The Catholic Parish of
St. John Henry Newman
"Heart Speaks to Heart!"

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If you would like to make a donation to the Parish please scan the above QR code.

CORPUS CHRISTI - 7th June 2026

Dear Parishioners,

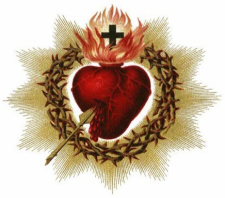
Last weekend, if you can forget his attempt at a Dublin accent, you may recall that Deacon John quoted St Thomas Aquinas, he did so in order to encourage you to dig deeper into your Catholic faith.

Now, Aquinas isn't the easiest person to understand and yet he is intrinsically linked to todays Solemnity of Corpus Christi. Just prior to the establishment of the universal Solemnity of Corpus Christi on the Thursday after Pentecost by Pope Urban IV in 1264, he asked Thomas Aquinas to compose the hymnody for the divine office for the feast, even today we sing those wonderful hymns: *Panis Angelicus, O Salutaris Hostia, Adoro te Devote, Pange Lingua* and *Lauda Sion*, and in each of these hymns we are invited to delve deeper into the mystery of our faith.

As we delve deeper we begin to take Our Lord at His word and understand how He fulfils the promises made to us, the Church; that He is the Bread of Life, that He will remain with us until the end of time, and that we must eat of His flesh and drink of His bread to share eternal life. This is what we call the Eucharist - which is truly and sacramentally, the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord.



The feast of Corpus Christi, reminds us, even though we should never have forgotten that in the Eucharist in every single Mass, God is not near, but **HERE**! As the modern hymn writer Mike Muglia wrote:



WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 2 Week 10

June - Sacred Heart

Tue 9.30am	09 EM	Mass
Wed 9.30am	10 SM	Mass
Thu 9.30am	11 EM	**St Barnabas** Mass
Fri 10.00am	12 EM	**Sacred Heart of Jesus** Requiem Mass Michelle Clegg
Sat 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	13 EM SM SM	**Immaculate Heart of Mary** Wedding Service Clare & Mark Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	14 EM SM EM	**11th Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mass Mass Baptism

Here in this time, here in this place,
here we are standing face to face.
Here in our hearts, here in our lives,
our God is here.

The Eucharist, is not a meal reenacted and its not an act of fellow, the Eucharist is the presence of the One we are invited to follow and enter into Communion with. The Eucharist is Jesus Himself.

Cause for Beatification of Pedro Ballester

We are pleased to announce the opening of the Cause for the Beatification and Canonisation of Pedro Ballester, a young Manchester man whose life of faith and witness continues to inspire many. Pedro died on 13 January 2018 at the age of 21. Born in Manchester in 1996, he grew up in a Catholic family and was widely known for his warmth, generosity and dedication. In his late teens, he committed his life fully to God as a member of Opus Dei, dedicating himself to its apostolic work. Shortly after beginning university, Pedro was diagnosed with advanced pelvic cancer. He accepted his illness with remarkable faith, offering his suffering for the Pope, the Church and all souls, and bearing his condition with deep serenity and trust in God. Over the years since his death, his reputation for holiness has grown significantly. In response, the Postulator, Fr Paul Hayward, has formally requested the opening of the Cause. Bishop John is now inviting members of the faithful to assist the process by submitting any information that may help to build a full picture of Pedro's life, virtues and reputation for holiness. This includes personal testimonies, memories and any writings attributed to him, such as letters or diaries. The opening of this Cause marks an important step in recognising the life and witness of a young man whose example of faith, especially in the face of suffering, continues to resonate with many people today. The Diocese invites all the faithful to assist in the Cause for the Beatification and Canonisation.

You can contribute by:

Sharing information: Submit accounts, memories, or any knowledge that may help establish Pedro's reputation for holiness whether positive or otherwise.

Providing documents: Send any writings attributed to Pedro, including diaries, letters, or other personal materials.

Offering additional material: If you have already submitted information, further details are welcome.

How to submit:

Email: tribunal@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Post: Fr Nicholas Paxton Episcopal Delegate, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street SalfordM3 6DP

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026 - 2027

QR CODE FOR SATURDAY COHORT

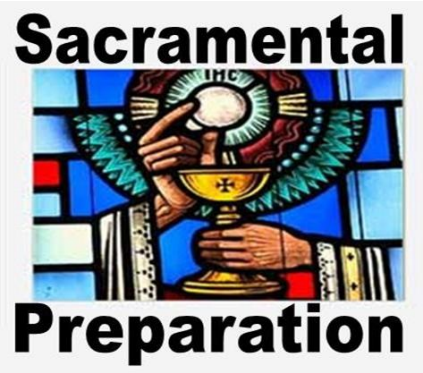
SUNDAY COHORT IS NOW FULL

Please remember to make a donation of **£10** to Fr. Kieren to cover the basic costs of the "I belong" book and resources.

If your child has been baptised outside the Parish of St John Henry Newman a copy of their baptism certificate must be provided, and if you reside outside the boundaries of the Parish permission from your Parish Priest must be given.

The donation (and baptism certificate) must be given to Fr. Kieren after a Sunday Mass in an envelope with your child's name written clearly on it.

The Registration period will end on 15th August.





Mass Intentions

LATELY DEAD

Requiescat in pace

John Piercy, Danny Mulligan, Michelle Clegg, Kathleen Auton

GENERAL INTENTION

A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, for prayers answered, Tony Dixon, Rian Flynn, Nora Scanlon, Geraldine Sweeney

ANNIVERSARY

Florence Farnworth, Joan Rennicks, Attie Rennicks

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

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, Peter Kilfoyle, Michael Rice, Agnes Webster, Rian Flynn, Josephine Francis

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

Lord, I believe that you have the power to heal. Increase my faith, and if it is for your greater glory and my salvation, grant me the grace of healing.
I entrust my life, my illness, and my recovery entirely to your hands. Amen.

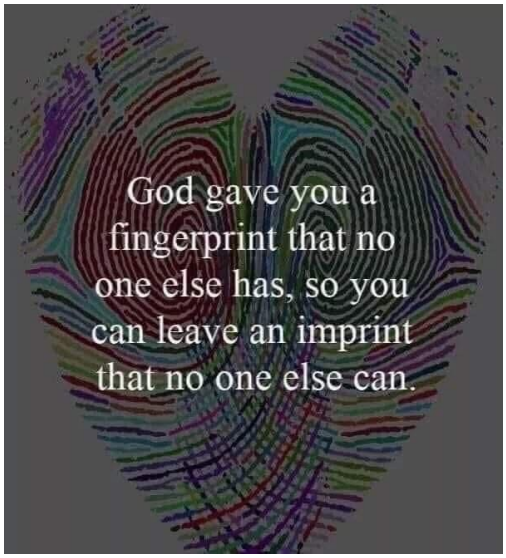
COVER WHILE I AM IN LOURDES - ADVANCE NOTICE again can I thank you all for your very constructive feedback. Unfortunately my decision has to be made quicker than I thought as the retired Priest who had agreed to cover has now withdrawn due to ill health (please pray for all our retired priests). Thankfully I have managed to find a replacement. However, I must confirm with you that for the weekend of **1st/2nd August (only)** the Parish Masses will be reduced to 5.30pm Saturday evening at St. Monica's and 9.30am Sunday morning at English Martyrs'.

PAPAL ENCYCLICAL Pope Leo has recently published his first encyclical - *Magnifica Humanitas*. I'm sure that the secular media will be focused on his reflection on AI, but I would like to commend the first and second chapters to you which reminds us of beauty and origin of Catholic Social Teaching. Please have a look! Maybe during this month dedicated to the Sacred Heart you could revisit the excellent reflection by the late Pope Francis entitled *Dilexit Nos (on the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ)* both documents can be read via the website of the Holy See: www.vatican.va

SYCAMORE MEETINGS continue with Deacon John, Monday 15th June, and Monday 29th June.

Fancy a walk? Caritas Salford is organising a 6-mile scenic, circular sponsored hike in Lancashire, along the delightful Downham Trail. Taking place on 5 September, the walk is an undulating route with the potential for expansive views from the summit of Beacon Fell. Visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/LancsWalk for more information or to register for your free place.

APF Red Mission Boxes If you have a mission box that needs to be emptied, leave them in the boxes provided. St Monica's box will be in the entrance porch of the church. English Martyrs box will be in the porch of the Presbytery (this is due to boxes going missing when left in the church). Once your box has been emptied, they will be left in either church, ready for you to collect.



ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT have you made you 1st Holy Communion? Are you reliable and eager to learn? Why not consider joining the serving team. If you are interested ask you parents to email Fr. Kieren (put "Altar Serving" as subject) and I will pass on your information to the Parish serving coordinator.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION if you have not returned your sponsor card, please return to the Presbytery Office as quickly as possible. The sacrament will be celebrated by Bishop (with Parishioners from St Antony's) **on Sunday 28th June 2.00pm at St. Monica's**. Please keep all those preparing to receive this sacrament in your prayers.

Free energy bill advice from Caritas If you are worried about rising energy costs, our diocesan charity Caritas Salford runs a range of free drop-in advice sessions to help with everything from energy debt to making your home more energy efficient. You can find out more on the Caritas website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport

Day for Life – Sunday 21 June 2026 Bishops are invited to publicise and ask parishes to join in the Novena in preparation for the forthcoming Day for Life. The Novena will run from Saturday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation (Sunday 31 May). This is the third year in which the Dioceses of England and Wales will join with those of Scotland and Ireland to pray this Novena. It will be available on the Bishops' Conference website, as well as at https://prayforlife.ie/.

Donate in memory this Father's Day Donating to our diocesan charity Caritas Salford in someone's name is a special way to honour their memory while supporting people experiencing poverty, homelessness or isolation in our parishes. This Father's Day, if you'd like to make an in memory donation, please visit the special space on the Caritas Salford website for remembering a loved one. This also includes setting up a funeral collection in lieu of flowers and creating a personalised tribute memory page to save photos and messages. www.caritassalford.org.uk/InMemory to access the relevant links or contact Kirstie Davidson for more information on 0161 817 2281.

Free Will & Grace, 28th - 31st August 2026 Join us for a theological and philosophical deep dive on one of the great themes of the Christian Faith: human freedom and Divine grace. With lectures and workshops building on St Thomas Aquinas' writings, the course will also explore questions of conscience and the problem of evil. This year's guest speaker will be Rev. Dr Simon Gaine, OP. https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/free-will-grace-course/

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/

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BREAD HEAVEN LIVE
EVER FLESH DRINK
BLOOD ETERNAL FATHER
ANCESTORS DEAD ANYONE



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

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY CARE If you have a relative who is an inpatient and would like a Chaplain to visit them for pastoral care 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.