



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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4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

If you were to ask me which of the Gospel narratives that I find difficult to preach on the Beatitude's immediately jumps to mind! I'm not sure why, because it is the perfect example of Our Lord preaching that we can find anywhere in the Gospel.

I suppose it helps me to read the Beatitudes through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching and especially the writings of St Pope John Paul II. Writing in his famous Encyclical Centesimus Annus (Paragraph 57) he states:

"Today more than ever, the Church is aware that her social message will gain credibility more immediately from the witness of actions than as a result of its internal logic and consistency. This awareness is also a source of her preferential option for the poor, which is never exclusive or discriminatory towards other groups. This option is not limited to material poverty, since it is well known that there are many other forms of poverty, especially in modern society—not only economic but cultural and spiritual poverty as well. The Church's love for the poor, which is essential for her and a part of her constant tradition, impels her to give attention to a world in which poverty is threatening to assume massive proportions in spite of technological and economic progress."

Here, we are reminded that poverty is not about just not having enough food or material things, poverty is when we are denied our freedom, our voice, our security. Poverty is when we have no shelter, no



WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 4

FEBRUARY - Month of the Holy Family

Tue 9.30am	03 EM	St Blaise (with blessing of throats) Mass
Wed 9.30am	04 SM	Requiem Mass. Alan Sullivan
Thu 9.30am 6.30pm	05 EM PC	St Agatha Mass Parent Catechesis
Fri 11.00am	06 SM	Ss Paul Miki & Companions Mass
Sat 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.30pm	07 PC EM SM SM	Saturday Cohort Catechesis Mass Baptism Confession & Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 9.45am 11.30am 1.30pm	08 EM JR SM EM	5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass Sunday Cohort Catechesis Mass Baptism

power and no dignity.

True poverty is when our humanity is denied (by the state or other individuals) and we are deprived of our basic rights.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus points to that poverty and reminds us that God does take a side and makes a choice for those who are poor.

This choice is something I think the world needs to remember today!

God Bless

Fr. Kieren

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME
2025 - 2026**

Dates for Catechesis & Celebrations

Catechesis/Celebrations

Parent meetings are marked in **GREEN**

5th February 6.30pm Parish Centre

7th February 9.30am Parish Centre

8th February 9.45am Jubilee Room

24th Feb 6.30pm 1st **CONFESSION SM**

25th Feb 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

HOLY COMMUNION MASSES 2026

All 1st Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated at St Monica's Church at 12 Noon.

OLOR 1st HC Mass 25th April

SM 1st HC Mass 9th May

EM 1st HC Mass 16th May

For children in non-Parochial Schools please choose any of the above dates for the celebration of Holy Communion and let Fr. K know.



**LENTEN DEANERY MASS
TIMES**

All Masses at 7.00pm

THURSDAY 19th February

Our Lady & St John, High Lane, Chorlton Cum Hardy, M21 9EE

Preacher: Fr Croos SJ.

THURSDAY 26th February

St Josephs, Portland Crescent, Longsight, M13 OBU

Preacher: Fr Ged Murphy.

THURSDAY 5th March

St Ann, 1043 Chester Road, Stretford, Manchester M32.8L

Preacher: Fr Moses Agada.

THURSDAY 12th March

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Alphonsus.

Raby Street, Moss Side, Manchester M16 7JQ.

Preacher: Fr Ekpunobi.

ASH WEDNESDAY

18th February

9.30am: Mass (SM)

Noon: Service with Ashes (EM)

6.30pm: Mass (EM)



Mass Intentions

LATELY DEAD

Requiescat in pace

Malachy McGloin, Anthony O'Connor, Jerome Hurley, Mel Buckley, Alan Sullivan, Josie Reid, Ann Rooney, Mgr Francis Frost, David Clarke

GENERAL INTENTION

A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, the O'Sullivan family, John Farnworth

ANNIVERSARY

Daniel McGrory, Joyce Dobson, Gerard O'Sullivan, Stephen Pickup, Mary Monks, Pat Windle

Mass Intentions are published in the newsletter as they are received and not when they are said.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Margaret Barker, Paul Hales, Josie Fitton, Leo Turnbull, Anne Turnbull, John Piercy, Tom Parry, Anne Smyth, John Gibbons, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley

Names can only be added to the sick list with permission of the individual



How can we keep our hope alive today?

Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP

Timothy Radcliffe is an English Dominican priest, theologian, and preacher, who served as Master of the Dominican Order from 1992-2001, and advised Pope Francis on social justice and synodality. He was made a cardinal in December 2024.



Tuesday 17th February 6pm

Holy Name Church · 339 Oxford Road · Manchester M13 9PG

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Dates for Catechesis 2026 - in the Parish Centre

2. Thurs. 12th Feb (6.30pm)

3. Thurs. 26th March (6.30pm)

Please return completed forms to Fr Kieren before the end of the Christmas Season.

The date for the celebration of Confirmation has now been confirmed as Sunday 28th June 2026 (2pm) at St Monica's Church

Please return completed registration Forms before Christmas

**** note change of date.**



COULD YOU BECOME THE PARISH CARITAS VOLUNTEER (REP)? Learn more about Caritas Salford and how to become a Parish Volunteer by visiting www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer or by emailing volunteer@caritas.org.uk or call 016181172250

CARITAS SALFORD many thank to all who contributed to the retiring collection last weekend. I will keep the opportunity to make a donation open for another week, for those who may want to make a private donation (place in envelope marked CARITAS) or those who missed Mass last weekend. Thank you for your generosity.

Bee Good Friends (family parish group) the next meeting will be on Sunday 15th February 2-4pm in the Jubilee room. Everyone is welcome to join the group and meet other parishioners as we plan our spring and summer activities. Refreshments provided any questions phone Tracy Fagan 07849539410

Mass for Engaged Couples to be celebrated by Bishop John Arnold On Saturday 14th February, Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass for engaged couples across the diocese. The Mass provides couples with an opportunity to seek God's blessing to guide and strengthen them during this time of preparation. Newly-married couples are also invited to receive a blessing in their first year of marriage. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Church in Collyhurst on Saturday 14 February 2026 at 1:30pm.

SYCAMORE COURSE will continue with Deacon John in the Jubilee Room on the following dates: 9/02, 23/02, 9/03 and 23/03. For more information please speak to Deac's.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TIES have now arrived. They will be available after each Sunday Mass and Parent Catechesis. They cost £5 each.



VACANCY Vice Principal (Student Support) Xaverian College, Manchester. Full time (1.00 FTE) Permanent Salary Scale: £85,000 to £95,000. This role is reserved for a practising Catholic, in accordance with the College's Instrument of Government and its commitment to Catholic education. Further details, including the full job description and person specification, are available in the application pack on the Xaverian College website www.xaverian.ac.uk/careers-with-us/ Please return your application form to Karen Stanhope, Clerk to the Governors, Xaverian College, Lower Park Road, Manchester, M14 5RB or k.stanhope@xaverian.ac.uk

Lourdes Fundraiser Quiz Night The Lourdes Committee would like to invite you to a fundraising event on Saturday 7 February. All funds raised will go towards arrangements for the 2026 Lourdes Pilgrimage. Tickets are £10, payable on the door, and this will include a pie and pea supper. The quiz begins at 7:30PM at St Luke's Parish Hall, Swinton Park Road, Salford, M6 7WR.



CONTEMPLATING A PARISH PILGRIMAGE : 5 day (4 nights) Half Board (£775 sharing/£915 single) with visits to Czestochowa, Auschwitz and Lagiewniki, price includes English speaking guide. Dates 12th October - 16th October. If you are interested (it will depend on numbers - min 20), let me know and I will begin looking into it. Fr K

Caritas Salford Call for Volunteers Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, is looking for parish volunteers to help with a range of activities. These are flexible roles that can be tailored in line with your availability, skills or interests. You can find out more at: www.caritassalford.org.uk/service/in-your-parish/

Early Career Teachers - Primary Pool Applications The Diocese of Salford Education Team are inviting applications from ECTs to be added to their Primary Pool for 2026. The Primary Pool will identify and recommend high quality candidates who will gain Qualified Teacher Status in summer 2026 for interview to Catholic schools with vacancies for September 2026. The Application Form, Person Specification and Job Description can be found in Vacancies on the Diocesan website by following this link: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/education/vacancies/>. If you require further information, please contact the Education Team by emailing education@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY if you would like to support this event there are envelopes at the back of both churches. You can either send your donation directly to CAFOD or you can return to me via offertory baskets and I will forward it.

Exploring God's Creation within Catholic Theology Dr Finlay Malcolm from the University of Manchester will be delivering an interactive teaching session exploring how creation and the environment are integral to Catholic faith and theology. The session will involve theological and environmental teaching, spiritual reflection, and discussion of how we can be part of God's work, through the Church, in redeeming God's creation. The event will take place on 25 February 2026, 7-9pm, at Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Church in Bury. Refreshments will be provided. For more information and to sign up for the event, please use the following link: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/exploring-gods-creation-within-catholic-theology/

Lenten Talks: School of Prayer During Lent, a series of talks and prayerful reflections will be taking place every Tuesday from 10:30AM to 12:30PM, led by Mgr Paul Smith, Sr Joan Kerley and Maria Kidd. These will be held at Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church, Little Hulton, from 17 February to 24 March, and light refreshments will be served. For more information on how to book your place please visit the diocesan website by clicking the following link: <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lenten-talks-school-of-prayer/>

RECEIVING & PREPARING FOR THE FULLNESS OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

EUCHARIST (1st 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 2026) will be invited to enrol their child 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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parishioners from Year 8 (upwards) are invited to join this programme. 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).



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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



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.

If you are a Catholic and have attempted marriage outside the Church and would like to consider a convalidation please speak to Fr. Kieren or Deacon John.

“And that is what marriage is! Hand in hand, always and for the rest of your lives”. Pope Francis

Please keep in your prayers those who will soon begin preparation to celebrate the sacrament in 2026.

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

“Parents are obliged to see to it that infants are baptised within the first weeks after birth” (867)

In order for your baby/child 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>

OUR CATHOLIC PARISH AND DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

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



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.