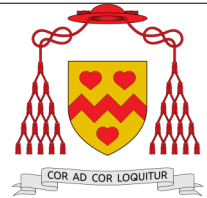




The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

The churches of the English Martyrs & St. Monica



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Second Sunday of Easter - 11th APRIL 2021

Sunday B, Weekday 1, Psalter Week2



On the 2nd Sunday of Easter, I'm often struck by the words - often attributed to St. Thomas of Aquinas - we discover at the beginning (or the end ... I can never remember) of the film "The Song of Bernadette":

"To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary.

To one without faith, no explanation is possible".

Dear Parishioners,

One of my favourite "Easter" Books is *The Robe* by Lloyd Douglas. It tells the story of the Roman soldier who wins Christ's robe at the foot of the Cross, and through encountering the disciples and those who met the risen Jesus, comes to share the Christian faith.

In the book the main character begins a journey that starts from a position of healthy scepticism and doubt, treating matters of faith with scorn and ends with man fully mature - fully human - a man of deep and true faith.

It's a great book, don't waste your time on the 1953 film!!

Thomas the Apostle, has wrongly over the centuries been given the nickname "doubting", and yet the truth is that his faith runs deep, because he has reasoned it out, and through that reason, he knows what the consequences of the claims his friends make mean. He knows what they have not yet realised; he knows that if the resurrection is true, then Jesus is truly God. That is why, when he too encounters the Risen One, he declares *My Lord and my God!*

It is this profession of faith, declared by none of the other apostles, that marks Thomas - there is no doubt or hesitation - only faith filled recognition. And it is through this faith that Thomas is enabled to become a true Apostle, a man of Jesus who is now ready to be sent out and share what he knows to be true.

Tradition suggests that Thomas travelled far proclaiming Jesus as Lord and God - *As the Father sent me, so am I sending you* - will our faith in the Risen One help us to do the same?

May the Risen Lord continue to bless you all in this Easter Season - Alleluia!

**English Martyrs' Church (EM)
St. Monica's Church (SM)**

Tues 9.30am	13	Mass - EM
Wed 9.30am 12.45pm	14	Mass - SM Funeral - Altrincham Crematorium - Elizabeth Gilmartin
Thurs 9.30am 3.00pm	15	Mass - EM Funeral - Manchester Crematorium - Edward McManus
Fri 9.30am	16	Mass - SM
Sat 1.00pm 5.30pm	17	Wedding Service - SM - Kate & Aaron Vigil Mass - SM
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	18	3rd Sunday of Easter Mass - SM - Live-streamed Mass - SM Baptism

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME CORNER

VIDEO CATECHESIS WITH FR. KIEREN

https://youtu.be/4bxv_wpG2nQ (parents to watch - subject is reconciliation)

Shrove Tuesday Catechesis with Fr. K: <https://youtu.be/wetfHiMlgtc>

Ash Wednesday Catechesis with Fr. K: <https://youtu.be/ZUoaN0-67Mw>

Second Week in Lent with Fr. K: [//www.youtube.be/axeVFniUKL8](https://www.youtube.be/axeVFniUKL8)

Third Week in Lent with Fr. K: <https://youtu.be/js1YRO9tapk>

Mothering Sunday with Fr. K: <https://youtu.be/4IbdGMYKnvk>

Fifth Week in Lent with Fr. K: <https://youtu.be/OJaAayJM8uQ>

Palm Sunday and Holy Week: <https://youtu.be/TVDGecTTZUU>

Easter Sunday with Fr. K: https://youtu.be/AXc9_9eShh4

Sacrament of Reconciliation

1. Tuesday 11th May, OLOR cohort (6.30pm) - St. Monica's church
2. Wednesday 12th May, EM cohort (6.30pm) - English Martyrs' church
3. Thursday 13th May, SM cohort (6.30pm) - St. Monica's church

The dates for 1st Holy Communion are as follows:

1. 3rd July - Noon - (English Martyrs' cohort)
2. 10th July - Noon - (Our Lady of the Rosary cohort)
3. 17th July - Noon - (St. Monica's cohort)



Masses & Prayers

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

Les Wilkins, Margaret Mary O'Sullivan

Easter Intentions

Cecelia Kobylarz, the O'Sullivan and O'Callaghan families and friends

Intention

all NHS workers, a private intention, Bridie Kennedy (birthday), Margaret Carr (birthday), Joan Kerrigan, Nora Kerrigan, Mary McHugh, Golden Wedding Anniversary (Eileen & Bob)

Anniversaries Masses

Mary Hartey, Fr. Tom Scully, George Webster, Eugene McLoughlin, Thomas Piercy, Oliver Piercy, Thomas O'Dowd, Catherine O'sullivan

Sick

Maureen O'Connor, Judith Lee, Marie Burns, Bridget Counce, Nicholas Behan, Michael Donnelly, David Brock, Michelle Clegg, Mary Hughes, Sylvia King, Maureen Whalley, Kath Royle, Anne Tumbelty, Kathleen Connors, Maureen McCarthy, Sandra Brady, Nuala O'Dwyer, Jean Nelson, Bridget Rigby, Jeanette Meakin, Josephine Riley, Stan Reid, Jean Black, Kevin Walsh, John Hartey, Theresa Patrick, Kevin Walsh, Ann Nothard

**GETTING MARRIED
IN THE
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

In order to get married in the Catholic Church 6 months notice must be given.

If you have been married outside the Church and would like to have the civil marriage convalidated, please contact Fr. Kieren for further information.

*Please pray for **Kate & Aaron** and **Isobel & Thomas** who will share the sacrament of Marriage in April, **Rachael & Danny** who will share the sacrament in May.*

***“And that is what marriage is!
Hand in hand, always and for the
rest of your lives”.***

Pope Francis

BOOKING AT NEXT SUNDAY MASS there will be no need to pre-book for Mass next weekend (ONLY). The stewards will work on a first come - first served basis!! Back to normal the week after!!



OUR LOCAL DIOCESAN HIGH SCHOOL is looking to recruit 4 new teachers to its team. If you are interested please follow the link. <https://st-antony.com/staff/vacancies/>

LOCKDOWN UPDATE following the Road Map we hope that the following can take place soon:

- It is intended that, from 12th April, weddings may rise to 15 including bride and groom., baptisms will rise to 15.
- It is intended that, from 17th May, baptisms may resume with gatherings of 30.
- It is intended that, from 17th May the number for weddings would also be 30.
- Requiem Masses permitted with 30 mourners. There is no date as yet for this to increase.
- Graveside liturgies: Limited to 30 mourners encouraged to socially distance.

WALKING THE WAY The Parish Primary schools have joined together to create an Easter Trail for families to enjoy over the easter period. The window trail will run 29th March – 12th April and details of all the windows on the trail along with a crossword sheet to complete as you go round can be found at <http://easter.littlelists.com/> The families have enjoyed colouring in their window displays and hope you enjoy the trail.

FIRST RECONCILIATION please note (in Sacramental Programme Corner) that the dates for the celebration of the sacrament of Confession for the children on the Sacrament Programme have now been confirmed. Further practical information will be added to the YouTube channel and the FB group page after Easter.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR THE NEW TAX YEAR due to the pandemic and current lockdown restrictions new boxes can be collected from St. Monica's church this weekend. If you would like to collect your boxes from English Martyrs' church please ring the Parish Office and collection will be arranged. Many thanks for your continued support to the Parish. Fr. K

POTENTIAL FOUNDATION GOVERNORS as a Parish we are blessed with three wonderful Primary Schools . I'm always on the look out to identify future foundations governors. If you might be interested in the future please contact Fr. Kieren. To learn more about the role click on the following link: <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/education/school-governors/>

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Many thanks to all who have returned the forms. After Easter I will release the dates of 4 Catechesis sessions and the date of celebration. Hopefully the subjects covered will be (1) The meaning of Life/Living life to the full (2). Unlocking the Holy Spirit (3). What's in a name? (4.) Being a Disciple. Many thanks to those who have already mentioned that they would like to volunteer as a catechist, but if anybody is interested please contact me ASAP. Fr. K

ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT as a Parish we are very lucky to have a wonderful team of Altar Servers. Obviously and sadly, due to the pandemic the activity of the servers has been limited. However, now there seems to be some light at the end of the tunnel, I would like to begin to recruit for new members to our team. If you have made your Holy Communion and would be interested in joining, please contact Fr. K.



CURRENT ALTAR SERVERS I'm hoping to soon invite you back to share and celebrate your ministry. If you are a little worried about coming back this video might help: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mUkd7NT12Kc>

DISCERNMENT WEEKEND for men aged 30 to 55 The Beda College in Rome is running a discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 from Friday 3rd September to Sunday 5th September 2021. It takes place at St Beuno's Spirituality Centre in North Wales. The weekend is to reach men who are not already in touch with their diocese and is a first step for those who may be exploring the possibility of priestly vocation in later life. Information and registration forms are at: <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-1>

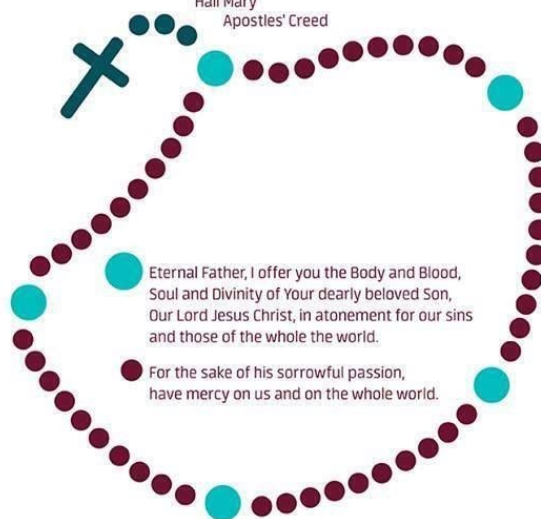
THE GREEN & RED North Mayo Heritage Centre - Genealogy. Do you have ancestors or relatives with Mayo connections? If you would like to find out more about your Mayo roots, the North Mayo Heritage Centre can help. Contact 00 353 9631809, write to us at Enniscoke, Castlehill, Ballina, Co. Mayo, F26FR94 or email northmayo@gmail.com.



HOW TO PRAY THE CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY?

Start!

Our Father
Hail Mary
Apostles' Creed



Eternal Father, I offer you the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole the world.

For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

Finally three times

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

GOING INTO HOSPITAL? If you or a loved one have to go into hospital, and wish a chaplain to visit, please note that due to data protection, **a member of the FAMILY must request A CATHOLIC CHAPLAIN** via the nurse station. Sadly not all hospitals offer the same provision. Unfortunately due to visiting restrictions the Parish Priest is unable to visit during the pandemic.

APF RED MISSION BOXES If you have a "Red Box" that needs emptying, you can drop them off at St. Monica's Church on the Weekends of 13/14th March - 24/25th April - Please leave in the porch. Alternatively, they can be brought to the Presbytery at English Martyrs' between 12th March - 23rd April on a FRIDAY morning only. Please ensure that your box is clearly marked with your details, so that it can be returned to you.

Sung Vespers at Salford Cathedral Since the beginning of Lent and continuing each week, our Cathedral Choral Scholars will lead us in communal prayer as we sing the Office of Vespers each Tuesday and Thursday evening at 5pm. Those watching online can participate safely and fully from home by visiting the homepage of the cathedral website. www.salfordcathedral.co.uk

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Code of Canon Law states:
"Parents are obliged to see to it that infants are baptised within the first weeks after birth"
 (867)

This canon, although not always practical for many reasons, reminds us of the importance and urgency of the sacrament of Baptism. **As a Parish within the Diocese of Salford we follow the Diocesan Baptism Policy.** In order for a baby/child (under the age of 7) to be baptised, the Catholic family, (resident in the Parish of St. John Henry Newman) if not already practising their faith, must begin to attend Sunday Mass for a minimum of at least 6 weeks before a baptism date can be discussed.

To discuss this further please contact Fr. Kieren or speak to him after Sunday Mass. After confirmation of a date for Baptism, a Preparation meeting must be arranged.



TO BOOK TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS IN THE PARISH OF ST. JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

Please email or phone the Parish Office. The deadline is Wednesday afternoon. Please do not ring Amanda or book for Mass outside office hours (front of the newsletter).

If you make a booking you will only get a response if you have NOT been successful.

All offertory donations should be placed in the baskets.

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The Apostle Thomas' case is important to us for at least three reasons: first, because it comforts us in our insecurity; second, because it shows us that every doubt can lead to an outcome brighter than any uncertainty; and, lastly, because the words that Jesus addressed to him remind us of the true meaning of mature faith and encourage us to persevere, despite the difficulty, along our journey of adhesion to him.
Pope Benedict XVI

PARISH CENTRE

Planning an event in the Summer ?
Available for all your family & social events.

For bookings of Parish Centre or Hall contact Filippa Martin 07866583870 or via email: martin_filippa@yahoo.co.uk or www.urmston_parish_centre.com

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - DIOCESE OF SALFORD

English Martyrs

Wycliffe Road, Urmston.

Head teacher: Mrs Carole Partington
 (0161) 748 7257

Our Lady of the Rosary

Davyhulme Road, Urmston.

Head teacher: Miss S. Molloy
 (0161)748 4626

St. Monica's

Woodsend Road South, Flixton

Head teacher: Mrs. Louise Davies
 (0161) 748 3353



St. Antony's Catholic School

Bradfield Road, Urmston

Head teacher: Mrs. F. Wright
 (0161) 911 8001

NEWSLETTER all items for the newsletter must be sent to Fr. K (via email) before 9.00am Thursday morning or sent to Amanda before 12.00pm Wednesday afternoon.