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.

4th Sunday of Advent - 18th December 2022

		MASS TIMES
Tue 9.30am 11.30am	20 EM SM	O Clavis David Mass with EM School Funeral - Edward Wilson
Wed 9.30am	21 SM	O Oriens Mass
Thurs 9.30am	22 EM	O Rex Mass
Fri 9.30am	23 SM	O Emmanuel Mass
Sat 5.00pm 7.000pm 8.30pm 9.00pm	24 SM SM EM EM	**CHRISTMAS EVE** {Bell} Mass Mass of Christmas Carols Mass of Christmas
Sun 10.00am	25 EM	**CHRISTMAS DAY** Mass of Christmas

Impact!

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.

Dear Parishioners,

Martin Luther King once said in his famous speech in 1963: "I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed. We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal."

That dream inspired, and still does, many people!

Dreams have power, and lived out dreams, or dreams matched with conviction, can and do change the world.

In the Gospel today we too are invited to reflect upon a dream, a dream that will transform the life of a simple man, and in doing so transform all of creation.

As Joseph fell asleep that night he had no idea that all future waking moments would see him walking with God. This dream , is no nightmare, in fact he is urged not to be afraid. And how do you fulfil a dream? You simply awake and live it out:

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home".

Because of a dream Joseph chose to rise up and engage in what could only be described as a social scandal, in freely choosing to make his home with Mary, he was also choosing to make a home for her unborn Son.

"*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means - God is with us .*"

The irony is that as Joseph awakes, he enters the scandal of God, as he awakes it is not him who makes a home for Mary, but through living out his dream, God enters the world and literally makes His home with us. It is the scandal of divine love. Come, Lord Jesus!!

May God bless you all as we continue our Advent journey.

Fr. K

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION

Children's Catechesis/Liturgies:

To attend one of the Christmas Masses

4th/4th February Catechesis
25th/26th February (over all Masses)

Parent Catechesis

11th January - 6.30pm (Parish Centre)
Why do Catholics go to Mass
8th February - 6.30pm (Parish Centre)
Understanding Reconciliation

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:

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

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

MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace

Joseph Mullen, Rose Murphy, Mary Kelly

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, Jessie Durham, Patrick & Tena Rogan, the Rogan family, Mary Stafford and family, May Mulvihill, Patrick Mulvihill, Andrew Mulvihill, the Mullivhill family, Cyril Straley, Elizabeth Sawyer, Peter Caine, Bernard Bickmore

Anniversaries Masses

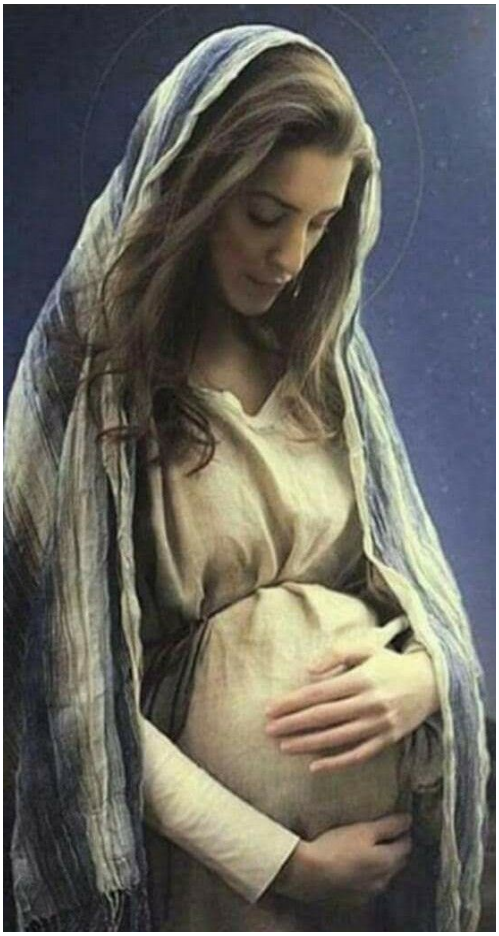
Eileen Mallon, Martin Cassidy, Vera Gormley,

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Alexander & Ruth McNee, Bernard & Eileen Mallon, Eileen Flanagan

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



CHRISTMAS IS COMING

MASS TIMES

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! All Children should bring their own bells, and ring them as directed in the Order of Service.*

7.00pm - St. Monica's

8.30pm - English Martyrs'

The Choir will lead us in the singing of carols as we prepare to welcome the Lord at Mass

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'

RECEIVING OUR LORD IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Please remember that in the Eucharist we believe - and if we don't believe we shouldn't really receive - that the Blessed Sacrament IS the real Presence of Christ amongst us.

The Eucharist is the gift of God Himself to us. As Pope Francis states:

The Eucharist is Jesus who gives himself entirely to us.

The Church teaches that only Catholics over the age of reason may receive Our Lord at Holy Communion. Those who have not gone through the Sacramental Programme/RCIA and Christian's of differing traditions may (and are encouraged) to come forward and receive a blessing.

Please note that Parents **should not** share the Blessed Sacrament with children (toddlers).

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

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Many thanks again to Pips and her wonderful team for arranging the Christmas Fayre, over £2600 was raised for Parish funds. Well done all of you!

DEADLINE FOR CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER as this week will be extremely busy, can I ask that all items for the newsletter and Christmas Masses be submitted before 10.00am on Wednesday morning. Please send Newsletter items directly to me (Fr. K) via my email address.

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.

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/news/ over the coming weeks to find out more.

Bishop John's video message - Caritas Advent Appeal a special message about the work of Caritas and a call to take action in support of people locally who are experiencing poverty, disadvantage and homelessness. You can watch his video message at https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/news/bishop-johns-message-during-cost-of-living-crisis/

CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS

Many of us in this part of Manchester come from good Irish stock, why not as we approach the Big Day rediscover our own Christmas traditions, for example (carefully) lighting a candle in the window?

It is traditional in Irish homes to set a candle in the front window on Christmas Eve.

I was always told that the candle symbolised a welcome to all weary travellers in search of a resting place, but especially Mary and Joseph (and the wee donkey) as they made their way to Bethlehem all those years ago.

Some origins of the candle are thought to represent a sign to Catholic priests. During the time of persecution and oppression the candle was an invitation to the priest to say Mass in the owner's home.

First Saturday Devotions at St Mary's, the Hidden Gem
Starting on Saturday, 7th January, there will be First Saturday Mass and Devotions at the Hidden Gem, Mulberry Street, Manchester. All are welcome to join.

10.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10.30am	Confessions
11.30am	Holy Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
12noon	Holy Mass
12.30pm	Break for taking refreshments locally
1.30pm	Devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Spiritual Conference followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Solemn Benediction
3.00pm	Conclude

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.

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)

Refugee Entrepreneurship Programme Officer
Appointment Type: Full-time, fixed term contract until 31 March 2023. Salary and benefits: £31,340. The post holder will provide practical support to refugee entrepreneurs who wish to start their own business. If you have experience of working with refugees in a one-to-one setting, giving advice on business start ups, have experience of creating business and training opportunities in the North West of England then we would love to hear from you!. Closing date: 9am Friday 13 January 2023. For further information and to apply, please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk

Ecological Gardening Course Our Laudato Si' Centre has teamed up with the Northern School of Permaculture and Ecospheres Design to create a fascinating training course on Ecological Gardening. Ecological gardens are self-regulating green havens, designed to re-vegetate the Earth, capture carbon, nurture biodiversity and mitigate climate change. This programme was developed to bridge the knowledge gap between conventional landscaping, gardening and horticulture, and designing resilient eco-gardens and re-wilding projects. Find out more at https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/general/eco-gardening-training/

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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BETROTHED CHILD HUSBAND
HONOUR DIVORCE ANGEL
DREAM WIFE BIRTH
SON PROPHET HOME

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.