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.

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 27th September 2026

Dear Parishioners,

I am sure most of you know that the SVP was not founded by St Vincent De Paul but by Blessed Frédéric Ozanam and journalist Emmanuel-Joseph Bailly de Surcy, who led a group of French students to found the movement in April 1833.

The movement was founded as a response to a student debate, where the Church was criticised for not helping the poor in the present.

It was this criticism that led a number of students to put their faith into action. In 1834, they adopted St. Vincent de Paul—a 17th-century priest famed for his charity - and worked closely with Sr Rosalie Rendu, a Daughter of Charity who guided them to impoverished families in Paris.

This local group eventually became a global lay led movement within the Church and is now actively present in most Catholic Parishes.

The SVP today are still responding to that initial question sparked by that student debate, asking constantly how can the poor and needy be helped TODAY.





WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 2

October– The Rosary

Tue 9.30am	29 EM	Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Whole School Mass
Wed 9.30am	30 SM	St Jerome Mass
Thu 9.30am	01 EM	St Therese of the Child Jesus Mass
Fri 10.30am	02 EM	Guardian Angels CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Requiem Mass Sandra Graham
Sat 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	**03** **SM** **EM** **EM** **SM** **SM**	 Sacramental Programme Parents & Children Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	**04** **EM** **SM** **SM**	**27th Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mass Mass Baptism

If you can support the SVP this weekend, please do so. If you would like to join the local group, please consider it! The question that led to its founding needs to be answered again by the faithful today.

SYCAMORE PROGRAMME

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

5th October
19th October
2nd November
16th November
30th November
14th December

SYCAMORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

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.

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)



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.
08/10/26	Parent Catechesis
10/10/26	Saturday Cohort
11/10/26	Sunday Cohort
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

Tom Parry,

GENERAL INTENTION

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

ANNIVERSARY

Stewart Kidd, Mary Fitzgerald, Noel Gallagher, James and Julia Kenny

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, 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.

VISIT SALFORD CATHEDRAL THURSDAY 29th OCTOBER 2026 there will be a coach for 35 Parishioners leaving the Parish Centre, Davyhulme Road. The coach will leave at 11.15a.m. so that we can attend Mass at 12.10p.m. After Mass at 1.00p.m. we will be given a tour of the Cathedral and we will return to the Parish Centre at 2/2.30p.m. The cost will be **£12.00 per person** - ALL MONIES TO BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER. There are only 35 places available on a first come first served basis. **If you wish to take part please 'phone Eileen McNee 0161-747-8872 after 1.00p.m. on Sunday to register your interest.** After registering your place with Eileen please hand your money in an envelope with your name, telephone number and marked "Cathedral Visit" Those collecting the money are: Filippa Martin at the Saturday Vigil Mass, John/ Eileen McNee at 9.30a.m. Mass, Margaret Murray at 11.30a.m. Mass.

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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS - Starting school September 2027 If you live in Trafford and your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, they are eligible to start school from 1 September 2027. You must apply to Trafford for all your preferred schools, including schools in other local authority areas. If you only apply directly to a school, your application will not be considered. If you want to apply for a nursery place, contact the school directly. Some schools may ask you to complete a supplementary form and return it to the school. This is often for faith schools. You must still also include that school in your application to us. 15 January 2027 - Closing date for applications. www.trafford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/starting-school-and-admission/starting-primary-school/submitting-application

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

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR RETIRED CLERGY there will be a retiring collection to support the retired clergy of the Diocese On the weekend of 17th/18th October after all Masses. Our diocesan Sick & Retired Clergy Fund ensures our retired priests can begin the next chapter of their vocation with confidence, knowing the Church they have served will continue to accompany them as they age. Every gift to the fund helps to provide the care, dignity and practical support our priests deserve after years of dedicated service. Please remember our retired clergy in your prayers and if you can, make a gift to the appeal today. (Scan the QR code to go to the donate page).

St Monica's - 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 We look forward to welcoming you to St Monica's.

English Martyrs' - Open Day - EYFS The open days for EYFS are as follows: Friday 2nd October -1st session at 9am and 2nd session at 11am & Friday 4th December -1st session at 9am and 2nd session at 11am. All welcome!

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY Open Day – Thursday 12th November Our Lady of the Rosary School will be holding our annual Open Day on Thursday 12th November, from 9.00–11.00am. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit our school, meet our staff and see our children in action. There will be a Headteacher's talk at 9.45am, followed by an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming you and hope to see you there!

Big Sleep Out Caritas Salford invite you to join people from across our diocese in 'The Big Sleep Out' to raise funds for hundreds of people in our area currently experiencing homelessness. So dust off your sleeping bag and get ready to wrap up warm whilst we spend the night in the great outdoors for a great cause. For more information and to register please click the following link: www.caritassalford.org.uk/ BSO

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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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
admin@emrcps.co.uk

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

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.