sheila Frances Johnson (nee Carney)

Mrs Johnson's family would like to let you know that she sadly passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023 aged 96. Wife of the late Deryck Johnson, Sheila and her Carney family, were parishioners at Our Lady of Grace from pre-war until moving from Prestwich with Fr. Lee to set up St. Bernadette's parish in 1952, where they lived and served until their retirement to Llandudno in 1982. Sheila served as a teacher at Our Lady of Grace in the 1960's, under Sr. Gabriel, where all four of her children also attended. Memories/tributes, may be emailed to [jamesjjohnson1958@gmail.com](mailto:jamesjjohnson1958@gmail.com)  
Funeral to be held at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, Llandudno on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 12 noon.

## Young Christians Group

A meeting with the YCW Rep and any young people who may be interested will take place on **Thursday Nov 2nd at 7.30pm** in the Lourdes Room at Saint Bernadette's. If you are 16 or above and would like to be involved in this new venture please let me know.

## Pastoral Visit of the Apostolic Nuncio

His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will make a pastoral visit to Salford Diocese on 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> November. As part of his visit he will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's, Collyhurst on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 6:30pm where he will impart an Apostolic Blessing on all those present. All are welcome to attend the Mass and there is no need to register.

**BAPTISM MEETING: WEDNESDAY 1st NOV at 7.30PM in the HALL**

## Before Sunset

It's almost a year since I arrived at Our Lady of Grace. Before I came and again when I got here, I was told this parish had more headteachers and teachers than any other. I don't know if that was meant as a warning or an encouragement! Either way, this one's especially for you teachers.

These days, they talk a lot about outcomes; about the effects of all that's done in school. Ofsted and parents are very interested in educational outcomes and good teachers plan their lessons around what they want to achieve—what they want the end result of lessons and school life to be.

As we come to the end of the church's year and begin our month of remembrance, we might think similarly and ask the question: What is the outcome of the Word of God in us, what has our faith achieved? At the end of the day, the end of life and the end of time—what difference will all this have made to us, our parish, our world?

As well as being advised not to smile until Christmas, new teachers used to be advised: "first you tell them what your going to tell them, then you tell them, and then you tell them what you've told them." Last week we considered how to hear what the Word of God is saying and how to listen. This week, we might wonder about its effect, its outcome in us.

On Wednesday, we will celebrate All Saints—the outcome of God's Word, the effects of faith in the lives of women and men in every time and place. And on Thursday we'll think of the completion of God's work in the lives of the Faithful Departed. As we turn our thoughts to the end of the year and the end of time, we are invited to wonder about the outcome of faith in our lives and in all we do and say.

It's a valuable question to ask in a time of Synod isn't it? What is the outcome of us being here as a parish in Prestwich? Does anyone notice what difference we make? Are we any better for faith, for the workings of God's Word in us?

The Book of Exodus asks us to question ourselves before sunset—what have we done for others, particularly the vulnerable and for God, this day? What are the practical outcomes of our faith for the stranger, widow and orphan? And Jesus, our Master and Teacher gives us a summary report: The purpose of our faith is that every part of us: mind, heart and strength, be filled with his Word (the Law and Prophets) that at the last, we can say: we love God and our neighbour. That's the only lesson we need to learn.