



The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

"Heart Speaks to Heart!"



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St John Henry Newman, Urmston
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CHRISTMAS 2022

MASS TIMES		
Tue 9.30am	27 EM	Christmas Octave Mass
Wed 9.30am	28 SM	Christmas Octave Mass
Thurs 9.30am	29 EM	Christmas Octave Mass
Fri 9.30am	30 SM	Christmas Octave Mass
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 5.30pm	31 EM EM SM SM	Christmas Octave Confession & Adoration Mass Confession Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am	1 EM SM	Mary Mother of God Mass Mass
Tue 9.30am	3 EM	Christmas Weekday Mass
Wed 9.30am 11.30am	4 SM	Christmas Weekday Mass Funeral - Evelyn Wood
Thurs 9.30am	5 EM	Christmas Weekday Mass
Fri 9.30am Noon	6 SM EM	The Epiphany Mass with SM Primary School Mass
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	7 EM EM SM SM SM	Confession & Adoration Mass Baptism Confession Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	8 EM SM EM	The Baptism of the Lord Mass Mass Baptism



Dear Parishioners,

I must admit that I found myself chuckling last week as a clip of a debate between Richard Madeley and Mick Lynch the RMT General Secretary debating the rail strikes came up on my Twitter feed. I wasn't chuckling because of the strikes, what amused me was their discussion concerning Christmas, or rather when the Christmas Season began. It was obvious which of the two had come from an Irish Catholic family and was a product of the Catholic Education System! Richard insisted that Christmas began in late November, whilst Mick correctly asserted that Christmas began on Christmas Eve - it just proves people do listen during RE lessons!

Sadly, for many, Christmas has become nothing more than a commercial season, and we have forgotten that as we gather to celebrate the Incarnation - the dwelling of God amongst us - we are stating something wonderful which we are still only beginning to comprehend; God and His immense love for us.

To be loved as God loves us, is a real reason to party, to celebrate and to open our lives, hearts and homes to God who chooses to make His home with you and me.

Hopefully for you and I, the party is only beginning to "get started", and as those around us begin to flag, we can show the world that with God with us, it is truly Christmas everyday.

As Tiny Tim once said ... God Bless us, Everyone!

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.



Can I thank you all for the many cards and gifts that you have shared with Fr. David, Deacon John and myself (and Tinker)!

A special thankyou to members of the Parish Leadership Team, Finance Committee, all altar servers, readers, extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion, catechists, flower team, cleaners and all who volunteer their time to serve the Parish family. Your work often goes unnoticed but it is greatly appreciated!

May God Bless you all as we begin the Christmas Season and continue to stay with us as we enter 2023.

Fr. Kieren

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

MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

Joseph Mullen, Rose Murphy, Mary Kelly, Denis Graham, Geoff Fitton

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, Marian Callaghan, Bridie Kennedy

Anniversaries Masses

Eileen Mallon, Martin Cassidy, Vera Gormley, Sean Mortell, John Greening, James Cremin, Paul Howar, Gerry Kieilty,

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Alexander & Ruth McNee, Bernard & Eileen Mallon, Eileen Flanagan, Pat Sheehy, Anne McGrory, Sean Mortell, Baby Daniel Devine, the Greening family, Fr. David Q, John Greening, the deceased members of the McGrory, Conlon & Doidre families, Winifred & Shemus Quinn, Paul Dobson

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, 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 Martin, Janet Lavin, Frank Meakin, Carol Grimsley, Maureen Boylan, M. Lundy, Michael Rice, Isla Venter, Esther Froggatt

The sick list will be refreshed as we enter the New Year, please contact the Parish Office to includes names on the list.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL NO NEWSLETTER NEXT WEEKEND

CRIB OFFERINGS all crib offerings will as normal be used to help and support the Christian community of the Holyland. Sadly this community due to emigration is shrinking and we forget that the Christians of the Holyland are one of the oldest Christian communities in the world. If you would like to make a crib offering please leave it in the basket near the crib. Thank you for your generosity.

FROM FR. DQ my thanks to all who have sent cards, good wishes and presents to me, over Christmas. I am most grateful and will remember them in my prayers and Masses of the Christmas Season.

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.

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.

THE PARISH PRAYER GROUP is not closed until the New Year, meetings will resume via ZOOM during the cold weather season.

OUR LADY O THE ROSARY PRIMARY SCHOOL The community of Our Lady of the Rosary is very excited to be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the school, on Wednesday 4th January. Pupils are looking forward to taking visitors, on guided tours of the building and grounds, from 1.20pm until 1.55pm. At 2.00pm Fr Kieren will celebrate an anniversary Mass in the school hall. Refreshments will be served after the Mass celebration, giving the opportunity for past staff, pupils and parents to catch up and reminisce. All are warmly welcome to join in the celebrations.

Thank you for donating to Stretford Food Bank and the Little Green Sock Project throughout this year. Both charities are very grateful. I will continue to collect and deliver all donations to the relevant charities. If you wish to contact me directly my mobile number is 07541717626. I hope you all have a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. Kind regards, Fi (Fiona Sheen)

PARISH STATION MASSES thank you to the families who opened their homes for Mass during Advent. I think it was successful. Hopefully during the Season of Lent, I can offer a couple of days to do the same.

*“God is so great that he became small”
Benedict XVI*

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-antony.com.'

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 \(caritassalford.org.uk\)](http://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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A	S	R	E	J	O	S	A	S	T	E	R	E	REINDEER	CRIB
N	G	G	C	N	O	H	O	S	P	E	T	C	TINSEL	HOLY
T	N	Y	O	M	T	S	A	H	G	I	J	N	MANGER	NOEL
A	I	B	R	L	Y	M	E	N	T	E	R	I	BABY	MARY
C	K	A	A	S	T	R	A	P	S	A	C	K	JOSEPH	BALTHAZAR
L	A	B	T	S	D	M	R	U	H	T	O	N	JESUS	MELCHIOR
A	B	R	I	G	H	O	S	H	O	L	Y	A	SHEPHERD	CASPAR
U	M	R	O	O	R	E	E	D	N	I	E	R	KINGS	GOLD
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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




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.



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.