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

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11th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
13th June 2021

Dear Parishioners,

I think that most of you probably know that I have pretty strong opinions regarding certain hymns, and in fact most genres of music. Maybe singing certain hymns reduces your time in Purgatory!

I was thinking about a particular hymn this week, it's a hymn that is often sung with little children, its catchy and easy to learn, and yes it even has actions. I've been thinking about *Our God is so big, so strong and so mighty …*

It is truly awful and yet although completely ridiculous also somehow great fun!

I was thinking about this hymn because I think that we often talk about God as big, powerful, omnipotent and omniscient … He is strong, mighty and yes there is nothing that He cannot do.

And yet when God speaks, when Jesus describes His Kingdom, He speaks in terms of smallness and fragility.

In fact the whole Christian narrative, the starting and ending of divine revelation is understood in terms of weakness and vulnerability. As Christians we initially meet God in His vulnerability!

We meet God as a baby in a stable, we bow before God enthroned on a wooden Cross.

Let us never forget that our God is so big, strong and mighty, only because He first became so small, so fragile and tiny!

In the Gospel today, Jesus speaks in parables using images that his hearers truly understand.

He speaks of the delicate action of creation as a crop is planted and slowly grows to harvest. He speaks of a tiny seed, a mustard seed, that from its smallest origin will grow to such a size that others will shelter in its shade.

God isn't afraid to start off small!

I wonder are we?

Are we afraid to live our faith - small and fragile - in the world. Can we plant that seed, confident that it will grow, and that there will be a harvest to reap?

God Himself shows us how to make things big, He shows us how to grow our faith and expand the Church.

We must start small, becoming that tiny mustard seed planted into the rich soil of the world, only then can we "*grow[s] into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.*"

Maybe we want a big strong God, but what we need is God who comes to us small and vulnerable. Maybe we think that the world needs a big strong Church, but perhaps the world needs the Church, needs you and I to become a mustard seed first.

God Bless you all!

Fr. Kieren

		English Martyrs' Church (EM) St. Monica's Church (SM)
Tues 9.30am	15	Mass - EM
Wed 9.30am	16	Mass - SM
Thurs 9.30am	17	Requiem Mass - SM - Mark O'Grady
Fri 9.30am	18	Mass - SM
Sat 10.00pm 11.00am 1.00pm 5.30pm	19	Confession Mass Baptism Vigil Mass - SM
Sun 9.30.am 11.30am 1.30pm	20	*12th Sunday of Ordinary Time* Mass - SM - Livestreamed Mass - SM Baptism

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME CORNER

Please watch the following 4 videos on *Understanding the Mass*

https://youtu.be/l7fix1hlJB0

https://youtu.be/U5CWIrlzPq0

https://youtu.be/ENg2ZSLhrZk

https://youtu.be/cd_o_xXMXWs

Please also watch the following short but important clips explaining the "Real Presence" of the Eucharist - **this is why we should never miss Mass!**

https://youtu.be/LeIHNxsh4jI

https://youtu.be/Vm8mMJqta8w

Video from Fr. K - PLEASE WATCH!!! https://youtu.be/pg7unww8G1I

PARENT MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT ST. MONICA'S CHURCH

EM Cohort - Tuesday 15th June 7.00pm

OLOR Cohort - Thursday 17th June 7.00pm

SM Cohort - Tuesday 22nd June 7.00pm

***Please note that if you can't attend your designated meeting you must attend one of the alternative meetings*

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 RECEIVED

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

Philip Racle, Rosaline Clarke, Daniel Kenny

Intention

a special intention, Francis Sloan, Michael Flanagan

Anniversaries Masses

Margaret Deeney, Cecilia & Thomas McGrory, Florence Farnworth, Hannah Keane

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Maureen O'Connor, Marie Burns, Bridget Caunce, Nicholas Behan, Michael Donnelly, Michelle Clegg, Sylvia King, Maureen Whalley, Kath Royle, Kathleen Connors, Maureen McCarthy, Sandra Brady, Nuala O'Dwyer, Bridget Rigby, Jeanette Meakin, Josephine Riley, Stan Reid, Jean Black, Kevin Walsh, John Hartey, Theresa Patrick, Kevin Walsh, Ann Nothard, Denis Graham, Archie Martin, Lou Fielding

Sanctuary Candles

In thanksgiving
Sr. Malachy

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, 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

Hospital Chaplaincy at Manchester Royal Infirmary, Saint Mary's, Manchester Children's Hospital, Manchester Eye Hospital, Trafford General and The Christie: If a relative or friend is an inpatient and would like a Catholic Chaplain to visit them for pastoral support please contact the Chaplaincy Office on 0161 276 8792. It is the rule of the Trust that the Chaplains can only visit people who are referred to them.

THE BISHOPS' REFLECTION ON THE DAY OF LORD whilst the obligation to attend Sunday Mass continues to be removed, the Bishops' are now inviting the faithful to begin to consider to return to Mass. In their reflection they write: "*it is the Eucharist, the celebration of the Mass, that makes the Church; and it is the Church, in the gift of the Holy Spirit, which makes the Eucharist. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the lifeblood of the Church. It requires our active participation and, to be fully celebrated, our physical presence*". If you would like to read the full letter please visit the Bishops' website: www.cbcew.org.uk

HOLY COMMUNION TIES have now arrived and are available to be collected at the Parent Meetings. The cost is £5.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2021-22 if your child will be entering Yr3 in September, it is now time to register to participate on the Sacramental Programme. Registration forms can be found at the back of both churches and can also be downloaded from the Parish website and FB page, alternatively if you email me I an forward you a copy directly. Please read the forms carefully and return them before **21st July** to Fr. Kieren at the Presbytery.

REGISTRATION INTEREST IN BEING CONFIRMED IN 2023 Parents with children in Yr6 will have received an email (via school) from Fr. Michael Deas inviting you to register an interest in being Confirmed. Apparently this link isn't working for all, so here it is: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5V-Fk5l15fc7DnxY9v5XyjU5KWjEsVqNDSGtHxrZh232rCg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - FOR THOSE CURRENTLY IN YEAR 8 Please note the dates and times for Catechesis and the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation:

(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).

GARDENING If you have a bit of time spare and are able to do a bit of weeding and general tidying, we are looking for people to help in the parish garden at the back of St Monica's Church. There is a regular few that tend to the garden on a weekly basis, if you are interested in joining them or can offer an occasional bit of time, please contact the parish office either via email or by phone during office hours, and Amanda will give you more information.

MESSAGE FROM CAFOD Thanks to your support, CAFOD has been helping communities around the world cope with the pandemic. Just in Zambia, in the past year, our reports show we've been able to reach 1,234,200 people with messages on COVID-19, provide 13,312 people with access to safe water, train 392 frontline health workers from Zambia's 11 dioceses on how to prepare and respond to COVID-19 in their local communities and donate over 1000 handwashing hygiene stations in communities to support handwashing measures. Thank you for standing alongside people in Zambia, for supporting people in more than 30 other countries worldwide and for continuing to keep them all in your prayers.

DBS CHECKS & RENEWALS As we are preparing to bring back the ministries and groups to the parish, in line with the next step of the Government road map, could we please ask anyone who has a DBS certificate, to check the renewal date, or, if you no longer wish to be involved in any ministry or groups and you have a DBS, could you let us know so that we can update the Diocese records. Please contact either Bill Smith (Safeguarding Rep) or Amanda Craven

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS THROUGH MARK **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. To reserve a place on one or all the evenings and to receive the Zoom link in advance, please email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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.

LORETO CENTRE, Llandudno Summer School The Loreto centre at Llandudno is hosting a Living Theology Summer School in July, online. This will make it safer, and more accessible to a wider audience. Living Theology is a summer school, initiated by the Jesuits, and takes place in various places across the country every year. The courses continue to provide opportunities for Christians to deepen their understanding of their faith, and develop their personal reflection on Christian living and belief. No prior theological knowledge is required, just an open mind and willingness to engage. To apply for this event please email loretocentre@yahoo.co.uk. Donations are welcome

Caritas Refugee Week Webinar Caritas, with support from Social, is pleased to be hosting their next webinar: Towards An Ever Wider "We" on Tuesday 15 June, 6.30pm to 7.30pm, during this year's International Refugee Week. The webinar takes its title from the published theme chosen by Pope Francis in advance of the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday 26 September. To register please follow this link: https://app.livestorm.co/social/caritas-refugee-week-towards-an-ver-wider-we?type=detailed

The Diocese of Salford in partnership with Trafford Council are seeking the recruitment of:

HEADTEACHER

Required for January 2022

St. Monica's RC Primary School

Woodsend Road South, Flixton, Manchester, M41 6QB

Tel: 0161-748 3353

E-mail: stmonicas.admin@trafford.gov.uk

Web: www.stmonicasschoolflixton.org.uk

Applications must be made using the current CES Leadership Application Form and the supporting statement should be no longer than 1300 words. The CES form pack can be accessed using this link: http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/recruitment-process/item/1000051-model-recruitment-documents-guidance

The Application Pack and more information about the school can be found on the website: https://www.stmonicasschoolflixton.org.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.**

CARITAS is looking to hire a bank counsellor to provide a counselling and family support service in schools across the Diocese of Salford according to each school's formal agreement. The position will require working with pupils referred to the Caritas Schools' Service on a variety of issues, providing a non-judgemental, caring and confidential environment for them to work through their problems and difficulties. For more information on the position, check out: www.caritassalford.org.uk

THE COMMON GOOD EVENTS There is a new series of four events exploring the common good. The events are a collaboration between the Benedict XVI Centre at St Mary's University, Twickenham; Together for the Common Good; Caritas Social Action Network; and the Centre for Social Justice. They are kindly supported by the CCLA. The first event will be on the subject of "The Common Good: What does it mean?" Philip Booth, Sam Bruce and Jenny Sinclair will be in conversation with Professor Ruth Kelly. It will be held at 6.30-8pm, Tuesday 15 June 2021, online via zoom. For more information about the first event, ttps://www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2021/06/the-common-good-event

Future events will be held on 13th July, and 29th September and the 16th November (at St Mary's, Putney). Booking information will be sent out in due course.

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.