



Our Lady of Grace

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5th July 2026

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 5th July

9.00am & 11.00am Holy Mass

Monday 6th July

12 noon - Holy Mass

Tuesday 7th July

12 noon - Holy Mass

Wednesday 8th July

12 noon - Holy Mass

Thursday 9th July

**12 noon – REQUIEM MASS
ELLEN TOLAN RIP**

Friday 10th July

12 noon - Holy Mass

Saturday 11th July

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 12th July

**Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

9am & 11am - Holy Mass



From the Parish Priest.....

Our scripture passages this weekend remind us all that we are to live our lives through the Holy Spirit given to each of us in Christ Jesus our Lord and Saviour. This truth transforms our earthly lives to reflect the salvation won for us through Christ's sacrifice. As we reflect on our relationship with the Blessed Trinity we hear the Lord's words in the Gospel; *"Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly of heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."*

As we continue to grow in our relationship with Christ the truth of his words becomes clearer to us. His 'yoke and burden' is light because he has borne the weight of the cross so that we can be restored to God and each other. In Jesus we have all we need to change the burdens and challenges of life. With him we can give thanks to our heavenly father for revealing this to us all. We are truly blessed. During this coming week bring to the Lord all that troubles and burdens you, speak to him and you will find rest!

The Holy Father has appointed Fr Stephen Wang, the next bishop of Arundel and Brighton. Fr Stephen is a classmate of mine from the Venerable English College in Rome. He has been Rector of the college for the past five years. He is a wonderful priest, with a real shepherd's heart. He will be a great blessing to the people of his diocese. The appointment of a bishop is always a great blessing to their diocese and the national church. Please keep bishop-elect Stephen in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination and future ministry. God Bless you all. **Fr Gerard**

Parish Fund Raiser: We had a great parish night on Friday night. Thanks to our entertainment committee for their hard work in arranging and facilitating the night. We have raised around £800 profit from the event-thanks to you all for your generous support.

Prayer intentions for the sick & other petitions:

All our sick parishioners and others known to us including, Lisa Goody, Mary Kavanagh, Christine Rogers, Bernadette Flynn, Kerry Hamer and Barbara Murphy. *May Our Lady of Lourdes, intercede for them all.*

Prayer intentions for those who have recently died:

Helen Mukherjee, Tony Tighe, Neil McGuinness, Ellen Tolan, Dolores Cain, Frank Ruddy, Ann Hurican, Vincent Graffy, Bernard Sherlock, and Peggy Holian. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time:

John Ryan, Mary Broe, Sarah O'Dwyer, Lourencio Pachelo, Mr & Mrs D'Souza, Dimple Jivothama, Eileen Kelly, Anita Marshall, Fr Anthony Lawton and Joseph Killackey. *Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.*

Special Intention: Bridie Merlarkey, Ellen Conneally.

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 5th July between 10.00 and 10.30am.**

We have had 4 children baptised in April to June and have another 7 children booked in for baptisms in July to September. What a blessing they are to their families and our parish. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 St George's Simister and their staff, Revd Canon Steve Williams, Revd Sue Walker, Revd Helen Tyler, Revd Christine Hardy.

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.

Madonna Del Rosario Procession – Sunday 5th July

All parishioners are invited to join the annual Madonna del Rosario procession on Sunday 5th July, departing at 1.15pm from St Michael's, George Leigh Street, Ancoats, M4 5DG. For enquiries, please telephone 0161 766 2218, mobile 07815 658621 or email secretary@mia1888.org

School Coffee Morning

The next coffee morning for parents is Tuesday 7th July 9am in the Cottage. Our first meeting went well so please invite anyone you know.

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.

This weekends flowers were donated in memory of Andrew and Kitty Sweeney RIP. Many thanks.

200 Club

June winning numbers are: **173** and **156**. We are planning to continue the 200 Club from September on. The cost is £36 for the year with monthly draws and two extra bonus wins. More information will follow in the next few weeks.

Book Club

The next meeting is Monday 13th July at 2pm in the Cottage. We will be discussing "Shadowstory" by Janette Johnston. The full programme for 2026 is listed on the noticeboard outside church. Further details from Vin Allerton, on 07305727900.

School Mass

We invite the parish community to join us on Friday 17th July at 9.30am, for our Leavers Mass, as we gather to give thanks and pray for the pupils as they prepare to leave our school.

92nd Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Fr Gerard is happy to take your petitions and mass intentions to the Grotto in Lourdes. Prayer intentions can be written and put in a sealed envelope which will be placed at the Grotto on your behalf-do not put donations in this envelope as all petitions are burned at the Grotto as a sign of the prayer ascending to the Lord. Mass intentions and donations can be put in a separate envelope marked 'Mass Intention' - Fr Gerard will make sure that the mass is offered in Lourdes for your intentions. Envelopes can be left in the sacristy or put through the presbytery post box before 30th July.

Signboard of OLOG Parish Priests

The sign listing OLOG parish priests is now back in the church, near the piety stall. Say a prayer for all our former parish priests but especially our current one!

Votive Candles and stands

Several members of the community have raised concerns about the safety of the current votive candles and their stands. There are safer and more environmentally 'greener' possibilities that Fr Gerard is researching. More information will follow as we look to renew our votive candles and stands.

Friendship Club

Please note: The club will not meet on the 8th July.

Spare Mugs!

If you have any coffee/tea mugs that you can donate to the parish hall & Cottage, we would be very grateful.

Last Week's Collection

Last week's loose collection was £538.39

Gift Aid Envelopes £378.41

Standing Order Gifts £350.00

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.