



Our Lady of Grace

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9th August 2026

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday 9th August

Holy Mass

9.00am & 11.00am

Baptism 12.30

Vincent Roy Hargreaves-Kirda

Monday 10th August

12 noon - Holy Mass

Tuesday 11th August

12 noon - Holy Mass

Wednesday 12th August

12 noon - Holy Mass

Thursday 13th August

12 noon - Holy Mass

Friday 14th August

12 noon - Holy Mass

Saturday 15th August

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 16th August

**The Assumption of The
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Holy Mass 9am & 11am

Baptism 12.30

Alexander Davies

From the Parish Priest.....

The Lourdes pilgrimage was a wonderful experience! The weather was perfect and everyone reported having a truly Grace filled experience. The example and witness of our volunteers and young people was inspiring on many levels. The bishop spoke beautifully at the various liturgies encouraging us all to hold fast to the Lord on our Christian journey as members of the diocese of Salford. Many pilgrims spoke to me about their appreciation for the organization team and young people. We have also had many positive comments from people at home who followed us by livestream and other socials. OLOG was represented a small group of parishioners and I was very proud to have them with me in Lourdes. On the last day our parish group lit a candle remembering all of you and your intentions. I am planning to take a parish group next year-please consider joining us on the 93rd Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Thursday 29th July to Wednesday 4th August 2027.

Sadly, I have to share that after mass last Saturday a man took a purse from our sacristan's bag in the sacristy. Nobody was hurt but the distress caused by this event is significant. Thankfully this kind of thing doesn't happen often and is perpetrated by people outside the parish community. Please be attentive to keeping your belongings with you at all times in the church and hall and let me know if you see any strange behaviour.

We are still unable to livestream, and the parish phone lines and internet access is still off. The telecom pole has been replaced but there are a lot of wires that need fixing. Please let people know.

In the next few weeks, we will be decorating the Cottage-it is long overdue. This won't affect the normal use as we will work around bookings. Many thanks for your support of the parish. God Bless, **Fr Gerard**

Funeral Arrangements for Sister Beatrice Molyneus FCJ, RIP

Sr Beatrice's Requiem will be 11 am on Monday 10th August at The Church of Our Lady of Dolours, 500 Bury New Road. May she rest in peace.

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, Sue Richardson.

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

Prayer intentions for those who have recently died: Dan McIntyre, Frances McParlin and Charlie Harley.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Eileen Ruscoe, Robert Burton, Ian Kirkpatrick, Nora Walsh, Helen Duckett and Tony O'Hanlon. *Eternal rest grant to them O Lord.*

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 Winners for July 2026

Numbers, 127 and 44. Please claim your winnings from the Presbytery. Congratulations!

Presbytery, Internet & Phone

On Monday 20th July, a car fire on Highfield Road caused extensive damage to the telegraph pole and cabling that supplies broadband to the parish premises. As a result, we are currently without an internet connection, and both our telephone service and live stream are unavailable until repairs are complete.

Prayer Group Meeting

The next meeting is **on Monday 10th August in the cottage at 7.00pm.**

Everyone welcome.

Book Club

The next meeting of the group will be held on **Monday 10th August at 2pm in the Cottage.** Our theme is poetry on the topic "Insects". If you can, please bring 12 copies of your chosen poem. New members will be very welcome. For further information, contact Vin Allerton by phone (0161-773-3318), text (07305 727900) or email (vinallerton@gmail.com).

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 in September.

Churches Together in Prestwich

This weekend Churches Together members are praying for St Margaret's Holyrood and Revd Canon Steve Williams

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 19th August, 12.30 – 3.00pm in the Parish Hall. Come and join us for refreshments, conversation, a quiz, raffle and bingo. All welcome.

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.

Calling Volunteer Painters!

The metal gates and railings around the presbytery and church are in need of a fresh lick of paint. If you are able to join a 'painting social' to help Fr Gerard please gather **today at 2.00pm**, Sunday 9th August-**weather permitting!** Paint and brushes will be provided, so too fabulous refreshments! All welcome.

Parish Hall Updates

From September, the parish hall will be available during the Sunday masses for parents and children needing time out or a comfort break. The new monitor and livestream facility will also help to keep them connected with the celebration of the mass. The Monitor for the Livestream has been funded by the profits made from the bar in the hall.

Refreshments are served after the Sunday masses- please call and enjoy a brew!

Wednesday Evening Mass

From the first week in September, the mass on Wednesday will be in the evening at 6:30pm not 12 noon. This is to respond to the request from parishioners asking for an evening mass.

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.

Last Week's Collection

Last week's loose collection was £646.76

Gift Aid Envelopes £351.27

Standing Order Gifts £595.00

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.