



Our Lady of Grace

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6th September 2026

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 6th September

Holy Mass
9.00am & 11.00am

Monday 7th September

12 noon - Holy Mass

Tuesday 8th September

12 noon - Holy Mass

Wednesday 9th September

6.30pm - Holy Mass

Thursday 10th September

12 noon - Holy Mass

Friday 11th September

12 noon - Holy Mass

Saturday 12th 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 13th September

9am & 11am – Holy Mass
4 Adults will be received into the
Church at the 11 am Mass
Baptism 12.30
Carter Coleman

From the Parish Priest.....

Today's Gospel reminds us that the Lord encourages us, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." This is why it is so important for us as Catholics to gather together to celebrate the Lord's Day each week. As we get back into the rhythm of life after the summer, it is important for us to return to celebrating the Eucharist and other Sacraments as one family of faith. We are blessed to have such a good congregation at OLOG and are blessed with our Parish School community. Thanks to the internet and livestream we also have a very faithful group of sick and housebound parishioners who join us regularly for mass, they are essential to the parish, and we are blessed through their prayers of intercession. I invite you all to double your efforts to attend as many liturgies and parish events as possible. If you know of anyone whom you can encourage to join us, please do so. The Lord's encouragement to gather together not only reminds us of His presence but also reminds us that each one of us has an important part to play in His body the Church - at prayer. Thank you for your faithfulness to the parish and the Church. If I can do anything more to encourage and support you don't hesitate to let me know.

Please keep our Parish School in your prayers. I will be celebrating mass in school with the staff and children on Tuesday. **God Bless Fr Gerard**

Prayer intentions for the sick: All our sick parishioners and others known to us including, Christine Rogers, Bernadette Flynn, Kerry Hamer, Bernard Derkin and Dymphna McCarthy. *May Our Lady of Lourdes, intercede for their speedy recovery.*

Prayer intentions for those who have recently died: Michael Moore, Ann Mahon Née Banks, Ann Loughran, Joan Lowe, Stasia Whelan and James Houghton. *May he rest in peace and rise in glory.*

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Bridget Murphy, Rose O'Malley, Zenon Rybicki, Lemelem Araya, Brian Gavigan, Harold Salisbury and Francis Duckett. *Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.*

Special Intentions: Amparo Mendez and Miguel Estrada, Ann Mai Smith and a Special Intention.

In thanksgiving for a Wedding Anniversary and for a Mass in thanksgiving.

Thank you for a donation for Altar flowers and for St Joseph's flowers.

The Sanctuary Candle will burn in thanksgiving for the Diamond Wedding Anniversary of Sylvia and Dan Sweeney (3rd September).

Birthday Prayers: Please remember a special prayer for Della McKernan who was 101 on 5th September-many happy returns to her!



Wednesday Evening Mass

From this **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 August Winning Numbers

The final winners of this years' 200 Club are:
£100 prize numbers 114 and 28. £400 prize no 160.

We start the new year for 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). We have 38 free numbers so please contact Maggie Cottam if you would like to join: send a text, WhatsApp message or email to Maggie Cottam details below.

Telephone 07835 918966,

Email maggie.cottam7@gmail.com

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 today in the church hall, 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 16th 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 today, Sunday September 6th after the 9.00am Mass.

RCIA Programme

The programme for people interested in joining the Church will begin Thursday 2nd October. If you would

like to join the RCIA course, please contact Nigel Humphreys on 07985437875. All welcome!

Churches Together in Prestwich

This weekend Churches Together members are praying for St Gabriel's and Revd Canon Steve Williams and Barbara Summers.

Cottage Renovations

The work on the Cottage is almost completed. 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.

Parish Car Park-Restricted Access

As the adjacent Transport Hub progresses to completion, VINCI Building has requested access to make good the damaged areas of OLOG car park surface, next to the Hall near the back wall. The activity is planned for Thursday and Friday next week. A working area is required for two days. Please see the notice on the noticeboard with a picture of the area outlined in RED. There will be minimal parking during this work.

Start: Thursday 10th September 2026

End: Friday 11th September 2026

School Parents' Coffee Morning

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

Book Club

The next meeting of the group will be held on **Monday 14th September at 2pm in the Cottage**. Further details from the group's convenor, Vin Allerton, on 07305 727900.

Last Week's Collection

Collection in Church £489.16

Gift Aid Envelopes £297.75

Standing Order Donations £615.00

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.

Thanks too for your generosity to the **Missionary Society of St Paul**. The collection in church raised **£1369.51**