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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Ss. Peter & Paul 2025

Dear Parishioners,

I thinking that we know actually very little about St. Peter.

St, Paul produced all this wonderful letters, correcting and affirming the early faithful. The letters associated with Peter are generally believed by scholars to have been influenced by his teaching but actually not written by him (I personally still believe there is an argument to support the authorship of 1 Peter).

What we do know is that both Peter and Paul accepted the radical invitation to give up everything (including family) to follow Jesus and proclaim the Gospel, often arriving in places that didn't want to go.

In giving up everything, for Jesus, they found themselves thousands of miles away from their homeland and surrounded by strangers.

Why?

Jesus changed their lives, and in Him they both encountered the living God, as Peter declares in John's Gospel to whom else would they turn, He (Jesus) is ETERNAL LIFE.

In meeting Jesus, they cannot contain themselves, they must share the good news with all that they meet, again following the words of Jesus "Go out into the world and proclaim the Good News"



PARISH WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change due to Weddings & Funerals

Tue	**01**	
10.00am	**SM**	Requiem Mass Sean Comiskey
Wed	**02**	
9.30am	**SM**	Mass
Thu	**03**	St. Thomas
10.00am	**EM**	Requiem Mass Bridget Brand
Fri	**04**	
9.30am	**SM**	Mass
1.00pm	**EM**	Wedding - Marie & Andrew
Sat	**05**	
10.00am	**EM**	Adoration & Confession
11.00am	**EM**	Mass
1.00pm	**SM**	Baptism
5.00pm	**SM**	Confession
5.30pm	**SM**	Vigil Mass
Sun	**06**	14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
9.30am	**EM**	Mass
11.30am	**SM**	Mass
1.30pm	**EM**	Baptism

On this great Solemnity, let us ponder how Jesus has changed us, are we not after all meeting in the Eucharist, the Divine One who transformed both Peter and Paul?

Is He not also calling out to you and I to follow and proclaim Him, even if it means leaving our comfort zones?

Fr.K

"I warn you not to be ordinary, I warn you not to be young, I warn you not to fall ill, and I warn you not to grow old."

Neil, Lord Kinnock, 1983

These words came to mind after Parliament voted firstly to decriminalise abortion and later in the week for Assisted death - especially noting that our local MP voted for both.

Now I'm not into scaremongering, and I think that some prolife voices have contributed to promoting an extremely fearful position, this does not help the prolife cause. In decriminalising abortion, without any scrutiny or prolonged parliamentary debate the proposed law, which will not to extend abortion rights beyond 24 weeks (in most European countries this is limited to 14 weeks), but rather ensure that any mother who procures an abortion beyond that time would not be prosecuted. However those who enable (doctors etc) that abortion to occur will and should be prosecuted. (I am willing to be corrected if my understanding is wrong)

What is the danger then? The danger as I understand is that women who are desperate or coerced (if the baby is a girl or disabled, if marriages and relationships are strained or breaking down) may seek unscrupulous and unsafe options (backstreet!) that would not only terminate the life of the unborn but also place the life of the mother at risk. I fear that Parliament may in the future then use this as a justification to legalise abortion up to birth; which is abhorrent!

"A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members."

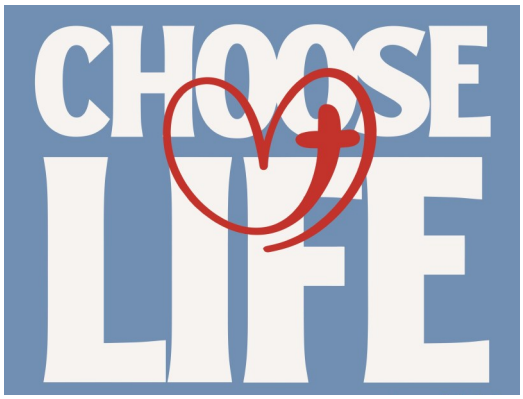
So said Pope John Paul II, words we should hold to heart as I now turn to the subject of "assisted death".

This horrifies me the most, as throughout parliamentary scrutiny and debate amendment after amendment designed to protect the most vulnerable were voted down, even the expert opinions by medical and palliative care professionals and those who represent the disabled were deliberately ignored.

In my opinion that is not good enough, and we should expect more from our elected representatives, hopefully the unelected house will show more wisdom and compassion when reviewing the bill!

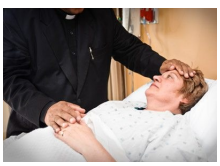
This isn't a rant, and I don't mean to cause upset, but this is an opportunity to remind you that as Catholics we have a responsibility to speak for and up for the voiceless, the smallest and the weakest.

We have a responsibility to protect their value, dignity and worth, even when our society chooses not too.



JUDE ANDERTON - MEMORIAL CUP will be held on 6th July (12pm-6pm) at Flixton Cricket Club, all are welcome #bemorejude

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

Julie Burgess, Molly Rooney, Michael Byrne

Intention

A special intention, in thanksgiving,

Anniversaries Masses

Marie Piercy

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

John Gibbons, Maureen Boylan, Jenny Marks, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, Marian Kerrigan, Mary Tunstall, Angela Considine, Sheila Clegg, Andrew Roche, Anne Smyth, 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, Michael Rice, Margaret Barker, Paul Hales

Names cannot be published without consent of the individual. Masses are published as they are received.

MARIAN HYMN The Church will be singing the following until the beginning of Advent, many of us know it as the "Hail Holy Queen", give it a go and perhaps you too can sing with the Pope!

Salve Regina, mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes, in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos, ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025-2026 enrolment forms for the programme are now available after all Sunday (including Saturday Vigil) Masses. **Please note that there are now NO places available on the Sunday catechesis cohort and that all children will now be enrolled onto the Saturday catechesis.**

CEMETERY MASS We're delighted to announce the return of our annual Cemetery Mass — the first since before the pandemic — a special opportunity to come together in faith and remember our loved ones who have gone before us. Mass will be celebrated at 12 noon on Monday 25th August, outside the Roman Catholic Chapel in Southern cemetery. Please note that seating will not be provided, so do bring a chair if you require one. In the event of poor weather, Mass will be celebrated in St Ambrose Church. All are warmly invited to join us for this meaningful occasion of remembrance and prayer.

JUBILEE ROOM 25 YEAR CELEBRATION Do you use the Jubilee room? Come along and join in the fun! The celebration will be hosted by 'Bee Good Friends'. Sunday 6th July 3-6pm. Picnic in St Monica's garden to celebrate 25 years of the Jubilee room. An afternoon of fun:

- Archery
- Axe throwing
- Giant Jenga
- Basketball shooting
- Penalty shoot out
- Music and entertainment
- Raffle to support the SVP

Bring your own chair/blanket and picnic Tea, coffee and juice will be provided

APF Red Box. There is a box at the back of each church for you to put you Red Mission boxes for emptying. Your box will be emptied and returned to the back of church the following week. Please ensure your name and address is on your box.

NIFTY50+ The FINAL meeting for the group is on Tuesday 1st July in the Jubilee Room at St Monicas starting at 1:00pm, this is a final meeting so will be FREE for all members. As there will be an afternoon buffet for you to enjoy we need to know numbers ,if you do intend to join us please give Cec a call or Text 07434647062 to be added to the list. There will be a super Raffle and Bingo and a full Quiz.

Fancy a Walk? Our diocesan charity Caritas Diocese of Salford invites you to take part in a leisurely 7 -mile walk for adults (18+) to raise money for people experiencing poverty, homelessness, and disadvantage in our diocese. The walk takes place on Saturday 13 September and takes in the beautiful sights of the Tolkien Trail in the Ribble Valley. Find out more at www.caritassalford.org.uk/lancswalk

THE PARISH SVP the date of the SVP annual mass for the sick and housebound (with the Sacrament of the Sick) will be Saturday 12th July in the Parish Centre at 12 noon followed by refreshments

Laudato Si' Centre Gardening Club The Diocese of Salford's environment hub, The Laudato Si' Centre, is delighted to announce a regular gardening club. Parish groups and volunteers are invited to join the team at the Centre to explore top tips, and to come together in shared faith to care for our common home. Email: laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more.

Newsletter from Diocesan Vocations Team To celebrate the Jubilee for Vocations, our diocesan vocations team is delighted to share its latest newsletter. Read now at https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/vocations/

Madonna Del Rosario Procession will take place on Sunday 6th July. The procession will begin at 1.15pm from The Halle St Michael's, George Leigh Street, in Ancoats. It will continue through Manchester City Centre to St Peter's Square, where Mgr Anthony Kay will lead a short service. All are welcome to join this wonderful celebration.

Hope for our Common Home Pilgrimage The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is teaming up with the Columban Missionaries in Britain. Thursday 25th September, this prayerful experience offers opportunities for everyone, whether taking on our nine-mile pilgrimage walk, joining us for our liturgies throughout the day, or receiving our virtual pilgrimage pack to explore in your own time. To find out more and to register, please visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/hope-for-our-common-home/

OLOR Colour Run - Sunday 6th July OLOR are excited to host our annual colour run at OLOR, 2-4pm. Booking slots need to be made via the following link: https://forms.office.com/e/ZubFB74bNw or on the day. Tickets are £5 and a fun day out for all the family.

Little Sleepout - Friday 11th July 2025 OLOR Year 5 & 6 children & staff are taking part in a 'Little Sleepout' for Caritas on Friday 11th July. Any donations welcome via the Just Giving Page: https://www.justgiving.com/page/olorlittlesleepout

Pilgrimage to Walsingham in Prayer for the Sanctity of Life Catholics around the country will be heading to Walsingham this August to pray and reflect on the sanctity of life. Bishop John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley, will lead the pilgrimage on Saturday 2nd August, which begins with 12 noon Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation. For more information please visit https://prolifepilgrimage.org/

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 not 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



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, Natalie & Joseph, 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