



# 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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## 8th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 2nd March 2025

Dear Parishioners,

I'm going to focus on Ash Wednesday on Wednesday, but in this reflection I would like to focus on the day we often misname or even overlook - Shrove Tuesday.

If you are aware of basic history of words and European culture, you will know (or should know) that the word shrove comes from the German word *schreib* which means to scrape and refers to the tradition of going to the sacrament of Confession (where you are scraped clean) as the wonderful season of Lent begins.

Shrove Tuesday marks the initial call to conversion and repentance as Lent begins, and that the beginning of such a process starts with the reminder that we all need to repent and confess our sins.

So where do the pancakes come from?

Lent is a season for fasting, and during Lent it was discouraged to eat eggs and dairy - this led to a mass cupboard clear out on Shrove Tuesday. Rather than waste the food, they were brought together ... hence the simple pancake!

I enjoy pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, and I like to keep them plain and simple - just a little sugar and lemon, or if I'm being fancy a Scotch pancake with a dollop of Strawberry jam, and then I'm ready to begin Lent.

I wonder how do you eat yours?

Are you ready to enter the season of lent?

God Bless

*Fr. Kieren*



### PARISH MASS TIMES

<b>Tue</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>4</b> <b>EM</b>	Mass	Shrove Tuesday
<b>Wed</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>5</b> <b>SM</b>	Mass	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>OL</b>	Service with Ashes	
<b>1.30pm</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>EM</b> <b>EM</b>	Mass Mass	
<b>Thu</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>6</b> <b>EM</b>	Mass	
<b>Fri</b> <b>7.30am</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>7</b> <b>EM</b> <b>SM</b>	Mass Requiem Mass Catherine Loftus	
<b>Sat</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>5.00pm</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	<b>08</b> <b>EM</b> <b>EM</b> <b>SM</b> <b>SM</b>	Adoration & Confession Mass Confession Vigil Mass	
<b>Sun</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	<b>09</b> <b>EM</b> <b>SM</b>	Mass Mass	<b>1st Sunday of Lent</b>





## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024 - 2025

### CHILDRENS CATECHESIS

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

- ◆ Sat/Sun 10th/11th May
- ◆ Sat/Sun 17th/18th May

### PARENT CATECHESIS

Catechesis on Thursday 6.30pm (PC)

- ◆ 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

## FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 14TH MARCH

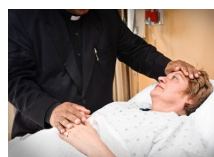


### NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Have you made your 1st Holy Communion? Would you like to join our crack and highly trained team of Altar Servers?

If so, get your parents to email Fr. K and he will forward your information to Michael to begin your training!

**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.*



## GETTING READY FOR LENT

It is always important to begin to prepare ourselves for this great season, below are some liturgies that will be taking place.

### From the 1st Sunday of Lent:

7.30am Mass every Friday in Lent (English Martyrs')

6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday in Lent (English Martyrs')

12.00pm Stations every Wednesday in Lent (St. Monica's)

3.00pm Stations every Friday in lent (English Martyrs')



## 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 March**



## Mass Intentions

### Lately Dead

*Requiescat in pace*

Jean Watson, Carol Varley

### Intention

A special intention, in thanksgiving, Kathleen McLoughlin, Philip McLoughlin, Kieran Halliwell, Mary Ann Monks

### Anniversaries Masses

Michael Carr, Ted Carr, Charles Doherty, May Mulvihill, Bill Lee, Jonathan Cawley

## 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>

**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** There are 12 aspiring volunteers that will be going to Lourdes this year from our Impact! group. The trip is a chance for them to strengthen their faith and learn the true meaning of empathy. The cost per person is £669.00 but we are hoping to subsidise the cost. On Saturday the 5th April we will be holding an 80's night, tickets are £20 for adults and £10 for children (16 and under) there will be food, entertainment and fancy dress is mandatory. It looks like a fabulous night so please support us and come along. If you would like tickets please use the QR code for our JustGiving page and make sure you put your name and the number of tickets required. Thank you for your support



**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 can be purchased from the Caritas: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/pilgrimbook](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/pilgrimbook) and [www.caritassalford.org.uk/historybook](http://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/>

**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).

**LENT WALK WITH ME BOOKS** are now available at the back of both churches. Please make £1 donation if possible.

**Diocesan Synod: The End of the Journey** On Saturday, clergy and lay synod members gathered to vote on the 40 recommendations that will form our Pastoral Plan to guide our diocese in the years to come. To find out more about the process, the recommendations, and results, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diocesan-synod-end-of-the-journey>

**NIFTY 50+ Group** next meeting is on Tuesday 4th March at 1:00pm in the Jubilee room at St Monica's, a free and easy with all the bits and bobs for an enjoyable afternoon. We are looking for new members, if you have an interest just come along and introduce yourself for a warm welcome from the group.

**The Prayer group** will meet in the Jubilee again starting on Tuesday 4th March. 7- 9pm.

**'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 12th March and Saturday 15 March 2025. Further information is available at [www.loretocentre.org.uk](http://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](http://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

**Primary ECT Pool 2025** Are you looking for a career in teaching? Do you know someone who is training for a career in primary education? ECT (Early Career Teachers) due to gain Qualified Teacher Status in Summer 2025 are being invited to apply for recommendation for interview to Catholic schools with vacancies for September 2025. Email [millie.burton@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:millie.burton@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) to find out more and apply or call 0161 817 220.

**Annual St Joseph's Technical High School Reunion Mass** The reunion will take place on Saturday 22nd March 2025 at St Bernard's RC Church, Burnage. Mass begins at 12 noon, with opportunity for confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11am. Please arrive by 11.30am to sign in. Refreshments will be available in the parish hall after Mass.

**This Lent, will you make a change to change a life?** Whether you're making a change to your diet, fasting, amending your behaviour or adapting your thoughts and focus...as you pray, fast and give this Lent, the change you're making could also help change lives in your local area. If you're able to make a donation or support in another way, you can find out more here: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/SJP](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/SJP) Thank you.

## 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 2025) will be invited from the beginning of May 2025 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 2025) 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 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