



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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6th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 16th February 2025



Dear Parishioners,

When I was little, we would often get the overnight ferry to Ireland from Liverpool, and as we made our way we would pass Knotty Ash the home of Ken Dodd and his Diddy Men.

I was thinking of this as I reflected on the Gospel

today pondering that we are no longer "happy" but "blessed" in the new translation.

The old translation is (please don't tell the bishop's) actually more accurate as the word μακάριος (now translated as meaning *blessed*, is actually more precisely translated as the recognition of the existence of happiness, but not any old happiness, but a happiness that comes directly from God, as we are blessed in our relationship with Him, and perhaps through our relationship with each other.

We are happy with God and we are invited to share that happiness with others.

This is the radical and yet social dimension of the Gospel. We share our happiness and we share our blessedness.

Perhaps, that is why I've been thinking of Ken Dodd (and the fact that I have a weird sense of humour) - a man who shared his joy and happiness with others. I wonder if we could make the words of his song our own today?

*Happiness, happiness, the greatest gift that I possess
I thank the Lord that I've been blessed
With more than my share of happiness*

Fr. Kieren



PARISH MASS TIMES

Tue 10.00am	18 SM	Requiem Mass. Owen McKeever
Wed 9.30am	19 SM	Mass
Thu 9.00am	20 EM	Mass
Fri 10.00am	21 SM	Requiem Mass. Nora Marshall
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	22 EM EM SM SM SM	Confession & Adoration Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	23 EM SM SM	7th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass Mass Baptism



FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 14TH MARCH

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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)



RETIRED CLERGY FUND Diocesan Retired Priests' Fund is a vital resource that provides accommodation, care, and support to our clergy during their retirement. There will be a Second Collection on the First Sunday of Lent (9th March).

SILENT RETREAT Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre team for a peaceful day of prayer this February. This one-day Silent Retreat invites you to spend time with the Lord in silent prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, attend outdoor Mass, and explore the beautiful grounds of the Centre. Find out more and register your attendance at <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/silent-retreat>

Jubilee Book Signing Event A special book signing and reading event is due to take place to celebrate the launch of two new books about our diocese by Mgr John Allen - 'A popular history of the Diocese of Salford' and 'Pilgrims of Hope: Out and About in Salford Diocese'. 3 March at 5pm at St Patrick's Church, in Collyhurst. You can book your free place now at www.caritassalford.org.uk/booksigning.

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 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, Owen McKeever, Patrick Kelly, Giuseppe Di Cello, John Morley, Tom Walton

Intention

A special intention, in thanksgiving, safe travels, Anne Neely, Sally McGrory, Joan O'Connor

Anniversaries Masses

Eddie Hanlon, Mary & John Evans, Austin Fergus, Celia Sabelimo

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

John Gibbons, Maureen Boylan, Jenny Marks, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, Pam Clark, Marian Kerrigan, Mary Tunstall, Patrick Rogan, Angela Consideine, 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

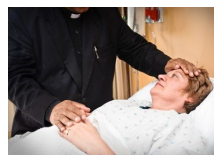


Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Bookings are now being taken for the 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

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.*



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

DIOCESAN BAPTISM POLICY I'm often getting questions regarding baptism. I have provided a summary of the policy on the back of the newsletter. However, can I remind parishioners that only the parent of a child may arrange a baptism. If you regularly attend Mass (practising Catholic - I hate that term) then you don't have to wait 6 weeks, but can immediately book the baptism. If you would like to read the full policy: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Forming-young-people-for-life-Policy-Nov-2016.pdf>

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

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

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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/>

NIFTY 50+ GROUP The next meeting is on Tuesday 18th Feb at 1:00pm in the Jubilee Room at st Monica's, this is a free and easy meeting with the normal bits and bobs, not been before just come along and introduce yourself you will be made most welcome. For the members with confirmed booking for the Sunday Lunch at Davyhulme Golf Club on the 23ed LUNCH IS SERVED AT 2:30PM.

THANK YOU FROM CARITAS Thank you so much to your parishioners who continue to pray for children, families and individuals experiencing poverty, homelessness and disadvantage. We are so very grateful to receive the bank transfer for an incredible £625.00 from your Caritas Sunday collection. Please understand what a help this will be towards our many expenses to support those coming to us for help. As you and your parishioners well know, the need for 'caritas' – love in action - is still great. There are over 333,000 children living in poverty in the geography covered by Caritas Salford's services – which is almost every other child in a classroom in some areas. At the last count in June 2024, there were 419 people sleeping rough over the course of the month and 5,805 households in temporary accommodation, including 8,046 children. And, there are thousands more at risk of losing their home, due to the financial difficulties they are experiencing. We never take your generosity for granted. Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

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

World Day of Prayer - Friday 7th March This year's theme is "I have made you wonderful" based on the words of Psalm 139 and celebrating God's care and attention in our creation. The service, prepared by Christian women of Cooke Island, is being hosted at St Clement's Church on Manor Ave Urmston from 3-5.30pm

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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HUNGRY	ALAS	DENOUNCE



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