



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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3rd Sunday of Advent - GAUDETE - 15th December 2024



Dear Parishioners,

Today we, here in Urmston, Davyhulme and Flixton, continue a great Roman tradition that is celebrated every Gaudete Sunday. We bless the bambino Gesu, and send him from the Church to make His home in ours, and in doing so we remind ourselves that Jesus is the only reason for this festive season! This is reiterated throughout the week as we ponder what is called the "O Antiphons" (its

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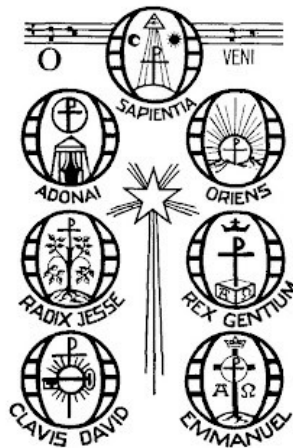
hymn O Come, O Come Emmanuel finds its origin). Another great and ancient Advent tradition, where as we enter the final days of this season our anticipation is heightened as the birth of the Saviour draws nearer.



Each O Antiphon emphasises a unique prophetic title of the soon-to-be-born King of Kings, the bambino that comes home with us, as foreshadowed in the Old Testament by the prophet Isaiah, which we have been reading through Mass over the last few weeks: *Wisdom, Lord of Israel, Root of Jesse, Key of David, Radiant Dawn, King of All Nations, and Emmanuel.*

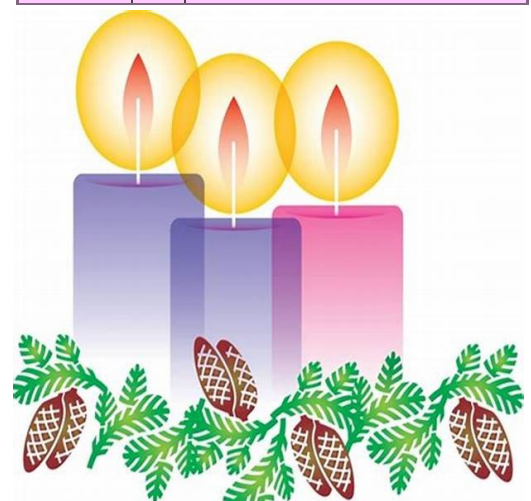
I am always fascinated by the fact that if you take the first letter of each antiphon (in the Latin) and read them from last to first, the word ERO CRAS is spelt, which translates: "Tomorrow I will come."

Maranatha, Come Lord!

Fr. Kieren



		PARISH MASS TIMES	
Weekly Mass Schedule			
Tue 9.30am	17 EM	O Sapientia End of term Mass	
Wed 9.30am	18 SM	O Adonai End of term Mass	
Thu 9.30am	19 OL	O Radix Jesse End of term Mass	
Fri 10.00am	20 EM	O Clavis David Requiem Mass - K. Flannery	
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 5.30pm	21 EM EM SM SM	O Oriens Confession & Adoration Mass Confession Vigil Mass	
Sun 9.30am 11.30am	22 EM SM	4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mass Mass 	





**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](http://www.catholicculture.org/culture/library/view.cfm?recnum=1168)



**Mass
Intentions**

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

Kathleen Flanagan, John Mulcahy,
John Tollitt, Angela Fleming, Tricia
Daley

Intention

A special intention, in thanksgiving,
the McGuinness and Eames
families, Sian McManamon, Jo-
seph Quigley, Kieran Halliwell, Fr.
David Q

Anniversaries Masses

Edith Evans, Carla Bolland, Geoff
Martin, Martin Cassidy, John
Greening, Eileen Flanagan

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, ,
Mark Daly, Amy, Leo Turnbull,
Anne Turnbull

*names of sick parishioners cannot be pub-
lished without consent of the individual.*

**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
MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS**

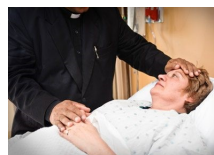
CHRISTMAS EVE: 5.00pm [Bell Mass] St. Monica's.
8.00pm English Martyrs'

CHRISTMAS DAY: 9.30am English Martyrs'
11.00am 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 mat-
ter - 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 Chris-
tie, 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 Septem-
ber 2020 and 31 August 2021,
they are eligible to start school
from 1 September 2025. You must
apply to Trafford for all your pre-
ferred schools, including schools in
other local authority areas. The
closing date for primary school
applications is 15 January 2025.

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

NEXT WEEKENDS NEWSLETTER please note that next weekends newsletter will be the Christmas edition and last newsletter of 2024. If you would like any Christmas Masses or items put in the newsletter please email Fr. Kieren (only) with details by WEDNESDAY 6.00pm.

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 visit <https://forms.office.com/r/XJYxV1Atc2> 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.



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.



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

In the Footsteps of Mary: An Advent Prayer Walk Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre team this December for a reflective prayer walk around the Centre's beautiful woodland. This self-guided trail invites us to focus on Mary's journey to Bethlehem and the example she sets us as we continue our own spiritual journey in this season of Advent. A number of sessions will be taking place on Wednesday 18th December. Find out more at <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/advent-retreat/>

Opening Mass for the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Pope Francis has invited dioceses across the world to unite in prayer as we begin the 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee. Our diocese will be marking the start of the Jubilee with a Mass, celebrated by Bishop John, on Sunday 29th December at 2pm at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church. All are welcome to join us as we mark the start of this special year of grace.

New Pilgrims of Hope book launched Monsignor John Allen has harnessed his love of the geography and history of our diocese, penning a very special book which is being sold in aid of Caritas Salford. The book, Pilgrims of Hope, has been published in time for the start of the 2025 Jubilee Year which is also focussed on the theme of Pilgrims of Hope, and is available to purchase by visiting the Caritas website: www.caritassalford.org.uk/pilgrimbook

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.

Prayer Group. Please note from Tuesday 9th December meetings will take place in people's homes from 2pm till 4pm. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Bernice Breary 0161 748 9885.

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/>

Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee in our Diocese Pope Francis has declared that the year 2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church, an event that takes place once every 25 years and offers the faithful an opportunity to renew their relationship with God, each other, and all of creation. Over the coming months, there will be plenty of opportunities for you to observe this special year of grace in our own diocese. To find out more about the Jubilee and how to get involved, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/>

Jubilee of Youth - Pilgrimage to Rome Young adults across the diocese are invited to join our diocesan Youth Ministry Team for a special pilgrimage to Rome next year. Pilgrims will be travelling to Rome for the Jubilee of Youth, announced by Pope Francis at the 2023 World Youth Day. Our pilgrimage will take place between 28 July and 4 August. Email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more.

CAN YOU HELP? the SVP are looking to provide some "baby equipment" for a young family in our area who are expecting a baby quite soon. This couple have very little as they have fled from conflict. As it Bambino Sunday today - can anyone in the Parish help. If so contact the SVP via the number on the front of the newsletter or speak to Fr. K

Advice as energy bills continue to rise If you, anyone you know, or someone in your wider parish community is in need of support around rising energy bills, Caritas Salford has put together some helpful advice on their website. You can find out more by visiting <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/fuel-poverty-challenges/> and can also find details on the website page on how to arrange a session with their energy advice service team.

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"

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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