



# 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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## 3rd Sunday of Lent - 23 March 2025



Dear Parishioners,

I'm not the greatest fan of figs, in fact I usually associate them with the Christmas season (Figgy pudding), although as a kid I did enjoy fig rolls.

In the Middle East, I suppose figs are the go to fruit, abundantly available, a little like the humble apple is over here, although I'm pretty sure that they don't produce fig cider (or I hope not!)

If you have ever looked after fruit trees, you will know that sadly not all of them bear fruit, some start off well but after a few year fall barren, and there is nothing more to do than dig out the tree and begin again.

In Lent, we are those fruit trees - God's orchard if you like. During this harvest (Lenten) season we are invited to look deeply and honestly at our lives and ask whether you and I are bearing fruit.

You may be asking how you may know if you are bearing fruit, well here are three questions to consider:

- Are we growing in our faith?
- Are we living and sharing the Gospel?
- Are we regularly encountering Jesus in prayer and in the Sacraments (especially the Mass)?

If we can answer yes to the above, then we can be sure that we are bearing much juicy fruit, and if the answer is no, then Lent becomes an opportunity to begin again!

God Bless

*Fr. Kieren*



### PARISH MASS TIMES

<b>Tue</b> <b>9.30am</b>	<b>25</b> <b>EM</b>	Mass	The Annunciation
<b>Wed</b> <b>10.00am</b>	<b>26</b> <b>SM</b>	Requiem Mass Philomena Spencer	
<b>Thu</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>6.00pm</b>	<b>27</b> <b>EM</b> <b>EM</b>	Mass Adoration	
<b>Fri</b> <b>7.30am</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>Noon</b> <b>3.00pm</b>	<b>28</b> <b>EM</b> <b>SM</b> <b>SM</b> <b>EM</b>	Mass Mass Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross	
<b>Sat</b> <b>10.00am</b> <b>11.00am</b> <b>5.00pm</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	<b>29</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>1.30pm</b>	<b>30</b> <b>EM</b> <b>SM</b> <b>SM</b>	Mass Mass Baptism	<b>4th 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

#### 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!

### CLEANER WANTED

Part-time, Permanent Working hours: 3 hours per week THE PARISH CENTRE : £12.60 per hour, 25 holidays, plus statutory bank holidays and 5 Diocesan closure days (Pro-rata for part time employees) The Parish of St John Henry Newman are looking for a cleaner to maintain a clean, tidy, hygienic environment and efficiently run the Parish centre. The post holder will be charged with the responsibility for achieving and maintaining the highest standards of cleanliness in areas reasonably designated by the Parish Priest. The ideal candidate may have previous experience in a cleaning role. They will have an awareness and understanding of health & safety requirements and be able to apply this when undertaking the role as cleaner. The Diocese of Salford is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. The post-holder will be expected to contribute to a positive culture of safeguarding within the organisation. All employees of the Diocese are expected to work to promote the safeguarding of vulnerable groups. Policies and Procedures <http://www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/national-safeguarding-standards/national-safeguarding-policy>. If you have any queries about the role: [HR@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:HR@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or call the HR department on 0161 817 2219

### 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,

### Intention

A special intention, in thanksgiving, Nigel Boylan, Patricia McCullough, Patrick O'Shea, Richard O'Shea

### Anniversaries Masses

Kathleen Cremin, Danny Piercy, Linda Whitehouse, Catherine Burke

### 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

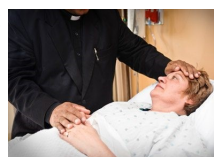


Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Bookings are now being taken for the 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

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

**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.

**BUILDING UPDATE** please note that repair work will begin in English Martyrs' Church on 12th May (hopefully for only 2 weeks). This will not affect Sunday Mass (or any booked baptisms), however all weekday Masses during the period of repair will be celebrated at St. Monica's.

**Thank you from Caritas Salford** to everyone who has already supported our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, during this year's Lent campaign. Services have continued to increase, and all of your prayers, kindness and generosity make a huge difference to the lives of people in our parish communities. To find out more about ways Caritas helps local people or to make a donation or support in another ways this Lent or beyond, visit [www.caritassalford.org.uk](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk)

**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.

**SVP Appeal.** We are looking to help a young family who have lost a lot of household items following a flood in their home. They need things like bedding, cutlery, crockery, soft furnishings, etc. If you are able to help at all, please contact our Parish SVP team on 074952 51598. Thank you for your continued support

**The Prayer group** meets in the Jubilee Room every Tuesday 4 March. 7- 9pm.

**Stations of the Cross at Laudato Si' Centre** Providing a serene setting for prayer and meditation, each station will have an ecological reflection and quotes from Pope Francis' Laudato Si' encyclical. All are welcome to join one of two sessions on Friday 11 April. Find out more and register at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lsc-stations-apr-25>

**Lourdes Diocesan Youth Group** Are you a young person looking to take part in a pilgrimage this year? Do you want to make new friends, build community, and grow in your faith together as a pilgrim of hope? Why not join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes between 30th July to 7th August? Cost per person is £669, including travel by coach, hotel accommodation, and all meals. Young people can join one of three age groups made up of young pilgrims from across the diocese: 13-15 (aspiring volunteers), 16-17, and 18+. For more information or to register, please email [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk).

**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.

**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.

**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.

## 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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## 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