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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter - 9th May 2021

Sunday B, Weekday 1, Psalter Week2

Dear Parishioners,

Well I have to be honest, I didn't choose the best week to take a few days off, but at least I managed to have a couple of early nights and now feel a little bit rested and re-charged … but like many of you I feel that I still need a proper break!

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we are invited to ponder the opening up of the early Church. God's choice as reflected in the growth of the Church reminds us:

"… that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him."

This is an important shift - God does not "belong" to any one group of people - God is not as small or petty as us - rather God chooses us through our Baptism to belong to Him.

He chooses us as His own, and He often chooses those we would not expect. And through that choice we (as the Gospel reminds us) not only become His children but also His friends:

"*You are my friends … I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father …"*

As we continue the season of Easter, let us grow in our friendship with God, who has chosen you and me as His own.

May God bless you and your families in this Easter Season.

Fr. Kieren

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Governors of St. Monica's RC Primary School are looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant who will fully embrace the Catholic nature of our school and work within our established and successful nursery.

The successful applicant must hold a full and relevant Level 3 qualification. Further information can be found on the school website:

https://st-monicas-primary.secure-primarysite.net/job-opportunities-at-st-monicas/

		English Martyrs' Church (EM) St. Monica's Church (SM)
Tues **9.30am**	**11**	Mass - EM
Wed **9.30am**	**12**	Mass - SM
Thurs **9.30am**	**13**	The Ascension of the Lord - Holy Day of Obligation - Solemnity Mass - EM
Fri **9.30am**	**14**	St. Matthias - Feast Mass - SM
Sat **10.00am** **11.00am** **5.30pm**	**15**	Confessions - EM Mass - EM - Livestreamed Vigil Mass - SM
Sun **9.30.am** **11.30am** **1.30pm**	**16**	**7th Sunday of Easter** Mass - SM - Livestreamed Mass - SM Baptism

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME CORNER

Catechesis with Fr. Kieren: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyQ0SW-dL2k

How to go to Confession: https://www.dropbox.com/s/kyrgws7hjxgl95i/guide%20to%20confession%20easy.pdf?dl=0

Please watch the following 4 videos on *Understanding the Mass* these will help your child (and hopefully remind you) make the connection between the *I belong* books and the importance of the Mass (Eucharist) for all Catholics.

https://youtu.be/l7fix1hlJB0

https://youtu.be/U5CWIrlzPq0

https://youtu.be/ENg2ZSLhrZk

https://youtu.be/cd_o_xXMXWs

Dates for your diaries:

The Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation

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

The structure for first Reconciliation is very simple. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar and music will be playing. The period for Confession will generally be 1 hour please simply turn up between 6.30pm & 7.30pm and allow your child to come forward to celebrate the sacrament. Once absolution has been given … that's it! Please remember that your child MUST go to confession in order to celebrate their First Holy Communion. Fr. K

The dates for 1st Holy Communion are as follows:

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

Masses & Prayers

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

Florrie Dyce

Intention

all NHS workers, a special intention, Philip Ronan

Anniversaries Masses

Fr. Peter Gooden

Sick

Maureen O'Connor, Judith Lee, Marie Burns, Bridget Caunce, Nicholas Behan, Michael Donnelly, David Brock, Michelle Clegg, Sylvia King, Maureen Whalley, Kath Royle, 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, Denis Graham

Sanctuary Candles

Those preparing for their GCSE's

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:

Leighann and Ryan, 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

"POTENTIAL" ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING FUNERALS I am sure that you noticed the announcement on Monday concerning the numbers attending funerals. As I understand the announcement from May 17th the current restriction limiting mourners to 30 will be lifted. However, social distancing will still be required. This will mean that although more than 30 mourners will now be able to attend funerals in the Parish, I will have to make a decision to cap the number of mourners in both churches in the Parish. My current thinking - and I'm awaiting Diocesan advice - is that 50 mourners (dependant on bubbles and distancing) may attend English Martyrs, while the maximum of 85 may attend St. Monica's. The Diocese may continue to instruct us to stick to 30!

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).

CORNERSTONE BIG SLEEPOUT (Restrictions permitted) 17th September at Xaverian College, Lower Park Road, Rusholme, Manchester M14 5RB. Our current plan is for a 'hybrid' event with some people being physically present on the college grounds while others are supporting us from their homes, by not sleeping in their own bed. If you want to take part but haven't already registered your interest for either the physical or virtual (at home) event, please do so here: **https://cornerstonecds.org.uk/big-sleepout/** To start gathering support and to raise as much sponsorship as you can, we encourage you to please set up a JustGiving page: **https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/BigSleepOut2021** This is Cornerstone's major fundraising event and your support means that we can continue to provide practical help and intensive 1:1 support for people who are street homeless or 'sofa-surfing,' and those without the security of a permanent home. To experience just a fraction of the challenges of what it is like to sleep rough for just one night and to help those who live this reality every day – we need you! This is a vital event, which we are committed to holding, as a way of introducing more people to the plight of homelessness and advocating for an end to it.

ALL SAINTS BARTON Franciscan Friars to celebrate the First Saturday devotion to Mary Immaculate. Every First Saturday with Adoration, rosary. Mass is celebrated at 3pm.The entrance to the beautiful Pugin Church is from the back door through the gardens. Strict Covid guide lines are observed.

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.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS THROUGH MARK as we return to Ordinary Time after Pentecost, the Department for Formation is pleased to offer four online evenings on the Gospel according to Mark. **Wednesday 26 May 2021** – Mark Time – some of the main themes and ideas to look out for in our Sunday Gospels over the coming weeks and months (with Fr Christopher Lough) **Wednesday 2 June 2021**- The Humanity of Jesus in Mark (with Fr Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp) **Wednesday 9 June 2021** – The Disciples in Mark (with Fr Michael Deas) **Wednesday 16 June 2021** – The Little People in Mark (with Fr Michael Winstanley SDB) Each presentation will be from 7.00 to 8.30 pm and will include time for discussion and questions. They are offered free of charge. To reserve a place on one or all the evenings and to receive the Zoom link in advance, please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

WALSINGHAM'S MAY ROSARY Walsingham invite people from Dioceses across England and Wales to pray the May Rosary for the following intentions: Protecting our families and the family of nations, especially in this Year of St Joseph. A deepening of faith, hope and love and the protection of life. Peace in the world. Deliverance from Coronavirus; for those working for a cure; for those who have died; for those who are suffering and those who care for them. The designated Rosary Hour for the Diocese of Salford for the National Rosary Relay Rally on Sunday May 30th is from 1pm to 2pm. All are welcome to join along in prayer.

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

YOUNG ADULTS - AN EVENING WITH AUSTEN IVEREIGH Thursday 13th May 2021 7pm – 9pm. Austen is the co-author of Pope Francis' latest book: "Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future". In it the Pope sets out his vision on how to create a better world as we emerge from the crisis that we have been living through. He sees this crisis as having meaning for us and inviting us to new ways of thinking and doing things. The first 20 young adults to register will receive a free copy of the book! To register or for more information, please email: formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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.

CARITAS VACANCIES a number of employment opportunities have arisen:

1. Director
2. Bank Support Worker (Morning Star)
3. Social Workers (Caritas Schools' Service)

If you are interested please find further details at: https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers/

FOR THE MUSICAL AMONGST YOU Song for St Joseph. Fr Kevin Murphy has written a Song for St Joseph as part of the year of St Joseph and the Feast of St Joseph the Worker on 1st May. Alex Patterson, Cathedral Director of Music, has recorded Fr Kevin's song - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xYEn06thM-o. Sheet music is available here: https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/stjosephandthefamily/

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.**

Something to think about:

God first loved us -- that's the message, the core message of the Gospel. I feel pretty certain that many of us grew up thinking that somehow if we did the right things, if we obeyed the commandments, if we went to church faithfully, we said our prayers every day, if we tried to follow the teachings of the church, that we would make it. Somehow, God would then reward us. We would be taken into heaven.

But it's not like that. This is the message: God first loved us. God doesn't demand that we do anything to earn that love. We can't earn that love. It's God drawing us into existence because God loves us. God drawing all of the universe into existence because God loves what God has made. God is love, and where there is love, there is God. That love of God reaches out to us first.

Bishop Thomas Gumbleton

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.
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.