



The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

The churches of the English Martyrs & St. Monica



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PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK

Holy Week is the most solemn and glorious week in Christianity, the pinnacle of the liturgical year.

THE SACRED TRIDUUM - THE THREE DAYS

Sundown on Holy Thursday to sundown on Easter Sunday is considered the most solemn part of the liturgical year. Basically, the Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth, the events of his Passion and Resurrection, when the Lamb of God laid down his life in atonement for our sins. It is known as the "Paschal Mystery" because it is the ultimate fulfilment of the ancient Jewish Passover (or Pasch), which itself was a recollection of how God brought the Jews out of their slavery in Egypt. The spotless lamb was slaughtered at the Passover meal and consumed—that same night the destroying angel "passed over" the homes marked with the blood of the Passover Lamb, and those covered by the Blood were saved. The Paschal Mystery is, therefore, God's plan of redemption for the fallen human race through the passion, death, and resurrection of the God-man Jesus Christ. **It is one event stretched out over three days.**

HOLY THURSDAY

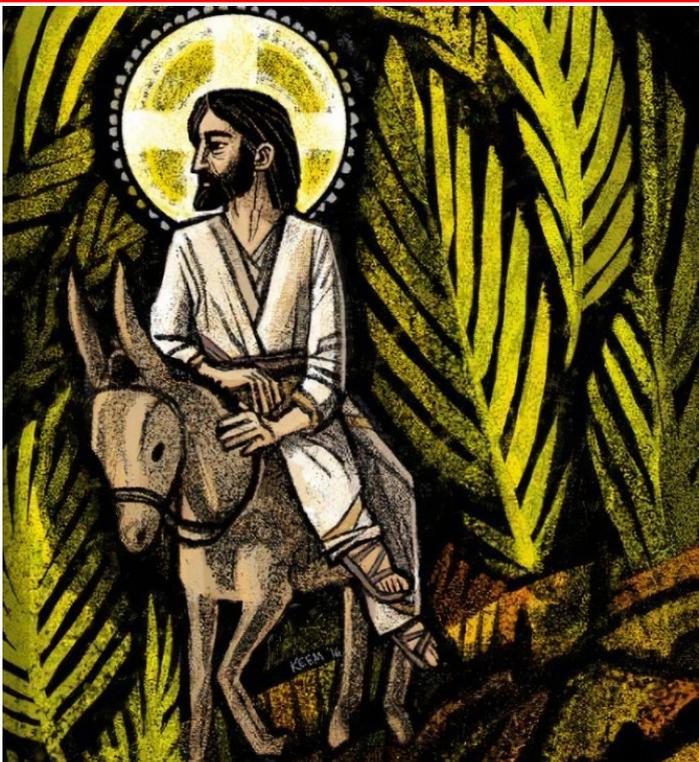
The evening Mass on Holy Thursday is referred to as The Mass of the Lord's Supper. This is where the Church re-lives the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood, which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified. Extra hosts are consecrated at this Mass to be used on Good Friday when no Mass will be celebrated. The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday concludes with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the "altar of repose," .

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is the day of the crucifixion, the day Jesus died for the sins of the world. Good Friday is the only day of the year on which no Masses are offered. These Good Friday services often take place at 3 p.m., the hour that Jesus breathed his last on the cross. Veneration of the Cross usually takes place at this service, in which the priest and the faithful kneel before a cross and kiss it.

EASTER VIGIL / EASTER SUNDAY

A vigil Mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is called the Easter Vigil: the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy for the Church.



Dear Parishioners,

The rubrics after today's Gospel states *that a short homily may be given*, I hope myself and Fr. David don't forget this instruction.

Holy Week, which begins today with Palm Sunday is of course the most perfect homily preached and lived out by Our Lord. Each day this week we are invited to unite ourselves to Jesus as His "passion" for us is proclaimed and enfleshed. It is, if you remember your Biblical Hollywood blockbusters: THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD! During this week we call Holy, open yourself to Our Lord, walk with Him, listen to Him, watch with Him and discover the reality of God's love for YOU.

Have a wonderful Holy Week.

Fr. Kieren

FACEBOOK: St John Henry Newman

TWITTER:

**English Martyrs' Church (EM)
St. Monica's Church (SM)
SUNDAY C, WEEKDAY 2, PSALTER WEEK 2**

Tue 9.30am 12.30pm	12	Mass - EM Funeral Service
Wed 11.00am	13	<i>Spy Wednesday</i> The Chrism Mass - Salford Cathedral <i>The oils that are used for the sacraments are blessed and all the clergy renew their promises</i>
Thurs 7.00pm	14	MAUNDY THURSDAY The Mass of the Lord's Supper - EM <i>Watching until 10.00pm</i>
Fri 10.00am 3.00pm	15	GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross - SM The Passion - SM
Sat 7.30pm	16	HOLY SATURDAY The Easter Vigil - EM <i>Please take a candle from the Church and meet around the Easter Fire</i>
Sun 9.30am 11.30am	17	EASTER SUNDAY Mass - EM Mass - SM

**THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME
FOR
HOLY COMMUNION
& RECONCILIATION**

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

PALM SUNDAY 9th/10th April - Children should attend one of the Sunday (or Saturday Vigil) Masses

Families are encouraged to take part in the **WHOLE TRIDUUM** and as a *minimum* should attend Mass on Easter Sunday.

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**

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

Geoff Knowles, Michael Moone, Bevan Rigby, Ellen McGinty

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, peace in Ukraine, Bradley Roberts

Anniversaries Masses

George Webster, Michael Marlowe

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, 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, Grace McNulty

SANCTUARY CANDLES

The People of Ukraine

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/>

PARISH APPEAL Sr. Brenda Makokha a member of the Franciscan Missionaries of St. Joseph will be joining us at all Masses (weekend 23/24th April) to offer the annual missionary appeal. There is likely to be a retiring collection after all Masses.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE FOR NEXT WEEK is Wednesday morning please send any items directly to Fr. K via email.

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 PIETY STALLS offer a wide range of seasonal cards, gifts for Holy Communion and Confirmation and other items of piety. Please support your Parish by supporting the stalls.

SAFEGUARDING DBS CHECKS We are holding 2 DBS clinics in the Jubilee Room at St Monica's Church on the following dates:

Thursday 7th April 6pm to 8pm

Wednesday 13th April 10am to 12 noon

You will need to bring with you 3 forms of ID, to be verified and checked, the list of ID required are on the attachment. If you are unable to make any of these dates, please contact the office to arrange to collect a DBS application pack.

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER - LAST CHANCE The Solemn Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday evening. We are allowed this year to re-introduce the "washing of the feet (mandatum)". If you would like to volunteer to have your feet washed please speak to Fr. K

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 your box or you wish to collect from a different location. **The new envelopes start from 10th April (Palm Sunday).**

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 day trip is £20.00. 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>

CONGRATULATIONS TO MR. MARK DOHERTY who has been appointed the new Head teacher of St. Monica's Primary School.

PARISH TODDLER GROUP The Toddler group meets every Tuesday 9:30/11:30 during term time in the jubilee room. The group provides a great meeting place for parents and carers with babies and toddlers 0-4 yrs. refreshments available with a wide selection of toys and ride-ons! Sing along time with instruments is always the favourite. Everyone welcome.

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

FORMATION SERIES: Fr Gerard Kelly - Personal Encounter with Jesus. Wednesday 27th April 2022, 7:30pm – 9:00pm Cathedral Centre, Salford, M3 6DP and via Zoom. Throughout Stage Four of our Hope in the Future journey, we will have several opportunities to explore our faith and role as missionary disciples through our formation series. Tea and Coffee will be available from 7:00pm. To register, please visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/personal-encounter-with-jesus/

SVP Manchester Central Council Annual Festival – "True North". Thornleigh Salesian College, Bolton Sunday 24th April, 2pm. Bishop John will celebrate Mass in the chapel at Thornleigh, followed by refreshments and a short meeting and discussion in the adjoining hall. It will be our first meeting of this kind for a couple of years and it would be lovely to see as many friends as possible alongside SVP members. All are welcome. It will be a chance to catch up with each other, to meet our two new Membership Support Officers, and to look at how we take forward our ambition for a dynamic, growing Society, as we emerge from Covid restrictions.

THE REQUIEM MASS OF DELMA (MARY) GEARY will take place at English Martyrs' Church on 27th April (10.30am). Please keep all her family in your prayers.

Journey to the Cross: Social media reflections on The Lord's Passion. Follow in the steps of Our Lord this Holy Week as our Youth Ministry team leads us in thoughtful reflections on the final walk of Jesus.. Each minute-long reflection takes a closer look at different characters from St Luke's Gospel - from Peter denying Jesus, to the two criminals that were crucified with Christ - to help immerse us in the story of The Lord's Passion this Holy Week. Watch on our social media channels or visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/journey-to-the-cross/> from Palm Sunday.

Online Stations of the Cross Reflections from The Hidden Gem In the days leading up to Easter, the Diocese of Salford will be presenting a digital version of the Stations of the Cross using the striking paintings from The Hidden Gem Church, Mulberry Street, Manchester. The Stations will give people the opportunity to join us as we pray and meditate on Christ's journey to the cross through the powerful reflections written by Bishop Brain. Visit <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/stations-of-the-cross/> for daily updates.

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

On Wednesday morning the Priests of the Diocese will gather with Bishop John at the Cathedral to celebrate the Mass of Christ. I must admit that I do have some misgivings that it has been moved from the morning of Maundy Thursday to the morning of Spy Wednesday! During this Mass the oils used to celebrate the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Ordination and the Anointing the Sick will be blessed by the Bishop. But before this takes place the Bishop invites the Priests present who will use these oils in their ministry to renew their promises; speaking to his Priests he asks:

At your ordination you accepted the responsibilities of the priesthood out of love for the Lord Jesus and his Church. Are you resolved to unite yourselves more closely to Christ and to try to become more like him by joyfully sacrificing your own pleasure and ambition to bring his peace and love to your brothers and sisters? ... Are you resolved to be faithful ministers of the mysteries of God, to celebrate the eucharist and the other liturgical services with sincere devotion? Are you resolved to imitate Jesus Christ, the head and shepherd of the Church, by teaching the Christian faith without thinking of your own profit, solely for the well-being of the people you were sent to serve?

The Priesthood isn't easy (no wonder there are so few of us!), which is why the Bishop then turns to the laity and says:

My brothers and sisters, pray for your priests. Ask the Lord to bless them with the fullness of his love, to help them be faithful ministers of Christ the High Priest, so that they will be able to lead you to him, the fountain of your salvation.

So pray for priests, pray for more priests and pray for me.

St. Ambrose Barlow, Pray for us.



STRETFORD 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.



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Thank you from Caritas Diocese of Salford

Thank you so much for your support of our St Joseph's Penny Appeal this Lent (Caritas against Poverty for individuals and families unable to manage the cost of living increases) and the Ukraine Crisis Appeal (which will support people who will soon be welcomed and hosted by Salford Diocese). Please visit our website for more information or contact Rachel Taylor by email fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk or by calling 0161 817 2285. The Caritas Bishop's Fund for individuals and families in crisis: access the application form here <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/news/caritas-bishops-fund/>

Future dates for your diary.

Saturday 25th June: Caritas Lancashire 3 Peaks Challenge (over 18s).

Friday 16th September: Caritas Big Sleep Out

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

(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.