The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

"Heart Speaks to Heart!"

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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 13th September 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Some of you may be aware that today we celebrate "Education Sunday", it is the day that we remember that the Catholic Church has been a pioneer in the provision of education in England and Wales for more than 1000 ears, with state (secular) education only beginning in the 19th Century. For the Church the provision of education is not an option within her mission, but lies at the heart of it.

If you were to ask me what is the purpose of a Catholic School, I would echo the words of Pope Leo:

"The Catholic school is an environment in which faith, culture and life intertwine. It is not simply an institution, but rather a living environment in which the Christian vision permeates every discipline and every interaction".

Faith is not an add-on in Catholic schools; it is woven into every aspect of the curriculum. Catholic schools, play an important part in the Church's mission to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to every generation. This means that every successful Catholic school is - in the words of Pope Benedict XVI *"a place to encounter the living God who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth".*



This life changing encounter, shapes everything that those involved in Catholic education do, as we strive to introduce those placed into our care to the One Divine Teacher - Jesus Himself.

It is a big task, and we don't always get it right. That is why I ask that you pray today for our Parish Schools, and especially for all the staff and pupils, that together they may through what they do come to meet and make known, Jesus the living God.



WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 4

September - 7 sorrows of Mary

Tue 10.00am	15 SM	Our Lady of Sorrows Requiem Mass Mary Hickey
Wed 9.30am 12.00pm	**16** **SM**	St Cornelius Mass Funeral Service (Altrincham) Christine Massey
Thu 9.30am 12.45pm	**17** **EM**	 Mass Mass (Loreto College)
Fri 10.30am	**18** **EM**	 Requiem Mass Kay (Kath) Keegan
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	**19** **EM** **EM** **SM** **SM** **SM**	 Adoration and Reconciliation Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	**20** **EM** **SM** **EM**	**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mass Mass Baptism

SYCAMORE PROGRAMME

To find out more about the Sycamore Programme please speak to Deacon John. The Programme continues on the following dates:

21st September
5th October
19th October
2nd November
16th November
30th November
14th December

SYCAMORE
THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

Latest Vacancies Within the Diocese

Cathedral Receptionist and Administrator
Cathedral Business Manager
Choral Director: Schools Singing Programme.
Please find more information about these jobs and how to apply on the Diocese website: https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026 - 2027

Parent (6.30pm) and Saturday Catechesis (9.30am) will take place in the Parish Centre.

Sunday Catechesis will take place in the Jubilee Room (9.45am).

Dates for Catechesis:

3/10/26 (St Monica's Church)	Parents and children (9.30am) Passports distributed.
10/10/26	Saturday Cohort
11/10/26	Sunday Cohort
15/10/26	Parent Catechesis
18/10/26 (St. Monica's)	Presentation Mass 11.30am
19/11/26	Parent Catechesis
22/11/26 (Please attend any Mass)	**Christ the King**
3/12/26	Parents Catechesis
5/12/26	Saturday Catechesis
6/12/26	Sunday Catechesis
12/12/26 (Please attend any Mass)	**Bambino Sunday**
25/12/26 (Please attend any Mass)	**Christmas**
28/1/27	Parent Catechesis
30/1/27	Saturday catechesis
31/1/27	Sunday Catechesis
4/2/27	Parent Catechesis
6/2/27	Saturday Catechesis
7/2/27	Sunday Catechesis
23/2/27	Celebration of Reconciliation
24/2/27	Celebration of Reconciliation
14/3/27 (Please attend any Mass)	**5th Sunday of Lent**
21/3/27 (Please attend any Mass)	**Palm Sunday**
28/3/27 (Please attend any Mass)	**Easter Sunday**
8/4/27	Parent Catechesis
10/4/27	Saturday Catechesis
11/4/27	Sunday Catechesis
17/4/27	Saturday Catechesis
18/4/27	Sunday Catechesis

Dates for First Holy Communion Masses (Noon)

24th April 2027 - EM Cohort
8th May 2027 - OLOR Cohort
15th May 2027 - SM Cohort

Children outside the Parish Schools may join any of the above Masses.



Mass Intentions

LATELY DEAD

Requiescat in pace

Mary Fitzgerald, Julie Rennick, Kay Keegan, Chris Carlin, Christine Massey, Mary Hickey, Tom Parry

GENERAL INTENTION

A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, for prayers answered, Tony Dixon, Barbara Flynn, Mary Boylan—birthday remembrance

ANNIVERSARY

Suzie Hartnett,

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, John Gibbons, Emma Coulson, Gerry Smyth, Kystyna Bzdega, Bron Bzdega, Kath & Peter Hughes, Emma Coulson, Richard Barry, Peter Kilfoyle, Michael Rice, Agnes Webster, Josephine Francis, Peter Carlon, Bernard Walker, Kathleen Rafferty, Audrey Crier,

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.

Impact!/YCW News If you have children going into year 7, 8 and 9 then they may consider joining our Impact! group. We meet every Tuesday 7pm-8.30pm at the Jubilee Room. Impact! is a group of 15 kids that discuss matters that relate to young teens and we have a lot of fun. For those with older children (years 10-12) we also have our Young Christian Workers group that meets every Wednesday 7pm-8.30pm. In a similar vein to Impact! but discussing more grown up topics. If you have a child that may be interested, please contact Tracy Reece on 07930489114.

SVP will hold their annual fund raising collection after masses on weekend 26th & 27th September the feast of St Vincent De Paul. Please support the excellent work of our Parish SVP.

Last weekend, some of our parishioners - Jane Wilson, Louise Kirsten, Lucy Buckley and Natalie Ratcliff - participated in a 10km Lancashire Hike for the diocesan local charity, Caritas Salford. Their aim, in taking on this challenge, was to support local children, families and adults who are experiencing poverty and either at risk of, or living in, homelessness. If you are able to, please consider adding to their sponsorship forms, or making a donation to the JustGiving page for this event (and mention their names or this parish) www.justgiving.com/campaign/lancashire-hike. Alternatively, you can pass on cash or a cheque, or donate online using your card: www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY will take place on Friday 2nd October. If you would like to participate please take an envelope (available at the back of church) and make your donation. You can either send directly to CAFOD or place it in the collection basket and your donation will be sent via the Office.

PARISH TODDLER GROUP the parish toddler play and stay group (0-4 yrs) will re-open after the summer break in the jubilee room on TUESDAY at 9:30am. Everyone welcome !Any questions please contact Tracy 07849539410

Caritas Conference: Tackling poverty and injustice in the Diocese of Salford Caritas Salford invites you to join them for a free day of learning and reflection on the social teaching of Pope Leo XIV. This conference will be held on Saturday 10 October from 11AM to 3.30PM. For more information and to book your place please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/CaritasConference

A Talk on the Characteristics of Franciscan Prayer Sr Joan Kerley FMSJ will be giving an online talk on the Characteristics of Franciscan Prayer on Thursday 17 September from 7pm. Please visit the diocesan website to register your place: https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/talk-on-franciscan-prayer/

Open Day - Nursery and Reception 2027 We are pleased to invite families to our Open Day for children who are eligible to start Nursery or Reception in September 2027. You will have the chance to look around our classrooms and learning environment, including our brand-new Early Years department, and ask any questions about your child starting school/nursery. Open Day Dates: Tuesday 13th October at 10.00am and Thursday 15th October at 2.00pm Places at our Open Days are limited so booking is essential. To reserve your place, email the school office at office@stmonicasrc.co.uk When booking please provide your name, telephone number, how many people will be attending, the year group they are applying for and your preferred date. We look forward to welcoming you to St Monica's.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - DATE FOR DIARY there will be a meeting held in English Martyrs' Church for young people (new Yr 8 or above) and their parents who would like to registered to take part in the Confirmation Programme. Information will also be sent to local Secondary Schools in September. The meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd October (6.30pm)

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pantasaph Monastry We are pleased to announce our diocesan pilgrimage to the Pantasaph Monastery in North Wales for the Year of St Francis of Assisi, which takes place on Saturday 17 October 2026. The day coach will leave the 1st pick up point at 9am and will be returning at around 6pm. The cost of the trip is £35pp. For more information and to book your place, please contact the pilgrimage office by telephone on 0161 817 2209



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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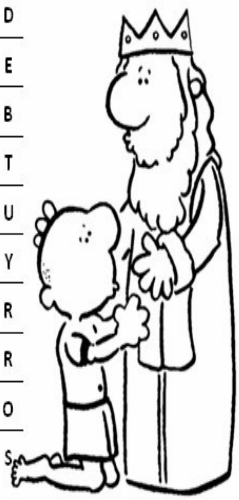

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GETTING MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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
admin@ourladyrosary.co.uk

St. Monica's
Woodsend Road South, Flixton
Head teacher: Mr. Mark Doherty
(0161) 748 3353
office@stmonicasrc.co.uk

SECONDARY SCHOOL

St. Antony's Catholic High School
Bradfield Road, Urmston
Head teacher: Mr. A. Campbell
(0161) 911 8001
admin@st-antonys.com

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.