



# Our Lady of Grace

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**PALM SUNDAY & HOLY WEEK**

**28/29 March 2026**

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

**Palm Sunday**

9am & 11am – Holy Mass

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**

12 noon – Holy Mass

7-8pm - Confessions

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March**

12 noon – Holy Mass

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

No Mass

(Mass of the Sacred Chrism)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Mass of The Lord's Supper**

7:30pm

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

**Good Friday**

11am - Stations of The Cross

3pm – Liturgy of The Lord's

Passion

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

**Holy Saturday**

11.00am-12.00pm – Confessions

12 noon – Blessing

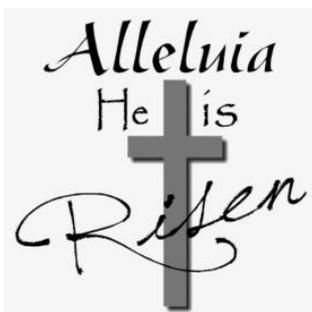
of Easter Baskets

8pm – Easter Vigil

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**

**Easter Sunday**

9am & 11am – Easter Day Mass



## From Fr Gerard – Easter Greetings to you all!

It feels like Easter has arrived quickly this year. I am delighted to be with you all as we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection at Our Lady of Grace. There is much in our world that seeks to distract us from the truth of the resurrection of our saviour-don't give in to these distortions. Today, as a family of faith we proclaim our crucified risen saviour as Lord of all – He is Risen! Alleluia!

As we are renewed in spirit let us commit ourselves to work to build God's kingdom of love and peace in our parish community, families and all whom we meet. We each have a unique part to play in spreading the Easter message by what we say and do-I wish you every blessing as you respond to God's invitation to know and serve our Risen Lord.

Let us continue to pray for peace and justice in our world and ask that Our Lady of Grace will continue to intercede for us with her son. **Fr Gerard**

## Our Prayer Intentions

### Prayer Intentions for the Sick & other petitions:

**We pray for:** Ann Berry, Christine Rogers, David Nobel, Patrick Hullinson, Florence Ward, Barbara Murphy, Della McKernan, Dale Broom, Jackie Berry, Bernard Holt, Patricia Green, Bernadette Green, Eileen Butt, Frank Colgan, Marian Whyte, Stephen King, William Lyons, Beth Arnistead-Cargan, Sue Jimmy, Tom Cutler, Rosemary Keyes, Anne Holland, Caroline Hoad, Kevin McCormick, Ellen Sumaya, Jocelyn, Chris Roque, Angela Dunigan, Christine Rogers, Mrs Hawkins and David Hawkins, - *Our Lady of Lourdes, intercede for them.*

### Prayer intentions for those who have died recently:

#### We pray for the recently deceased:

Fr P J Gormley, Robert Reed, Father O'Brien, Joan, Megan Hamer, Rose Ann Norman, Elizabeth Golden, Chris Langstone, Mark Sloyan, Lynn Meredith and Carole Heed. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

**We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time.** Edward Francis Ryan, Helen Munro, Ursula Rybicki, Bernadette Durkin, Ivy Ryan, William Christian, Lucy Cawley, Fr. Vincent Cavey, Paul Anthony Ryan, The Holy Souls and Phylis Bleming. *Eternal rest grant to them O Lord*

## Easter Flower Donation

If you would like to make a donation towards the Easter Flowers, in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope with the name of the person to be remembered and give it to Fr Gerard or post it through the presbytery door.

### **Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land**

We will be having a collection on Good Friday for Christians in the Holy Land. This is a way for us to show our solidarity with our brothers and sisters who are enduring great challenges emotionally and financially at this time.

### **A Walk of Witness – Good Friday**

A Walk of Witness and a Service of prayer, scripture readings and hymns will take place on Good Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11.am. Meet at St Marys Flower Garden, entrance on Bury New Road and walk to Tesco's Car Park. Please bring Crosses, Banners, or anything that will make it clear to members of the public that we are a group of Christians and not a political protest march.

### **Friendship Club**

The Friendship Club will meet in the parish hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 12.30 – 3pm. The group meets every alternate Wednesday from then on. Please join us!

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham**

#### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

If you would like to join the bishop and members of the diocese on the annual pilgrimage to Walsingham please collect a booking form from the sacristy or call the office on 01618172209.

### **Baptism Meetings**

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 on **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 between 10.00 and 10.30am.**

### **CAFOD Lent Fast Day**

The total amount given in the Fast Day envelope so far is £982. This is the last weekend we will be collecting the Fast Day envelopes – just put them in with the offertory collection. Envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church. Donations can also be put into the CAFOD box at the back of church.

### **Offertory Gift Envelopes**

The new boxes of offertory gift envelopes for the next tax year are available for collection from this weekend. They are available from the table near the sacristy door. If you would like to join the box scheme or have any questions please contact Vin Allerton by phone on 0161 773 3318, by text to 07305 727900, or by email to [vinallerton@gmail.com](mailto:vinallerton@gmail.com) many thanks.

### **St Patrick's Celebration**

Thanks to everyone who attended the parish St Patrick's gathering it was a great success! Thanks to the organisers and your generous support it has raised £822.90 for parish funds.

### **Transport Hub – Access to OLOG Car Park**

As the adjacent Transport Hub progresses to the final stages of completion, VINCI Building have requested to strip the access scaffold from OLOG car park with this activity planned after Easter for w/c 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026. A working area is required, edged red on the site plan, which can be viewed on the noticeboard at the back of the church. The work will last for five days with vehicle access for removal of the scaffold.

Start: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

End: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

VINCI Building are to make good, damaged areas of OLOG car park surface following removal of the scaffold, proposed date to be confirmed.

### **Day of Divine Mercy**

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – 230pn onwards

Devotions and Benediction

St Clare's RC Church, Victoria Avenue, M9 0RR

### **Side Altar Votive Candles**

Each week a votive candle burns before the statues of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady. The intention is included in the newsletter so that people may support it in prayer. 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.

### **Piety Stall**

Our Piety stall has some lovely cards and gifts, please take a look after Mass and support the stall.

### **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.

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

Last week's collection was £1057.75 – thanks for your generosity!