



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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5th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 9th February 2025

Dear Parishioners,

Last time I visited Dublin, I was shocked by the number of homeless in the city, many were young and obviously vulnerable, addicted to either drugs or booze, existing besides a thriving tourist industry where 10 euros would buy you a pint in Temple Bar!

I stayed on Kevin Street within walking distance of the City Centre and I would visit many of the local churches for daily Mass, and as visited the churches I noticed that the Church was filling the gap that the State are unable or unwilling to fill (this is why we support Caritas), they were providing counselling, health care, food and shelter to those on the streets; no judgement made or conditions asked, each person was treated as if they were (and they are) *imago Dei* - the image of God; they were loved.


That is how I found myself in the Carmelite Church on Whitefriar Street, and there I discovered the relics of St. Valentine (his heart). You are familiar with his feast day, but are you familiar with him St Valentine was a priest in Rome. At that time the Roman Emperor Claudius had forbade young people get to married. The reason was to make sure young men entered the Roman Army. However, St Valentine considered it unfair and continued marrying young Christian couples; especially those condemned to die for their faith.

For St Valentine there is no room for chocolates and prosecco, nor was there any romantic candle lit meals. His was a real ministry of love expressed through the Sacrament of marriage

On November 10th, 1836, the relics of St Valentine arrived in Dublin, a present from Pope Gregory XVI.

Now I'm no St. Valentine, but I do enjoy preparing couples to share the sacrament of marriage. Could I ask you to pray for those preparing to enter the vocation of marriage this year - may that be your St. Valentine gift to them.

Fr. Kieren

			PARISH MASS TIMES
Tue	11		
9.30am	EM		Mass
Wed	12		
9.30am	SM		Mass
Thu	13		
9.30am	EM		Mass
Fri	14		Ss. Cyril & Methodius (Feast)
9.30am	SM		Mass
Sat	15		
10.00am	EM		Confession & Adoration
11.00am	EM		Mass
1.00pm	SM		Baptism
5.00pm	SM		Confession
5.30pm	SM		Vigil Mass
Sun	16		6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am	EM		Mass
11.30am	SM		Mass
1.30pm	EM		Baptism





**SACRAMENTAL
PROGRAMME
2024 - 2025**

CHILDRENS CATECHESIS

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

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

PARENT CATECHESIS

Catechesis on Thursday 6.30pm (PC)

- ◆ 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

#Lent 2025

Ash Wednesday isn't too far away, and there is no harm beginning to prepare for this day of fasting and abstinence.

5th March 2025

9.30am. Mass (SM) with school
9.30am. Service (OLOR) with School
1.30pm. Mass (EM) with school
6.00pm. Mass (EM)



**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

Alan Wells, Nora Marshal, Mary Clinton, Owen McKeever, Patrick Kelly

Intention

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

Anniversaries Masses

Mary Monks, Michael Beckett, Elizabeth & John Higgins, Eddie Hanlon, Mary & John Evans, Austin Fergus

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, Mary Doolan

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

Masses are published as they are received.

**SALFORD
LOURDES**

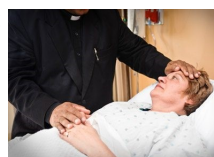


Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Bookings are now being taken for the 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

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

A SAFEGUARDING REMINDER children MUST not go to the toilet during Mass unless they are accompanied by a parent.

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 ** **A big thank you to the anonymous parishioner who made a very generous donation last. THANK YOU**

DBS Clinic The Parish will be putting on 2 DBS clinics for all those volunteers whose DBS is due for renewing, or anyone who is in a new volunteering position for the Parish. Amanda will be contact all those who needs to renew their DBS, whoever if you know your certificate is shortly due to expire and you have not heard from Amanda, please contact the Parish Office and the relevant forms can be sent out to you in preparation for the clinic. the 2 dates of the clinic are Thursday 20th February 6.30pm to 8pm and Saturday 22nd February 4pm to 5pm. At the Jubilee Room at St Monica's Church. feel free to attend either date.

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

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/>

THE SVP would like to thank everyone who responded to the appeal for baby equipment. We had a great response for someone who had virtually nothing. Mum and baby boy are both well, and we will continue to help them. Thank you

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/>

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.

Pilgrims of Hope: Lenten Talks The Diocese of Salford is holding a series of talks this Lent that explores themes of journeying and pilgrimage through the lens of the Jubilee. Each week, the talks will focus on a different person from the Bible to help us better understand how the journey we are called to make this Holy Week year is rooted in scripture. The weekly talks begin on Tuesday 4 March at 11am at Wardley Hall. Contact: joankfmsj@gmail.com or call 0161 971 7842 to find out more.

'Understanding our Everyday Beliefs' Retreat A three-day Lenten retreat is taking place at the Loreto Spirituality Centre In Llandudno in March to help people reflect on our relationship with God and to gain a deeper understanding of our faith. The course explores three core topics: Scripture, the Sacraments, and the Church and will take place between Wednesday 12 March and Saturday 15 March 2025. Further information is available at www.loretocentre.org.uk

Are you aged between 18 and 35 or know someone who is? Our diocesan charity Caritas Diocese of Salford is looking for young adult volunteers to join their governance committee as co-opted members to help shape the charity in the coming months and years. Find out more about how you can help tackle poverty, homelessness, disadvantage, and displacement in our parish communities at www.caritassalford.org.uk/youngadultboard

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2025 Our diocesan pilgrimage office is now taking bookings for its next annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. For more information, prices, and details on how to book, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-pilgrimage-2025> or call 0161 817 2209

THE JUBILEE ROOM is also 25 years old this year, with this in mind "The Bee Good friends family parish group are

going to host a silver jubilee party in the garden in JULY. We will be inviting all the groups that use the room to come together to celebrate and give thanks. **DETAILS TO FOLLOW.** Thanking you Tracy Fagan.



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.

Y	E	R	S	I	N	K	N	I	G	GENNESARET BOATS	FISHERMEN
A	D	A	E	T	H	T	S	E	N	NETS	CROWD SHORE
P	P	E	E	D	E	U	N	S	I	WATER	SINKING KNEES
H	A	T	W	R	B	N	G	E	K	OVERCOME	BANK FELL
T	C	O	E	O	E	A	S	E	N		
A	R	T	A	S	L	O	N	N	I		
C	A	T	A	F	E	L	L	K	S		
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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 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