



The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

"Heart Speaks to Heart!"



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PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK BEGINS

Dear Parishioners,

"Palm Sunday teaches us that the true King comes not with armies, but with love and humility" so writes our Parish Patron St John Henry Newman

I've always felt that as we enter Holy Week we are presented with a summary or trailer to the great Triduum celebration, and yet we remain at this point only bystanders crying out "Hosanna" or "Crucify Him".






We are at the periphery of the action, we observe it, but we don't participate in it. Only later as we begin the Triduum are we to truly participate in the action.

And yet Palm Sunday presents to us a warning, a warning that points us to the fickleness of our faith - whereby we can turn to Jesus on the one hand and reject on the other. The late Pope Francis warned: "Let us not be like the crowd that waved palms one day and shouted 'Crucify Him' a few days later."

As we enter Holy Week, as we soak in the trailer, let us accept that wonderful invitation to literally enter the greatest story and as we prepare for the Pasch (Easter) spend out time with Jesus.

Fr. Kieren



		WEEKLY MASS TIMES Times may change Psalter 2 APRIL - Month of the Eucharist
Tue 9.30am	31 EM	Mass with primary School
Wed 11.00am	01	Traditionally called Spy Wednesday Chrism Mass <i>The Clergy of the Diocese will gather with Bishop John for the renewal of vows and the blessing of the Oils.</i>
Thu 7.00pm	02 EM	MAUNDY THURSDAY THE TRIDUUM BEGINS Mass of the Lord's Supper Watching of the Lord until 10.00am as we conclude with Compline. 
Fri 10.00am 3.00pm	03 SM SM	GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross The PASSION of the Lord 
Sat 7.00pm	04 EM	HOLY SATURDAY Easter Vigil Mass <i>Please collect a candle and gather around the Easter Fire</i> 
Sun 9.30am 11.30am	05 EM SM	EASTER SUNDAY Mass Mass <i>Please remember to collect a candle.</i> Surrexit Christus, alleluia! 

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025 - 2026

Catechesis/Celebrations

Parent meetings are marked in
GREEN

16th April 6.30pm Parish Centre
18th April 9.30am Parish Centre
19th April 9.45am Jubilee Room

HOLY COMMUNION MASSES 2026

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

OLOR First HC Mass 25th April

SM First HC Mass 9th May

EM First 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026 - 2027

After Easter the Parish will begin preparation for next years Sacramental Programme. The Programme is open to all baptised Catholics living within the Parish who will be entering Yr 3 (or above) in September 2026.

Information regarding registration will be published in the Newsletter, if possible please locate your child's Baptism certificate and candle.

If you are not currently attending Mass regularly, please do so, as you children will learn more through your example than through my wonderful words of wisdom!



Mass
Intentions

LATELY DEAD

Requiescat in pace

Anthony O'Connor, Una McDermott, Maureen Whalley

GENERAL INTENTION

A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, for prayers answered, Tony Dixon,

ANNIVERSARY

Patrick Boylan, Patrick O'Shea, Nigel Boylan, Mary Whittle, Tommy Nolan, Catherine Burke, Linda Whitehouse

The Donkey | G.K. Chesterton

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

Deaf Awareness and Conversational British Sign Language

Course Caritas Salford has developed a brand new 12-week course for parishioners, to equip them with basic British Sign Language skills and greater awareness of accessibility and inclusion in parish life. The course will commence on 14 April and sessions will be held weekly on Tuesday evenings at St Patrick's Church, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, Manchester, M4 5HF (with parking available in the Caritas Salford car park adjacent to the church). Places for the course are strictly limited. To book a place, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/deaf-awareness-bsl

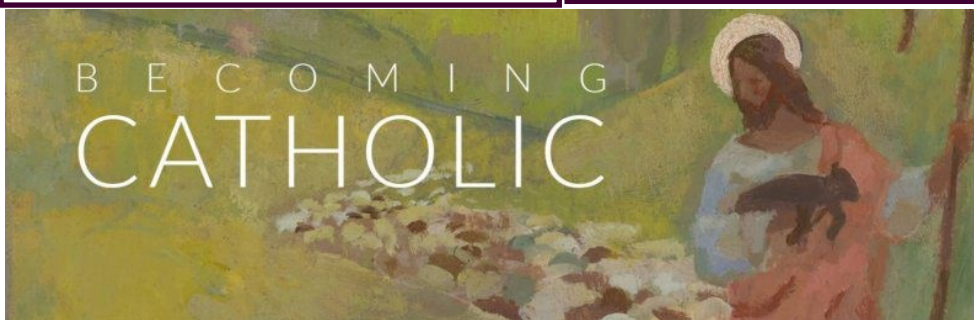
Mass Intentions are published in the newsletter as they are received and not when they are said.

Please clearly mark your Mass intentions
(LD - Lately Dead, A - Anniversary etc ...)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Margaret Barker, Paul Hales, Josie Fitton, Leo Turnbull, Anne Turnbull, John Piercy, Tom Parry, John Gibbons, Emma Coulson, Gerry Smyth, Kystyna Bzdega, Bron Bzdega, Kath & Peter Hughes, Emma Coulson, Kathleen and Peter Hughes, Richard Barry

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



If you are interested in becoming a Catholic and entering into full communion with the Church, please contact Fr. Kieren for more information.

THANK YOU for all the gifts, cards (especially the hand made ones from the children) and especially prayers received for my 50th Birthday last week!

SCAM EMAIL Please note that I only use my diocesan email address. If you receive an email from info@christianschoolnet.com this is a scam email, please report as spam and delete.

BUILDING WORK as we begin Holy Week there will begin some emergency health and safety work at English Martyrs' Church as the external chimney will be removed and the boiler flue replaced. Sadly due to scaffolding costs this could cost up to and beyond £12,000. If you haven't as yet read the minutes (back of Church) from the last Finance, Building and Steering Group, please do so!

NEWSLETTER the Easter newsletter will be printed on Thursday morning, all items for the newsletter must be sent to Fr. Kieren (only) by Wednesday morning.

New Tax Year, Offertory Envelopes The new Offertory Envelopes are available from both churches, (the left-hand side of St Monica's Church, and the entrance porch at English Martyrs Church). Please look for your name and address. If you are unable to find your envelopes, please contact the Parish office. These new envelopes start from 12th 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.

EASTER SUNDAY - EASTER EGG HUNT we have a wonderful Easter Egg Tradition on Easter Sunday following the 11.30am Mass at St Monica's (Eggs are available after all Masses at Easter). If you would like to make a donation of small eggs (crème Egg size). Please could you leave them at the back of both churches.

EASTER FLOWERS If you would like to make a donation towards the flowers at Easter please place it in an envelope (marked flowers) and place it in the collection basket or hand to Fr. K.

Youth pilgrimage to Lindisfarne the Diocese are offering young people in Years 7, 8 and 9 another opportunity to go to Lindisfarne from Friday 22 May – Sunday 24 May 2026. The cost is £120 which includes travel by coach and full board accommodation. We will be staying on the island at the SVP Camp. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Thank You from Caritas The demand for their services has continued to increase and all of your prayers, kindness and generosity make a huge difference to the lives of people in our parish communities. Find out how your support has helped, and see some special thank you messages at: www.caritassalford.org/thankyou

RETIRING COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY as is traditional there will be a retiring collection after the Passion to support the Christian community in the Holy Land.

THE PARISH IMPACT! GROUP On Wednesday 29th April at 7pm the Impact! Kids will be hosting a fashion night run by Colours Fashion at the Parish Centre in aid of the Lourdes Fund. There will be lots of clothes to buy at up to 70% off RRP and include high street brands such as M & S; Next and many more. In sizes 6-22 there is something for everyone. Tickets are only £5.00 but if you can't make it on the night, please buy a ticket anyway as you'll be helping to send our young people to Lourdes. The kids will be outside all Masses on 11th/12th April and 18th/19th April selling tickets but if you can't wait you can get your ticket from <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/lourdes2026>

ALTAR SERVERS ARE YOU READY? Can you check in with Fr. K for you availability over the Sacred Triduum. Please note below the dates for practices: Holy Thursday: practice Wednesday 01 April 7.30pm English Martyrs Church, Good Friday: practice Friday 03 April 9.00am St Monica's Church, Holy Saturday: practice Saturday 04 April 9.00am English Martyrs Church.

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. Booking forms are now available, please collect one from Fr. Kieren and return to Northern Star (address on the form) by the end of April.

FOR THOSE NOT IN IMPACT - 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? Why not join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It's simple to sign up and you can join a new "group" led by the Diocesan Youth Department. The pilgrimage and travel dates are 29th July to 6th August. The cost is £695 and this includes coach travel and full board hotel accommodation (Astoria Hotel). Young people can join in 3 age groups 13-15 (aspiring volunteers), 16-17 and 18+. If you are interested, email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for details of how to register.

Called to Love A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. Runs from Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd May, with the option of staying Friday night. www.christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/

**RECEIVING & PREPARING FOR THE FULLNESS OF
THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION
EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION IN THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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 - letters and newsletter invitations will be sent out before Easter 2026. The programme is open to all baptised children resident in the Parish including those outside the Parochial schools.

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).

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/>


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.

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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.

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

