The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

"cor loquitur ad cor"

Heart Speaks to Heart!

COR AD COR LOQUITUR

Parish Information

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1st Sunday of Advent (B)



Dear Parishioners,

As we begin the new liturgical year, it is a good time to pause and reflect on the now. I have been reflecting on the recent Pastoral Letter, and I can't help but think that it was very much doom and gloom! So can I take this opportunity to invite parishioners to contemplate how you may become more active in our parish.

Could you volunteer to help as a catechist, join the music ministry or become a member of the SVP? Have you experience in finance or buildings and would be interested in joining any of the Parish committees? Maybe you could help with IMPACT/YCW?

Have you any ideas that you wish to share, are there things that we are currently doing that could be done better, and are there things that we could be doing that we are not currently? If you have any suggestions, do let me know, I welcome feedback, both positive and negative.

It is easy to offer support, advise and even criticism from the safety of the pew, while others are given their time to help strengthen the Parish, therefore if you would like to offer a suggestion, please **include** your contact details and be willing to help implement it – because if not YOU, who? Please do not forward anonymous suggestions or ideas.

It's a new year, let us see if we can do some new things together.

The Gospel today focuses on the word **AWAKE;** I don't know about you, but sometimes I feel I'm aways half-asleep. Especially this time of year, when it is dark and multiple bugs are spreading, you just want to go back to bed and sleep … or is that just me? Our Christian life can be like that; we can find ourselves tired and complacent and we aren't even all to blame.

That is why we all need Advent, we need the Holy Spirit to set a siren off so that we may become awake and cast off our slumber, focused renewed and zeroed in on Jesus Christ.

Don't hit the snooze button this Advent, wake up, get yourself ready and welcome the One who is coming to us.

Maranatha, Come Lord.

Fr. Kieren

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

3/12/26	Parents Catechesis
5/12/26	Saturday Catechesis
6/12/26	Sunday Catechesis
12/12/26	**Bambino Sunday** (Please attend any Mass)
25/12/26	**Christmas** (Please attend any Mass)
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	**5th Sunday of Lent** (Please attend any Mass)
21/3/27	**Palm Sunday** (Please attend any Mass)
28/3/27	**Easter Sunday** (Please attend any Mass)
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

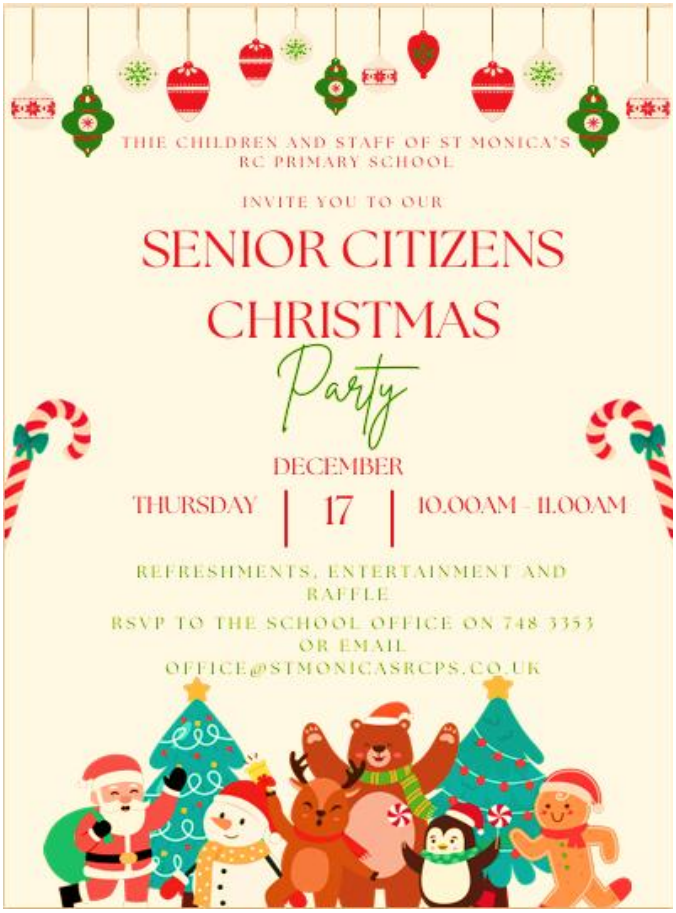
TIME	VENUE	MASS/LITURGY
Tuesday 01 9.30am	EM	Mass
Wednesday 02 9.30am	SM	Mass with whole school
Thursday 03		St Francis Xavier
9.30am	OLOR	Mass with whole school
6.30pm	PC	Parent Catechesis
6.30pm	EM	Adoration and Benediction
Friday 04 **ALL DAY**	St Antonys	Mass with Reconciliation and Adoration
Saturday 05		
9.30am	PC	Saturday Cohort Catechesis
11.00am	EM	Mass
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sunday 06		**2nd Sunday of ADVENT**
9.30am	EM	Mass
9.45am	JR	Sunday Cohort Catechesis
11.30am	SM	Mass
NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS	**Sunday Cycle: B** **Weekday Cycle:1** **Psalter: WK 1**	

MASSES RECEIVED

Masses may not always be offered on the day that is requested.

Lately Dead: Mary Kennedy, Ger Kennedy, James Jarvis, Eileen Haugh, John O'Brien
Anniversary: Wilma Farnwort, Mildred Gorey, Amelia Gorey, Bert Fordham, Alice Fordham, Tom Lowe, Alice Parker, Kathleen Flanagan
Intention: a speedy recovery, in thanksgiving, Tony Dixon, Mary Ann Haugh, the Haugh family, Mary Colleran, the Holy Souls
If you have names to be added to the Parish Sick List, please forward them to Fr. Kieren via email. Permission must be given by the sick person for their name to be on the list.

Sick: Audrey Crier, Gerry Smyth, Kystyna Bzdega, Kath & Peter Hughes, Peter Carlon, Tony Dixon, John Gibbon, Josephine Francis, Mary Barker, Lesley McCallion, Bernard Walker, Paul Hales, Meme Hales, Margaret Barker





HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES after re-introducing the Chalice as an experiment during the 11.30am Mass last weekend, I was wondering if we could aim to offer the same at 3 of the Christmas Masses (8pm, 9.30am and 11am). I am looking for 2 ministers at each Mass. If you would like to volunteer, could you contact Cecelia or Joan the EMHC coordinators.

IMPACT/YCW NEWS Tracy will be stepping down, at the end of December and, although we have a great team of leaders, we need someone to steer the group. The role involves meetings every Wednesday/alternative Tuesdays, banking, 'lesson planning' and rotas - if you feel you would like to be involved, please contact Tracy Reece on 07930 489114, there can be a 'crossover' period if needed. This is a fantastic group of kids, and it would be a shame if it had to finish, thank you.

Christmas Mass Baby & Expectant Mother Blessings We are delighted to invite parents, families and friends to join us for our Christmas Mass with Father Kieren on Tuesday 15th December at 9.30am. During the Mass, Father Kieren will offer a special blessing for babies born within the last 12 months and for expectant mothers. If you or a family member would like to receive either blessing, please contact the school office. We look forward to coming together as a school family to celebrate the start of the Christmas season.

DATE FOR THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION Bishop John has confirmed that the celebration will be Sunday 6th June 2027 at St Hugh of Lincoln church (2.00pm)

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. We work with other areas to make sure each child is only offered a place at one school. Some schools may ask you to complete a supplementary form and return it to the school. This is often for faith schools. **15th January 2027 - Closing date for applications.** www.trafford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/starting-school-and-admission/starting-primary-school/submitting-application

The SVP and the charity Two Brews are setting up a clothes bank in Central Manchester for the homeless. We are appealing for donations of warm winter clothes for men. The items you would donate to a charity shop. We will place boxes at the back of both churches.

Signed Mass for Deaf Community is signed every Sunday at St. Patrick's church, Livesey St, Manchester, M4 4FH at 11:30am. In addition, St Joseph's Chaplaincy to Deaf People provides a rich programme of socials, retreat days, trips and pilgrimages each year. Please come along. For more information contact: Fr. Paul Daly (paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or Peter McDonough (peterjpmcdonough@gmail.com)

THE BREAD & BUTTER THING A food co-operative providing food worth approx. £35) at £8.50 for a family. 3 bags containing fresh fruit & veg, cupboard staples and chilled/frozen food. For more information and free membership go to www.breadandbutterthing.org. Please speak to Geraldine if you want to know more or pick up a leaflet from the back of either church.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS our Prish is blessed with two wonderful flower arranging teams. If you would like to support the teams by donating towards the Christmas Flowers/Decoration, please place in an envelope marked "Christmas Fowers" and put it in the offertory basket. Many thanks for your support.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH CLEANING AT ST MONICA'S CHURCH HELP required for cleaning on Monday 21st December at 9.30am, St Monica's church. Telephone 07454812221 or just turn up

CHRISTMAS FAIRS The next Christmas Fair will be held at St Monica's Primary School on 6th December.

St John Henry Newman (Over 50's) upcoming events: ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN PARISH CENTRE SHOPPING FAIR & Tea/ Coffee and Cake 3rd December12noon till 4pm. Fun and games for all AND THERE's MORE ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN PARISH CENTRE CHRISTMAS PARTY 17th December 12 noon till 3pm. Buffet/ Secret Santa. Contact Fillipa on 07866583870

Child Poverty in our School Communities Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, is calling for urgent action after carrying out research with our diocesan schools that have shown a staggering increase in child poverty in our area in recent years. This was the second time our schools have contributed to the survey and shows a stark picture with many families in our parishes in need of urgent support. www.caritassalford.org.uk/SchoolPovertySurvey2026

Advent Prayers, Resources and Information As part of its annual Advent Bee There campaign, our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has a range of free resources which can be downloaded via their website. You can find out more and access them at: www.caritassalford.org.uk/BeeThere

Schools Singing Programme's Advent Carol Concerts next month, with one-hour services performed by schoolchildren from around the diocese. Please see below for dates and locations, Thursday 3 December - Our Lady of the Assumption RC Church, Middleton, Tuesday 8 December - St Mary's RC Church, Burnley, Thursday 10 December - Salford Cathedral, Tuesday 15 December - St Alban's RC Church, Blackburn, Wednesday 16 December - Sacred Heart RC Church, Colne. For more information https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/whats-on/

Caritas Advent Appeal 2026 The Caritas Salford #BeeThere bees are retelling the story of the Nativity and asking us to help change the script for local people facing hunger or homelessness. This Advent, could you #BeeThere for a child or adult in need? Watch the animation, at http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/BeeThere or donate at http:// www.caritassalford.org.uk/donate

SVP will holding its annual Christmas Afternoon Tea in The Parish Centre on Sunday 6th December at 2.00 pm. Invites will be issued and if anyone requires a lift, please contact SVP on 07495251598.

Italian Mass at Salford Cathedral There will be Mass celebrated in Italian at Salford Cathedral at 2pm on Sunday 6 December. Please do come along. Refreshments will be served following Mass. *Una Santa Messa in italiano verrá celebrata al Duomo a Salford, domenica 6 dicembre, a 14:00. Sarete tutti benevenuti. Dopo la Messa verranno offerti dei rinfreschi.*

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) 546 9050

Reading the Bible through Advent and Christmas - Rev. Dr Adrian Graffy, Darton, Longman and Todd have recently published this new book, on the Advent and Christmas readings. As this will be a helpful resource for both clergy and laity in the coming seasons, you may wish to publicise it in your parish. More details can be found by visiting www.whatgoodnews.org

GETTING MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

In order to get married in the Catholic Church a minimum of 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

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 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). To read the full diocesan policy, in full: https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Forming-young-people-for-life-Policy-Nov-2016.pdf

PREPARING FOR THE FULLNESS OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION 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 parents of children who will be entering Yr 3 (in September 2027) will be invited to enrol their child on the Sacramental Programme - letters and newsletter invitations will be sent out around May 2027. 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).

