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


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# CHRISTMAS

Dear Parishioners,

I love this image of the Virgin with Child, it is so messy! It is its messiness that draws me to it, because it reminds me of why Christmas is so important. It reminds me that through the Incarnation - God dwelling with us - draws close to us, not in our perfection, but in and through our mess. God's plan for salvation, at first glance looks messed up. The Inn in full, the stable is pretty unhygienic and that lunatic Herod is having a meltdown. BUT this is God's plan and no matter how messy it looks to us, how bizarre it seems, it will be and is fulfilled to perfection. God enters our mess, our humanity becomes His, as in Jesus born in Bethlehem, He shows us how to be perfectly human while revealing to us the reality and truth of God. Not bad for a messed up plan! In this Christmas Season, do not be afraid to allow God to enter the messiness of your lives, hearts and homes. He is no stranger to a mess! Beauty and holiness can be found in the most messy of places! I wonder if when the Angel returned to heaven after revealing the divine plan to Mary, if God smiled to Himself and whispered a Word to Himself, echoing the words of Hannibal in the A Team: *I love it when a (messy) plan comes together!*

May God who came to us in Bethlehem continue to bless you and your families,

Fr. Kieren

| | | English Martyrs' Church (EM)<br>St. Monica's Church (SM)<br>OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS—Psalter Week 1 |
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| **Sun**<br>**9.30.am**<br>**11.30am** | 26 | **HOLY FAMILY**<br>Mass - EM<br>Mass - SM |
| **Tue**<br>**9.30am** | 28 | **THE HOLY INNOCENTS**<br>Mass - EM |
| **Wed**<br>**9.30am** | 29 | St. Thomas Becket<br>Mass - SM |
| **Thurs**<br>**10.00am** | 30 | Requiem Mass - SM - James McKenna |
| **Fri**<br>**9.30am** | 31 | Mass - SM |
| **Sat**<br>**Noon**<br>**5.30pm** | 1 | **MARY MOTHER OF GOD**<br>Mass - EM<br>Vigil Mass - SM - 2nd Sunday of Christmas |
| **Sun**<br>**9.30am**<br>**11.30am**<br>**1.30pm** | 2 | **2nd Sunday of Christmas**<br>Mass - EM<br>Mass - SM<br>Double Baptism - SM |
| **Tue**<br>**9.30am** | 4 | Mass - EM |
| **Wed**<br>**9.30am** | 5 | Mass - SM |
| **Thurs**<br>**9.30am** | 6 | **THE EPIPHANY - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**<br>Mass - EM |
| **Fri**<br>**9.30am** | 7 | Mass - SM |
| **Sat**<br>**10.00am**<br>**11.00am**<br>**5.00pm**<br>**5.30pm** | 8 | Confession & Adoration - EM<br>Mass - EM<br>Confession - SM<br>Vigil Mass - SM |

## MASSES RECEIVED

### Lately Dead

*Requiescat in pace*

Thomas Halpin

### Intention

a special intention, Fr. David Q (Ordination Anniversary), Paddy Hunt, Ray Kelly

### Anniversaries Masses

Vera Gormley, John Greening, Sean Mortell, Eileen Flanagan, James Cremin, Eileen Mallon, James Roche

### 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, John McGrory, Helen & Geoffrey Knowles, Ann & Pat McBride, Eileen & John McNee, Alice Hogan, Anne Symth, Bridie Kennedy, Kathleen & Vinnie O'Neill, Bernard & Eileen Mallon, Alexander & Ruth McNee, Paul Howard, Edna Swift, Ellen Grady, Margaret Burke, deceased members of the McGuiheen and Crolla families

### 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, Ann Biesty

### 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.

Please take a card from the back of Church.

Many thanks for all the gifts and cards that I have received. A special thanks to the little ones who have sent me some beautiful handmade cards!! Fr. K

**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.

Congratulations to Joanne & Sean and Rebecca & Anthony who will share the sacrament together in the New Year.

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

Pope Francis

**COVID UPDATES (hopefully there won't be … but)** if any new restrictions are announced, or we go into a circuit breaker all essential updates will be published on the Parish FB page (please pass on information to those not using this platform). Decisions are likely to have to made quickly. Please note that if restrictions come back into place I will reintroduce a livestreamed Mass whilst they remain.

**CURRENT COVID INFO FOR CATHOLIC CHURCHES**

- There is no need to book in to attend Mass.
- Although there is no set limit to how many my 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.

**HOUSE BOUND PARISHIONERS (IN PRIVATE RESIDENCE OR IN CARE)** If you would like to receive Holy Communion please contact (or have a family member) contact the Parish office in the New Year.

**CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS MEETING** 6th January 2022 (6.30pm) in the Kershaw. To plan and confirm the programme for 2022.

**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.friendsoftheholyland.org.uk

**ECT PRIMARY POOL** 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 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.

**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

**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 has saved the parish a fortune through their hard work

## 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.