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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25th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 21st September 2025



Dear Parishioners,

The late Pope Francis, as he began his pontificate in 2013 said: *We cannot forget that evangelisation is first and foremost about preaching the Gospel to those who do not know Jesus Christ or who have always rejected him. Many of these are quietly seeking God, led by a yearning to see his face… Christians have the duty to proclaim the Gospel without excluding anyone.*

I've always believed that the proclamation of the Gospel needs to begin not here in Church but primarily at home, with parents (and especially grandparents) passing on and sharing the faith (supported of course by the Parish and Parochial Schools) with the next generation … I wonder how well you and we are doing?

There is no easy way to say it, and we can't avoid it, but it is up to you and I to make real the "Evangelii Guadium" (Joy of the Gospel), we are all through our baptism missionary disciples.

You and I, have the wonderful opportunity and responsibility to share the truth (and it is true) of the Catholic faith.

There is nothing more important than that!



		PARISH WEEKLY MASS TIMES Times may change due to Weddings & Funerals
Tue 9.30am	23 EM	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) Please note that due to interviews there will be no public Mass today
Wed 9.30am	24 SM	Mass
Thu 9.30am	25 OL OR	Whole School Mass (Our Lady's)
Fri 9.300am	26 SM	Mass
Sat 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	27 SM SM SM SM	St Vincent De Paul SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	28 EM SM SM	**26th Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mass Mass Baptism

We must embrace the joy of the Gospel, we must embrace it and live it, and we have to start our missionary discipleship from our homes, and only then after enriching our families with our faith can we reach out to others, sharing our faith and our joy in the Risen Lord.

God Bless

Fr. Kieren

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025 - 2026

Dates for Catechesis & Celebrations

Catechesis/Celebrations
Parent meetings are marked in **GREEN**

Sat 27th September 11.00am St. Monica's

Thurs 9th Oct 6.30pm Parish Centre

Sat 11th October 9.30am Parish Centre
Sun 12th October 9.45am Jubilee Room

Sun 19th October 11.30am St. Monica's
PRESENTATION MASS

Thurs 4th Dec 6.30pm Parish Centre

Sat 6th December 9.30am Parish Centre
Sun 7th December 9,45am Jubilee Room

13/14th December Bambino Mass

22nd January 6.30pm Parish Centre

24th January 9.30am Parish Centre
25th January 9.45am Jubilee Room

5th February 6.30pm Parish Centre

7th February 9.30am Parish Centre
8th February 9.45am Jubilee Room

24th February 6.30pm 1st CONFESSION SM
25th February 6.30pm 1st CONFESSION SM

7th/8th March Lenten Mass

19th March 6.30pm Parish Centre

21st March 9.30am Parish Centre
22nd March 9.45am Jubilee Room

16th April 6.30pm Parish Centre

18th April 9.30am Parish Centre
19th April 9.45am Jubilee Room

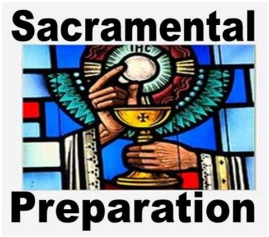
OLOR 1st HC Mass 25th Apil NOON (SM)

SM 1st HC Mass 9th May NOON (SM)

EM 1st HC Mass 16th May NOON (SM)

For children in non-Parochial Schools please choose either 9th or 16th May for 1st Holy Communion Mass.





SYCAMORE (7:00pm -9:00pm) in the Jubilee Room @ St Monica's.

Please see below the dates to continue the Sycamore journey:

Monday 22nd September
Monday 6th October
Monday 20th October
Monday 3rd November
Monday 17th November
Monday 1st December
Monday 15th December

NB: Dates for 2026 will be published in the newsletter before Christmas 2025.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

I've now written to all the local secondary schools and Headteachers.

Hopefully the information will be passed on.

If you are beginning Yr 8 (or older) in September and would like to join the Confirmation, you are invited to attend an information meeting on Thursday 16th October (6.00pm) in English Martyrs' Church.



Mass Intentions

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace
Sr Angela Hoare, Roy Wilson, Debbie Cawley, Bill Hargreaves, Jerzy Kowalski

Intention
A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, John Roberts (birthday), Michael Rice, Maureen Davies

Anniversaries Masses
Stewart Kidd, Anne Cassidy

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
John Gibbons, Maureen Boylan, Jenny Marks, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, Marian Kerrigan, Mary Tunstall, Angela Considine, Andrew Roche, Anne Smyth, Little Rhia Brooke, Gerry Smyth, Bridie McLaughlin, Sian McManamon, Bernard Walker, Mark Daly, Leo Turnbull, Anne Turnbull, Jo Orford, Tom Parry, Mary Doolan, Michael Rice, Margaret Barker, Mike Boswell, Paul Hales, Josie Fitton, Alan Walsh, Krystyna Bzdega, Bron Bzdega

Names cannot be published without consent of the individual.

Masses are published as they are received.

You may not be in love with God, but God is most certainly in love with you.

Always remember that.

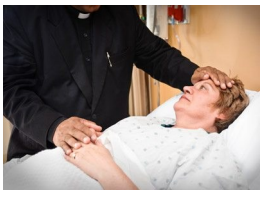
He has given you two tutors who will give you your first lesson in mature religious response.

They are called "love" and "pain". It is love which will attach you to God, and pain which will detach you from exclusive entanglements with the goods of this world.

Once you begin to respond to these two tutors you will want to discover more about that God who is in love with you.

Basil Hume

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 2025-2026 On Saturday we will formally begin the programme for the children in the Parish. A short meeting will be held at St. Monica's Church (11.00am) to distribute the Passports and to meet some of the Catechists.

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION inspired by the Diocesan Synod and keeping one eye fixed on the future, there will be a Parish meeting on 25th September in the Parish Centre (6.30pm). This meeting is intended to begin to ask important questions as the Parish moves into the future.

WINDOW EXPERTS can you help. We are struggling to find companies that will quote to replace/repair the windows at St. Monica's (we have been looking for a couple of years). Any Parishioners with advise would be useful!

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 3rd October. "Love your neighbour as yourself". Please help our neighbours throughout the world get safe water for their families. You can pick up a CAFOD offering envelope from the back of both churches.

PARISH SVP ANNUAL APPEAL the Parish SVP group will be raising awareness of the work the do at all Masses on the weekend 27th/28th September. A voluntary retiring collection will take place after all Masses.

The parish toddler group (stay + play) every Tuesday 9:30-11:30 in the Jubilee room (St. Monica's) everyone welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY The team is looking for new recruits especially for the 11.30am Mass. If anyone attends this mass regularly and would be interested in volunteering can they please contact Marie Middleton (07870478382) or Claire Shaunessey (07701051195).

Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham Join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham with a special Mass at St Luke's Church (M6 7WR), in Salford, on Wednesday 24th September. Mass, which will be celebrated by Bishop John, will begin at 7pm. There will also be an opportunity to find out more about next year's diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham.

A Decade of Laudato Si' The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales is hosting an ecumenical event to celebrate 10 years of Laudato Si'. Join Christian leaders across Greater Manchester, including our own Bishop John, as they meet with Greater Manchester Mayor, Andy Burnham, to discuss the environmental progress of the past decade and the road ahead. This free event takes place at 6pm on Tuesday 14th October at Methodist Central Hall in Manchester. Find out more and register at https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/a-decade-of-laudato-si/

TEXT SCAM BE CAREFUL I've been made aware that a number of parishioners have received a suspicious text message from "Fr Kieren Mullarkey". Please do not respond to this text, block it and report it!

XAVERIAN 6th FORM COLLEGE will be hosting 2 open days for potential students and their families on: Saturday 11th October and Saturday 19th October (10.30am-2.00pm). This is an opportunity to visit the campus, discuss courses and meet members of the faculty. Feel free to come along, or for further details contact the Admissions Team by emailing admissions@xaverian.ac.uk

THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION A few weeks ago I briefly outlined 'What the Catenians do'. The best way to judge if it is a group you would like to know more about or indeed perhaps join, is to attend a meeting. Interested? Why not contact me, Phil Brown on 07754 144925. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 25th of September at the Club House at Barton Aerodrome at 7.30pm.

Job Vacancies there are a number of new vacancies in the Diocese of Salford are you interested? To find out more, please visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

- Cleaner - Parish of Our Lady of Hope, Salford
- Communications Officer - Diocese of Salford (Maternity Cover)
- Maintenance Operative

Life in the Spirit Seminars Discover what it means to live in the Holy Spirit with a series of seminars heading to Manchester this autumn. This series of Life in the Spirit Seminars will be taking place at Our Lady's Church, Moss Side, from 24th September, 7.30pm-9.30pm. To find out more, email ourladys@btinternet.com or call 0161 226 1730.

Note on CHRISTMAS FAYRE as many of you are aware many schools are struggling financially. This is especially true for many schools in Trafford as due to size and perhaps demographics they are unable to access additional funds. It has been decided that Parish will not host a Christmas Fayre this year but allow the 3 Parish Schools to host Fayres to raise essential funds - please support them! Thus far (but tbc) confirmed, English Martyrs' will be hosting a Winter Fayre on 22nd November and St Monica's a Christmas Fayre on 6th December. Further information will follow.

Mass for Catechists In celebration of our Jubilee for Catechists this October, we are holding a special Mass to pray for the catechists of our diocese. The Mass will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 15 October at St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst. Please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk if you would like to attend.

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 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

Primary school admissions - Starting primary school September 2026 If you live in the Parish of St John Henry Newman (and beyond) and your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, they are eligible to start school from 1 September 2026. You must apply for all your preferred schools, including schools in other local authority areas. Please check the website of each school and read the Admissions Policy and note the supplementary documentation that must be produced (Baptism Certificate). The closing date for primary school applications is 15 January 2026.

For more information and to apply for a place visit:

www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/Primary/primary-school-admissions.aspx

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.

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, Rose & Martin, Natalie & Joseph, Lorna & Jonathan, Rebekah & Peter as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament together in 2025!



OUR CATHOLIC PARISH AND DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

DIOCESE OF SALFORD

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

English Martyrs
Wycliffe Road, Urmston.
Head teacher: Mrs J Dunn (acting)
(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