



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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2nd Sunday of Lent - 16th March 2025



Dear Parishioners,

It probably won't surprise many of you, but I've been thinking a lot about St. Patrick this week, and ensuring that I have some shamrock for Monday.

Maybe this weekend some of you will be participating in the parade in Town - after Mass (I personally think that to become more inclusive in the future the planning

committee needs to invite the Nigerian community who also share St. Patrick as their Patron Saint).


There is a story associated with Patrick, that one Lent he climbed Cruachán Aigle now called Croagh Patrick, and spent 40 days in prayer and reflection imitating Jesus' time in the desert. I wonder if it was here that he began to compose his *confessio* "I declare that I, Patrick — an unlearned sinner indeed"

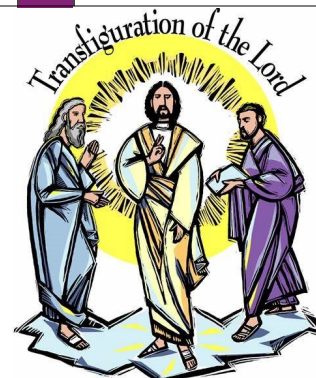
In the Gospel, Jesus and 3 of His friends climb a mountain, and on its peak Peter, John and James will be shown (although they won't fully understand) who Jesus really is; the fulfilment of the prophets and the completion of the Law, on that mountain peak they come face to face with God Himself.

During Lent, like Patrick we too are invited to recognise our sinfulness and littleness before God, but also like the apostles we are invited to begin to recognise the face of God in that of Jesus. By recognising God we will begin to recognise that no matter how great our sins or how little we are, God (Jesus) has a great Passion, a great love for me and for you. St. Patrick knew that love and experience God's forgiveness and mercy and if we travel with Jesus through Lent, so will we.

Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhuit

Fr. Kieren

			PARISH MASS TIMES
Tue	18		
9.30am	EM		Mass
Wed	19		St. Joseph - Solemnity
9.30am	SM		Mass
Thu	20		
9.30am	EM		Mass
6.00pm	EM		Adoration
Fri	21		
7.30am	EM		Mass
8.30am	SA		Mass
Noon	SM		Stations of the Cross
3.00pm	EM		Stations of the Cross
Sat	22		
10.00am	EM		Adoration & Confession
11.00am	EM		Mass
5.00pm	SM		Confession
5.30pm	SM		Vigil Mass
Sun	23		3rd Sunday of Lent
9.30am	EM		Mass
11.30am	SM		Mass
1.30pm	SM		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 10th/11th May
- ◆ Sat/Sun 17th/18th May

PARENT CATECHESIS

Catechesis on Thursday 6.30pm (PC)

- ◆ 8th May
- ◆ 22nd May

CELEBRATION LITURGY/MASSES

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

New Tax Year, Offertory Envelopes.

The new Offertory Envelopes are available from the back of both churches. Please look for your name and address.

If you are unable to find your Envelopes, contact the Parish office.

These new envelopes start from 6th April 2025. Do not start using them before this date, as your current number may have changed.

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office, during office hours. Thank You Amanda.



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!

POPE FRANCIS 2025 LENTEN MESSAGE

"This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Let us ask ourselves in the presence of the Lord whether, as bishops, priests, consecrated persons and laity in the service of the Kingdom of God, we cooperate with others. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance."



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

Philomena Spencer, David Clarkson, Bernard Crowe, Florence Azukike, Maureen Morley

Intention

A special intention, in thanksgiving,

Anniversaries Masses

Bill Lee, Judith Lee, Esther Froggatt, Anne & Michael Hanlon, Agnes Cawley

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

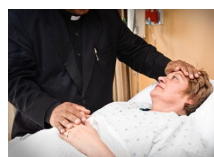


Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Bookings are now being taken for the 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

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.*





EASTER EGG HUNT all children are welcome to join in the Easter Egg hunt to be held in the garden at St. Monica's (weather permitting) after 11.30am Mass on Easter Sunday, don't worry eggs will also be available after the 9.30am Mass. If you would like to donate any small eggs for the hunt, please leave them at the back of either church. From the Children's church team.



IMPACT GROUP & LOURDES We desperately need your support! 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 transfer monies to Impact, sort code 01-09-02 account number 67211585 stating surname and number of tickets required or go to our JustGiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/impact-lourdes> and again make sure you put your name and the number of tickets required. If you are not tech-savvy then the kids will be selling tickets after each mass on the weekend of 21st March. Thank you for your support as always

LENTEN DEANERY STATION MASS there will be a Mass held at St. John's Church (Chorlton) on Thursday 10th April (7.30pm). There will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on that evening.



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/>

Loreto College Vacancy Loreto Sixth Form Catholic College is seeking to appoint a teacher of Core Religious Education and Chaplaincy Support. Core RE has centrally planned resources and is not an examined subject. Therefore, there are no formal assessments and no significant marking commitments. As a Core RE teacher, your unique role will be to develop students spiritually, ethically and theologically. <https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies/>

Lenten Day Retreat The Parish of Our Lady of Hope in Salford is hosting a Day Retreat to help us prepare and reflect during this season of Lent. Taking place at Ss Peter and Paul RC Church, the retreat will include time for Adoration, praise and worship, with talks from guest speakers John Hesketh and Daniella Stephens. The retreat takes place on Saturday 29 March, 10am - 4pm. Lunch will be provided.

READERS FOR HOLY WEEK as we begin the Season of Lent I invite all our wonderful readers to touch base with the coordinators and consider volunteering to read during Holy Week.



GETTING YOUR FEET WASHED DURING THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER would you like to have your feet washed. It is a privilege as a priest to imitate Our Lord during this Mass (17th April) and wash the feet of parishioners. Will you share this privilege? If so please speak to Fr. K

ASSISI MEETING I'm sorry that this meeting seems so far away, but it is the only evening I am literally free. If you are joining me in Assisi please come to meeting on Wednesday 2nd April (6.30pm) in English Martyrs' Church.

NIFTY 50's The next meeting for the group is on Tuesday 18th March at 1:00pm in the Jubilee room at St Monica's, this is a Free and Easy afternoon with the added attraction of a Cream Bun to break your diet. Not been before just come along and introduce yourself for a guaranteed warm welcome. The next trip out for the group is to the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool followed by lunch in a City Restaurant, if any parishioner is interested in joining the group on the Trip then please contact Cec 07434647062 as we have a number of spaces available.

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

Jubilee of Hope - Pilgrimage Walks of Prayer

Join one of the six designated churches in our diocese for a prayerful pilgrimage opportunity in celebration of the holy year of Jubilee. St Alban's RC Church in Blackburn is holding two pilgrimage walks this March. The first takes place at 2pm on Saturday 22 March and the second takes place at 12.30pm on Sunday 23rd March, following the 11.15am Sunday Mass. All are welcome to attend!

Mass for People who are Sick and People with Caring Responsibilities A special Mass to mark the Jubilee for People who are Sick and People with Caring Responsibilities will be taking place on Saturday 5 April. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop John, will also include an opportunity for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Mass begins at 2pm at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church.

Diocesan Youth Ministry Pilgrimages Our diocesan youth ministry team is organising two fantastic pilgrimage opportunities, led by Bishop John, for young people in Years 7, 8, and 9. The first pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 3 May with a pilgrimage to Walsingham, in conjunction with our main diocesan pilgrimage. The second is a pilgrimage to The Holy Island of Lindisfarne, taking place between 20-22 June. Find out more and register at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/ministry/prayer-and-pilgrimage>

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 to find out more and apply or call 0161 817 220.

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"
(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 aged 7 or over they are treated as an adult and must follow an adapted RCIA programme.

To read the full diocesan policy:
<https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Forming-young-people-for-life-Policy-Nov-2016.pdf>

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JESUS	PETER	JAMES
JOHN	MOUNTAIN	FACE
SUN	MOSES	ELIJAH
TENTS	CLOUD	SHADOW



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