



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 Pascha 2025




Dear Parishioners,

It has been a strange week. Although the death of Pope Francis wasn't unexpected, it took us all by surprise; especially as we witnessed him, in his obvious frail condition fulfilled his Petrine ministry as he proclaimed the truth and reality of the Resurrection.

Suddenly, we discovered how important our Catholic faith is, as literally the whole world stopped and focused on Rome. However, as the world focused on the Vatican, the Church in this Easter Octave continued to focus (liturgically at least) on the empty; on the One proclaimed by the successor of Peter. In this Easter season I am sure that Pope Francis would be shaking his head as we focused on him, rather than Him who is the Resurrection.

In the Gospel today, Thomas meets the Risen Lord, and through that encounter his faith is renewed and he spontaneously declares "my Lord and my God". I'm pretty sure that when Pope Francis stands before Jesus, he will certainly say the same. As Francis himself spoke in his first year of his papacy: *We believe in the Risen One who conquered evil and death! Let us have the courage to "come out of ourselves" to take this joy and this light to all the places of our life! The Resurrection of Christ is our greatest certainty; he is our most precious treasure! How can we not share this treasure, this certainty with others? It is not only for us, it is to be passed on, to be shared with others. Our testimony is precisely this.*

On this Sunday of Easter may we, like Pope Francis pass on and share this truth.

|  | | PARISH MASS TIMES |
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| Tue 9.30am | 29 EM | St. Catherine of Siena NO Mass |
| Wed 9.30am | 30 SM | Easter Weekday NO Mass |
| Thu 9.30am | 01 EM | Easter Weekday NO Mass |
| Fri 9.30am | 02 SM | St. Athanasius NO Mass |
| Sat 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 5.30pm | 03 EM EM SM SM | Ss. Philip & James NO Confession & Adoration NO Mass Confession Vigil Mass |
| Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm | 04 EM SM EM | 3rd Sunday of Easter Mass Mass Baptism |

Alleluia!
May God
Bless
you all.
Fr. Kieren



As a Parish family, we will crown the statue of Our Lady during the 9.30am & 11.30am Masses on Sunday 18th May



Mass Intentions

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

Micheal Donnelly (6), Josie Behan, Carmel Williams, Dave Moore, Bernard Swift

Intention

A special intention, in thanksgiving, Margaret Martin, Lydia Sicking

Anniversaries Masses

Michael and Anne Hanlon

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

John Gibbons, Maureen Boylan, Jenny Marks, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, Marian Kerrigan, Mary Tunstall, 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, Leo Turnbull, Anne Turnbull, Jo Orford, Tom Parry, Mary Doolan

Names cannot be published without consent of the individual.

Masses are published as they are received.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION at the last Deanery Conference, it was noted by the Clergy that the Diocese since the pandemic has not provided any updated guidance regarding the role of EMHC. If I discover how to create another day in the week I hope to offer some training after the summer.

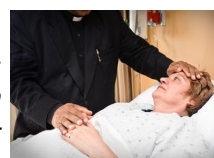
In the mean time - can I just thank you all as the points below are a lot of Do Not's - it was suggested that EMHC are reminded of the following:

1. Ministry is restricted to within the boundaries of the Parish to which you are commissioned. You should not cross Parish and especially Diocesan boundaries (or enter hospitals) as you are NOT a EMHC outside the Parish.
2. If you have been commissioned in the Hospital (Trafford) your ministry is similarly limited, and unless you are commissioned also within the Parish your ministry cannot be exercised.
3. If you are bringing the Blessed Sacrament to the sick, you must always receive the sacrament from Parish you are commissioned in.
4. You should not remove the Blessed Sacrament from the Tabernacle without informing the Parish Priest.
5. When offering a blessing, do not bless with the Host.
6. All EMHC must have a valid DBS. If your DBS is no longer in date you must cease exercising your ministry until your DBS can be renewed.



During the Easter Season why not visit the cinema and learn more about the Easter Story?

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!! HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY CARE 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.*



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

Holy Communion Mass SM

14th June (Noon) St. Monica's Church

Holy Communion Mass OLOR

21st June (Noon) St. Monica's Church

Holy Communion Mass EM

28th June (Noon) St. Monica's Church

THERE WILL BE NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEKEND DUE TO THE PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI



Book of Condolences A Book of Condolence has been placed in the cathedral's temporary church for people to pay their respects. Prayer cards should be available for this weekend's Masses.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION 2025-2026 the new programme will begin after the Summer. I would like to invite parents of children currently in Year 2 to an Introductory Meeting on Wednesday 11th June (6.15pm) in the Parish Centre (Davyhulme Road).



CAN YOU HELP? as you are all aware sadly most if not all the banks in Urmston have closed or are closing. This makes getting "coin bags" difficult as the Post Office only offers a limited number. If you have any coin bags at home and would like to get rid of them please pass them on to Fr. K.



EASTER WATER Throughout the Easter Octave and Easter Season do not forget to collect some Easter Water. This Easter water may be taken home to bless the house, as well as Easter food.

REQUIEM MASS OF JOSIE BEHAN will take place at English Martyrs' church on Friday 9th May (10.00am).

ENVELOPES If you haven't collected your envelopes they have been moved to the Parish Office, please contact Amanda directly to arrange pick up.

PRO-LIFE COFFEE MORNING AND Q&A WITH THE MARCH FOR LIFE TEAM AND SPECIAL GUEST, RACHEL MACKENZIE Come along to a pro-life themed coffee morning in the hall of Salford Cathedral on Saturday 10th May after the 10am Mass. For further details contact info@marchforlife.co.uk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will return on the 3rd NEXT WEEK-END. Many thanks to all the volunteers that enables this wonderful ministry. If you would like to join the team please speak to Fr. K and info can be passed onto coordinators.

A STRANGE REQUEST does anybody know where I can purchase industrial weedkiller? I would like to "weed" the gravel sides and front of St. Monica's and also the front and carpark of English Martyrs'. If you can help could you email Amanda next week or speak to Fr. K when he gets back from Assisi?

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell Join us for a prayerful pilgrimage this summer as we visit Our Lady's shrine at Ladyewell. Situated on the doorstep of our diocese, this day pilgrimage presents a wonderful opportunity to take up the Jubilee call to pilgrimage without travelling too far away from home. The pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 28th June. For more information and to register, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ladyewell-pilgrimage-2025>

Mass to Celebrate Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? Join us on Tuesday 3rd June at 7pm at St Bernadette's in Whitefield. Couples celebrating a Jubilee Wedding Anniversary during this Holy Year of Jubilee are invited to join us for this special celebration and to acknowledge this wonderful Sacrament. Friends and family are welcome and everyone is invited to join for refreshments after Mass. Email: formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Two-Child Benefit Cap Survey Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) has recently launched a lived experience survey to better understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap on Catholic families in England and Wales and to explore how parishes are supporting families in need. Your responses will contribute to a short report/briefing, and insights gathered will inform further advocacy work to support families affected by the cap, as well as other financial hardship. You can find the survey here: <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey/>

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 7.00pm

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