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


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# 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B)
## 8th August 2021

Dear Parishioners,

*"When we collide we come together, If we don't, we'll always be apart".*
Biffy Clyro

Obviously the lyrics from this song were not intended to reflect the theology of the Eucharist, and yet you would find it difficult to describe Holy Communion in a better way. The Eucharist is a coming together, a coming together of us with God and God with us. In this coming together we enter into communion, we are literally drawn into unity, unity with the One, whom we should never be apart!

In the Gospel today, Jesus reminds His friends - me and you - that the Bread of Life, that brings eternal life, isn't a thing or an object. It isn't just any old foodstuff.

The Bread of Life is a Person:

***I** have come down from heaven*

***I am** the bread of life*

***I am** the living bread which has come down from heaven.*

The Bread of Life, the Eucharist, the source and summit of or Catholic faith is a Person, **it is Jesus**.

And it is through the Eucharist that we encounter, receive and collide with Him.

Pope Emeritus Benedict once said:

"Being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person."

In the Eucharist we meet Jesus Christ, we receive Jesus Christ, we collide with Jesus Christ and we enter in holy communion with Jesus Christ.

Why?

Well let the One we receive explain it for us:

*Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.*

I don't know about you, but if this is what He promises I never want to be parted from Him.

May God Bless you all.

Fr. Kieren

| | | English Martyrs' Church (EM)<br>St. Monica's Church (SM) |
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| Tues<br>9.30am | 10 | St. Lawrence - Feast<br>Mass - EM |
| Wed<br>9.30am | 11 | St. Clare - Memorial<br>Mass - SM |
| Thurs<br>9.30am | 12 | Mass - EM |
| Fri<br>9.30am | 13 | Mass - SM |
| Sat<br>10.00am<br>11.00am<br>1.30pm<br>5.30pm | 14 | St. Maximilian Kolbe - Memorial<br>Confession<br>Mass<br>Baptism<br>Vigil Mass - SM |
| Sun<br>9.30.am<br>11.30am<br>1.30pm<br>2.30pm | 15 | *THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*<br>Mass - EM - Livestreamed<br>Mass - SM<br>Baptism<br>Baptism |

## THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The celebration and catechesis of this sacrament has become somewhat problematic. The Deanery has approached Yr 6 pupils via email (sadly the link doesn't seem to work for everybody!) asking them to register an interest in participating in the future. As most of the children in our Parish leave the Diocese of Salford to go Secondary school or choose to attend the local Grammar Schools or Single Sex schools (nothing wrong with that) it is difficult for me to reach out to them and to keep them clued in to Parish life.

1. Catechesis (in the Parish Centre) for young people currently in **Yr 8** will begin in September and will conclude with the celebration of the Sacra ment in Advent:

30th September - Introduction

14th October - The meaning of Life/Living life to the full

4th November - Unlocking the Holy Spirit

18th November - The joy of Christ

2nd December - Being a Disciple/What's in a name?.

11th December Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation - 1.00pm

(English Martyrs' Church).

2. Children currently in **Yr 7** will be invited to formally enrol on the Programme in September of this year (please keep an eye on the newsletter) and Cat echesis will begin in the New Year.

### MASSES RECEIVED

**Lately Dead**

*Requiescat in pace*

Archie Martin,

**Intention**

a special intention, Frank & Anne Leneghan (wedding anniversary), Colette Keck, the Keck and Mulkeen families, Ann Smyth

**Anniversaries Masses**

Emma Lynn, Lily Allen, Carol O'Dowd, Kevin Flannagan

**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, Lou Fielding, Owen McKeever's ,

**Sanctuary Candles**

Dorothy Greening

### 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:

***Courtney & John Paul,***

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

Pope Francis

**LIFTING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS IN THE PARISH**the following comes from the guidance offered by the Bishops' Conference:

- The wearing of facemasks in Church **remains mandatory** unless exempt. handsantiser will be continue to be available. There are now NO restrictions to the numbers who can attend, you may also stand, sit and yes, even kneel during Mass!
- The Sunday Obligation will be re-introduced on 1st Sunday of Advent, but we should never see Mass as an obligation but as a gift and privilege.
- Please scan the QR code as you enter either church building or sign the sheets at the back of church
- Holy Communion will continue to be distributed under one kind.
- Altar servers and EMHC are encouraged to return. The co-ordinators will be in touch soon.
- You no longer need to book into attend Sunday Mass, and there is also no longer a cap on numbers. The 9.30am Mass will return to English Martyrs'.
- There will be no sign of peace or holy water.
- Social distancing is no longer compulsory , however, I ask that the side pews at St. Monica's be given to those who wish to continue to socially distance.
- Congregational singing and the Children's Liturgy will hopefully return in September with the new academic term.
- A large collection basket will remain at the back of Church for offertory donations. Although I am hoping to reintroduce the offertory collection and procession gradually.
- If you have any symptoms or have been asked to isolate please stay at home!

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME CATECHISTS** its not been an easy 18 months and I have missed your wonderful contribution to the life of the Parish and to the faith development of our Parish children. I hope now to welcome you all back to ministry as we prepare to start the Programme again. If you are able to continue in your ministry (or not) could I invite you to email Bernadette or Charlotte so that we can begin to plan for the restart. *If you would like to become a Parish Catechist please contact Fr. Kieren.*

**HOME VISITS** Now that many of the restrictions have been lifted. If you would like a home visit, please contact the Parish Office and a visit will be arranged.

**LIVESTREAMING OF SUNDAY MASS** will continue until 29th August. Those who can return to Mass should begin to return to Mass. Livestreaming was a necessary medium however, it is not an alternative to active being present at Mass and receiving Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

**TO MODIFY A PHRASE FROM PETER KAY'S COMEDY CLASSIC PHOENIX NIGHTS … "SALFORD CATHEDRAL COMING IN YOUR EARS!"** Next Sunday morning the Sunday Service on BBC Radio 4 (8.10am) will come from our very own Cathedral, why not have a listen while you get ready for Mass?

**THE AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY MASS** in St. Mary's Cemetery will not be taking place this year, due to the continuation of Covid-19 restrictions.

**ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT** if you have made your 1st Holy Communion and would like to join the wonderful Parish Altar Serving Team could you ask your parents to email me (stating which Mass you would prefer to serve), and we can begin the process of getting ready to serve the Lord and his family (the Parish) in your ministry as an Altar Server … training will be provided!

**Mass for the deceased in Southern Cemetery at St Ambrose Chorlton** Bank Holiday Monday 30th August at 11am (St. Ambrose). After Mass Fr. John Hitchen will proceed to the Cemetery to lead prayers by the priest's graves at approx. 12noon. All welcome.

**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

**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.

**Taking Liturgy Seriously – Online study course from the Society of Saint Gregory** As part of its commitment to promote and support the liturgy of the Catholic Church, the Society of Saint Gregory will be offering a new modular study course, aimed at developing liturgical understanding. The course, which will be run in partnership with the London Jesuit Centre, starts in September and will take place via Zoom. Held over the course of one year, each module will comprise three sessions and provide a theological and historical overview, which will form the background for a deeper study of how we celebrate the liturgy today. Modules include The Paschal Mystery, Healing and Forgiveness, Initiation, Commitment and Ways of Prayer. Within each theme we will look at how we apply general principles of liturgy, how music and space affect the way we celebrate, and, above all, how we are enabling people to pray together. The course is aimed at all who wish to widen their understanding of the liturgy. For further information see www.ssg.org.uk/taking-liturgy-seriously/

**Caritas Summer Appeal** This summer, Caritas Salford will support over 5,000 families experiencing challenges and crisis. We will give practical support to those living in insecure accommodation, help alleviate poverty and provide food packs, shopping vouchers and 'in-crisis' grants to those in need. Please visit the website to make a donation, or alternatively: Please mark your envelope Caritas Summer Appeal and include your full name and address and how you prefer Caritas to be in contact with you. Please make cheques payable to Caritas Diocese of Salford and send to Cathedral Centre 3 Ford Street, Salford M3 6DP. If you can Gift Aid your donation, it is worth 25% more to us, at no extra cost to you. Tick the box online, or let us know by post with your cheque.

**Caritas Salford – 'Business Buddies' for Refugees.** Caritas Salford has teamed up with TERN (The Entrepreneurial Refugee Network) and Ben & Jerry's (the well-known ice cream manufacturer) to launch the Ice Academy for the first time in Manchester. This is a project to support refugees in developing business ideas and starting their own business in Greater Manchester by connecting them to the experts, programmes and support they need to move forward. As a result, Caritas is searching for 15 volunteer 'business buddies' interested in social innovation and with some business/public sector experience or a professional services background. You will offer your expertise, guidance and advice as our entrepreneurs develop and test their business ideas. For more information and to express an interest, please contact Amir by email at a.raki@caritassalford.org.uk or call/text to 07477 926517.

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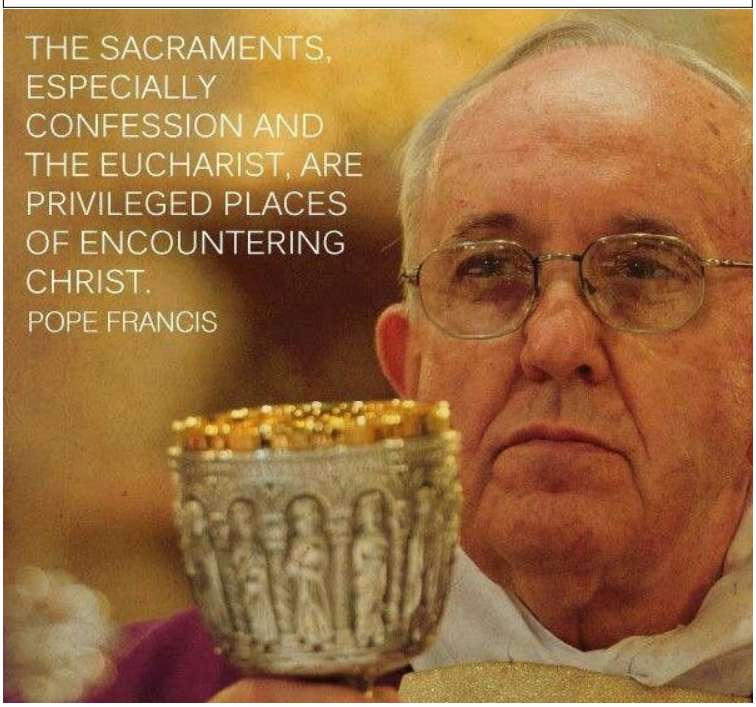
**HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY at Manchester Royal Infirmary, Saint Mary's, Manchester Children's Hospital, Manchester Eye Hospital, Trafford General and The Christie:** If a relative or friend is an inpatient and would like a Catholic Chaplain to visit them for pastoral support please contact the Chaplaincy Office on 0161 276 8792.

**STRETFOOD FOOD BANK** Please place any of the above items in the grey bin at the back of church (English Martyrs).

To donate directly then detail are as follows Stretford Food bank Co-op Bank a/c 65855834 Sort code: 089299.




## 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.

## 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.