



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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The Presentation of the Lord - 2nd February 2025



Dear Parishioners,

During Advent, I watched the Netflix film (I know many of you also did) on Mary. It wasn't - I admit - the greatest film, although I have decided that a few quotes may find their way into my exercise book (if I ever find it!).


If you watched the film, you will have noticed that it ended in the Temple, as Mary and Joseph presented the infant Jesus to Simeon.

And so ends the Christmas season - I've got a good gammon joint for my final Christmas Dinner!

In the first reading today, the Prophet Malachi promises the Lord God will one day return to the Temple, and in Gospel we hear today, we realise that through and in Jesus that promise is kept and fulfilled.

As Simeon, who waited his whole life to see God, seeing and recognising Jesus, who is God, declares "*for my eyes have seen your salvation.*"

In seeing Jesus Simeon (and Anna) recognises that God now challenges us to stand in faith with the One who is "*destined for the fall and rise of many ...*" We are invited to stand always with Jesus, and be guided by and in His light.

		PARISH MASS TIMES
Tue 9.30am	04 EM	Mass
Wed 9.30am Noon	05 SM	St. Agatha Mass Funeral - Eileen Barker
Thu 9.30am 6.30pm	06 EM PC	St. Paul Miki & Companions Mass Parent Catechesis
Fri 9.30am	07 SM	Mass
Sat 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	08 PC EM EM SM SM	SP Catechesis Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 9.45am 11.30am 1.30pm	09 EM JR SM SM	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass SP Catechesis Mass Baptism

Mary - the vessel of the promise - will be pierced for standing by Jesus, standing with God; I wonder will you and I preserve in faith, especially when it gets tough?

God Bless

Fr. Kieren



**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



Sr. Clare has now been declared a "Servant of God" and her cause for canonisation has been officially opened. Her life is inspirational and I think she can be a true example of faith for us all but especially our young Catholic's. To learn more about her watch:
<https://youtu.be/xSKiESB1Pfs>

**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**

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".

The proposed date for the celebration of the sacrament is Wednesday 21st May 2025 at St. Hugh of Lincoln Church, with Bishop John (TBC).

The dates for Catechesis (which will take place in the Parish Centre 6.30pm) are as follows:

**27th February
27th March**



Mass Intentions

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

John Hopkins, Stephen Laing, Denis Farr, Martin Moran, Owen McKeever, Janet Dixon, Alan Wells, Nora Marshal

Intention

A special intention, in thanksgiving, John Farnworth, Marie Boylan, Patrick Boylan, Mary Boylan

Anniversaries Masses

Carole McGurty, Vincent Fowler, Edward McKeown, Denis Walsh, Stephen Pickup, Daniel McGrory, Bob Perry, Bill KIELTY, Joyce Dobson, Betty Donohue, Pat Windle

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

John Gibbons, Maureen Boylan, Jenny Marks, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, Pam Clark, Marian Kerrigan, Mary Tunstall, Patrick Rogan, Angela Conside, 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, Jo Orford, Tom Parry

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

Masses are published as they are received.

**SALFORD
LOURDES**

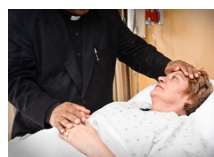


Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Bookings are now being taken for the 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

This year's pilgrimage will take place between 31st July and 6th August.

For more information on how to book as a pilgrim or register as a volunteer, please visit <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk>

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.*





JUBILEE YEAR PARISH PILGRIMAGE as a Parish we will be soon traveling to Assisi (I will arrange a meeting after my little break). Just a little reminder that all those who join the pilgrimage are granted an indulgence during this Jubilee Year. Here are the flight

and hotel details: 28th April 25. 10.15hrs Depart Manchester T3 arrive Rome 13.55hrs. 03rd May 25. Depart Rome 11.35hrs arrive Manchester 13.25hrs. Accommodation is at www.casaleonori.com There may be a couple of places still available. If you would like to join us please see Fr. K

IMPACT GROUP & LOURDES over the next few months there will be an number of fundraising event to aid our Parish IMPACT Group to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes “aspiring volunteers”. Please support them! If you have any ideas for fundraising events or perhaps you would like to sponsor one of the young pilgrims to go, please speak to Fr. K

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

NIFTY50+ The next meeting for the group is on Tues 4th Feb at 1:00pm in the Jubilee Room at St Monica’s, this is a free and easy meeting and your last opportunity to confirm your booking for the Sunday Lunch at Davyhulme Golf Club On the 23rd Feb.

Mercy Brothers Join us for a family-friendly night of musical entertainment with clergy band, The Mercy Brothers. The concert will raise funds for our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund, which supports our sick pilgrims and medical team. The concert will take place on Friday 21st February at Hough End Centre, Chorlton. Doors open at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £20 (free for under 16s) and includes a hot supper. Book now: www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/fundraising or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

Jubilee for Communications In celebration of the Holy Year, we are having a Jubilee of Jubilees to shine a light on a number of different themes represented in our diocese. We begin with our Jubilee for Communications, in which we explore this month’s Gospels to reflect on how we can share the Good News in our world today. Access the resources now at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/>

Laudato Si’ Centre Gardening Club The Diocese of Salford’s environment hub, The Laudato Si’ Centre, is delighted to announce a regular gardening club, taking place on Fridays. Parish groups and volunteers are invited to join the team at the Centre to explore sustainable gardening techniques, top tips, and to come together in shared faith to care for our common home. laudato-si@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more.

OLD CROFT BANK PRESBYTERY as you all know the property was put on the market after Christmas. I can inform you that after discussion with the Diocese an offer was made and accepted. We are now awaiting completion of the legal paperwork.

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.

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 28th July and 4th August. Email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more.

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.

Pilgrim’s Passport Create new family traditions this Jubilee year by picking up our family-friendly guide to Jubilee churches in the Diocese of Salford. With fast facts, thought-provoking questions, and different activities, our Pilgrim’s Passport is the ideal companion to help families pray and journey together this Jubilee Year. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/pilgrims-passport/> or visit one of our Designated Churches to begin.

Feast of St Josephine Bakhita The feast day of St Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, takes place on 8th February. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK. Charities across the UK and our diocese are working hard to raise awareness and take action on what Pope Francis describes as “a crime against humanity”. Resources to can be found at santamartagroup.org/resources

CONTACTLESS DONATIONS you will have noticed at St. Monica’s (sadly there is no WiFi at English Martyrs’) that a new contactless machine has been installed. Sadly, society seems to be moving towards being “cashless”. If you would like to make a donation to the Church please consider using the machine.

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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FAMINE	LEPERS	NONE



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, Shannon & Connor, Natalie & Jamie, Ella & Ben, Roisin & James, Lorna & Jonathan as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament together in 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