



The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

The churches of the English Martyrs & St. Monica



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2nd Sunday of Advent

5th December 2021



In the Gospel today, we discover the urgency of Luke. The little detail that is provided is in fact historical reality:

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign ...

Tiberius reigned from AD14-36 and Luke is referring to the period AD27-29, and as he brings this detail to our attention he is reminding us that the words of Isaiah spoken over 700 years ago in Exile are and have been fulfilled.

Fulfilled in and through Jesus Christ!

I wonder how often over the centuries were the words of Isaiah spoken and shared, and I wonder how often the people who looked forward to fulfilment of the prophesy, simply ignored them.

And yet NOW the evangelists reminds us, the Lord has come. Will the people be ready to meet Him?

Will you and I be ready to meet Him too?

Maranatha!

Come, Lord Jesus!

May God Bless you and Keep you and all your families in the Season of Advent.

Dear Parishioners,

*A voice cries in the wilderness;
Prepare a way for the Lord*

During the weeks of Advent, I sometimes feel that I too am a voice that cries in the wilderness, trying to get your attention, so that you too can get ready to welcome the Lord. To encourage you to prepare yourselves to welcome the Lord, who promised to come to us, who has come to us, and has promised to come to us again.

How is your preparation going this Advent?

I wonder if you noticed the little detail the evangelist includes in the Gospel today?

Fr. Kieren



On Monday (6th December) we as the Church celebrate the feast day of St. Nicholas. Tonight (Sunday) why don't you leave your shoes beside the fire and discover if you have been naughty or nice?

He even has his own website, so check it out to learn about the real St. Nick and how to celebrate this wonderful feast day!

www.stnicholascenter.org

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		English Martyrs' Church (EM) St. Monica's Church (SM) ADVENT WEEK 2, Psalter Week 2
Tues 11.00am	7	St. Andrew (F) Requiem Mass - EM - Kath Royle
Wed 9.30am	8	The Immaculate Conception - Solemnity Mass - SM
Thurs 9.30am	9	Mass - EM
Fri 9.30am	10	Mass - SM
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	11	Confession & Adoration - EM Mass - EM CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION - EM Confession - SM Vigil Mass - 3rd Sunday of Advent - SM - S. Programme
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	12	3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT Mass - EM Mass - SM - S. Programme Baptism - SM

MASSES RECEIVED
Lately Dead <i>Requiescat in pace</i> Nicholas Behan, Kath Royle, Kathleen O'Dowd
Intention a special intention, John Tollitt, Sylvia Maxwell
Anniversaries Masses Tony Robinson, Stuart Mooney, Denis McCarthy
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Maureen O'Connor, Marie Burns, Michael Donnelly, Sylvia King, Maureen Whalley, Kathleen Con- nors, Maureen McCarthy, Sandra Brady, Nuala O'Dwyer, Bridget Rigby, Jeanette Meakin, Jose- phine 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, Va- lerie Byrne, Janet Brierley, Helen O'Hagen, Emma Coulson



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.

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



SYNOD The Synod is themed: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission". You can take part by completing online 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.

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.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS with the St Philip Neri Singers and Diocese of Salford Young Adults An evening of festive music is coming to St Augustine's Roman Catholic Church this December with a special carol concert organised in association with the Diocese of Salford Young Adults. Featuring beautiful performances of some of the best-loved carols from the wonderful St Philip Neri Singers, this festive concert will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies. It will take place at 4pm on Sunday 19 December at St Augustine's Roman Catholic Church, Grosvenor Street, Manchester. All are very welcome to attend. Please contact Fr Michael Deas at michael.deas@dioceseofsalford.org.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



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

THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS IN CHURCH as you know it is again compulsory to wear face masks in supermarkets and on public transport. The Bishops' have not changed their policy and continue to ask you all to wear face masks whilst in Church. Please remember that those at Mass come from a generally broader spectrum of those you might find in a pub or restaurant, with the very young mixing with the slightly older. Please continue to act responsibly and for the common good.

RETURN OF THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS 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 at English Martyrs' (10.00-10.50am)

SVP The next meeting of the SVP is on Monday 6th December in the Parish Centre at 6.30pm. The SVP would like to thank all the people who helped make last Friday's Fund Raising Evening a great success. A great time was had by all. The money raised will go towards helping families in Kerala India.

ELECTRICAL WORKS AT ENGLISH MARTYRS CHURCH please note that for your safety the church of English Martyrs will NOT be open on 8th December.

NIFTY 50+ The coach for the Club House Christmas Lunch leaves St Monica THURSDAY 9TH Dec at 11:30am, please do not be late. Also note that there is NO meeting on Tuesday 7th Dec.

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.

CRIB OFFERINGS (when they arrive) Christmas time brings to mind the needs of our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. Many parishes across the country already adopt Friends of the Holy Land as the beneficiary of their crib collections. FHL help the most deprived Christian families, especially those living around Bethlehem, in Gaza, Israel and Jordan. With no pilgrims and tourism since March 2020 and no government support to individuals or businesses, many families, especially in and around Bethlehem have lost all their income and are increasingly calling on FHL for help with day to day living. FHL remains the only registered UK charity with its own office, staff and volunteers in the city of Christ's birth. For further information on FHL is available on their website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk

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.

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.