



# The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

"Heart Speaks to Heart!"



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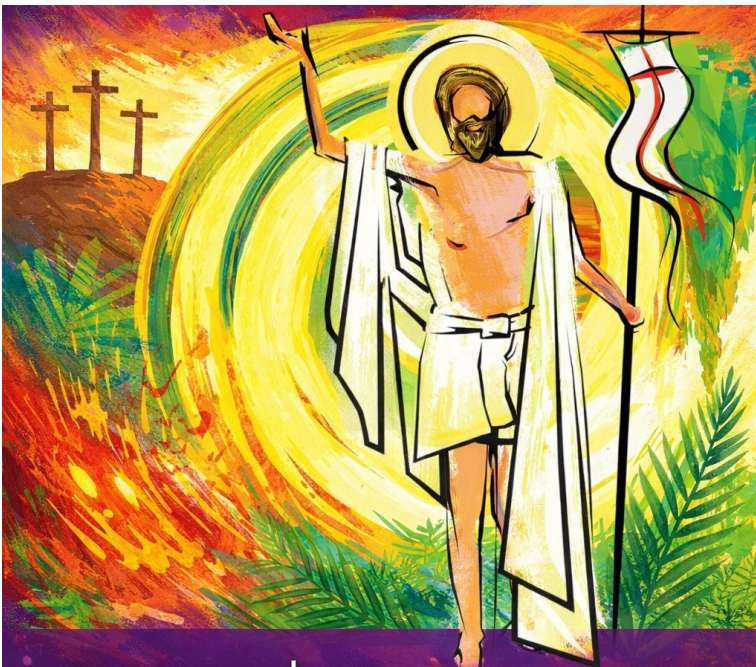
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## THE PASCH (Easter) 2026



Dear Parishioners,


I could be wrong, but I think that last year during my Easter Vigil homily, I spoke that about when fertilisation/conception occurs (when new life begins) there is a flash of light called the "zinc spark". Our lives literally begin in a flash of light!

Easter is very much the celebration of light overcoming darkness; and the beginning new life, eternal life through our communion with Jesus Christ.

In our baptism, we were literally recreated as "children of the light", that means that you and I are heirs to the promise of eternal life, you and I share in the glorious resurrection of our Lord.

In the book of Genesis, God spoke ... let there be light, and there was light, and in that light life began. Jesus is the Word spoken and the One who speaks, and through the light of His resurrection, we are invited to share His life.

*Fr. Kieren*

 <b>WEEKLY MASS TIMES</b> Times may change Psalter 1		
Fri 10.00am 3.00pm	<b>03</b> <b>SM</b> <b>SM</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <b>Stations of the Cross</b> <b>The Solemn Passion of the Lord</b>
Sat 7.00pm	<b>04</b> <b>EM</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> <b>The Solemn Easter Vigil</b>
Sun 9.30am 11.30am	<b>05</b> <b>EM</b> <b>SM</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> Mass Mass
Tue	<b>07</b> <b>EM</b>	
Wed	<b>08</b> <b>SM</b>	
Thu	<b>09</b> <b>EM</b>	
Fri 9.30am	<b>10</b> <b>SM</b>	Mass
Sat 1.30pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	<b>11</b> <b>EM</b> <b>SM</b> <b>SM</b>	Nuptial Mass Louise & Anthony Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am	<b>12</b> <b>EM</b> <b>SM</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b> Mass Mass

## 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, Joe Tarpey, John Piercy

### GENERAL INTENTION

A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, for prayers answered, Tony Dixon, Bradley Roberts (birthday), Brenda Woods and Family,

### ANNIVERSARY

Michael Donnelly, Austin Hanlon, Florence Farnworth, Mary Caine

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**

### Easter - Gerard Manley Hopkins

Break the box and shed the nard;  
Stop not now to count the cost;  
Hither bring pearl, opal, sard;  
Reck not what the poor have lost;  
Upon Christ throw all away;  
Know ye, this is Easter Day.

Build His church and deck His shrine,  
Empty though it be on earth;  
Ye have kept your choicest wine—  
Let it flow for heavenly mirth;  
Pluck the harp and breathe the horn:  
Know ye not 'tis Easter morn?

Gather gladness from the skies;  
Take a lesson from the ground;  
Flowers do ope their heavenward eyes  
And a Spring-time joy have found;  
Earth throws Winter's robes away,  
Decks herself for Easter Day.

Beauty now for ashes wear,  
Perfumes for the garb of woe,  
Chaplets for dishevelled hair,  
Dances for sad footsteps slow;  
Open wide your hearts that they  
Let in joy this Easter Day.

Seek God's house in happy throng;  
Crowded let His table be;  
Mingle praises, prayer, and song,  
Singing to the Trinity.  
Henceforth let your souls always  
Make each morn an Easter Day.

**The Requiem Mass of the late Joseph Tarpey** will be celebrated on 16th April at English Martyrs' church at 10.45am.

**SAYING GOODBYE** This weekend we say goodbye to Mrs Dunn as she leaves English Martyrs' to take up a new post nearer to home. I would like to thank her for all the hard work and especially for stepping in as acting Head teacher over the last two terms.

On behalf of the Parish, Governors and families THANK YOU!

**"Christ's resurrection is the strength, the secret of Christianity. It is not a question of mythology or of mere symbolism, but of a concrete event. It is confirmed by sure and convincing proofs. The acceptance of this truth, although the fruit of the Holy Spirit's grace, rests at the same time on a solid historical base. On the threshold of the third millennium, the new effort of evangelization can begin only from a renewed experience of this Mystery, accepted in faith and witnessed to in life."**

St. John Paul II, 1996

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED NEXT WEEK - EASTER WEEK - AND THERE WILL BE NO PARISH NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEKEND.**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to both Louise and Anthonng who celebrate the sacrament of marriage on Saturday.

**JOB VACANCY** Mrs Sykes will be leaving English Martyrs' after 28 years. I would like to thank her for all the hard work over nearly 3 decades. The school is now looking to recruit if you are interested follow this link: <https://emmauscat.com/vacancy/office-manager/>

**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.

**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!

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** due to the Easter holidays there will be no children's liturgy for the next 2 weeks. Please note that planning will soon begin for the crowning of Our Lady in May. This usually occurs during the Sunday morning Masses in May. More information to follow.

**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.

**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)

**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)

**THE THURSDAY CLUB** The next meeting will be on Thursday 9th April at 1pm in the Parish Centre. We are having afternoon tea to celebrate Easter, so the entrance fee will be £10 this week. Come along and say hello!

**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 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

