



Our Lady of Grace

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2nd August 2026

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 2nd August

9.00am & 11.00am Holy Mass

Monday 3rd August

12 noon - Holy Mass

Tuesday 4th August

12 noon - Holy Mass

Wednesday 5th August

12 noon - Holy Mass

Thursday 6th August

12 noon - Holy Mass

Friday 7th August

12 noon - Holy Mass

Saturday 8th 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 9th August

Nineteenth Sunday Ord Time

9am & 11am - Holy Mass

Baptism 12.30

Vincent Roy Hargreaves-Kirda

From the Parish Priest

As you read this newsletter, I will be in Lourdes on the 92nd Diocesan Pilgrimage. I am happy to have with me all your petitions and mass intentions which will be placed at the Grotto in Lourdes. Bishop John leads the pilgrimage and there are 21 clergy, 2 seminarians with around 350 pilgrims from around the Diocese and beyond with us in Lourdes. Over the past years we have also developed an strong number of 'pilgrims at home' who join us each day in prayer through the Lourdes livestream and our Diocesan website. Please have a look at the website and join in the services from home (<https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk>). I will be praying for you all and will light a parish candle at the Grotto for all your intentions.

The theme for this year in Lourdes is taken from St Luke's Gospel and is the Archangel Gabriel's greeting to Our Lady, "Hail full of Grace, the Lord is with you". This highlights the Blessed Mother's unique role in salvation history, and it reminds us all that each of us, through her intercession, is called to renew our own unique relationship with Jesus Christ, her son and our saviour. St Bernadette's example and witness also encourage each of us to serve the Lord with joy in the ordinariness of our daily lives. Whether in Lourdes or at home in the Diocese we are called at this time of pilgrimage to pray with Our Blessed Mother and to feel the Grace of God grow in our lives.

As you arrived at church this weekend you will have noticed how beautiful the stone and flagging looks. It has all be jet washed in preparation for painting the railings and metal fences. Please join me if you can on Sunday 9th August from 2pm. There's lots to do but many hands make light work! Plus, there's a bacon buttie reward!

I look forward to seeing 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, David, Sue Richardson.

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

Prayer intentions for those who have recently died: Edith, Beatrice Molyneux and Shirley Southern.

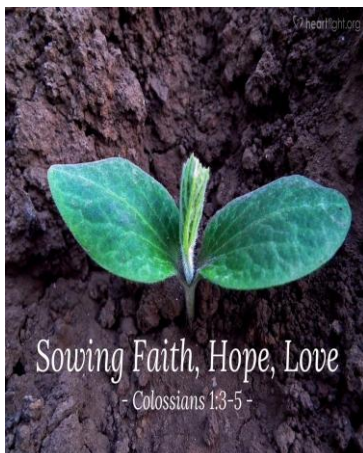
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

Daniel Hindle, James Carr, Joseph Shelton and Janet Richards.

Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.

Birthday Memories: Terry Connor.



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.

Presbytery, Internet & Phone

On Monday 20th July, a car fire on Highfield Road caused extensive damage to the telegraph pole and cabling that supplies broadband to the parish premises.

As a result, we are currently without an internet connection, and both our telephone service and live stream are unavailable until repairs are complete.

Book Club

The next meeting of the group will be held on **Monday 10th August at 2pm in the Cottage**. Our theme is poetry on the topic "Insects". If you can, please bring 12 copies of your chosen poem. New members will be very welcome. For further information, contact Vin Allerton by phone (0161-773-3318), text (07305 727900) or email (vinallerton@gmail.com).

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.

Churches Together in Prestwich

This weekend Churches Together members are praying for Prestwich Methodist Church and the Revd. Jez Hackett.

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 5th August, 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.

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.

Parish Hall Updates

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!

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

A huge thank you to Bridie, Liz and Maureen for their work in the Presbytery and support of the parish mission. Our IT and parish website is overseen by Czes, thanks to him for his expertise and generous support of the parish outreach.

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 £694.71

Gift Aid Envelopes £321.20

Standing Order Gifts £390.00

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.