The Catholic Parish of
St. John Henry Newman
The churches of the English Martyrs & St. Monica

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Third Sunday of Easter - 18th APRIL 2021

Sunday B, Weekday 1, Psalter Week3

Dear Parishioners,

When I was little (it still is) one of my favourite films was Ghostbusters released in 1984 - sadly the recent revamp nearly destroyed all my good memories!

The theme song, like the film itself is a classic, as we listen to Ray Parker Jr declare: "I ain't afraid of no ghost!".

I was thinking about this as I reflected on the words from today's Gospel: "In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost ..."

I wonder if this is how we imagine the Resurrection? If it is, we are definitely wrong!

The Risen Jesus, is no apparition, He is no ghostly presence, and there is no reason to be

afraid. The Risen Jesus is real, and physical. He reminds us that there is no need to be agitated , we can reach out and touch, feel and receive Him.

The Risen Jesus, is always really present to us, He is here with us sacramentally always. Our senses may sometimes question this real presence - and yet He is really here for us. Not as a ghost, spirit our apparition, but through the miracle of the breaking of the bread. It is here, through the Eucharist that we meet God who chooses to meet us. As the Gospel reminds us today: "yes, it is I indeed".

Like the disciples, may our joy be great, when we like them meet Him, reach out to Him, hold Him and enter into communion with Him. And through this encounter may we like them become His witnesses, His disciples.

May God bless you all in this Easter Season.

		English Martyrs' Church (EM) St. Monica's Church (SM)
Tues **9.30am**	**20**	**Mass - EM**
Wed **9.30am**	**21**	**Mass - SM**
Thurs **9.30am** **11.00am**	**22**	**Mass - EM** **Funeral Service - Cherie Buckley - EM**
Fri **9.30am** **1.00pm**	**23**	***St. George , Martyr and Patron of England - Solemnity*** **Mass - SM** **Wedding Service - EM - Isobel and Thomas**
Sat **10.00am** **11.00am** **1.00pm** **5.30pm**	**24**	**Confessions - EM** **Mass** **Baptism - EM** **Vigil Mass - SM**
Sun **9.30.am** **11.30am** **1.30pm**	**25**	**4th Sunday of Easter - Good Shepherd (Vocation) Sunday** **Mass - SM - Live-streamed** **Mass - SM** **Baptism—EM**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME CORNERVIDEO CATECHESIS WITH FR. KIEREN

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

Shrove Tuesday Catechesis with Fr. K: https://youtu.be/wetfHiMIgtc

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

Second Week in Lent with Fr. K: //www.youtu.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 Confession: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dgEhqvydsK0

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4K4M0TjiSc

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YiVjwIUO9Sc

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

Margaret Mary O'Sullivan, Andrew Towey, Fr. Michael McCoy, Brian Hampshire

Intention

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

Anniversaries Masses

Catherine O'sullivan, Michael Hanlon, Emily Hanlon, Lily Conroy

Sick

Maureen O'Connor, Judith Lee, Marie Burns, Bridget Caunce, 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, Louie Spragg, Bernard Walker, Denis Graham

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 keep in your prayers those who will be sharing the Sacrament of marriage this year:

Isobel & Thomas, Rachael & Danny, Aoife & Paul, Elizabeth & James, Jessica & Matthew, Courtney & John Paul, Elizabeth & Stuart, Rebecca & Matthew

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

Pope Francis

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-antonys.com/staff/vacancies/

LOCKDOWN UPDATE I hope you have managed to get a hair cut! Please note that currently weddings and baptisms may rise to 15 including bride and groom., baptisms will rise to 15 including child. It is intended that, from 17th May, baptisms and weddings may include gatherings of 30. Hopefully in June, we may return to English Martyrs' church for Sunday Mass. It would be wonderful to see some more of the Parish family begin to come back to Sunday Mass. Please remember that presently, due to restricted numbers, you must book a place to attend Sunday Mass (Please see the back f the newsletter)

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 Please note the (provisional) dates and times for Catechesis and the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation:
All Catechesis will take place in the Parish Centre at 6.30pm.

(1) 30th September - Introduction
(2) 14th October - The meaning of Life/Living life to the full
(3) 4th November - Unlocking the Holy Spirit
(4) 18th November - What's in a name?
(5) 2nd December - Being a Disciple.
(6) Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation - Saturday 11th December - 1.00pm (English Martyrs' Church).

VOCATION SUNDAY (NEXT WEEK) In the light of the Pandemic, we know that it will not be possible to have a parish collection for the Ecclesiastical Education fund this year however please individually support the fund. All contributions to be made to the EEF fund, which supports our seminarians. Please give to 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

HELP NEEDED! The Bread and Butter Thing are needing help with the bagging and distribution of food. This will take place from Wellacre High School on Irlam Road, Flixton each Friday from 11am till around 2.30pm. We need a team of 12 people to help. Please contact Joan on 07531179552 if you can help.

Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst The Logos & Literature: Elaborating the Divine A series of online evening talks exploring some of the great themes of Catholic Christianity in writing old and new, with Catholic scholars and contemporary authors. Every second Thursday at 7:30pm from 29th April. For info and registration: https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/logos-and-literature/

Primarily famous for being the Patron Saint of England (replacing the former - and in my opinion better - patron, Edward the Confessor), George is also known as "Victory Bringer" and "The Quick to Hear." Of the man himself, very little can be considered a certainty, save that he lived during the Fourth Century and was executed by decapitation in Lydda, Palestine.

He was most probably born in Cappadocia of noble, Christian parents and, upon the death of his father, accompanied his mother to Palestine, her country of origin, where she owned land and where George may have been expected to oversee the estate but instead, chose the life of a military man.

The earliest literary reference to Saint George comes from Eusebius of Caesarea who, in 322 A.D., writes of a noble-born soldier of high rank the Roman army, being thrown into prison for vehemently disagreeing with Emperor Diocletian's persecution of Christians and, despite being tortured, refused to recant his beliefs. The following day, April 23, 303, he was dragged through the streets of Nicomedia and beheaded.

Tradition suggests that the Emperor's wife, Alexandria, was so impressed at the soldier's courage, that she converted immediately to the Christian faith and was also put to death. Due to his widespread following, particularly in the Near East, and the many miracles which were coming to be attributed to him, George became universally recognized as a saint sometime after 900.

Because the solemnity falls on a Friday this year, you will be glad to all know that it's a meaty Friday!!

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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STORY ROAD BREAD FRIGHT
GHOST DOUBTS HANDS FEET
TOUCH BONES FISH PSALMS

For many of us, faith means little more than an assent to a whole range of dogmas which, we are told, God has revealed. Loyalty to God and worship of him demand this assent. That we should see relevance in these dogmas, that they should enter intimately into our lives and exist for that very purpose, does not seem to matter ... What God reveals is for the living and only for living ... What God reveals is himself, as a lover reveals himself to the beloved. God summons us to a love relationship and this summons of love demands a response of our whole person in the whole of our living. Human life has no other meaning than to be a response to the God who calls us to love. Sr. Ruth Burrows - To Believe in Jesus

PARISH CENTRE

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.
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(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
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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.