



The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

The churches of the English Martyrs & St. Monica



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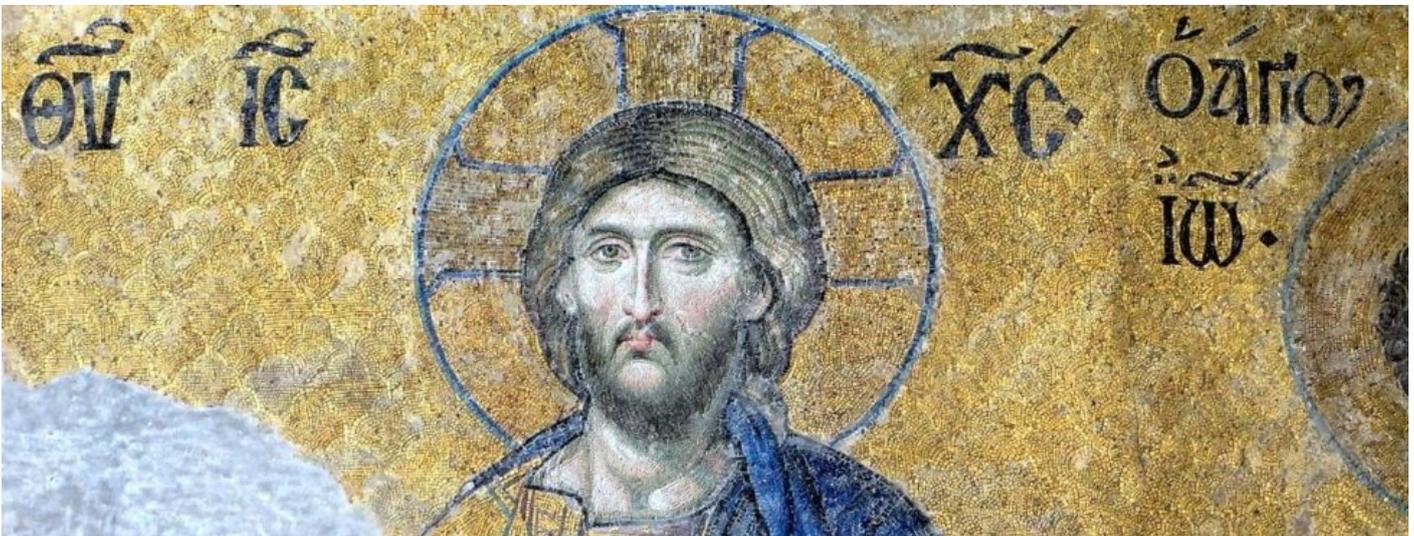
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CHRIST THE KING

21st November 2021



Dear Parishioners,

Can you remember the first General Election where you voted, I can ,1997 (21 years old) and just about to start seminary. When Tony Blair led Labour to a famous election victory. I can remember the optimism and excitement, and I share the real belief that "*things could only get better*", and perhaps for a time they did and then they didn't.

I also remember as a young priest in 2008 watching whilst on holiday in America, the election of Obama for President ... "yes we can" chanted the crowds. And yes they did until no they couldn't!

Would it be wrong to suggest that for a time both Blair and Obama masqueraded as some sort of Messiah figures, not obviously (I hope) in their own eyes, but in the eyes of others?

Neither were the Messiah, neither can save, and both - no matter how often they were courted by celebrities and the media - were no better than you or I.

And yet we put our hopes and faith in them, no wonder many of us were let down.

The same can be said to be true in the Church - some idolise individual Popes, Bishops', priests, theologians and saints.

I heard on the radio, last weekend the phrase "*they don't follow Pope Francis*". Now, I'm a great fan of Pope Francis (and Pope Benedict), but as a Catholic, I'm not meant to follow him, I'm not meant to follow Blair or Obama either!

Each of us can be and perhaps should be inspired by the lives and leadership of others. However, lets not fall into a false sense of euphoria, they are not our Saviour, they are not the Messiah and they are not who we are looking for.

Sometimes it is easy for us to forget, that I, like you, should follow Jesus Christ, who is our God and King, and only Him.

Sometimes, when we reflect upon our Servant King, it is hard to admit that it is He who we have been looking for, sometimes it becomes difficult to recognise the reality of God within our midst.

But that does not change the fact that Jesus is Our God, Our Saviour and Our King; it is He that every human being has been looking for.

Fr. Kieren

		English Martyrs' Church (EM) St. Monica's Church (SM) 34th Week in Ordinary Time - Weekday 1, Psalter Week 2	
Tues 9.30am 11.30am	23	Mass - EM Burial of Ashes	
Wed 9.30am	24	Mass - SM	
Thurs 9.30am	25	Mass - EM	
Fri 9.30am	26	Mass - SM <i>For the intention of the Holy Souls</i>	
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	27	Confession - EM Mass - EM Baptism - SM Confession - SM Sunday Vigil Mass - SM - Sacramental Programme Mass	
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm 2.30pm	28	1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT - HAPPY NEW YEAR Mass - EM Mass - SM - Sacramental Programme Mass Baptism - EM Baptism - EM	

MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace

David Whittle, Nicholas Behan

Intention

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

Anniversaries Masses

Fr. Hoare, Wilma Farnworth, Mary & Patrick O'Shea, Nigel Boylan, Timothy Collins, Nellie Collins, Pat Grory, Margaret Collins

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Maureen O'Connor, Marie Burns, Michael Donnelly, 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, Mary Tunstall, Ray Kelly, Fr. Simon Hall, John Tollitt, Valerie Byrne, Janet Brierley

Sanctuary Candles



THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION

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

27th & 28th November **1st Sunday of Advent**
(attendance at 5.30pm or 11.30am Mass)

2nd December **Parent Catechesis**

12th & 13th December **3rd Sunday of Advent – Bambino Sunday**
(attendance at 5.30pm or 11.30am Mass)

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



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

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

Catechesis takes place in the Parish Centre at 6.30pm

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 (for all Catholics) will return on the 1st Sunday of Advent (next weekend).

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+ The coach for ENA mill leaves St Monaca at 10:00am (A/C at 09:40) on Tuesday 23rd Nov ,all members booked on the trip please be on time. Also **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 the season of Advent is just around the corner, and you all know what comes next! 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.

SVP FUNDRAISING EVENING supported by the Talbot Catholic Club Community - Friday 26th November 2021 - Parish centre. Mixed Buffet, music by JKM Sounds?? Guest Artist Paddy Jordan. Adult Tickets £10. For further enquiries and tickets please contact Anne 07762084766 or Larry 07718768804.

Annual Mass for Deceased Old Gregorians The annual Mass for deceased former pupils and teachers of St. Gregory's RC High School, Ardwick Green, Manchester will be celebrated at St. Kentigern's R.C. Church, Wilbraham Road, Fallowfield, M14 7DW on Friday 26th November 2021 at 7.00 pm. Celebrant: Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy CSSp. Followed by a gathering in the St. Kentigern's Social Club. Further information available from Dominic Mulcahy on 07545283334 or banacek70@gmail.com

SVP The next meeting of the SVP is on Monday 22nd November at the new time of 6.30 pm at the Parish Centre.

SYNOD NEWS Pope Francis has asked all Dioceses to reflect on ten questions and, via the Bishops' Conferences, to feed back the responses so as to inform the Synod of Bishops gathering in Rome in 2023. The questions, as adapted into a more accessible format, will be sent to you, and placed online, in time for the beginning of Advent. People will be asked to submit their responses to the Department for Formation by 1st March, if possible, online. We are all encouraged to pray the Adsumus Prayer, which is attributed to St. Isidore of Seville (560-636) and was used to begin the Sessions of the Second Vatican Council. It is printed below: please do share it and encourage its use.

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.

LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL Attendance Officer and Pastoral Support Administrator, Loreto Grammar School £20,903 pro rata pa Part-time 3 days per week (Monday, Tuesday and 1 other day), term time only Available as soon as possible. Loreto Grammar School is an 11-18 Roman Catholic Grammar School for Girls with Academy status located in Altrincham, in the Borough of Trafford. The Governing Body is seeking to appoint a colleague with excellent organisational, communication and IT skills to this important and key role. Experience of working with children within a school environment, is preferred. Confidentiality is key to this role. The successful candidate will be expected to commit to the ethos and values of the school. Further information and application forms are available on the website: www.loretogrammar.co.uk

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

Fr Eamonn Mulcahy - Synods and the Church under Pope Francis Wednesday 24 November 2021, 7.30pm, Cathedral Centre and Zoom. Pope Francis is inviting the Catholic Church to listen deeply to one another and to discern what God is saying to the Church. Fr Eamonn will help us explore Pope Francis' vision for a Synodal Church. The session will take place on Wednesday 24 November at the Cathedral Centre and via Zoom. The talk will begin at 7.30pm, with refreshments from 7pm. Suggested donations of £5 are welcome. To register for the event, visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/synods-and-the-church-under-pope-francis/

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.

ANOTHER JOB OPPORTUNITY Fundraising Support Care Officer for Caritas Diocese of Salford Appointment type: 20 hours per week, permanent Location: Caritas House M4 with the opportunity to work flexibly. Closing date: Mon 22nd Nov 10.00 am Interviews: Mon 29th or Tues 30th Nov Salary: SCP15-19 £23,541-£25,481, actual salary £12,752-£13,773 per annum. To find out more and apply, please visit <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/team-view/fundraising-supporter-care-officer>



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 [advent-2021](https://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.