



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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5th Sunday of Lent - 6th April 2025



Dear Parishioners,
Sometimes in the safety of our secular Western bubble, we forget that in many parts of the world the sin of adultery is often still punished, and sadly violently.


However, I have noticed that although it takes two to tango, it is often the woman who faces such punishment alone.

In the Gospel today, Jesus does not justify sin, in fact He instructs the woman to later go and sin no more, but in this moment He reminds a sinful woman (and through her me and you) that she (and us) does not stand alone and abandoned by God even though through our own actions we have strayed away from Him.

As we slowly move towards the end of the Lenten Season, we should now be more aware of God (Jesus) being close to us. Despite our actions, weakness and sin, God will never abandon us. But be there with us to raise us up, in that moment (very often) that we fall down. "Neither do I condemn you ... go away and sin no more!"

God Bless

Fr. Kieren

		PARISH MASS TIMES	
Tue 9.30am	08 EM	Mass	
Wed 9.30am	09 SM	Mass	
Thu 9.30am 6.00pm	10 EM EM	Mass Adoration	
Fri 7.30am 9.30am Noon 3.00pm	11 EM SM SM EM	Mass Mass Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross	
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 5.30pm	12 EM EM SM SM	Adoration & Confession Mass Confession Vigil Mass	
Sun 9.30am 11.30am	13 EM SM	Mass Mass	PALM SUNDAY
Tue 9.30am	15 EM	Mass	
Thu 7.00pm	17 EM	Mass of the Lord's Supper	MAUNDY THURSDAY
Fri 10.00am 3.00pm	18 SM SM	Stations of the Cross The Passion	GOOD FRIDAY
Sat 7.30pm	19 EM	Lucenarium & Easter Vigil	HOLY SATURDAY

The Sacred Triduum:

Why we celebrate - A Journey to the Heart of the Catholic Faith

The Sacred Triduum is the core of the Catholic faith, the holiest moment of the liturgical year, when the Church commemorates the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. These three days—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday—are not merely a series of ancient rituals, but an invitation to immerse ourselves in the deepest mystery of our salvation. In a world that often seems distant from the transcendent, the Sacred Triduum reminds us that God's love is as real today as it was two thousand years ago.

The Sacred Triduum has its roots in the very life of Jesus and in the early Christian communities.

From the first centuries, Christians began to celebrate in a special way the final days of Christ's earthly life. Saint Augustine, in the 4th century, already spoke of the Triduum as a sacred time in which "Christ suffered, rested in the tomb, and rose again."

Holy Thursday: The Sacred Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. This day commemorates the Last Supper, where Jesus instituted the Eucharist and the Priesthood. It is a moment of profound gratitude and awe: in the humility of bread and wine, Christ becomes truly and substantially present. Holy Thursday also invites us to reflect on humble service, represented in the washing of the feet. In a world marked by competition and selfishness, this gesture of Jesus reminds us that true greatness lies in loving and serving others.

Good Friday: The Church falls silent, and the faithful unite themselves to Christ in His Passion. The liturgy of this day is austere but deeply moving: the Passion according to Saint John is proclaimed, the Cross is venerated, and Communion is received with hosts consecrated the night before. Good Friday challenges us to face human suffering head-on and to find in the Cross of Christ a profound meaning for our own pain. In a world that often seeks to avoid suffering at all costs, the Cross teaches us that the greatest love is to give one's life for others.

Holy Saturday: The Easter Vigil: This celebration begins in darkness, symbolising chaos and sin, but is soon illuminated by the new fire and the singing of the "Exsultet," which proclaims Christ's victory over death. The Easter Vigil is a journey through salvation history, from Creation to the Resurrection. It is a reminder that, despite the darkness that may surround us, the light of Christ is stronger. The Vigil reminds us that, although evil may seem to have the last word, Christ's Resurrection assures us that love and life will triumph. Now more than ever, we need to live the Sacred Triduum not as mere spectators, but as active participants in the mystery of our redemption.

This means bringing the selfless love of Holy Thursday, the compassion of Good Friday, and the hope of Holy Saturday into our families, communities, and societies.

The Sacred Triduum is not just a remembrance of the past, but a living reality that transforms us here and now. It is an invitation to enter into the mystery of Christ, to die with Him so as to rise to new life. I invite you to let the liturgy speak to you, let the sacred gestures move you, and let the Word of God transform you.

In these three holy days, heaven touches earth, and we are invited to be part of this story of eternal love.

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.*



Mass Intentions

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

Alan Hodson, Sean Mannion,

Intention

A special intention, in thanksgiving, Bradley Roberts (birthday), Paddy & Marie Brady

Anniversaries Masses

George Webster, Eugene McLoughlin, Mary Caine

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

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



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.

COELIAC HOSTS if you receive a coeliac host and will be attending the Good Friday Passion liturgy could you let Fr. Kieren know before Maundy Thursday so that specific hosts may be consecrated during the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

RETIRING COLLECTION please note that after the Good Friday Passion liturgy there will be a retiring collection for the Christian community in the Holy Land.

EASTER FLOWERS I know that (especially since 1st April) we will all be beginning to feel the pinch. But if you would like to make a donation towards "Easter Flowers" please put in an envelope and either pass on to Fr. K or place it in the collection basket.

DIOCESAN SYNOD I am grateful for the positive discernment in our Diocesan Synod, which produced valuable recommendations for the future of our Diocese. Mgr John Dale has accepted the role of Episcopal Vicar for Synodality, and the implementation work is beginning. Parish Priests have been asked to nominate individuals with expertise in the four recommendation categories: "Community and Outreach," "Leadership and Collaboration," "Spirituality and Formation," and "Young People and Schools," so that we can build a vision and direction, and share best practice, for our future. And for this continuing work, let us pray, "Stay with us, Lord, on our Journey." Bishop John. Further updates will be provided as we continue on the implementation.

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

New Tax Year, Offertory Envelopes. If you haven't already collected your box, 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.



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

ALTAR SERVERS FOR THE TRIDUUM can all Altar Servers check with their families regarding availability for the Triduum. Please confirm with Fr. K. Rehearsals with Michael are as follows: Holy Thursday - Wednesday 16th at 6.30pm in EM., Good Friday - Friday 18th at 9am practice at St M. Holy Saturday - Saturday 19th at 10am in EM.

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

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.

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.

CAFOD (the Catholic Agency For Overseas Development) has shared details of its Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. Funds raised for this appeal will provide much-needed water, food, solar lights, mosquito nets and water purification tablets to those devastated by this disaster. Your generosity will extend far and wide and will help the Catholic Church in Myanmar bring comfort and relief to families who are in urgent need. Visit cafod.org.uk/myanmar to find out more and donate.

Caritas Salford E-newsletter Did you know that Caritas, our diocesan charity, now has a monthly e-newsletter providing updates, free resources, news and event details, plus much more? To begin to receive it, visit: <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/newsletter/>

Mercy in the Holy Year The Diocese of Salford has produced a number of resources to help us learn more about the theme of mercy and reconciliation in the Jubilee Year, including an FAQ sheet on Plenary Indulgences. To find out more, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/plenary-indulgences>

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>

Only the woman and Jesus remained there: misery and mercy, face to face. And how often this happens to us when we stop before the confessional, with shame, to show our misery and ask forgiveness.

"Woman, where are they?" (v. 10), Jesus says to her. This statement, and his gaze full of mercy, full of love, were enough to make this person feel — perhaps for the first time — that she has dignity, that she is not her sin, that she has dignity as a person; that she can change her life, that she can leave behind her slavery and begin to walk down a new path.

Pope Francis

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.
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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
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