



# Our Lady of Grace

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

9.00am & 11.00am Holy Mass

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May**

**The English Martyrs**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

12 noon - Holy Mass

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

12 noon – Eucharistic Service

**Saturday 9<sup>th</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 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

9am & 11am – Holy Mass



## From the Parish Priest.....

My Mass of induction on Thursday evening was a beautiful celebration. I am grateful to all who helped to make it such a wonderful expression of our faith and parish family. Fr Philip Brady preached and I have printed copies so that you can take one home and reflect on his inspiring words. It seems that we are stuck with each other from now on! I am delighted and feel blessed to be asked to serve you as your parish priest.

May is traditionally the month when we celebrate Our Blessed Lady. For our parish this takes on a profound meaning as we are all under her protection as patroness of our parish and church. During this month let us renew our openness to the guiding presence of the mother of our Saviour, who calls each one of us to follow her son daily. You will all be in my prayers so that we may receive many blessings and guidance through her intercession. Please pray to her especially for me.

From next weekend there will be a suggestions box near the sacristy door so that I can get your thoughts on ways that the parish can live out our mission and celebrate our lives and faith together-more on this next week. God bless you all.

**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:** All our sick parishioners and others known to us including, Christine Rogers and Barbara Murphy.

*May Our Lady of Lourdes, intercede for them all.*

## Prayer intentions for those who have died recently:

Joyce Atkins, Stephen Booth, Geraldine Hopkins, Kathleen Quinn, Aileen Tresham (néeNixon), Dennis Rozario, Susan Traynor and Anne Barker.

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

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

Judith Harrison (née Allerton), Peggy Sugrue and the Sugrue family, David Vincent Briggs, Catherine Salisbury, Andrew Sweeney, Ray and Peggy Neville, Roger Neville and Brian Starr.

*Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.*

**Mass Intentions:** A Special Intention.

**Our Lady's Altar Votive Candle:** A Special Intention

### **Friendship Club**

The Friendship Club will next meet in the parish hall on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 12.30 – 3pm. The group meets every alternative Wednesday. Please join us!

### **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 today, **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. Thank you for your generosity.

### **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. Canon Steve Williams and St Margaret's Holyrood. The prayer rota is on the notice board at the main entrance to the church. Please keep our Christian brothers and sisters in your prayers.

### **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 at our next meeting on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Cottage.

### **Church Cleaners:**

If you can join the team of men and women, please see Fr Gerard to get the 'mop' rolling! Next meeting is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. 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.

**Confirmations:** Please keep the Confirmandi in your prayers. We have two young people being confirmed on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May at the 11am mass and Bishop John will preside at a Confirmation Service on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. All welcome.

**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.

**Job Opportunity:** Our local community of retired Religious Sisters (Faithful Companions of Jesus) based on Singleton Road, Salford; seek a part-time experienced Housekeeper. The post is Monday-Friday 10am-2pm and duties include cleaning; cooking and booking contractors. For more information, contact Margaret on 07749 199 813.

### **Manchester Half Marathon**

We have parishioners running the Manchester Half Marathon in aid of Caritas, Diocese of Salford on May 31<sup>st</sup>. They are: Caroline Johnston, Helen cCaffer, Liam Marsh, Helen Leung Miller and Mairead Lepki. If anyone would like to sponsor them please use this link: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/caroline-johnston-4?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/caroline-johnston-4?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

### **School Mass for the Ascension of The Lord**

The children and staff from our parish school will be having mass on the 14<sup>th</sup> May at 9:30am to celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension. You are all welcome to join them. There will also be a mass that evening at 7pm for those unable to make the morning mass.

### **Refurbishment of the Confessional**

The refurbishment of the confessional is now completed-skimmed, painted, carpeted and is blessed with a beautiful new Icon and image of Jesus calming the storm. Very fitting, as we continue in the light of the Resurrection to turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel of life!

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

Last week's collection was £1,340.03  
Many thanks for your generosity to the upkeep of the parish buildings and our mission.