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


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# 3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

12th December 2021

Dear Parishioners,

As I already mentioned as Advent began, I love to tune into Classic FM at this time of year, as I prepare myself throughout the season. Thankfully carols and Advent hymns are only gradually played as we journey toward that big day. But I found myself listening to one my favourite carols during the week, it originates from Austria and is simply entitled *Still, Still, Still*. Although I don't speak any German, I feel that it is better in its original!

The irony today, as we reflect upon the Gospel is that the fact that there is an emphasis on movement rather than stillness. John the Baptist - the primary character of Advent - declares: … *but someone is coming* …

God is never still, and in Advent nor should we be. Don't get me wrong, stillness, silence and reflection are all important. But Advent is a time to prepare, to awake, to get ourselves ready; because *someone is coming*!

And because He is coming there is no time to waste.

It is Jesus who comes to us, and he comes to us, He comes near to us, because as St. Paul reminds us in the second reading He wants us *to be happy, always happy*. The Good News of the Gospel is this simply truth, that God in Jesus has come to us and is always near.

No wonder on this Gaudete Sunday we are exhorted to *shout for joy, to shout aloud, to exalt with all your heart*, because in Jesus *the Lord, the King of Israel, is in your midst*.

He is the One we await, He is the One who comes to us!

Today, I will give each child on the Sacramental programme a small figure of the baby Jesus. They are invited to take them home, to place them at the heart of their families celebration, and perhaps take a moment to be still and reflect in this Advent preparation and realise, that He is one we have been waiting for, looking for, preparing for. He, is the "someone" who came, who is here, and who will come again.

May the Lord continue to bless you and your families in his Advent season.

Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Fr. Kieren

| | | English Martyrs' Church (EM)<br>St. Monica's Church (SM)<br>ADVENT WEEK 3, Psalter Week 3 |
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| **Tues**<br>**9.30am**<br>**11.00am** | 14 | Mass - EM<br>Funeral Service - Craig Wilkins - Altrincham Crematorium |
| **Wed**<br>**9.30am** | 15 | Mass - SM |
| **Thurs**<br>**9.30am** | 16 | Mass - EM |
| **Fri**<br>**10.00am**<br>**3.15pm** | 17 | *O Wisdom*<br>Requiem Mass - SM - James McKenna<br>Funeral Service - Maureen Brooker - Altrincham |
| **Sat**<br>**10.00am**<br>**11.00am**<br>**5.00pm**<br>**5.30pm** | 18 | *O Ruler of Israel*<br>Confession & Adoration - EM<br>Mass - EM - with Baptism<br>Confession - SM<br>**Vigil Mass - 4th Sunday of Advent - SM** |
| **Sun**<br>**9.30.am**<br>**11.30am** | 19 | **4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT**<br>Mass - EM<br>Mass - SM |

## 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.

**2022**

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| 16th/17th January | Catechesis for children |
| 5th/6th March | 1st Sunday of Lent<br>(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)**

**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.

### MASSES RECEIVED

**Lately Dead**

*Requiescat in pace*

.Kath Royle, Mary Slaughter, Marian Hallmarsh, Nick Behan, Eileen Wall, FE Carolan, Lawrence Sheffield

**Intention**

a special intention, Sadie O'Toole, Anne Byrne, Margaret Byrne, Kieran Halliwell, a private intention

**Anniversaries Masses**

Tony Robinson, Stuart Mooney, Denis McCarthy, Patrick Smyth, Elizabeth Symth, Mr & Mrs Roberts, Tommy Keegan

**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, Emma Coulson, Brendan Atkin, John Roberts

**Sanctuary Candles**

Kieran Halliwell

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Please note that there is no need to book to attend the Masses, although you will be expected to wear face masks and that the earlier Masses will be "family friendly":

**Christmas Eve (Friday)**

5.00pm Mass (St. Monica's)
7.00pm Mass (St. Monica's)
8.30pm Carols (English Martyrs')
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)

**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

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** please forward any items for the Christmas Parish Newsletter no later than 10.00am on Wednesday, 22nd December.

**LATEST FROM THE BIHOPS' - PLEASE NOTE!!**

- That people displaying any symptoms of covid-19 should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.
- That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- That there is a strong recommendation for people to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) during the act of worship.
- That there is good ventilation and air throughput in the building; in this case, because of climatic conditions, it would be important *to remind people to wrap up well in church!*
- That a positive message encouraging people to get vaccinated and have the booster jab when able is delivered whenever possible.
- That people who are engaged in a form of pastoral ministry which involves ministry to the housebound, sick and vulnerable, should take regular lateral flow tests to ensure they are safe to do so. These are free from the NHS.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** we are looking to add more volunteers to the leaders rota at English Martyrs' church. If you are interested please contact Amanda via email or the Presbytery for further information.

**COME HOLY SPIRIT** please continue to pray for our young Parishioners who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our very own John Walsh who received the ministry of Acolyte last Sunday. We continue to keep him in our prayers as he continues his formation to be ordained as a Permanent Deacon. If you would like more information regarding the Permanent Diaconate please contact Fr. Kieren.

**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.

**CRIB OFFERINGS** 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. For further information on FHL is available on their website www.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk

**LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL** Full-time Administration Officer. Closing Date 15th December, first interviews 20th December. £23,541 up to £24,982 pro rata pa depending on experience (actual salary £20,882-£22,160). For further information: www.loretogrammar.co.uk/812/current-vacancies

**ECT Primary Pool 2022** The Primary Pool is looking for ECT candidates due to gain Qualified Teacher Status in summer 2022 to recommend for interview to Catholic schools with vacancies for September 2022. You can find out more and apply by visiting the Diocese of Salford website at https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/education/vacancies

**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.

**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 fundraising ideas, please contact Fr. K

**CARITAS SALFORD 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.

## DIOCESAN JOB VACANCIES

**Parish Development Coordinator** (with responsibility for Synod) Appointment type: Full-time, permanent (35 hours per week. Some evening and weekend work will be required). Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP.Salary: £26,000 - £28,000. Closing date: 12 noon on Friday 14th January 2022

**Chancery & Tribunal Senior Administrator** (replacement role): Appointment type: Permanent, full-time or part-time (35 hours per week full time, or 30 hours per week will also be considered). Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. Salary: £26,000 - £28,000 per annum. Closing date: 12 noon on Friday 14th January 2022.

For further information and to apply, please visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

**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.

**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.