The Catholic Parish of
St. John Henry Newman
"Heart Speaks to Heart!"

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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time - 4th September 2022

Dear Parishioners,

"*Great crowds were travelling with Jesus …*"

So todays Gospel begins. It is wonderful that Jesus gathered many to hear His words, but I often wonder how many quickly left once they heard what he had to say.

"*If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple … Whoever does not carry his own cross … anyone of you who does not renounce al his possessions cannot be my disciple …*"

Too often we reduce the success of Christianity with bums on seats, and yet Christianity is not about popularism, it is not about gathering "great crowds"; Christianity is very simply about following Jesus.

It is about striving to be and become a disciple of Christ.

And, let us not forget, that Jesus has a peculiar way of thinning out the crowd!

Now, don't get me wrong!

Jesus does want to gather all to Him, and there are plenty of benches for our bums … and yet do we follow Him?

Do we hear the words He carefully and honestly speaks, or do we only hear what we want to?

Remember following Jesus isn't popularism; Jesus isn't after your vote and He not that concerned about feelings and sensitivity. He certainly doesn't preach what we want to hear, but rather what we REALLY need to hear … even if the great crowds that originally followed Him begin to shrink!

So let us pick up those crosses, and let us focus on Him and try to become His disciples.

God Bless

Fr. Kieren

		English Martyrs' Church (EM) & St. Monica's Church (SM) SUNDAY C, WEEKDAY 2, PSALTER WEEK 3
Tue 9.30am	6	Mass - EM - with EM Primary School
Wed 9.30am	7	Mass - SM - with SM Primary School
Thurs 9.30am	8	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (F) Mass - OLOR Primary School
Fri 10.30am	9	Requiem Mass - St. John's Chorlton - Catherine Egan
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 5.30pm	10	St. Ambrose Barlow (F) Confession and Adoration Mass - EM Confession - SM Vigil Mass - SM
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	11	**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Mass - EM Mass - SM Baptism - SM

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Many thanks for all who have put their names down, as it stands (with the number of names) the pilgrimage is feasible. Please again note that the Pilgrimage will take place from 17th April 2023 and that all prices are based on room sharing and includes coach travel at location.

1. Rome - 5 nights, bed and breakfast £675.

If you have signed up, I would like to invite you to a meeting at English Martyrs' Church on **Thursday 15th September (6.30pm)**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

If you are entering into Yr 8 in September 2022 you are invited to participate on the Parish Confirmation Programme.

REGISTRATION MEETING
THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER -
ENGLISH MARTYRS' CHURCH (6.30pm)

Catechesis Meetings will take place in the Parish Centre (6.30pm) on the following dates:

17th November
15th December
19th January
16th February
16th March
13th April (tbc)
11th May

These dates may change, the date for the celebration of Confirmation has not been confirmed yet.

MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace

Stella Toze, Catherine Egan, Neil McDonald, Rosa Mala, Irene Hallett, Phil Connor, (Mary (Molly)) Griffin, Anthony Noel Percival

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving,

Anniversaries Masses

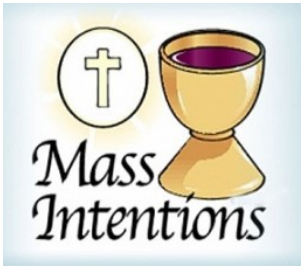
Jessie Durham, Patrick Joseph Flanagan, Daniel Piercy, Betty Byrne

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, Valerie Byrne, Janet Brierley, Helen O'Hagan, Emma Coulson, Brendan Atkin, John Roberts, Marion Kerrigan, John Gibbons, Bob Perry, Grace McNulty, Geoff Fitton, Geoff Martin, Janet Lavin, Frank Meakin, Carol Grimsley, Maureen Boylan, Brian Orford, M. Lundy, Margaret Greensheild

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.

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 Maeve & Thomas and Olivia & Sean 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***".
Pope Francis

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2022-23 INITIAL PARENT'S MEETING If you have registered you children on the programme please attend the meeting on 21st September (6.30pm), St. Monica's Church.

MUSIC MINISTRY we welcome back this Sunday the choir to 9.30am Mass after their Summer break! Geraldine (11.30am) is now on her break and will be back towards the end of September. If you want to share your talents through this ministry please see Debbie after 9.30am Mass or Geraldine on her return.

BANKING MATTERS It has now been announced that the branch in Chorlton will close in September (counter service has now stopped!!!). This means that the Parish will now have to use the Post Office for banking. This shouldn't cause a massive inconvenience, however, if possible for donations of £5 and above, could you give a note rather than use coins? Also we will no longer be able to receive old £1 coins or old paper £10 & £20 notes from the end of September. Many thanks for your continued generosity and understanding.

The parish toddler group (0-4yrs)re-opens after the summer break on Tuesday 6th September at 9:30am to 11:30am come and join other parents and grandparents over a cuppa with your little ones as they play, everybody welcome (Jubilee Room - St. Monica's Church).

NIFTY50+Group The next meeting is on Tuesday 6th September at 1:00pm in the Jubilee room , this is the first meeting of the Autumn season and will be a free and easy with extras .For the members who have their names on the list for the afternoon tea at Davyhulme Golf Club on the 20th Sept, Cec will require payment on the 6th of Sept or sooner ,alternatively please inform him if you wish to cancel.

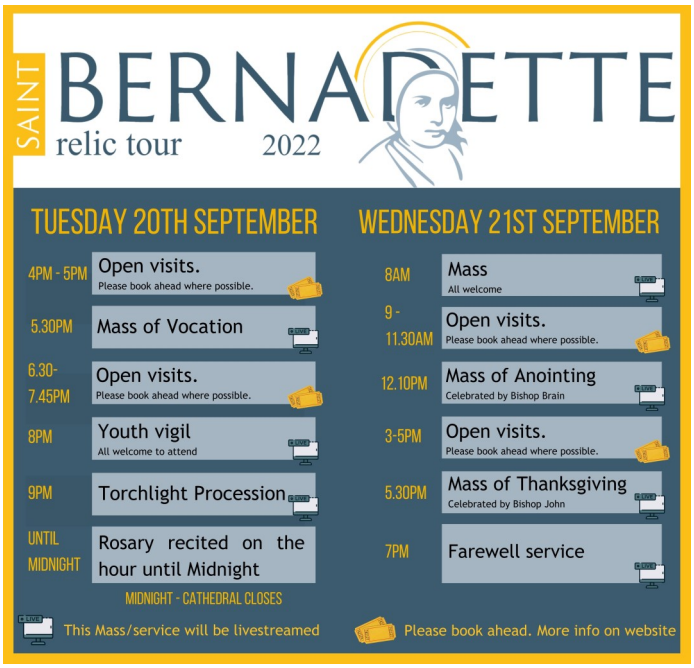
SVP The next meeting of the SVP is on Monday 5th of September at 6.30 pm at the Parish Centre. Please note that there will be an optional retiring collection to support the work of the SVP at all Masses 24th/25th September.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY an early reminder! Will take place on Friday 7th October 2022. Please note that there are donation envelopes to take home at the back of both churches. Donations (via envelopes) can be sent directly to CAFOD or returned to me.

RETIRING COLLECTION because of the current financial situation and the fact that money is tight for all of us, I have limited the number of 2nd Collections within the Parish. However, there will be a mandatory retiring collection for Home Mission Sunday (17th/18th September), please do give if you can.

PROPOSED PARISH PROCESSION I am proposing that the procession returns in 2023. However, I propose that we consider organising a Corpus Christi Procession. If you are interested in creating and being part of the Committee please come to meeting on Tuesday 13th September (6.30pm) in the Kershaw Room

Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham Mass Saturday 24 September, 2.30pm Our Lady of Grace Church, Prestwich Join us in celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham with a special Mass and reciting of the Rosary at Our Lady of Grace Church, Prestwich. Rosary and confessions will begin at 2.30pm and will be followed by a Mass, celebrated by Bishop John, at 3pm. There will also be an opportunity to find out more about next year's diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham and to register your interest.



DIOCESAN MASS OF WELCOME 12.10pm on Tuesday 20th September at Salford Cathedral. The Mass, will be in the same format as our diocesan Chrism Mass. The Mass will be live streamed at https://salfordcathedral.co.uk/ to enable people to pray along at home. During the visit, there will be opportunities for people to visit the relics outside Mass and service times. To ensure the comfort and safety of our visitors, we encourage people to book a time to visit the relics in advance. Bookings can be made for free via the national website at https://stbernadette.org.uk/registration/#salford-diocese

Volunteers needed for Relics of St Bernadette Visit
If you have an enhanced DBS check and would like to be part of the visit of St Bernadette's relics to our cathedral, we would love to hear from you! Joining our team of stewards is a fantastic opportunity to ensure that everyone who visits the relics enters feeling welcomed, and leaves feeling renewed. There will be a training session at Salford Cathedral for volunteers on Saturday 17 September at 1pm. Please email: lourdes.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk by 8th September

Fraternity: A proposal and a project for relations between Christians and Muslims. Thursday 15 September, 6pm for 6.30pm lecture. Friends Meeting House, 6 Mount Street, Manchester, M2 5NS. Cardinal Archbishop Michael Fitzgerald will be exploring inter-religious dialogue in a fascinating presentation on the document on Human Fraternity, co-signed by Pope Francis and the Grand Imam of al-Azhar on 4 February 2019. Booking is essential and can be made by emailing Chris Quirke at dcq@mac.com or calling 07764 946074

Funding for Community-Led Tree Planting Projects
Schools, community groups and non-governmental organisations within the UK can apply for grants of up to £10,000 for community-led tree-planting projects. Through the UK Community Tree Planting Programme, the International Tree Foundation aims to conserve, restore and protect the UK's native species whilst raising community awareness of the importance of trees and forests to both the environment and human well-being. Applications can be submitted at any time until the 16th December 2022. Find out more at www.internationaltreefoundation.org/uk-community-tree-planting/

UKRAINE CRISIS Catholic agencies are at the centre of the response to the unfolding humanitarian crisis and supporting those whom have been displaced. You can make a financial donation by going to: https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/ukraine-crisis/

Register now for the Caritas Big Sleep Out Date: Friday 16th September 2022 Venues: Xaverian College Manchester and Holy Cross College Bury. This is Caritas Salford's annual fundraising event for our Homelessness Services and we really do need you! Please consider being sponsored to spend the night outdoors. Register here https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/big-sleep-out-2022/ If you'd like to register a Team for this event, then please email Kirstie Davidson ki.davidson@caritassalford.org.uk who will send you the JustGiving link, and waiver the individual registration fees. Many thanks for your support.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS It will soon be time to start the admission process for September 2023. *Applications for children born between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 can be submitted from the beginning of the 2022 autumn term.* The closing date for applications is 15th January 2023. Please note that if you are applying to ANY of the Parish Primary schools, remember to provide proof of baptism to ALL schools regardless of preference. Please also ensure that you read the admission policy of all the schools before applying for a place.

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COMPLETE FOUNDATION KING
MARCHING THOUSAND WAR
TWENTY ENVOYS PEACE

Caritas Job Vacancies
Bank Concierge (Morning Star)

Working hours: Sessional bank hours as required, evenings, weekends and overnights. Location: Morning Star Hostel, 104 Denmark Road, Manchester, M15 6JS. Salary, pension, and benefits: Bank rate SCP5 £11.45 per hour (including rolled up annual leave), For more information and to apply, please visit https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers/

VOCATIONS - DIOCESE OF SALFORD

If you feel called to the Diocesan Priesthood please contact Fr. Kieren or contact the Diocesan Vocation Director directly Fr. Mark Paver:

mark. paver@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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
(0161) 748 3353

SECONDARY SCHOOL

St. Antony's Catholic High School
Bradfield Road, Urmston
Head teacher: Mr. A. Campbell
(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.