



The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

"Heart Speaks to Heart!"



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St John Henry Newman, Urmston
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1st Sunday of Advent (C) - 1st December 2024

Dear Parish Family,

I don't know if you have noticed, but finally the chocolate Advent calendars - at least for this year - actually matches the real Season of Advent.

Advent is a season of anticipation and expectation, it is a season of excitement as we "prepare" ourselves not for the festive season, but to meet God Himself; Jesus born of Mary.

I know that many of us, do not like waiting, perhaps that is why we often rush through the Season of Advent or choose to ignore it completely.

And yet, I think to wait is to truly value and appreciate that which is to come; and that is why we should use this precious time so carefully, so that we may be waiting and ready to meet and receive Him, who is coming to us.





Finally, don't forget to celebrate the feast of St. Nicholas on Friday - there are so many wonderful feasts during the Season of Advent - make sure you put your shoes next to the fire on Thursday evening, and if you have been good, you might wake up to some

gold coins or some candy canes (both associated with St. Nicholas, the candy cane symbolising his bishops crozier, and the coins which he used to free the poor). He really does know if you have been naughty or nice!

In the midst of your Advent anticipation and celebration, pause and pray ... Maranatha, come Lord Jesus!

Fr. Kieren

		PARISH MASS TIMES	
Weekly Mass Schedule			
Tue 9.30am	03 EM	Mass	St. Francis Xavier
Wed 9.30am	04 SM	Mass	
Thu 9.30am	05 EM	Mass	
Fri 9.30am	06 SM	Mass	St. Nicholas
Sat 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	07 PC EM SM SM	Catechesis Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass	St. Ambrose
Sun 9.30am 9.45am 11.30am 1.30pm	08 EM JR SM EM	Mass Catechesis Mass Baptism	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024 - 2025

CHILDRENS CATECHESIS

Catechesis on Saturday 9.30am - 11.00am (PC)
Catechesis on Sunday 9.45am - 11.15am (JR)

- ◆ Sat/Sun 8th/9th February
- ◆ Sat/Sun 1st/2nd March
- ◆ Sat/Sun 10th/11th May
- ◆ Sat/Sun 17th/18th May

PARENT CATECHESIS

Catechesis on Thursday 6.30pm (PC)

- ◆ 6th February
- ◆ 6th March
- ◆ 8th May
- ◆ 22nd May

CELEBRATION LITURGY/MASSES

Bambino Sunday 14/15 Dec
Attend any Sunday Mass

1st Sunday of Lent 9th/10th Mar
Attend any Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation
11th & 12th March (6.30pm) SM

First Holy Communion Mass SM
14th June (Noon) St. Monica's Church

First Holy Communion Mass OLOR
21st June (Noon) St. Monica's Church

First Holy Communion Mass EM
28th June (Noon) St. Monica's Church

Diocese of Salford Synod 2023-2025 Prayer

Loving Father,
Be with us as we seek new ways
of being your people in our Diocese.
May each new day bring us
closer to your Son Jesus,
as we follow his teaching and
become disciples of love.
As we continue our Synodal journey,
draw us closer to each other.
May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us.
Open our hearts, as we listen to each
other
and reach out in love to your people.
Stay with us, Lord, on our journey.
Amen

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us
St. Joseph, Pray for us

RECEIVING COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS

I am hoping to re-introduce reception of Holy Communion under both species.

Sadly, I am struggling to recruit, new volunteers. Please think about coming forward! Can I take this opportunity to thank all our current EMHC's for all that they do. If you are interested please contact Fr. K. To learn more about EMHC visit: www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=1168



Mass Intentions

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

Doreen Farr, Ellen Costigan, Andrew Brierley, Elizabeth Gallagher, June O'Donnell

Intention

A special intention, in thanksgiving, Michael Witting

Anniversaries Masses

Stuart Mooney, Alice Parker, Sheila O'Dowd, Geoff Fitton

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

John Gibbons, Maureen Boylan, Jenny Marks, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, Pam Clark, Marian Kerrigan, Mary Tunstall, Patrick Rogan, Angela Considine, Sheila Clegg, Andrew Roche, Anne Smyth, Therese Williams, Little Rhia Brooke, Michelle Clegg, Gerry Smyth, Bride McLaughlin, Sian McManamon, Bernard Walker, Kathleen Flanagan, Mark Daly, Amy, Leo Turnbull, Anne Turnbull

names of sick parishioners cannot be published without consent of the individual.

Masses are published as they are received.

LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER & LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

As the cold weather has now arrived, please ensure that you keep an eye out for your elderly or house-bound neighbours. Why not pop around for a brew or invite into your home for one?



CHRISTMAS IS COMING



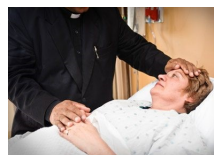
There will be "Christmas Cards" at the back of both churches next week, but because I know you are so eager, and I'm already getting phone calls please note the following details:

MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE: 5.00pm [Bell Mass] St. Monica's., 8.00pm English Martyrs'
CHRISTMAS DAY: 9.30am English Martyrs', 11.30am St. Monica's

BUILDING & REPAIR UPDATE Hopefully, you have noticed the new heaters at the back of St. Monica's, so far they seem to have made a difference. The roof work at the Parish Centre has now been completed - it took awhile! The water damage at EM's is still an ongoing saga. We will need to go back to the brick to resolve this matter - but we are still awaiting the green light from the Diocese.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!! HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY CARE at Manchester Royal Infirmary, Saint Mary's, Manchester Children's Hospital, Manchester Eye Hospital, Trafford General and The Christie, Salford Royal or Wythenshawe. If you have a relative or friend who is an inpatient and would like a Catholic Chaplain to visit them for pastoral support please contact the Chaplaincy Office on 0161 276 8792. *The Chaplains no longer have access to patient details - a chaplain must be requested by a member of the family to minister to a sick relative.*



SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If you live in Trafford and your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, they are eligible to start school from 1 September 2025. You must apply to Trafford for all your preferred schools, including schools in other local authority areas. The closing date for primary school applications is 15 January 2025.

For Catholic Schools copies of Baptism Certificates will be requested. Please see Fr. K after Sunday Mass to request copies of certificates.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE many thanks to the committee and all the volunteers for planning the Fayre, especially Filipa and her team, the IMPACT Group, the Mini Vinnies and of course St. Nicholas. Over 2300.00 was raised.

BIG THANK YOU to Deigo who over the last few weeks has swapped his altar server alb for a keyboard as he has covered for Joy, our organist, who has had a well earned break.

CHRISTMAS & CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Christmas Eve Bell Mass. This year we would like to once again have some of the children from our parish on the altar at the Christmas Eve Mass to celebrate the Nativity. If you think your child would like to take part, please type the URL below into your browser or scan the QR below and complete the form. Please complete the form by Sunday 15th December. All other children are invited to come to Mass (all the Christmas Masses and not just 5.00pm Bell Mass) dressed in a Nativity costume and stay sat with their families. Thanks, The Children's Church Team.



DIOCESAN SYNOD - PARISH MEETINGS Please read the summary documents as they are produced (see back of churches). If you want to read the full report please scan the QR Code. **The next parish meeting** will cover the last 2 themes and that is booked for Thursday 12th December 2024 at 6.30pm in the Jubilee Room



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION “Every baptised person not yet confirmed can and should receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Since Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist form a unity”. **Catechism of the Catholic Church 1306.** For those who could not attend there are forms

available at the back of both churches, please return them by the beginning of December. The proposed date for the celebration of the sacrament is Wednesday 21st May 2025 (TBC). The dates for Catechesis (which will take place in the Parish Centre 6.30pm) are as follows: 30th January., 27th February., 27th March.

PLEASE NOTE that due to the numerous nativities and concerts performed during the week commencing 9th December, the weekday Masses will be changed during this week. Please note the changes in next weeks newsletter.

GIFT AID LETTERS some have parishioners have recently received letters. Please don't panic, they are simply a means to update Parish financial records. If you have any worries or questions just ring the office.



LETTERS TO SANTA the Parish Postal Service will reopen this weekend. Post boxes will be placed at the back of both churches. Letters will be forwarded to St. Nick, via chimney post, on his Feast Day - 6th December.

APF Red Boxes If you have a red box that needs emptying. please put it in marked box at the back of either church. the red boxes will be emptied over the next 2 weeks and returned to these marked boxes for you to collect. Thank you, Amanda

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY - 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT during all the Masses the children on the Sacrament Programme will receive a bambino to place in their cribs at home. Please bring the bambino from you own cribs to any of the Masses to be blessed too.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS as a Parish we are blessed with two wonderful volunteer “flower arranging” teams. They keep both churches beautiful especially during the big liturgical celebrations. If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of Christmas flowers (and trees), please place in an envelope marked “Christmas Flowers” and pass on to Fr. K.

NIFTY50+ GROUP The next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd of December at 1:30pm in the Jubilee room at st Monicas, this is the groups Christmas Party so please note the start time has changed to 1:30pm

World Youth Day Rome 2025 Are you aged 16-35? Are you looking for an unforgettable opportunity to share your faith with other young Catholics? Pope Francis has announced a special World Youth Day in Rome next summer to celebrate the Church's Year of Jubilee and our diocesan Youth Ministry team invites you to be part of this once-in-a-25-year event! The pilgrimage will take place between 28 July and 3 August. For more information and to register your interest, please email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

New Lectionary Resources With the new edition of the Lectionary for Mass coming into use on the First Sunday of Advent, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has signposted us to some useful resources introducing the new edition, what changes have been made, and why. Find out more at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/lectionary/>

Becoming Pilgrims of Hope: Advent Talks . Join Sr Joan Kerley, FMSJ, and Maria Kidd as they unpick our Advent readings to explore some of the themes that are central to the concept of Jubilee. The talks will take place on 29th November, 6th and 13th December between 10am and 12.30pm at Wardley Hall. Find out more and register <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/advent-hope-talk-1>

Caritas is buzzing about new launch... Have you seen the special short animation and new campaign for Advent from our diocesan charity Caritas Salford? This year they are asking people to make a real difference this Christmas and not make it all about the tinsel, the parties, and the supermarket queues. Watch the specially created animation, find out more, donate, or take part in the appeal in another way: www.caritassalford.org.uk/beethere

Carol Services The Diocese of Salford is delighted to announce the return of its Salford Schools Singing Programme (SSP) Carol Services, which will take place in churches across the diocese this December. For a full list of dates and locations for our services, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ssp-carol-services-24/>

Laudato Si' Centre - Advent Wreath Workshop Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre team on Friday 6 December for the return of its Advent Wreath Workshop, where you will have the opportunity to learn how to create your own wreath from natural materials under the guidance of our skilled team. Find out more and book at <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/wreath-workshop>

THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION



EUCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION)

The Eucharist is the source and summit of all Christian life, the Eucharist is not a thing or a holy object, the Eucharist is the gift of God Himself given and shared with us.

All parent's of children who will be entering Yr 3 (in September 2024) will be invited from the beginning of May 2024 to enrol their children on the Sacramental Programme. All children must be baptised in the Catholic Church and families **WILL** be expected, to do what all Catholic families should already be doing, that is attend Sunday Mass.



CONFIRMATION All details will be published in the newsletter and a notice will be sent to our local Diocesan Catholic Secondary School (St. Antony's) and those schools that are in the Diocese of Shrewsbury (BTH, St. Ambrose & Loreto). Registering an interest is **not** joining the programme, and as the child enters Yr8 (Sept 2024) they will have to make the commitment to participate on the programme and complete the sacraments of initiation. Please note that although information is sent to High Schools outside the Diocese of Salford and the non-Catholic schools in the area, distribution of information is **dependant upon the cooperation of the Head teacher and Head of RE.**

TRAFFORD NORTH FOOD BANK Please place any of the above items in the grey bin at the back of church (English Martyrs). To donate directly Co-op Bank a/c 65855834 Sort code: 089299.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Code of Canon Law states:

"Parents are obliged to see to it that infants are baptised within the first weeks after birth"

(867)

As a Parish, we follow the Diocesan Baptism Policy

In order for your baby/child (under the age of 7) to be baptised, if you are not already practising your Catholic faith, then you must begin to **attend Sunday Mass for a minimum of at least 6 weeks** before a baptism date can be discussed.

- ◆ If you live outside the Parish, but this Parish is your place of *regular* worship, no permission is needed.
- ◆ If you live outside the Parish and don't regularly attend Mass, permission from your Parish Priest is needed.
- ◆ After a date for baptism has been set, a meeting with Fr. Kieren or Deacon John must be arranged (by you).
- ◆ If your child is over 7 they must be treated as an adult and must follow an adapted RCIA programme.

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GETTING MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

In order to get married in the Catholic Church 6 months notice must be given, please contact Fr. Kieren for further information.

"And that is what marriage is! Hand in hand, always and for the rest of your lives". Pope Francis

Please pray for Rachel & Christopher, Marie & Andrew, Rebecca & David, Natalie & Ian, Ella & Ben, Roisin & James, Lorna & Jonathan as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament together in the months of 2024 and the new year of 2025!



VOCATIONS - DIOCESE OF SALFORD

If you feel called to the Diocesan Priesthood please contact Fr. Kieren or contact the Diocesan Vocation Director directly Fr. Mark Paver: mark.paver@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Please scan the QR code to learn more.



OUR CATHOLIC PARISH AND DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

DIOCESE OF SALFORD

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

English Martyrs

Wycliffe Road, Urmston.

Head teacher: Mrs Alison McGlade
(0161) 748 7257

Our Lady of the Rosary

Davyhulme Road, Urmston.

Head teacher: Mrs Hannah Groves
(0161)748 4626

St. Monica's

Woodsend Road South, Flixton

Head teacher: Mr. Mark Doherty
(0161) 748 3353

SECONDARY SCHOOL

St. Antony's Catholic High School

Bradfield Road, Urmston

Head teacher: Mr. A. Campbell
(0161) 911 8001