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

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3rd Sunday of Lent
20th March 2022

Dear Parishioners,

I have often found the story of Moses meeting God fascinating.

The first thing that I note is that Moses, now in Exile, and living with his wife (Zipporah) and his father-in-law (Jethro), is still ignorant of his faith and most importantly God.

The second thing that I note, is that God often meets us in the strange and unexpected. He comes to us through a bush, in the blowing of the wind, in a child born in Bethlehem; and today He dwells amongst us today in the Eucharist truly present to us in the form of bread and wine. We meet the same God, the only God, who Moses also met!.

In that meeting Moses moves towards the unknown. He removes his shoes, becomes although God is not the bush; where we meet the divine, that place is holy.

As Moses obeys God, it is then that God reveals Himself.

I am the God of your father … the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob …

The unknowable One allows Himself to be known, and Moses instinctively responds to God's presence. He *covered his face* because he was afraid (in awe of).

At yet it is Moses who God uses to free His people.

God comes to us, even when we are afraid and reminds us that with Him, we can change the world.

It is Moses who inspired by this meeting gets up to liberate his people from the Egyptians. He leaves the safety he has found, the safety he has created to rediscover his people who God has chosen.

Meeting God changes Moses.

Meeting God changes us!

Perhaps in this season of Lent, we can begin to ask ourselves how do we respond to God who is present amongst us.

How do we, how can we, humble ourselves before "*I Am who I Am. This*" who in Jesus and today and everyday in the Eucharist continues to humble and give Himself to us, in the words of St. Paul:

"His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself …" Philippians2:7

He is not unknowable to us, but sadly He is often forgotten and ignored by us, and so the awe inspiring power of His presence has no effect upon us.

I wonder if in Lent, we can make the choice to meet God who is already present amongst. I wonder if we can learn not so much to take our shoes off, but rather to kneel before and acknowledge Him.

Can we in this Lent become more like Moses and allow God who we truly meet, change us and our world?

May God continue to bless you during this Lenten season.

Fr. Kieren

		English Martyrs' Church (EM) St. Monica's Church (SM) SUNDAY C, WEEKDAY 2, PSALTER WEEK 3
Tue 9.30am	22	Mass - EM
Wed 9.30am	23	Mass - SM
Thurs 9.30am	24	Mass - EM
Fri 7.30am 11.00am 3.00pm	25	**THE ANNUNCIATION - SOLEMNITY** Mass - EM Requiem Mass - EM - May Savage Stations of the Cross - EM
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	26	Confession & Adoration - EM Mass - EM Baptism - SM Confession - SM Vigil Mass - SM
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	27	**4th Sunday of Lent** Mass - EM Mass - SM Baptism - EM

THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME FOR HOLY COMMUNION & RECONCILIATION

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

19th & 20th March — 3rd Sunday of Lent (attendance at either 5.30pm or 9.30am &11.30am Mass)

NEXT PARENT CATECHESIS HAS BEEN CHANGED DUE TO POLLING DAY. THE NEW DATE IS TUESDAY 3rd MAY (6.30pm)

Catechesis for: OLEM cohort (Parish centre) & SM cohort (Jubilee Room)

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

Eddie Hanlon, Maureen Graham, Doris Yeates, Geoff Knowles, May Savage, Eileen Fitzgibbon, Beryl Maskell, Joseph McGahey, Joseph Dempsey

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, peace in Ukraine, Teresa Mulkeen

Anniversaries Masses

Michael & Anne Hanlon, Cecilia & Thomas McGrory, Denis & Margaret Deeney, Kathleen Cremin, Agnes Cawley, Patrick McGrath

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,

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The People of 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***".

UKRAINE CRISIS Catholic agencies are at the centre of the response to the unfolding humanitarian crisis and supporting those whom have been displaced. We stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people and all those against war. We are providing regular updates on our website on the various ways parishes and schools can support the aid effort. Please go to: https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/ukraine-crisis/

HOLY HOUR FOR UKRAINE Bishop John will lead a Holy Hour to pray for peace in Ukraine at the Cathedral this Sunday, 20th March at 2:30pm. Please encourage your parishioners to join in this time of prayer either in person or online at https://salfordcathedral.co.uk/

READER ROTA if you are interested in joining the readers rota (For Sunday 9.30am Mass) at English Martyrs' Church, please contact Fr. Kieren.

PARISH MOBILE has now been discontinued. Please contact the Parish Office via the landline provided.

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

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.

DAILY CONFESSIONS 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).

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/

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

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

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/

A QUICK NOTE ON PRIVATE REVELATION some of you will be aware that on Friday, the Holy Father will consecrate Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. It is always good to commend others to Mary's heart. Sadly this subject can be a little controversial in the Catholic world. Can I remind you that no Catholic is obliged to hold as faith/dogma/doctrine that which is privately revealed.

AS WE ENTER THE SEASON OF SPRING YOU MIGHT BE LOOKING FOR A NEW JOB ….

DBS Administrator for the Diocese of Salford Appointment type: Full time (35 hours per week), 12-month fixed-term contract, subject to review and consideration for a permanent position. Part-time hours could be considered. Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP. Closing date: Monday 28 March 2022, 12 noon Salary: £19,000 - £22,000 per annum. Find out more and apply: https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

Parish of St. Mary, Horwich – Parish Administrator Appointment type: Part-time, permanent (12 hours per week, working pattern to be agreed with parish priest). Location: St Mary's Presbytery, 86 Chorley New Road, Horwich, BL6 5QJSalary: £10.23 per hr Closing Date: 12 noon on Monday 28th March 2022. Find out more and apply: https:/www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

Office Manager for Caritas Diocese of Salford Appointment type: Full time (37.5 hours per week), 9-5 Monday to Friday (occasional support of fundraising activities outside these hours) Location: Caritas, 104 Denmark Road, Manchester M15 6JS. Closing date: Thursday 31 March, 2022 Salary: £23,859 - £25,825 per annum Find out more and apply: www.caritassalford.org.uk

Manchester Universities Catholic Chaplaincy Receptionist (1 x morning; 1 x evening) Appointment type: Term time, 20 hours per week (10am - 2pm) or 25 hours per week (2pm - 7pm) Location: Manchester Universities' Catholic Chaplaincy, 337 Oxford Rd, Manchester, M13 9PG, Closing date: Friday 25 March, 2022 Salary: £9.90 per hour Find out more and apply by emailing pscallysj@jesuit.org.uk or call 07935 373551.

FISH FRIDAY RECIPE FOR LENT
FISH PIE

1.2kg baby potatoes
160g frozen sliced carrots
olive oil
80g plain flour
800ml semi-skimmed milk
50g mature Cheddar
200g frozen leaf spinach
165g raw peeled prawns
340g fish pie mix
2 tsp English mustard

Preheat the oven 200°C/400°F/gas 6. Scrub the potatoes and cook in a large pan of boiling salted water for 15 minutes, or until cooked through. Put 3 tablespoons of oil into a large shallow ovenproof casserole pan on a medium-low heat, then stir in the flour. Cook for 1 minute, then gradually pour in the milk, whisking continuously, until you have a smooth sauce. Coarsely grate in the cheese, then stir in the frozen carrots and frozen spinach.

Season to perfection, then simmer on a low heat for 8 minutes stirring continuously, until the spinach defrosts

Drain the potatoes and leave to steam dry. Remove the pan from the heat, then stir in the prawns, fish pie mix and mustard.

Mash the potatoes with 1 tablespoon of oil and a pinch of sea salt and black pepper, then spoon on top of the creamy fish filling. Bake for 30 minutes, or until golden and bubbling. Serve with a lovely dressed green salad, if you like.

HOLY WEEK 2022

I like to get things prepared early! Luckily the liturgy sheets were printed just before the 1st Lockdown! So below are the times for the liturgical celebration of the most Sacred time in the year - Holy Week and the Solemn Triduum. Could I ask our readers to contact the co-ordinators to discuss reading duties.

I am also looking for 6 parishioners (I'm hoping to recruit another 6 from the Sacramental programme) who would allow me to wash their feet on Maundy Thursday, during the Mass of the Lord's Supper. If you are interested please see me after the Sunday Masses.

PALM SUNDAY 9th/10th April - Masses

Saturday 5.30pm (SM), Sunday 9.30am (EM), 11.30am (SM)

Tuesday 12th April - Mass - 9.30am (EM)

THE TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday (English Martyrs' Church)

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm
Watching until 10.00am - concludes with compline

Good Friday (St. Monica's Church)

Stations of the Cross (10.00am)
The Passion 3.00pm

Easter Vigil (English Martyrs' Church)

7.30pm Please meet outside as we begin the Liturgy of Light

Easter Sunday

9.30am Mass (English Martyrs' Church)

11.30am Mass (St. Monica's Church)

STRETFOOD FOOD BANK Please place any of the above items in the grey bin at the back of church (English Martyrs). To donate directly 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.

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.