



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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CHRISTMAS 2024



Dear Parishioners,

One of my favourite carols, is relatively modern and dates to the 1930's, and is not usually sung in Church. It is entitled "I wonder as I wander". I like it because I often wonder as I wander, and like the creator of the carol, I (and it probably comes as no surprise) find myself often pondering the baby born in Bethlehem, His life, His death and His resurrection. In fact, if you wander through history you will discover that some of the greatest minds; philosophers, theologians, poets, authors and artists have wondered about Him too. He has inspired them, captured their hearts and minds and shaped their very lives.

Perhaps, in our world today, we don't wonder enough, we don't allow ourselves to be surprised by God; we no longer approach Him in joy and awe. Maybe during this Christmas Season, and especially on the DAY that we mark His birth, we may take a moment to begin to wonder again.

Because as Aurelius Prudentius wrote in the 4th Century (I like to wander through history too!) "He is here, whom seers of old chanted of while ages ran; whom the writings of the prophets promised since the world began; then foretold, now manifested ... O that ever-blessed Birthday when the Virgin, full of grace, of the Holt Ghost incarnate bore the Saviour of our race; and that Child, the world's redeemer, first displayed His sacred face."

Fr. Kieren

		PARISH MASS TIMES
Weekly Mass Schedule		
Tue 5.00pm 8.00pm	24 SM EM	CHRISTMAS EVE "Bell" Mass Mass
Wed 9.30am 11.00am	25 EM SM	CHRISTMAS DAY Mass Mass
Thu Noon	26 EM	St. Stephen's Day Mass
Fri 10.00am	27 SM	Octave of Christmas Mass
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 5.30pm	28 EM EM SM SM	Octave of Christmas Confession & Adoration Mass Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am	29 EM SM	HOLY FAMILY Mass Mass
Tue 9.30am	31 EM	Mass
Wed Noon	01 SM	Mary, Mother of God Mass
Thu 9.30am	02 EM	Mass
Fri 9.30am	03 SM	Mass
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 5.30pm	04 EM EM SM SM	Adoration and Confession Mass Confession 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

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

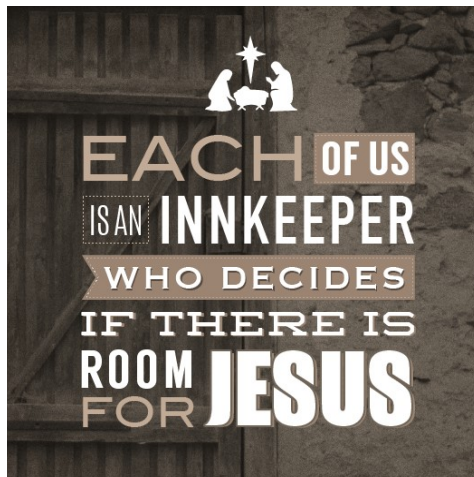
First Holy Communion Mass OLOR
21st June (Noon) St. Monica's Church

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



**Mass
Intentions**

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

Kathleen Flanagan, John Mulcahy,
Tricia Daley, Kay Clough, Richard
Daws

Intention

A special intention, in thanksgiving,
the McGuinness and Eames
families, Sian McManamon, Jo-
seph Quigley, Kieran Halliwell, Fr.
David Q, Luke Durham, John
Piercy, Steph Eckersley, Dymphna
McPartland, Ethel & Denis McCar-
thy, Barbara Flynn, Barbara & John
Flynn and family, Mary Bramfit and
family, Maureen & Alan Donovan
and family, Paul Howard, Peter
Caine, Bernard Bickmore

Anniversaries Masses

John and Margaret Barry, Paul and
John Barry, Karl Broadbent, John
Greening, Eileen Flanagan, Vera
Gormley, Patrick McLoughlin, Paul
Howard, Thomas Fitzgerald, Jack
& Ethel Large, Sean Mortell

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.*

Masses are published as they are received.

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.

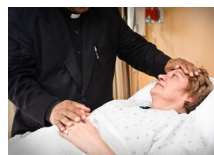


The Parish doesn't run itself, and relies on the hard work and
dedication of so many people - mainly volunteers. On behalf
of the whole Parish can I THANK YOU ALL. Catechists, ex-
traordinary ministers of Holy Communion, musician's, flower
arrangers, readers, cleaners, altar servers, children's liturgy,
IMPACT Group and those who serve on a number of commit-
tees ... the list goes on. A special thank you for the many gifts
and cards received by myself, Deacon John and even Tinker!



It has been a little cold in the Presbytery! Sadly the boiler went to
"boiler heaven" last week. A new boiler is ordered and will be in-
stalled in the New Year. Don't worry, I am surviving, I do have a gas
fire and a wood burner ... I've also jerry-rigged a camping shower to a
water urn for a hot shower. Sadly it is a large expense that wasn't ex-
pected, but hopefully the new boiler will last for another 20 years!!

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.*



ANNUAL CRIB OFFERING as you know the Church asks us, especially at this time of year, to help in a small way our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. We do this by encouraging you to make a "Crib Offering". If you are able to help, please place your donation in the basket at the crib.



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. 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.



CHILDREN'S LITURGY There will be no Children's Liturgy for the next two weeks. It will be back on the weekend of the 4th/5th January to celebrate the Epiphany.

We wish all the children of the parish and their families a happy and blessed Christmas. Best wishes from the Children's Church team.

School Nursery Admissions The closing date for our Nursery applications for all three Parish Primary Schools is in line with Trafford's closing date for Reception places. This year that date is January 15th 2025.

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

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.

Pilgrims of Hope and A Popular History of the Diocese of Salford books on sale. Two brand new books, Pilgrims of Hope, and A Popular History of the Diocese of Salford, written by Monsignor John Allen have gone on sale - with proceeds going to our diocesan charity Caritas Salford. The books, which give fascinating insights into the Catholic history of Greater Manchester and Lancashire can be purchased from the Caritas: www.caritassalford.org.uk/pilgrimbook and www.caritassalford.org.uk/historybook

JOB OPPORTUNITY Parish Administrator - St Mary and St John Fisher - Part-time, permanent. Working Hours: 9 hours per week, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 9.30am-12.30pm. St Mary's Presbytery, Duke Street, Denton, M34 2AN. Salary: £12.60 per hour. Apply at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies>

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

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.

Christmas Tree Recycling Our Laudato Si' Centre is once again joining forces with a Christmas Tree recycling project in a bid to care for community and common home. The project raises funds for local charities by collecting used Christmas trees, while chippings from the trees will be repurposed across the Laudato Si' Centre. Find out more: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/christmas-tree-recycling-24>

Crisis support over the Christmas period If you or anyone in your local community requires support over the Christmas period, Caritas Salford has put together a page on their website which includes information on when their services are open, as well as signposting to other organisations who might also be able to support those in urgent need. www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-christmas-opening-times/

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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CHRISTMAS TREE
DECORATIONS
HOLLY
REINDEER
TINSEL
MANGER
BABY
JOSEPH
JESUS
SHEPHERD
KINGS
STAR
STABLE
SANTA CLAUS

ADVENT
CAROLS
ANGEL
CRIB
HOLY
NOEL
MARY
BALTHAZAR
MELCHIOR
CASPAR
GOLD
FRANKINCENSE
MYRRH



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 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