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

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St John Henry Newman, Urmston
If you would like to make a donation to the Parish please scan the above QR code.

2nd Sunday of Advent - 4th December 2022

		MASS TIMES
Tue	*06*	*St. Nicholas* *Fr. K in Lourdes*
Wed	*07*	*Fr. K in Lourdes*
Thurs *9.300am*	*08* *EM*	*The Immaculate Conception* *Mass with Fr. DQ*
Fri	*09*	*Fr. K in Lourdes*
Sat *10.00am* *11.00am* *1.00pm* *5.00pm* *5.30pm*	*10* *EM* *EM* *SM* *SM* *SM*	 *Confession & Adoration* *Mass* *Baptism* *Confession* *Vigil Mass with children from SP*
Sun *9.30am* *11.30am* *1.00pm*	*11* *EM* *SM* *EM*	***3rd Sunday of Advent*** *Mass* *Mass with children from SP* *Baptism*
		EM = English Martyrs' Church *SM = St. Monica's Church* *PC = Parish Centre* *JR = Jubilee Room*

Advent Resources the Diocese of Salford has a number of resources available from prayer resources, inspiring stories, and online homilies and talks, to family activities and a wide range of events, there are a number of ways to help you reflect and grow in faith this Advent.

Keep visiting https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/

THE PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE TODAY
4th December
FROM 12.00pm @ The Parish Centre

Cakes, Irish Coffee, food & drink, Bric & Brac, toys, tombola and of course Fr. Christmas!

Dear Parishioners,

I've not forgotten you this week, but we need to remember to support the Christmas Fayre this weekend!

If you walk around the Parish everything is beginning to feel a little colder but also more festive. Trees are going, lights are twinkling, it is beginning to feel a lot like … Advent!

I love how the Church in her liturgy pulls us back, and invites us to do things properly. Our celebration shouldn't happen too soon, we need to carefully prepare and get ourselves ready (this of course adds to the celebration).

That is why we don't rush to Bethlehem, rather we pause with John the Baptist - the party planner! He invites us, in his blunt and no messing about sort of way, to prepare for the coming for Lord - of course that is what we are all doing isn't it?

To celebrate the coming of Jesus, let us truly prepare ourselves first. Let you and I, slow down a little and begin to appreciate the Divine gift that God has chosen to share with us.

Are we ready to receive the gift?

Or do we need to turn back to John and discover how to get ourselves ready?

"Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand!"

God Bless you all.

Fr. K

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION

Children's Catechesis/Liturgies:

3rd/4th Dec (Catechesis)

10th/11th Dec (5.30pm/11.30am) Bambino Mass

Parent Catechesis

30th Nov (6.30pm) Parish centre
Sacred Space & Sacred Time

Families should strive to attend Sunday Mass every weekend.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

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

15th December
19th January
16th February
16th March
11th May

Confirmand (candidates) should strive to attend Mass every Sunday.

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.

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

MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace

Brian Orford, Jude Rossin, Gerard Cherlsey, Dorothy Tierney, Marie Burns

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, safe travels—John Roberts, Mrs & Mrs Roberts - 10th Wedding Anniversary, a speedy recovery - John Eardley

Anniversaries Masses

Alice Fordham, Sheila O'Dowd, Patrick Smyth, Elizabeth Smyth, Stuart Mooney

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Maureen O'Connor, Michael Donnelly, Sylvia King, Maureen Whalley, Kathleen Connors, Maureen McCarthy, Sandra Brady, Nuala O' Dwyer, Bridget Rigby, Josephine Riley, Jean Black, 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, M. Lundy, Michael Rice, Isla Venter, Esther Froggatt

LETTERS TO SANTA - FOR THE YOUNGER (AND YOUNG AT HEART) MEMBERS OF THE PARISH from this weekend there will be post boxes in both churches for letters to be sent to St. Nicholas. The last date for post will be 3rd Sunday of Advent (11th December). I will ensure that in keeping with traditional lore all letter will be sent via the Presbytery chimney.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS NEXT WEEK as I'm away until Friday evening, I will be preparing the NL remotely. Please ensure all items for the NL are forwarded via email to me (Fr. K) before Wednesday evening. There might be a slight delay with the NL being uploaded to the Parish Social Media sites. Fr. K

UPDATE - SEMINARIAN IN THE NEW YEAR Mark McGeehan a 2nd Year seminarian at Oscott College will be joining us on 3rd January, please welcome him warmly as he spend this period of formation with us.

CHURCH FLOWERS/DECORATION FOR CHRISTMAS If you would like to make a donation to help with the flowers/ trees, please place any donation in an envelope marked flowers and hand in to Fr. K or place in the offertory basket. Many thanks.

The 89th Salford Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - Come here in procession July 28th - August 3rd 2023 (dates TBC). We invite you to register your interest for information about travelling on pilgrimage with us to Lourdes next summer, as an individual or as part of a parish / school / college group. We can also help organise an information meeting in your area. www.salfordlourdes.co.uk or call the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

GAUDETE IN DOMINO SEMPER Advent Carol Service - St Philip Neri Singers - St. Augustine's Church, Grosvenor Square Manchester M15 6BW. Sunday 11th December 3.30pm - All welcome

Jobs with Caritas Salford Caritas Salford has several varied vacancies due to increased funding and a recent restructure. Please see https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/careers/ for more information.

SVP The next meeting of the SVP is on Monday 5th December in the Parish Centre at 6.30pm.

ST. ANTONY'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE 'St Antony's are looking to recruit a team of invigilators to support young people in their exams. For the remainder of this academic year, this would involve work at the end of Feb/start of March and from early May until late June. The work is suited to those who do not wish to be in a permanent post. If this is something that would interest you, please email our exams officer Laura Rowles using the following address l.rowles@st-antonys.com.'

"**Prepare the way of the Lord**" this Advent. The Prayer Group invite you to join us as we prepare for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. We gather in the Jubilee Room every Tuesday from 7.30pm till 9pm. All are welcome.

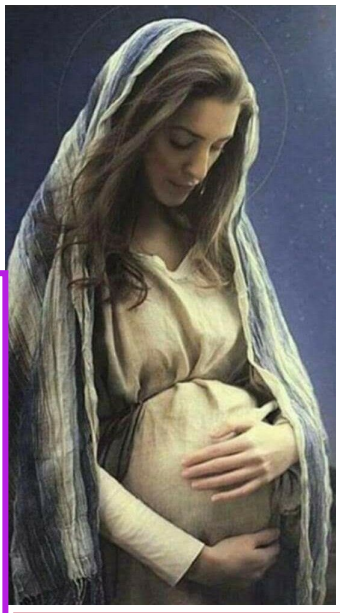
The parish toddler group Tuesdays 9:30am to 11:30am come and join other parents and grandparents over a cuppa with your little ones as they play, everybody welcome (Jubilee Room - St. Monica's Church).

Cost-of-Living Crisis Guidance Parishes in our diocese have been reaching out and seeking ways to support members of their community through the cost-of-living crisis, and Caritas Salford has created a guidance webpage to signpost a number of ways both parishes and individuals can navigate through the crisis and support others. The information can be viewed here: Cost of Living - Caritas Diocese of Salford (caritassalford.org.uk)

THURSDAY CLUB. Come along on every 2nd Thursday 1pm (Parish Centre) for a fun afternoon with some friends. Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits, plus a game of bingo and Play Your Cards Right. Everybody welcome! The next meeting is 15th December.

RECLAIMING OUR TRADITIONS - Can you make the connections?

Saint Nicholas was a 4th-century bishop who lived in Myra, in what we know today as Turkey. Saint Nicholas was known for looking after the sick and being generous to children. Many sources say he died on December 6 in AD 343 and became a saint within a century of his death. Many myths and tales have formed the traditions we see today which are all in the spirit of giving.
One legend says that St. Nicholas helped families who needed money by throwing bags of gold into their homes through the windows. Legend has it that one time the gold apparently landed on some winter shoes and stockings that had been laid out near the fire to dry. *This led to the tradition of children putting out shoes or stockings at night for Saint Nicholas to fill with gifts.* St. Nick became the modern-day Santa Claus, which is widely associated with the Christmas season. Children layout shoes filled with carrots and hay for the St. Nick's horse or donkey hoping to get small gifts in exchange. They may also fill shoes, boots or stockings and leave them out for Saint Nicholas are fruits and nuts, chocolate, sweets, poems and gifts. The shoes are often left near a fireplace, on the windowsill, at the front door or near a bedroom door. *The shoes are also polished thoroughly to give and receive the offerings.*



CHRISTMAS IS COMING

Christmas Eve

5.00pm - St. Monica's

The early Mass (BELL MASS) is a family Mass which is often noisy and does contain the ringing of bells!
Children should bring their own bells, and ring them as directed in the Order of Service.

7.00pm - St. Monica's

9.00pm - English Martyrs'

I suppose we could call the late evening Mass the "Midnight Mass", incense, bells etc ....

Christmas Day

10.00am - English Martyrs'

Impact!

SEE, JUDGE, ACT

Impact! group for year 7's and 8's on a Wednesday night in the Jubilee Room at St Monica's from 7.00pm - 8.30pm. If your child is interested please email Tracy at haroldandbobbly@gmail.com or text to 07930489114 stating your child's name/parents name and parents mobile number.

JOBS IN THE DIOCESE

Gardener and Well-being Co-ordinator (Replacement Role): Wardley Hall, Wardley Hall Road, Worsley, Manchester, M28 2ND.
Salary and benefits: £22,660 – £27,855 per annum dependent on skills and experience, 25 holidays, plus statutory bank holidays and 5 Diocesan closure days. The Diocese of Salford seeking to recruit a Gardener and Wellbeing Coordinator to tend to the grounds of the Hall, including the Laudato Si' Centre (in accordance with seasonal needs), and support horticulture, well-being school, and community programmes.

Parish Property Maintenance Manager: Salary and benefits: £41,200 – £50,645. The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit a skilled, qualified tradesperson and highly motivated individual to lead the important work of maintaining and developing a wide and diverse array of properties and estates. These include churches, presbyteries and residential accommodation, social centres/parish facilities and other associated buildings.

Pilgrimage Officer Administrator (Events). Salary and benefits: £22,660 – £27,855. The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit a skilled, and experienced individual to provide first class administrative and operational support to Pilgrimage Leaders. The successful candidate will play an important role in ensuring the effective administration and smooth running of the pilgrimage office and also provide support to pilgrimage leads whilst on pilgrimage.

For further information and to apply, please visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

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Caritas Salford's Advent Appeal This year's Advent Appeal from Caritas Salford has now launched and is asking if you will #BeeThere for someone who needs it this Christmas. The appeal, which includes a special animation film (www.caritassalford.org.uk/BeeThere) asks local people to help Caritas to support the thousands of people in our local communities who will be facing acute crisis over the festive season. To find out more, watch the animation, or make a donation, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/BeeThere

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.

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.