



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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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD 8th January 2023

Dear Parishioners,

On St. Stephen's Day, I found myself watching "The Godfather" - a wonderful Christmas film - It is much better than "Die Hard".

As I watched I found myself captivated by the film - it is very good - but especially the baptism scene, where Michael literally becomes a "Godfather" in the Mafia and a Godfather to his baby nephew.

"Do you choose to be baptised" he is asked.

And answering on behalf of his Godson, he answers "I do".

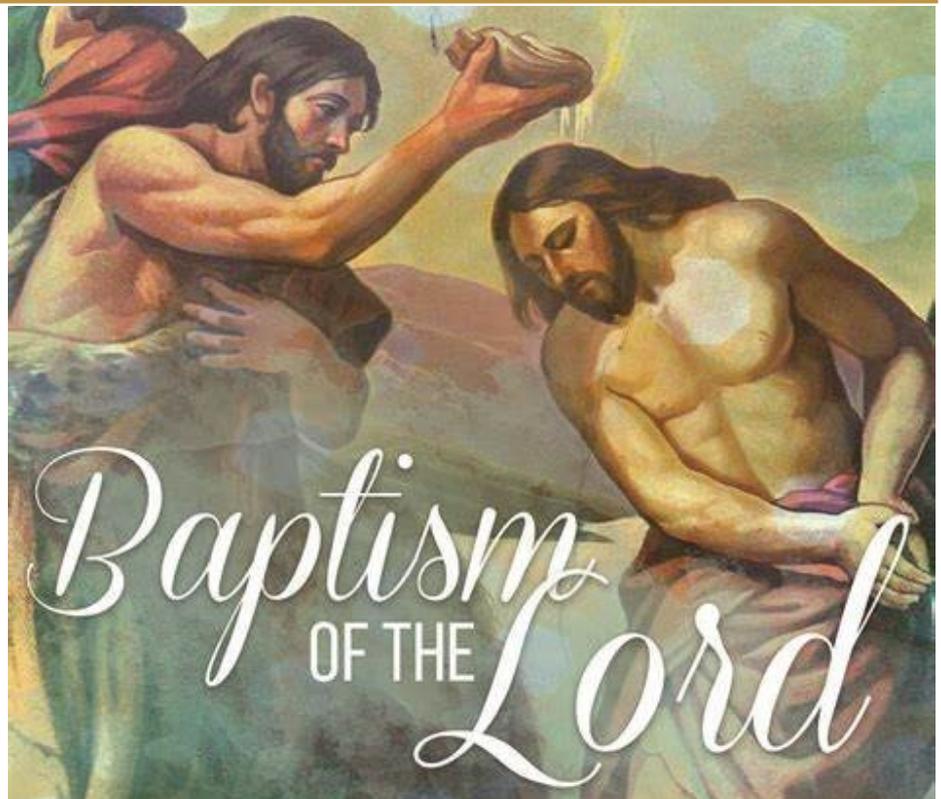
It is an interesting film to reflect upon.

In it solemn vows - real promises - are made, and sadly they are clearly broken.

Vows and promises that are made, not only speak of simple intellectual assent, but more so a willingness to live ones life in a particular way - a choice to be in communion and relationship with Jesus Christ. It is not the promise to say one thing and do another.

The promises of Baptism are simply the reiteration to accept to live in and choose a life of grace - of oneness with God.

Thankfully most of us do not present as clear a contradiction as that of Michael, although if we are completely honest, very few of us are living out the promises that we made.



Thankfully there is no contradiction in God. Even when we stumble over the promises we have made, God's relationship with us, through the sacrament does not waiver. As the Catechism reminds us: *"No sin can erase this mark, even if sin prevents baptism from bearing the fruits of salvation ... The baptismal seal enables and commits Christians to serve God by a vital participation in the holy liturgy of the Church and to exercise their baptismal priesthood by the witness of holy lives and practical charity" (CCC, 1272 and 1273).* "We remained sealed to Him!

As we conclude this Christmas season may the child of Bethlehem grow closer to your hearts, so that the relationship begun in you at baptism will grow ever stronger.

God bless you all, Fr. K

MASS TIMES		
Sat 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	7 SM SM SM	Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	8 EM SM EM	The Baptism of the Lord Mass Mass Baptism
Tue 9.30am	10 EM	Mass
Wed 9.30am Noon 6.30pm	11 SM SM PC	Mass Requiem Mass - Geoff Fitton Parent Catechesis
Thurs 11.00am	12	Requiem Mass - Colette Parnell (St. Thomas More - Middleton)
Fri 10.00am	13 SM	Requiem Mass - Denis Graham
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	14 EM EM EM SM SM	Confession & Adoration Mass Baptism Confession Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	15 EM SM EM	2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (A) Mass Mass Baptism

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME
RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION**

Children's Catechesis/Liturgies:

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 week-end.



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

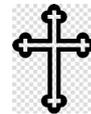
Denis Graham, Geoff Fitton, Evelyn Wood, Dorothy Berry, Barry Simms

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, Karl Broadbent, the McGuiheen Family, the Crolla family, Joshua Allen Matthews, John Brady (birthday), June O'Donnell

Anniversaries Masses

Gerry Kielty, Mary Swift, Bernard & Veronica McGrath, Ronald Wittig, Patrick McLoughlin, Nora Coulson



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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, Jenny Marks

The sick list will be refreshed as we enter the New Year, please contact the Parish Office to include or re-submit names on the list.

(Please ensure that you have permission of the individual/family for their names to be published in the newsletter)

There is a quote attributed to St. Louis IX - King of France that I think we should all reflect upon:

"I think more of the place where I was baptised, than of the Cathedral where I was crowned. For the dignity of a child of God which was bestowed on me at Baptism, is greater than that of the ruler of the Kingdom. The latter I shall lose at death, the other will be my passport to everlasting Glory."

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

SEMINARIAN some of you will have already run into Mark McGeehan as he arrived on Tuesday. Please make him feel welcome as he spends the next few weeks with us on placement.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 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.

SVP The next meeting of the SVP is on Monday 9th January at 6.30pm at the Jubilee Room St Monica's.

Fr. Peter Kinsella I am glad to report that Fr. Peter has settled in well. But, can I remind you that Fr. Peter is a retired priest of the Diocese of Salford living at St. Monica's presbytery, he is *not* a priest attached to serve the Parish or assist me in my ministry, although he is always welcome to concelebrate Mass within the Parish (and maybe offer the occasional supply!).

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.

GETTING READY FOR LENT Ash Wednesday is not that far away and I am beginning to contemplate how we can engage with the Season of Lent more deeply in order that we have prepared to celebrate the Solemn Season of Easter. I'm obviously planning to re-introduce the early morning Friday Mass and Stations of the Cross. If you have any other ideas please let me know.

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.

ROME PILGRIMAGE for those signed up to attend the Parish pilgrimage in April, could I invite you all to a catch up meeting on Tuesday 31st January in English Martyrs' Church (6.30pm)

LOURDES VOLUNTEERS if you are interested in joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in the summer as a volunteer and would like to form a Parish group, can I invite you to a meeting in English Martyrs' Church on Tuesday 17th January (6.30pm)

WEEKDAY ALTAR SERVERS I've had one or two parishioners come forward, but I'm still seeking parishioners who could help serve the altar during the weekday Masses and especially offer their time to help serve during funerals. If you think you can help (you must be available throughout the week) please contact Fr. K.

BAPTISM PREPARATION after Easter there will be a slight adjustment to the preparation programme. The Diocesan Policy will have to be followed however the catechesis meeting will become monthly - advertised in the Newsletter - and compulsory for all parents seeking the baptism of their child. Please speak to Fr. K for more information.

Our Lady of the Rosary Annual Open Morning OLOR pupils are very excited to host the school's Annual Open Morning, on Wednesday 11th January, from 9.30am -11.00am. The Children will proudly show family, friend, prospective parents and parishioners around the 8 classes, from Nursery to Year 6. Guides will also undertake tours of the extensive school grounds and facilities. Pupils will eagerly chat about school life and their own teaching and learning experiences. All visitors are warmly welcome to attend.

ON BEHALF OF CORNERSTONE & CATHOLIC FAMILY CARE many thanks for all the donations that have been received from the Parish over the last year.

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

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/>

NEWSLETTER all items for the newsletter must be sent to Fr. K (via email) before 9.00am Thursday morning

JOB 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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JESUS BAPTISM WATER DOVE
 JORDAN FITTING HEAVENS VOICE
 JOHN DEMANDS SPIRIT SON



The rediscovery of the value of one's own Baptism is at the root of every Christian's missionary commitment, because as we see in the Gospel, those who allow themselves to be fascinated by Christ cannot fail to witness to the joy of following in his footsteps... We understand ever more that it is precisely in virtue of Baptism that we possess a co-natural missionary vocation.

Pope Benedict XVI



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

