



# The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

"Heart Speaks to Heart!"



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## 3rd Sunday of Easter - 19th April 2026



Dear Parishioners,

During Lent I chose to give up bread. It is something I won't be doing again! I didn't realise just how much bread I ate and how it literally was a staple of my diet. A staple to such an extent that without bread I couldn't even drink soup!

Rushing around during the day, I couldn't just grab a sandwich or whip up some beans and toast, as Lent went on I began to understand in a different way the phrase "Bread of Life".

In this milestone of the Easter Season, the Gospel invites us to reflect upon bread, and the breaking of it. We are invited not only to gather as a family to share this bread, but to recognise and acknowledge that as the bread is broken we enter into the presence of the one who died, who rose and who will come again.

As the bread is broken, we like the disciples who walked to Emmaus recognise Jesus.



### WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change  
Psalter 3

Tue 9.00am 11.00am	<b>21</b> <b>EM</b> <b>SM</b>	Mass Funeral Service Irene Teasdale
Wed 9.30am	<b>22</b> <b>SM</b>	Mass
Thu 9.30am 11.30am	<b>23</b> <b>EM</b> <b>EM</b>	<b>St George - Solemnity</b> Mass Funeral Service June Slater
Fri 9.30am	<b>24</b> <b>SM</b>	Mass
Sat 12.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	<b>25</b> <b>SM</b> <b>SM</b> <b>SM</b>	<b>St Mark - Feast</b> 1st Holy Communion Mass OLOR Cohort Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am	<b>26</b> <b>EM</b> <b>SM</b>	<b>4th Sunday of Easter</b> Mass Mass

What is the Gospel today and what is the ancient Church inviting us to understand?

Isn't it obvious? Jesus is the Eucharist and the Eucharist is Jesus! The Bread of Life is somebody that we can never give up.

*Fr. Kieren*

## 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

John Piercy, Thomas Donohue,  
Mary Kiely, Catherine Lowe,

### GENERAL INTENTION

A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, for prayers answered, Tony Dixon, Alan Walsh, NHS workers, Pat Culchane, Patrick Flannagan

### ANNIVERSARY

Michael Donnelly, Christina McKown, George Webster, Tony Blackburn, Dave Moore, Eugene McLaughlin, Michael Marlowe, Anthony Hunt, James Coulson, Patrick O'Neill, Cathleen McDermott, Judith Lee

Please note that to avoid disappointment that all Mass Intentions are published in the newsletter as they are received and not when they are said.

**Please write names clearly and mark your Mass intentions as follows**

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

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

### Sonnet for the road to Emmaus Malcolm Guite

We thought that everything was lost and gone,

Disaster on disaster overtook us

The night we left our Jesus all alone

And we were scattered, and our faith forsook us.

But oh that foul Friday proved far worse,

For we had hoped that he had been the one,

Till crucifixion proved he was a curse,

And on the cross our hopes were all undone.

Oh foolish, foolish heart why do you grieve?

Here is good news and comfort to your soul:

Open your mind to scripture and believe

He bore the curse for you to make you whole

The living God was numbered with the dead

That He might bring you Life in broken bread.

**Celiac Hosts** are available for parishioners who may be gluten intolerant. Please approach Fr Kieren or Deacon John before Mass to arrange.

### What is a Convalidation?

Convalidation is the name the Church gives to the process of the *sacramentalising/validification* of an existing civil or non-Catholic church marriage that has been performed outside of the Catholic Church.

The word means to firm up, or, to strengthen. In lay terms that which is not recognised by the Church is now recognised and raised to the same status of the sacrament of marriage.

If you would like to investigate this more please contact Fr. K.

B E C O M I N G  
CATHOLIC

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

**SYCAMORE MEETINGS** with Deacon John will continue from Monday 20th April, Monday 4th May, Monday 18th May, Monday 1st June, Monday 15th June, and Monday 29th June.

**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.

**New Tax Year, Offertory Envelopes** The new Offertory Envelopes are available from both churches. Please look for your name and address. If you are unable to find your envelopes, please contact the Parish office. Thank You Amanda.

**Catholic Social Teaching (CST)** Caritas Salford is offering a free online webinar to introduce the basic principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) in an accessible way, with a particular focus on building hope, homes and a positive future for all. This will take place on Thursday 30th April 2026 from 6PM to 7:15PM. With local elections approaching in May, the time is right to raise our awareness of CST and reflect on how it can help to inform the decisions and choices we make in life. Register for your free place or find out more at: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/events](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/events)

**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](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk)

**CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT** Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends. [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com) >> stay with us or contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) / 017687 72711

**YOUTH MINISTRY GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY** Do you know anyone aged 18-25 who is looking for a new challenge? The Diocese of Lancaster has a Youth Ministry team based in Keswick in the Lake District. They run retreats at Castlerigg Manor and also work in Churches and schools around the area. The 'Youth Ministry Internship' scheme comes with high quality training, experience, and recognised qualifications and gives young people the chance to join a welcoming community and a vibrant team doing some amazing work. Interested? Contact [director@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:director@castleriggmanor.co.uk) or [www.castleriggmanor.com](http://www.castleriggmanor.com)

**Thursday Club 60+** next meeting will be on St George's Day, April 23rd at the Parish Centre from 1pm to 3pm. Come along for some fun and a chat.

**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>

**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](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) for details of how to register.

**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](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/deaf-awareness-bsl)

**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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ORDAINED	GLORY	EVENING
BREAD	BLESSING	RECOGNISED



**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 A Reeh  
(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

