



# The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

The churches of the English Martyrs & St. Monica



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## 4th Sunday of Advent

19th December 2021



In a strange but beautiful way echoing the wonder of Elizabeth who declares to Mary:

*How can this be that the mother of the Lord has come to me?*

Isn't it amazing how God enters His fragile creation and comes to meet us? Isn't it amazing and even miraculous that God chooses to come to be with us?

As the Advent draws to a close and we prepare to celebrate the real presence of God amongst at Christmas, we like Elizabeth and Karl Rahner, are invited to ponder, to wonder, to rejoice and to celebrate that presence amongst us.

His presence is often found in the most unusual places. The womb of a young woman, a manger in Bethlehem, a cross outside Jerusalem, on a road to Emmaus and of course in every Mass in what seems to the naked eye bread and wine.

God enters our time, mine and yours; He comes to you and I.

Can we recognise His Real Presence amongst us?

May the God who comes to us, may the God who came to us, and may the God who is here present with us continue to bless you in this Advent season.

God Bless,  
Fr. Kieren

Dear Parishioners,

I've always been inspired by the writings of the German theologian, Karl Rahner SJ, and I must admit that today I find myself slightly confused, that he has fallen out favour in modern theological circles. He was a priest of great faith who lived and breathed the divine mystery of the Incarnation - God who is with us. In today's Gospel Mary carrying the enfleshed but unborn Jesus meets her cousin Elizabeth, who in turn bears the unborn John the Baptist - who leaps with joy in her womb as he senses the presence of God so near. I can almost imagine Rahner contemplating this Gospel, this moment of divine revelation when he writes:

*I believe in the eternity of God, who has entered into our time, my time.*

**English Martyrs' Church (EM)  
St. Monica's Church (SM)**  
ADVENT WEEK 3, Psalter Week 4

<b>Tues</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>12.45pm</b>	21	Mass - EM Funeral Service - Carol Richardson - SM
<b>Wed</b> <b>10.00am</b>	22	Requiem Mass - EM - Gertrude Barker
<b>Thurs</b> <b>9.30am</b>	23	Mass - EM
<b>Fri</b> <b>5.00pm</b> <b>7.00pm</b> <b>8.30pm</b> <b>9.00pm</b>	24	<b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b> First Mass of Christmas - SM Mass - SM Carols before Mass - EM Mass - EM - Livestreamed via FB
<b>Sat</b> <b>10.00am</b>	25	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> Mass - EM
<b>Sun</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b>	26	<b>HOLY FAMILY</b> Mass - EM Mass - SM
<b>Tue</b> <b>9.30am</b>	28	<b>THE HOLY INNOCENTS</b> Mass - EM
<b>Wed</b> <b>9.30am</b>	29	St. Thomas Becket Mass - SM
<b>Thurs</b> <b>10.00am</b>	30	Requiem Mass - SM - James McKenna
<b>Fri</b> <b>9.30am</b>	31	Mass - SM
<b>Sat</b> <b>Noon</b> <b>5.30pm</b>	1	<b>MARY MOTHER OF GOD</b> Mass - EM Vigil Mass - SM - 2nd Sunday of Christmas
<b>Sun</b> <b>9.30am</b> <b>11.30am</b> <b>1.30pm</b>	2	<b>2nd Sunday of Christmas</b> Mass - EM Mass - SM Double Baptism - SM

**MASSES RECEIVED**

**Lately Dead**

*Requiescat in pace*

Kath Royle, Nick Behan, FE Carolan, Sheila Lowe, Thomas Guinan, Ian Barton, Maureen Brooker, Thomas Halpin

**Intention**

a special intention, Margaret & Geoff Martin (Wedding Anniversary), Peter Caine (birthday anniversary), Bernard Bickmore (birthday anniversary), Jessie Durham, Fr. David Q (Ordination Anniversary), Paddy Hunt, Ray Kelly

**Anniversaries Masses**

Tommy Keegan, Martin Cassidy, Patrick McLoughlin, Vera Gormley, John Greening

**Christmas Masses**

Winifred Quinn, Seamus Quinn, Paul Dobson, Pat Sheehy, All the Sheehy family, Tom & Patricia Kennedy, Maurice & Tess Mulcolty, Joyce, Elizabeth and Kevin Mulcolty

**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 Harfe, 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**

Vera Gormley

**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.

**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

**LIVESTREAMED CHRISTMAS EVE MASS** I will post a livestreamed Mass (9.00pm Christmas Eve) via the Parish FB book page, for those who can't come to Mass.

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

#### **COVID UPDATE, ESPECIALLY FOR CHRISTMAS**

- ◆ There is no need to book in to attend Mass.
- ◆ Although there is no set limit to how many may enter the churches. I think, that at present, we should be cautious. Therefore no additional seating will be encouraged at either church.
- ◆ It is **mandatory** to wear a face mask/covering whilst in Church unless you are exempt.
- ◆ Singing continues to be allowed. However, unlike Boris the Bishops' continue to request that face masks/coverings continued to be worn even when singing.
- ◆ If you are displaying any symptoms please stay at home.
- ◆ That hand sanitiser is available to those attending the Church.
- ◆ The windows and doors will remain open during ALL Masses. Please continue to wrap up warm when attending Mass.
- ◆ Those involved in 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.

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION** if your child is currently in Yr 8 and have not registered to take part in the Confirmation programme please do so as soon as possible. Registration forms are available at the back of Church.

**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.

**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.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk)

**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>

**SAMIR'S NEW RESTAURANT** is now open and can be found on Flixton Road just around the corner from English Martyrs' church.

**ST. MONICA'S NATIVITY** can I thank Bill Smith (and his brother Joe) for repairing the nativity figures. They have saved the parish a fortune through their hard work



**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](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3D3FXJ2). Please share this link with

family and friends. We have until 1st March 2022 to make our submissions.

**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](http://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](http://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 post-code, and whether you wish to gift aid the donation.

**MANY THANKS** to those who purchased a Christmas wreath. The total amount raised was £160. All proceeds to Alzheimers.

**And finally MRS LOUISE DAVIES** as many of you know Mrs Davies is retiring. Can I take this opportunity firstly to wish her well in retirement, and secondly but most importantly thank her for the dedication she has shown to the children of this parish (and beyond) through her vocation as a Catholic teacher and Head teacher. I'm sure there are generations (you aren't that old!) of families who would like to thank her for all that she has done over the years. She has been a great example for us all, and we will miss her as she takes her leave of us. Thank you too for the support you have given to the Parish community and the clergy who are and have served in the Parish. God Bless you as you begin your well earned retirement. Fr. K

## 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/](http://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/)



**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 details 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](http://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.