



The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

The churches of the English Martyrs & St. Monica



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1st Sunday of Advent

28th November 2021

ORIGINS
The first missionaries in Europe took advantage of the pagan traditions to evangelize. One of them consisted of lighting candles during the winter, which represented the sun god.

CIRCULAR SHAPE
It represents God's eternal love for us and also speaks of our own love towards the Lord and others, which needs to be renewed constantly.

THE ADVENT WREATH

THE BRANCHES
Green is the color of hope and life. Our biggest hope should be to achieve a closer union with God as the tree and its branches.

THE CANDLES
The four candles of the wreath are lit each Sunday of Advent. They represent the dissipation of darkness as we approach the birth of the Lord.

Reading the newsletter, you find some information regarding the Synod. Please participate as fully as you are able to. The Synod is designed as a listening exercise to inform the Bishops' in 2023.

Pass the information to both family and friends, especially those who may feel in some way isolated from the Church.

In this Advent Season may you all open your hearts to welcome Christ.

May God Bless you all.

Fr. Kieren

During this Advent Season, perhaps you could pause (traditionally at Noon or 6.00pm) and pray the Angelus:

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.
 Hail Mary, etc.
 V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.
 Hail Mary, etc.
 V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.
 Hail Mary, etc.
 V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.
 Let Us Pray
 Pour forth, we beseech Thee O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection through the same Christ our Lord.
 Amen.

Dear Parishioners,
 I got excited last week! The Aldi Christmas brochure ... small things should make us all happy. I found myself beginning to prepare and anticipate the big family festive meal as I flicked through the pages, mentally noting the items that will be needed, and starting my annual tradition of tuning in to Classic FM. A good job too because my mother informed me that there would be an unexpected additional guest (best to know in advance!!)

The season of Advent begins in anticipation and provides an intentional exhortation to prepare, not so much for an unexpected guest; but for the coming of Christ amongst us.

Sadly, the world today seems to forget the One who will come to us. It forgets to prepare for the One who invites us to receive Him, at our tables, in our homes, hearts and our very lives. As the festive lights begin to flicker and burn brightly. The world has forgotten Jesus. I hope in our preparations we don't.

Let us make sure that He isn't unexpected when He arrives.

English Martyrs' Church (EM) St. Monica's Church (SM) ADVENT WEEK 1, Psalter Week 1		
Tues 9.30am 2.00pm	30	St. Andrew (F) Mass - EM Funeral Service - John Malone - Altrincham Crematorium
Wed 9.30am	1	Mass - SM
Thurs 9.30am 6.30pm	2	Mass - EM Parent Catechesis - Parish centre
Fri 10.00am	3	Requiem Mass - EM - Nicholas Behan
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 12.30pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	4	Confession & Adoration - EM Mass - EM Baptism - SM Confession - SM Sunday Vigil Mass - SM
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	5	2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mass - EM Mass - SM Baptism - SM

MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace

David Whittle, Nicholas Behan, Kath Royle

Intention

a special intention, The Holy Souls, All the faithful departed, Fr. David Featherstone (Birthday), Joan Kerrigan, Nora Kerrigan

Anniversaries Masses

Mary & Patrick O'Shea, Nigel Boylan, Timothy Collins, Nellie Collins, Pat Groy, Margaret Collins, Sheila O'Dowd

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Maureen O'Connor, Marie Burns, Michael Donnelly, Sylvia King, Maureen Whalley, 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, Mary Tunstall, Ray Kelly, John Tollitt, Valerie Byrne, Janet Brierley, Helen O'Hagen



THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION


Please request to be accepted to the following FB Group: **St. JHN Parent Catechesis** in order to receive updates and information.

2nd December	Parent Catechesis
12th & 13th December	3rd Sunday of Advent – Bambino Sunday (attendance at 5.30pm or 11.30am Mass)
2022	
16th/17th January	Catechesis for children
5th/6th March	1st Sunday of Lent (attendance at either 5.30pm or 11.30am Mass)
10th March	Parent Catechesis

Please note that all who are registered on the above programmes to complete the Sacraments of Initiation, must attend Mass regularly and participate fully in all catechesis sessions.

Catechesis for: OLEM cohort (Parish centre) & SM cohort (Jubilee Room)

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



I am beginning to get excited as I prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our Candidates - Please keep them all in your prayers.

Can ALL candidates return the requested information to me as soon as possible, either after Mass or via the Presbytery

11th December Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation - 1.00pm (English Martyrs' Church).

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 con-validated and recognised by the Church, please contact Fr. Kieren for further information.

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

Pope Francis

RETURN OF THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS you know that I don't like the phrase "obligation" and that all Catholics shouldn't feel obliged to attend Mass, but rather should desire to attend Mass and see it as a true privilege. However, please note that the obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday has now returned. This means that every Catholic should (unless they have a legitimate reason not to) attend Sunday Mass. You can read the Bishops' statement here: www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-statement-honouring-sunday/

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Every Saturday (from next week) at English Martyrs' (10.00-10.50am)

THE PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP JOHN is available in hard copy at the back of both churches and via the Parish Social Media platforms.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS will be sold at the back of both churches on 2nd Sunday of Advent (4th/5th December). All proceeds will be donated to the Alzheimer's Society.

ELECTRICAL WORKS AT ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH please note that for your safety the church of English Martyrs will NOT be open on **8th December** as some external and internal work will be occurring. The electrical supply will be changed and a smart meter installed.

WALK WITH ME BOOKS (ADVENT) are now available at the back of both churches. If you are able please make a donation of £1.

VACANCY FOR A PART TIME COOK: St Luke's Centre, Whalley Range (stlukescentre.org.uk) is looking to appoint a part-time cook working Wednesday and Thursday each week (12 hours split shifts) from January 2022. Salary is negotiable and we are looking for a sociable, organised, self starter who can provide home style cooking (lunch and dinner) for 4-8 people. DBS (Safeguarding check) and references required. A great opportunity to join our team-our last cook was with us almost 15 years. If you would like to discuss the role please contact Fr Gerard Fieldhouse-Byrne on 01612264563 or by email: gerardfbyrne@stlukescentre.org.uk

NIFTY 50+ please note that the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 7th Dec in the Jubilee Room has been moved to Thursday 9th Dec at the Club House, Irlam.

FESTIVE PREPARATION ! If you would like to help prepare the churches, by supporting the flower arranging teams, appropriately for the coming liturgical season. Please consider making a donation - marked "Festive Flowers" and return to Fr. K or via the Presbytery.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION I would like to encourage you to begin again to distribute the Blessed Sacrament at Mass. Obviously, initially whilst Holy Communion can only be shared under one species, only one additional minister will be needed to assist at Sunday Masses. If you feel that you are able to return and take up again this worthwhile ministry please approach the relevant co-ordinator, either Cecilia or Joan.

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



SYNOD Pope Francis has called a Universal Synod which is taking place in every Catholic diocese across the world. The Synod is themed: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission". We want to hear from as many people as possible, those

involved in the church and those who are not. You can take part by completing an online submission using the following link. www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2. Please share this link with family and friends. We have until 1st March 2022 to make our submissions then, after national and continental gatherings, the Synod of Bishops will gather in Rome in 2023 to reflect on what has been heard. Please remember the Synod in your prayers. Your contribution is invaluable and will make a considerable difference to the future of the Church in our diocese and across the world.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.

There are also some hard copies of the questions at the back of both churches.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022 if you are interested in become a volunteer pilgrim or a simple pilgrim and would like to be kept updated regarding the pilgrimage in 2022, please register your interest via the website: www.salfordlourdes.co.uk



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 in Lisbon, young people from across the diocese will be travelling to Lisbon in 2023 to celebrate World Youth Day in the presence of Pope Francis.

Anyone aged between 16-30 by June 2023 are invited to join the Salford Diocesan

Youth team in Portugal to greet our Pope and celebrate with like-minded young adults. World Youth Day 2023 will take place 1-6 August 2023. To register please follow this link: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/register-now-for-world-youth-day-2023-in-lisbon/?hilite=%27world%27%2C%27youth%27%2C%27day%27. If you are interested (something the current crop preparing for Confirmation might want to look into!!) and would like to discuss fund-raising ideas, please contact Fr. K

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES Yes, it is that time of year again! I am already being asked, so here we go! Please note that there is no need to book to attend the Masses, and that the earlier Masses will be "family friendly". Due to how Christmas falls this year, it is a little more complicated:

Christmas Eve (Friday)

5.00pm Mass (St. Monica's)
7.00pm Mass (St. Monica's)
9.00pm Mass (English Martyrs')

Christmas Day (Saturday)

10.00am Mass (English Martyrs')

Holy Family (Sunday 26th December)

9.30am Mass (English martyrs')
11.30am Mass (St. Monica's)



STRETFORD 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.



Caritas Salford's Advent Appeal 2021: #Loved Caritas Salford's work with children and families is at the heart of our Love in Action as much as it ever was, and is just one aspect of their diverse work supporting those facing crisis and challenge. As the principal domestic social action agency of the Catholic Diocese of Salford, and in this Year of St Joseph and the Family, Caritas is asking for your support to continue this transformative work.

Please visit <http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/advent-2021> to see the difference your donations have made in the past 12 months to over 5,000 families. Online donations, via the website, save the charity the cost of administration and eases the claim for 25% extra in Gift Aid. Setting up a direct debit can also be done in this way. Alternatively, call Rachel Taylor during office hours on 0161 817 2285. Cheques made payable to Caritas Diocese of Salford, marked FAO Rachel Taylor: ADVENT APPEAL to: Caritas House, Nobby Stiles Drive, Collyhurst, Manchester M4 4FA. Please include your full name, address and postcode, and whether you wish to gift aid the donation. Thank you for your support. Please continue to keep our teams of staff and volunteers in your prayers, as well as those who need our support, so that they know they are loved.

ADMISSIONS TO PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS FOR RECEPTION CLASS 2022

Applications for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 can be submitted from the beginning of the 2021 autumn term. **The closing date for applications is 15 January 2022.** To avoid disappointment please ensure that you read the Admission Policy of all the Parish Schools and have checked the appropriate catchment area. **A copy of your child's Baptism Certificate should be included with every application to a Catholic school,** regardless of parental preference. If you would like to apply online please follow the following link: www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/Admissions..aspx

OUR CATHOLIC PARISH AND DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

DIOCESE OF SALFORD

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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

SECONDARY SCHOOL

St. Antony's Catholic High 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.