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

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7th Sunday of Ordinary Time
20th February 2022

Dear Parishioners,

During my retreat I began to ponder the fact that very soon most if not all of the COVID restrictions that we have lived with over the last 22 months will be lifted. I honestly think this is something that we should celebrate whilst recognising that many people within our Parish family are still a little fearful and apprehensive.

As a Parish, liturgical life has returned, and yet there are many who are still hesitant to return to the pews. People talk about getting back to normal, but I don't think we are going to return to normality (or I hope not), and I don't necessarily believe that we will "build back better"; and I certainly don't think that this is a bad thing!

We as a Parish now have an opportunity to go back to basics and prioritise again the central elements of the Gospel that must and should be reflected in our liturgical life, our missionary and catechetical zeal and our pastoral outreach. We must ask ourselves if our Catholic faith is truly essential and important in our lives … is it?

It seems to me that at the heart of faith and the starting point of Parish renewal must be the Christian understanding of LOVE. Love that is sacrifice, love that costs, love that is worth something!

As we get back to what it might have been before COVID, perhaps we can challenge ourselves by asking: *How can I love more? How can I, how can we love like Jesus Christ.*

That love is anything but normal!

May God bless you all.

Fr. K

LAST CHANCE - HOLY COMMUNION TIES if your child is making their First Holy Communion this year and you would like to order a red tie, please write your child's name on an envelope enclosing £5 and return to Fr. Kieren before the end of February.

		English Martyrs' Church (EM) St. Monica's Church (SM) SUNDAY C, WEEKDAY 2, PSALTER WEEK 3
Tue 9.30am	22	The Chair of St. Peter (Feast) Mass - EM
Wed 9.30am	23	St. Polycarp (Memorial) Mass - SM
Thurs 9.30am	24	Mass - EM
Fri 9.30am	25	Mass - SM
Sat 10.00an 12.00pm 5.30pm	26	Confession & Adoration - EM Nuptial Mass - Joanne & Sean - SM Vigil Mass - SM
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 2.30pm	27	**8th Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mass - EM Mass - SM Baptism - EM

MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

Jimmy Evans, Teresa Kennedy (Collins), Maureen Gordon, Isaac Turner, Tony Mannion

Intention

a special intention, 90th Birthday - Rose Kilheeney, James and Catherine Ronan, Virgina Kangley, in thanksgiving

Anniversaries Masses

Mary & Francis Brady, Angela Morton, Mary Ann Monks, Ronald Wittig, Jim and Ellen McLoughlin, Fr. Tom McGettrick, Charles Doherty, Anne McGrory

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, Ann Nothard, Denis Graham, Lou Fielding, Owen McKeever, Mary Tunstall, Ray Kelly, Valerie Byrne, Janet Brierley, Helen O'Hagan, Emma Coulson, Brendan Atkin, John Roberts, Ann Beisty, Marion Kerrigan , John Gibbons, Bob Perry

SANCTUARY CANDLES

Philip Ronan

THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION

FB Group: **St. JHN Parent Catechesis**

5th/6th March	1st Sunday of Lent (attendance at either 5.30pm or 11.30am Mass)
10th March	Parent Catechesis
12th/13th March	Catechesis
15th & 16th March	**St. Monica's Church Sacrament of Reconciliation (6.30pm)**
19th & 20th March	3rd Sunday of Lent (attendance at either 5.30pm or 11.30am Mass)

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022

ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH CENTRE - 6.30pm

24th Mar.	The Christian life
21st Apr.	Vocation
12th May.	The Holy Spirit
1st June.	Living life fully
4th June.	CONFIRMATION (1.00pm St. Monica's Church)

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.

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, Josie & Michael, Lorna & Damien, Catherine & Gerard, Sam & Liam who will share the sacrament of marriage together this year.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM if you are hoping to arrange a baptism, can I remind you that you should contact the Parish Office (by phone) or speak to Fr. Kieren after the Sunday Masses. It is not appropriate to attempt to arrange a baptism via FB messenger or email. Please note that on the back of the newsletter you can find a summary of the DIOCESAN POLICY which is mandatory for all parishes in the Diocese of Salford for baptism.

DIOCESAN ALMANACS have finally been published! If you would like to purchase an Almanac they are available at the back of both churches and priced at £3.50

WALK WITH ME (LENT) BOOKS are now available at the back of both churches, the recommended donation is £1.

CAFOD - LENT FAMILY FAST DAY - 11th March if you would like to take part there are (prepaid) envelopes at the back of both churches. You can either send your donation directly to CAFOD (via post) or return to Fr. Kieren.

'At Your Side' – The Art of Accompaniment Saturday 5th March 2022, 10:00am – 3:00pm, Thornleigh Salesian College, Bolton, BL1 6PQ.Input from Danny Curtin, Amy Cameron & David Wells on 'The Principles of Accompaniment'. Practical small group sessions on Listening, Encounter and being Present. www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/hope/events — Registration opening soon.

The Catholic Church Music of William Byrd: A Workshop for Singers - St Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Street, All Saints, Manchester, M15 6BW Sunday 26th February 2022, 10.30am - 4pm Back by popular demand, the St Philip Neri Singers will be returning to St Augustine's Church in Manchester this month to deliver another fascinating workshop on Elizabethan composer William Byrd. As a Catholic living through the Protestant Reformation, Byrd was unable to practise his faith in public and was limited to creating and performing his work - mainly Latin-texted music - in secret. Discover more about the life and works of this remarkable composer as Manchester University lecturer Dr Rosemarie Darby and the St Philip Neri Singers return to St Augustine's to deliver another unmissable lecture and choral workshop. For more information and registration details, please email stphilipnerisingers@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07798858900.

SVP The next meeting of the SVP is on Monday 21st February at 6.30pm at the Parish Centre.

Annual Reunion Mass offered for staff, alumni and friends of St Joseph's RC Technical High School St Bernard's RC Church, Laindon Rd, Victoria Park, Manchester M14 5DP Saturday 19th March 2022 - Feast of St Joseph. A reunion Mass for living and deceased staff, alumni, and friends of St Joseph's RC Technical High School is taking place to celebrate the school's part in our city's history. The celebration will begin at 11am with confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 11am, before a Mass at 12 noon. This will be followed by tea and coffee in the parish hall. For those unable to attend in person, the Mass will be livestreamed on St Bernard's YouTube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCY63zVRwQ8aD2g6Hzg5pnmQ

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

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 Walsingham led by Bishop John Arnold Saturday 7 May 2022. After a break of two years, due to the pandemic, we are pleased to confirm the resumption of our annual pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine in England. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop John and will take place on Saturday 7th May 2022. The pilgrimage programme includes a procession praying the rosary down the 'Holy Mile', a reconciliation service and the celebration of Mass. Priests are warmly invited to attend and assist with confessions. There will also be some free time to explore the Shrine. We hope coaches will be available from each deanery, leaving around 7:00am and arriving back around 10:00pm. The cost for the da trip is £20.00. Those wishing to make their own way are welcome to join the pilgrimage in Walsingham. information on available coaches and how to book to follow. In addition, there will be a pilgrimage for young people in years 7, 8, and 9. The youth pilgrimage will leave on Friday 6 May and return on Saturday 7 May. Further details to be found below. https://forms.gle/nwDThmqBFLV5LEjU7

Alpha - a Day in the Diocese Saturday 26th March 2022, 10:00am – 15:45pm Conference Room 1, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. The Alpha UK Catholic Context team will be hosting two sessions, one for parishes new to Alpha (10:00am – 12:45pm) and one for those running Alpha already (1:30pm – 3:45pm). When registering, you will be able to choose either the morning session, if your parish is new to Alpha, or the afternoon session, if your parish already runs Alpha. You are welcome to attend both sessions, both will take place on Saturday 26th March 2022. Register at www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/alpha-a-day-in-the-diocese/

Lent - Pray-Fast-Give This year, Caritas Salford will provide Parish Collection Envelopes for Lent, for any parishioners wishing to make a donation as part of their personal Lenten almsgiving. Please contact Rachel Taylor if you would like to receive some of the envelopes 0161 817 2285 or fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk For information, we have provided diocesan schools with a resources pack for the Lenten St Joseph Penny Appeal on the theme of Caritas against Poverty, including a fact sheet about poverty in the UK today and an assembly. Parishes are also welcome to access these, as well as a specially produced Parish Group Discussion Module Parishes against Poverty, which will be available shortly. Please visit https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/lent-2022/ For those of you who follow Caritas Salford on social media, during Lent, our Thought For The Day will be provided by pupils from our Diocesan schools.

World Day of Prayer - Friday 4th March. As the global host, the combined churches of England, Wales and Northern Ireland have prepared this year's service based on the readings in the Book of Jeremiah : ' I know the plans I have for you', focusing on the plights of refugees, homelessness, poverty, abuse and loneliness, all of which have been highlighted even more so in the past 2 years. The service is being held at St John's Church (Flixton), and begins at 4.30pm. All are welcome to be part of this global day of prayer and reflection.

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.

SUMMARY OF UPDATE FROM THE BISHOPS'

- Those attending an act of worship *may continue to wear a face covering (both nose and mouth) whilst in the church building.*
- There is no need for formal social distancing in church buildings, although those present should be sensitive to the needs of others around them.
- All ministers of Holy Communion (clergy and lay people) should still sanitise their hands for the distribution of Holy Communion.
- Regarding the liturgical action, there should be a return to the normal mode of celebrating Mass respecting the integrity of the Rite. This would include the reintroduction of the Prayer of the Sign of Peace if felt appropriate.
- For the time being, Holy Communion must continue to be given under one kind only.

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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: Mr. Mark Doherty (Acting)
(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.