



Our Lady of Grace

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4th October 2026

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 4th October

Holy Mass

9.00am & 11.00am

Baptisms 12.30

Violet Ann Prescott

Romi-Frances McGrath

Monday 5th October

12 noon - Requiem Mass

Doreen Wild R.I.P.

Tuesday 6th October

12 noon - Holy Mass

Wednesday 7th October Our Lady of The Rosary

6.30pm - Holy Mass

Followed by the Rosary

Thursday 8th October

12 noon - Holy Mass

Friday 9th October

12 noon - Holy Mass

Saturday 10th October

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 11th October

9am & 11am – Holy Mass

Baptism 12.30

Rory McMahon

From the Parish Priest.....

Bishop John visited our parish school on Thursday and participated in a Harvest Assembly with children and staff. It was a wonderful celebration with the readers, school choir and children participating joyfully with the bishop. I was very proud of them all! The bishop also met with the staff and school governors, thanking them all for their generous service of the school and Catholic education in the Diocese. It was also my birthday on Thursday, and the secret was out at school-the children sang happy birthday and gave me chocolates! I was delighted and very touched by both!

The school visit was followed by the 12-noon Mass at church with a great number of parishioners present. It was the feast of St Therese of the Child Jesus and the bishop spoke beautifully, encouraging us to follow the Lord in the simple ways of life. October is the month of the Holy Rosary and so I asked Bishop John to bless Rosary Beads for you all. The Rosary Beads are available at Our Lady's chapel and at the entrances to Church-please feel free to take one.

I invite you to offer your first Rosary in this month for the mission of our parish, that the Lord will bless us all as we seek to grow closer to Christ and build his kingdom in our parish and beyond. Please also pray for me that I will be a generous servant and shepherd of you all. I too will be praying for you that through the intercession of Our Lady of Grace, you, and your families, will draw closer to our Saviour and feel the loving presence of Our Blessed Mother in your lives.

God Bless. **Fr Gerard**

Prayer intentions for the sick: All our sick parishioners and others known to us including, Lisa Gooddy, Barbara Murphy, Christine Rogers, Bernadette Flynn, Kerry Hamer, Pat Flynn, Bernard Derkin, Michael Murphy, Anne Kenny, Dale Broom, Eric Greatorex and Bill Kennedy.
May Our Lady of Lourdes, intercede for their speedy recovery.

Prayer intentions for those who have recently died:
Doris Haydock, Dymphna McCarthy and Sheila Knight.
May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:
Pat Howard, The Herberts, Eilish Allen, Nellie Dobson, Anne Hosker, Thomas and Elizabeth Cusack, Michael Deasy and Bill O'Leary.
Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.

Special Intention: Joan Eastwood and family and Jim McDonnell.

Birthday Intentions: Helen Mukherjee and Caelum Monteiro.

200 Club

The winning numbers for the September Draw of the 200 Club are; **200** and **134**. Congratulations to our winners. Thanks to everyone who purchased a number this is a great way to help fund the parish.

Some parishioners do not like to support this way of fundraising – we respect their views. If you would like to make the £36 donation to the Church fundraising without being part of the 200 Club this will be gratefully received. Thanks to you all for your support.

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 today in the church hall, Sunday October 4th, 10.00 – 10.30am.

Friendship Group

The next meeting is on Wednesday 14th October, 12.30 – 3.00pm in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for refreshments, conversation, a quiz, raffle and bingo. All welcome.

Churches Together in Prestwich

This weekend Churches Together members are praying for St Paul's Kersal and Revd. Mike Dyson.

RCIA Programme

The programme for people interested in joining the Church is now underway. If you would like to join the RCIA course, please contact Nigel Humphreys on 07985437875. All welcome!

Cottage Renovations

The work on the Cottage is now complete. If you can help to clean the cottage for a few hours per week 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 appreciated.

School Parents' Coffee Morning

The first gathering of the new school year will be this Tuesday 6th October in the Cottage 9:15 am.

Gift Aid

Would the person who is using the box of gift envelopes numbered **83** please contact Vin Allerton on 0161 773 3318 or 07305 727900.

SVP

There will be a meeting of the Our Lady of Grace SVP on Monday 5th October at 7.00pm in the cottage. New members always welcome.

Song of Celebration

St. Margaret's Church, Prestwich, 40 years after the fire and redecoration, will hold a celebratory concert on Sunday 4th October at 3.00pm Please see poster at the back of church.

Caritas Conference

The conference, concerning the social teaching of Pope Leo, challenging poverty and injustice, will be held at St. Patrick's, Collyhurst, M4 5HF on Saturday 10th October, 11.30 – 3.30pm. To request a link to register for the event please email Matthew Yates, m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk

The event is free to attend and lunch will be provided.

CAFOD Family Fast Day – Friday 2nd October

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection. Put your faith into action and share the Lord's love by supporting our global neighbours experiencing shortages of food and safe water. Your gift can support children, like Tayla in Zimbabwe, to stay in school – by helping communities and schools provide nourishing meals, improve access to water and grow food in school gardens. Use the CAFOD envelope attached, in the church offertory collection, or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope.

Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School – Early Years Open Evening

Our Lady of Grace RC Primary School warmly invites parents of prospective pupils (Nursery & Reception) to our upcoming Open Day on Thursday 15th October from 5pm to 6pm. Come and experience our vibrant learning community firsthand, tour our purpose-built Early Years Centre, Wrap Around Care facilities and meet our dedicated staff. We take pride in offering a supportive, faith-centered environment where academic excellence and personal growth go hand in hand. We would love to show you what makes our school family so special. Refreshments will be provided. For further details, please contact the school office TEL: 01617967254 EMAIL: olog@bury.gov.uk We look forward to seeing you there! **Everybody Welcome All Belong.**

Last Week's Collection

Collection in Church £549.39

Gift Aid Envelopes £449.00

Standing Order Donations £530.00

Donation for flowers £100.00

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.