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

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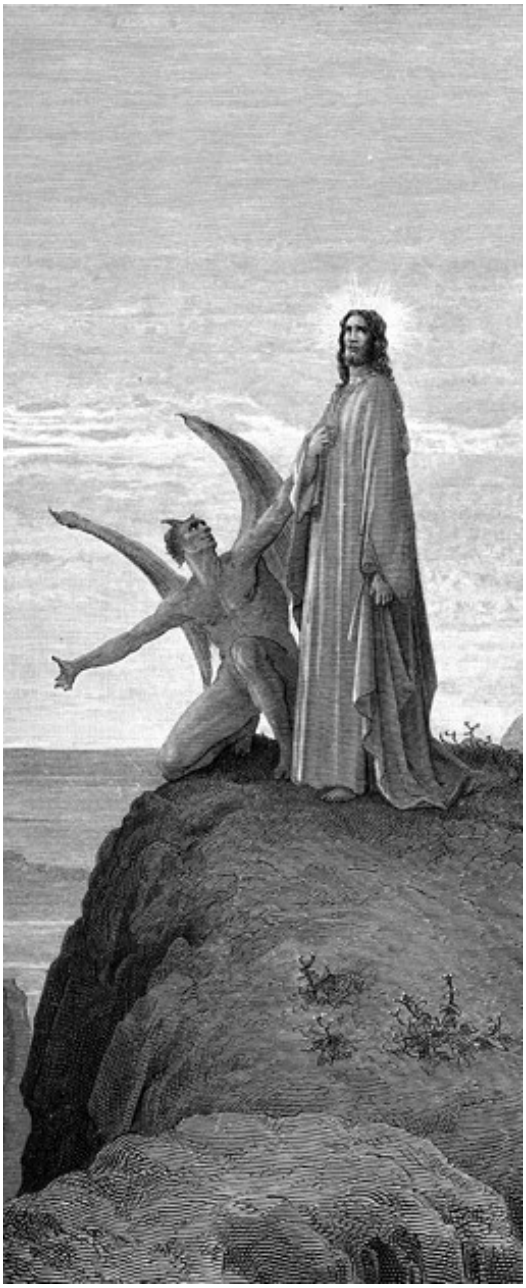
1st Sunday of Lent
6th March 2022



Dear Parishioners,

One of my favourite TV series of the last 20 years is *Castle* starring Nathan Fillion and Stana Katic, remember that I'm a bit of a Syfy nerd and used to be a great fan of *Firefly* sadly cancelled after only one season! In a nutshell the series follows a mystery/crime writer who teams up with a New York detective and they solve crime together (it kept me entertained for nearly 8 years, and continues to do, now that I have rediscovered it on Disney+).

Towards the end of season one there is an episode where the daughter of Castle is going to prom and is trying on dresses. Every dress she tries on her father says that she looks beautiful, until her grandmother bursts in and says that she looks hideous leading into a discussion about the understanding of beauty and insecurity. The father looks at his child and knows that she is beautiful, he sees her as she really is - pure beauty, his daughter, unconditionally loved. The world, however, wants us to be insecure, the world needs us to become rather than simply be beautiful; makeup, clothes, jewellery … we create beauty … I wonder who is right???

In this season of Lent, I want you to remember that when God looks at you, He is the Father looking at His child - you are beautiful and loved unconditionally.

In Lent, we are invited and even challenged to see ourselves how Our Father sees us. This is often difficult because we have convinced that we have to hide or distort who we really are.

And yet, if we are to fulfil the Christian life, and if we are to engage in this Lenten journey then we are meant to see ourselves as we really are; we are meant to see ourselves as the Father sees us.

This means that we are invited during our Lenten journey, to strip away all that we think we need to make us beautiful, that in reality only distorts the truth of who we are. It means abandoning the temptations that take us away from God's look of love.

Wouldn't it beautiful to see ourselves through God's eyes, and yet in lent that is exactly what we are invited to do!

Have a great Lent (remember Sunday's don't count!)

Fr. Kieren

		English Martyrs' Church (EM) St. Monica's Church (SM) SUNDAY C, WEEKDAY 2, PSALTER WEEK 1
Tue 9.30am	08	Mass - EM
Wed 9.30am	09	Mass - SM
Thurs 9.30am 6.30pm	10	Mass - EM Catechesis for Parents - Parish Centre
Fri 7.30am 9.30am 3.00pm	11	Mass - EM Mass - SM Stations of the Cross - SM
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.30pm	12	Confession & Adoration - EM Mass - EM Baptism - EM Vigil Mass - SM
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	13	**2nd Sunday of Lent** Mass - EM Mass - SM Baptism - EM

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)

MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

Teresa Kennedy (Collins), Eddie Hanlon, Jackie Slevin, Maureen Graham, Margaret Davis, Angela O'Hara, Tom Mellettt, Stan Reid, Alma Pratt

Intention

a special intention for the McCarthy family, a special intention, in thanksgiving, Mary Monks, Mary & Danny Mulligan, peace in the Ukraine

Anniversaries Masses

Phil Chisnall, Mary Hartey

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 , 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, Doris Yeates

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The People of the Ukraine
Those suffering from Cancer

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 Josie & Michael, Lorna & Damien, Catherine & Gerard, Sam & Liam, and Rachel & Danny 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***".

IT IS TIME TO START COMINIG BACK TO MASS its hard to imagine that it is nearly 2 years ago that we went into Lockdown, its nearly two years ago that restrictions were placed on all of us and especially our right and obligation to attend Mass. Happily, there are no longer any restrictions, and as Catholics we should once again be eager to attend Mass and enter into communion with the One who becomes present in on midst. The season of Lent is a wonderful opportunity for our Catholic family to return to the practise of our faith and to reiterate what is truly essential and important in our lives, we now have this wonderful opportunity to turn back to Him. So here is a very simple Lenten message: **COME BACK TO MASS.**

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES are now ready for collecting. If you were previously registered under Our Lady and the English Martyrs Parish, your box can be collected from English Martyrs Church and if you were previously registered under St Monica's parish, your box can be collected from St Monica's Church. Please contact Amanda in the office if you cannot find you box or you wish to collect from a different location. The new envelopes start from 10th April.

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.

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.

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 with Mass at 11.00am 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

Daily Confessions during Lent at the Hidden Gem During the Season of Lent a priest will be available each day for confession and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St Mary's, the Hidden Gem, Mulberry Street. Please consult the Hidden Gem parish website (hiddengem.me.uk) for the times of confession (there is an hour in the morning each day and also an hour in the afternoon on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays).

Opportunity for a Retreat Loreto Spirituality Centre is based in Llandudno, North Wales. It is run by the Institute of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Loreto Sisters) whose Founder is Mary Ward. The Centre offers space for people to come away and rest awhile with God, by offering individually guided retreats, preached retreats, themed retreats and conferences. For the programme of events please visit www.loretocentre.org.uk

SVP The next SVP meeting will be on Monday 7th March at 6.30pm at the Parish Centre.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022 The Pilgrimage has been confirmed for this year and prices should be announced soon, 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

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, 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/

CARITAS 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, sadly no promise envelopes have arrived, however if you would like to make an online donation please follow this link: https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/lent-2022/

LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL JOB OPPORTUNITY - LEARNING MENTOR - Closing date Wednesday 9th March. For further information please go to www.loretogrammar.co.uk/812/current-vacancies

Environment Resources for Lent This Lent, we are looking to renew our relationship with the earth and its Creator through the Lenten themes of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Please visit https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lent-environment-resources-parishes/ to download your copy now.

ST MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL - JOB OPPORTUNITY - ADMIN ASSISTANT (2 Mornings from 9.30am -1.30pm & 3 Afternoons 12pm-4pm). If you would like to apply for the post, please email the school office to request an application pack or download one from the school website: www.stmonicasschoolflixton.org.uk

FISH FRIDAY RECIPE FOR LENT
SLIGHTLY POSH FISH FINGER BUTTY

One of my favourite "go to" Friday meals! You can always swap the goujons for proper fish fingers! And shop bought tartare sauce is just as good as home made (I'm a ketchup fan!!)

Ingredients
haddock or cod goujons 200g pack
brioche-style buns 2, toasted
rocket 50g
shallot 1, diced
capers 1 tbsp, chopped
cornichons 6, finely diced
Dijon mustard ¼ tsp
mayonnaise 4 tbsp
lemon ½

STEP 1
To make the tartare sauce, mix everything with a squeeze of lemon and season well.

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.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed every Friday during Lent at 3.00pm in English Martyrs' Church. In this prayer we walk with Jesus as He shows us the depth of divine love, we fall with Jesus as He reminds us how God comes to us, and we rise with Jesus as He reveals to us the folly of our sin.

WE ADORE YOU, O CHRIST AND WE BLESS YOU.

BECAUSE BY YOUR HOLY CROSS YOU HAVE REDEEMED THE WORLD.

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ANGELS
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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.