



Our Lady of Grace

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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30th August 2026

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 30th August

Holy Mass
9.00am & 11.00am

Monday 31st August

12 noon - Holy Mass

Tuesday 1st September

12 noon - Holy Mass

Wednesday 2nd September

12 Noon - Holy Mass
With Staff from OLOG School
(9th Sept at 18:30)

Thursday 3rd September

12 noon - Holy Mass

Friday 4th September

12 noon - Holy Mass

Saturday 5th September

11.00am - Holy Mass
Followed by Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament until 12.30pm
11.30am - 12.30pm
Confessions
11.30 – 12.30pm
4.00 – 4.40pm
Sunday Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 6th September

9am & 11am – Holy Mass
Baptism 12.30
Carter Coleman



From the Parish Priest.....

I have just returned from Wathgill training Camp in Catterick and during the long drive home I had time to reflect on my summer experiences of working with adult volunteers and young people. These experiences were with two very different organisations, the Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage and the Greater Manchester Army Cadet Force (GMACF). Both organisations rely on the generosity and hard work of volunteers. Both organisations are seeking to support, encourage and make a difference in people's lives. Thinking about what they share in common, I am reminded of the foundations of our Christian lives and the witness that comes from our generous service of others.

The Lourdes pilgrimage relies in a special way on young volunteers from our schools and colleges. The experience of serving the sick and others needing basic support really makes a difference in their lives. Our young volunteers are amazing and really contradict the negative image that can be presented in the press. I wish that the news outlets would come to Lourdes and report on the truth about our young people. The message would be one of love, hope and a generation of youngsters not centred on themselves but ready to serve others and grow in faith in God.

My experience of working with the adult volunteers and cadets with GMACF also bring me great hope and joy. The adults are committed and hard working seeking to make a positive difference in the lives of the cadets from all around our region. With their encouragement our cadets are able to achieve things that society at large suggests they cannot. In the past week I have seen youngsters grow in self-esteem, friendship and service of each other. This is in spite of very challenging situations at home and in school for some. I could share many profound experiences from camp but for now I will just say that it has been a joy to witness these youngsters responding so well to the encouragement of the adult instructors and support staff. I share these thoughts to encourage you all-there is great hope for the future! I am happy to be back in the parish. 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, Elizabeth McNeive and Lorraine Leonard..

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

Prayer intentions for those who have recently died: Michael Moore.
May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: James McManus, Martin and Ellen Mulryan, Maureen and Denis Geraghty and Nora Hindle. *Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.*

A Special Intention: Amparo Mendez and Miguel Estrada.

Side Altar Votive Candle: For the success of Anna's operation.

Wednesday Evening Mass

From **Wednesday 9th September** mass will be in the evening at **6:30pm**. There will be no Mass at noon. This is to respond to the request from parishioners asking for an evening Mass.

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.

200 CLUB PAYMENT for the new year can be made in cash, by transfer, cheque (to Our Lady of Grace) and through the DONA machine at the back of Church. Bank Details: Acc No: 60192309 Sort Code: 20-55-34 TSDT Our Lady of Grace Prestwich. (Please add note: For 200 Club.)

Parish Social

The next social event will be a Quiz and Bingo night on Friday 11th September in the church hall. Doors open from 7.00pm. Tickets are £2.00 each and will be on sale at the back of church after weekend Masses.

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 on Sunday 6th September, 10.00 – 10.30am.

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 2nd September, 12.30 – 3.00pm in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for refreshments, conversation, a quiz, raffle and bingo. All welcome.

SVP

The next meeting will be in the upper hall on Sunday September 6th after the 9.00am Mass.

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.

Cottage Renovations

We are doing well needed clearing and painting in the Cottage. This is being funded by the profits from the Bar. Ongoing maintenance for the Hall and Cottage is needed so if you can help with a few hours per week voluntary work please contact Fr Gerard.

Parish Library

Please remember we have this great resource with many books available. The library is open after mass each Sunday in the Parish Hall building.

Church Cleaning

If you can join the Church cleaning team, please contact Fr Gerard – any help is greatly appreciated.

Parish Volunteers

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.

CARITAS

Please pick up a copy of the Autumn/Winter Caritas 'Love' in Action' newsletter, from the table at the back of church. On Saturday, October 10th, Caritas are hosting a conference at St. Patrick's church, Collyhurst, 11.30 – 3.00pm, concerning poverty and injustice in the light of the social teaching of our current Pope, Leo XIV. The day is for all interested people and the main speaker will be Dr Anna Rowlands of Durham University, a speaker at the recent launch of the Pope's recent encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas and a major figure in Pope Francis's 'Synod on Synodality'.

Parents' Coffee Morning

The first gathering of the new school year will be Tuesday 15th September in the Cottage 9:15 am.

Last Week's Collection

Last week's loose collection was £489.16

Gift Aid Envelopes £297.75

Standing Order Donations £135.00

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.