The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

"cor loquitur ad cor"

Heart Speaks to Heart!

Parish Information

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15th November 2026 – 33rd Sunday



Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend we heard Jesus speak of the underprepared bridesmaids/virgins who missed the wedding feast as they were not prepared and when it really mattered, they had no oil for their lamps and missed the wedding feast.

Today Jesus shares another parable as he tells the story of three servants entrusted with various talents (money) by their master. The master leaves his servants – with the promise of an imminent return – expecting interest on the talents shared. Both stories invite us to draw similar conclusion, as both stories are asking you and I a very important question.

The question is this:

Will we be ready for when the bridegroom comes or when the master returns?

Our readiness, preparation and anticipation is questioned and challenged, and we have no excuse as the Gospel reminds us, if we find ourselves missing the boat.

Now of course Jesus is the bridegroom, and He is also the master, and as the liturgical year draws to a close to begin again in the season of Advent, we will find ourselves reminded that He will come again whether we are ready or not.

Growing up one of the Eucharistic Acclamations declared: Christ has died, Christ is Risen and Christ WILL COME AGAIN.

This is no idle speculation but the Gospel truth – will you or I be ready to welcome Him?

God Bless you all!

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

19/11/26	Parent Catechesis
22/11/26	**Christ the King** (Please attend any Mass)
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

Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies - British Sign Language Starting in January 2027 the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies will be available in the Diocese in British Sign Language. Spread over one Saturday each month at St. Patrick's church, Livesey St, Manchester, each module will be taught through BSL and, for those seeking to gain the certificate, it can be assessed via BSL signed video. The programme is designed for Deaf persons interested in being involved more fully in the local Deaf community, providing support and empowering them to share fully in the life of the church. For further information contact Fr Paul Fletcher SJ (pmf1uk@yahoo.co.uk) or Peter McDonough (peterjmcdonough@gmail.com

TIME	VENUE	MASS/LITURGY
Tuesday 17 9.30am	EM	Mass
Wednesday 18 9.30am	SM	Mass
Thursday 19		
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.00am	AC	Funeral Service – Trevor Edmonds
12.45pm	LC	Mass at Loreto College
6.30pm	PC	Parent Catechesis
Friday 20 9.30am	SM	Mass (for the Holy Souls)
Saturday 21		Presentation of the BVM
10.00am	EM	Adoration & Confession
11.00am	EM	Mass
1.00pm	SM	Baptism
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sunday 22		**CHRIST THE KING**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass led by IMPACT!/YCW Group
NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS	**Sunday Cycle: A Weekday Cycle:2 Psalter: WK 1**	

MASSES RECEIVED:
Masses may not always be offered on the day that is requested.
Lately Dead: Noreen Russell, Janet Negus,
Anniversary: Louise Noone, Joe McNamara, Mary Carroll
Intention: a speedy recovery, Tony Dixon, Geraldine Worthe, Eamon O'Berrne, Charlotte Heward, 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

VOTIVE CANDLES in the coming weeks we will begin a trial of the St Killian's Votive Burning System. The St Killian's system in the safest, cleanest, most environmentally friendly votive system in the world. The system does not use any plastic or aluminium. All the candle wax from the system is recycled. The candles in the system are completely smoke free, which will help preserve our statues and walls from smoke damage and improve air quality within our churches. The system is endorsed for its safety by the largest insurer to the Catholic Church in the world. All the wax from the system is collected in a water bath in the stand, thereby reducing wax spillage on our floors and surrounding areas.
I am conscious that the recommendation donation for votive candles has remained the same for 20 years. Unfortunately, in order to cover the increasing cost, the recommended donation needs to be increased to 40p.

CONTACTLESS PAYMENT MACHINES are now available at the back of both churches. The machines enable you to make donations for the general collection, weddings, baptism, funerals and retiring collection (there is also a gift aid option). You may also use the machine for the piety stalls.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS for the season of Advent are now available at the back of both churches, please make a donation (if you are able) of £1.50.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will return on Thursday evenings during the season of Advent, please come and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament on 3rd, 10th & 17th December at English Martyrs' Church (6.30pm)

NOVEMBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS during this month we are encouraged to pray for the faithful departed. Can I encourage you to visit your loved one's graves or attend the cemetery Mass on Friday. Throughout November a weekly Mass will be offered for the Holy Souls and the Faithful departed, if you would like your loved ones to be remembered during that Mass, please take a brown envelope from the back of either Church. The names will not be printed in the Newsletter but placed in front of the altar.

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.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA – MEMBERSHIP ENQUIRIES Discover the Knights of St Columba – Faith, Fellowship and Charity. The Knights of St Columba is a Catholic fraternal organisation dedicated to faith, service and charitable work. Council 104 welcomes enquiries from Catholic men interested in learning more about the Knights and becoming involved in our fraternity. Interested in joining? Visit our membership enquiries page: https://www.ksc.org.uk/join-us/

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.

LETTERS TO ST NICHOLAS (AKA SANTA) letter boxes will be appearing in the children's liturgy room from this Sunday. The last postal date will be Sunday 6th December the feast day of St. Nicholas … Ho! … Ho! … Ho!

CHRISTMAS FAIRS The Primary Schools will be hosting 3 Christmas Fairs this year. Please support our Parish Schools! 28th November (time tbc) English Martyrs', 6th December St Monica', 11th December (from 3.15pm) Our Lady of the Rosary.

ST MONICA PRIMARY SCHOOL an additional open day date has been added: 23rd November (9.30am). Please email the school office to book your place: office@stmonicasrc.co.uk

Mass for Carers A Mass is being celebrated for all Carers within our Communities at St Cuthbert's RC Church, Palatine Road, Withington, Manchester. M20 3LH. Mass will start at 12 Noon on Saturday 28th November 2026. Following the service sandwiches and refreshments will be served in the parish hall. Mass will be live-streamed through the parish website - stcuthbertswithington.com - so please attend online if you are unable to attend in person.

St John Henry Newman (Over 50's) upcoming events: TRIP TO SALFORD CATHEDRAL 19th November 10.30am till 2.30pm. Meet at the parish centre car park at 10.30am. 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

Visit of the Relics of St Gerard Majella To mark the 300-year anniversary of the birth of St Gerard Majella, a nationwide tour of his relics is taking place, and the Diocese of Salford is one of 11 dioceses in the country to receive them for a visit. The relics will be visiting four of our churches - the times and locations are as follows: Monday 23 November - Our Lady of Grace, Prestwich from 5:30pm with Mass at 6:30pm, Tuesday 24 November - St Mary (The Hidden Gem), Manchester from 1pm with Mass at 6pm, Thursday 26 November - St Brendan's, Bolton from 6pm with Mass at 7pm, Friday 27 November - Our Lady of Lourdes & St Gerard Majella, Lostock from 5pm with Mass at 6:30pm. For more information, please visit the diocesan website: 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, created with Doodledo and featuring the voices of local children, 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.

DIOCESAN ALMANAC/ORDO will be available soon. Fr. Ged just has to drop them off!

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





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

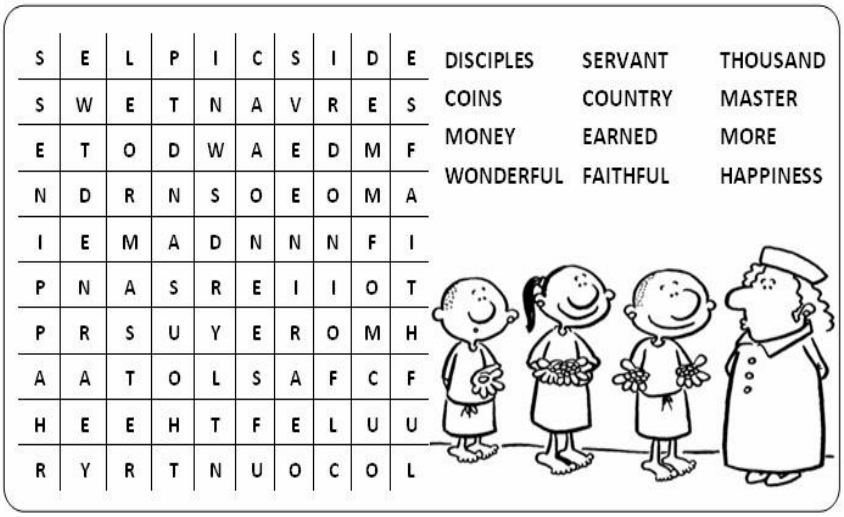
PREPARING FOR THE FULLNESS OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

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).



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